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CAPTURE OF EIGHT COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES  
BY CUBAN ARMED FORCES, FEBRUARY 21, 1963  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

for review at FBIHQ by

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Reurairtel 3/1/63 and Bulet to Assistant Attorney General  
Yeagley 3/6/63, copies of which were furnished to recipients.

Attached for each office is copy of self-explanatory  
Department letter dated March 15, 1963. Immediately institute  
requested investigation.

Miami during course of its investigation endeavor to  
identify the other individuals who participated in this venture.  
From available data it appears that there are two such individuals  
and that they returned to U. S. with Roy Hargraves.

Bureau realizes that only MM 639-S, Bureau informant in  
this matter, and three others have knowledge of Hargraves' account  
of the expedition. Nevertheless, interviews with him as well as  
with Rolando Masferrer who allegedly supplied money and weapons  
would be desirable. Since Eleno Oviedo Alvarez, who like Hargraves  
was connected with "Interpen," was captured by Cuban authorities,  
it is felt that members of Interpen including Hargraves, Hemming  
and others could be interviewed without jeopardizing Bureau informant.  
Unless some reason exists to contrary, members of Interpen should be  
interviewed. In view of the unsavory background of members of  
Interpen be most circumspect during these interviews. (M)

Enclosure

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1 - San Juan (Enclosure)

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1 - 2-1622 (Masferrer)  
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**Airtel to SAC, Miami**  
**Re: CAPTURE OF EIGHT COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES**  
**BY CUBAN ARMED FORCES, FEBRUARY 21, 1963**  
**105-118615**

New York Office has interviewed Masferrer on numerous occasions and he has admitted supplying weapons to anti-Castro groups. Bureau feels that following your interview of Interpen members who might implicate Masferrer he should be interviewed by New York Office. The interview of Masferrer, following the interview of Interpen members, would have tendency to throw suspicion away from your informant as source of the information implicating him and cast it on Interpen members. Following your interviews of Interpen members, set out lead to have New York Office interview Masferrer.

In submitting the results of your inquiries use new title which will include names of all of the individuals involved in this matter as subjects, beginning with Hargraves.

Handle expeditiously.

**NOTE:**

Memorandum Wannall to Sullivan 3/5/63 advised that Cubans captured eight counterrevolutionaries and had repossessed two fishing vessels which this group had allegedly seized. Information provided by MM 639-S indicated that Hargraves, American soldier of fortune, apparently led this group, left them on Elbow Cay in the Bahamas where he presumes they were captured by Cubans. Hargraves and two others reportedly returned to Miami prior to the capture of the eight counterrevolutionaries. Gerald Patrick Hemming, head of Interpen and soldier of fortune, undoubtedly knows of this matter and we know he is close to Miami Attorney representing the eight who were captured. We presented facts to Department and Department has requested we conduct investigation to determine whether there was a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code Section 960 (organizing expedition from U. S.) or conspiracy to violate this section. Since group originally left from U.S. possibility of neutrality violation exists. *(Hm)*

## Memorandum

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: March 15 1963

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General  
Internal Security Division

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SUBJECT: CAPTURE OF EIGHT COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES  
BY CUBAN ARMED FORCES, FEBRUARY 21, 1963  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 6, 1963, captioned as above, requesting to be advised whether an investigation of the neutrality aspects of this matter is desired.

Press reports in the February 22 and February 23, 1963 editions of the Cuban Government-controlled newspaper, "Hoy", state that eight Cuban counterrevolutionaries had been captured as they were attempting to disembark arms and personnel in Cuba. The Havana report indicates that the arrested men had confessed that they were responsible for seizing two Sigma-type fishing boats on February 13, 1963, off the Cuban coast, which boats were taken to Elbow Key, in the British Bahamas. The men also confessed, according to "Hoy", that the armed vessel from which the men had attacked the Cuban fishing boats had left from Florida. One of the eight captured men was identified as ELENIO OVIEDO ALVAREZ.

A confidential informant has advised that ROY EMORY HARGRAVES, an American, who has been engaged in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past two years, invited Eleno Oviedo Alvarez and two others to go on a military venture to Cuba in early February. The informant further advised that they picked up eight other Cuban exiles; obtained money and weapons from ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, and departed from somewhere in South Florida. According to the informant, the group made a landing at Elbow Cay, in the Bahamas, where they unloaded some of their equipment; later they captured two Cuban fishing boats off the North coast of Cuba. In order to obtain additional gasoline and arms, Hargraves and two others returned to Miami, Florida, during which period the Cuban Government captured the eight remaining men on Elbow Cay and repossessed the two stolen Cuban fishing boats.

Your memorandum reflects that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has advised that the incident set forth therein was not a CIA operation.

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For your information, this Division is currently reviewing the available information in the matter involving the arrest on December 4, 1963 at a dock at Marathon, Florida, of Eleno Olviedo Alvarez, Roy Hargraves, Gerald Patrick Hemming and some 10 other individuals associated with Hemming in his anti-Castro group, "Intercontinental Penetration Forces," to determine whether the available admissible evidence would be sufficient to sustain a successful prosecution of these individuals for violation of 18 U.S.C. 960.

In the event the allegations set forth in your memorandum dated March 6, 1963 can be established, it is our opinion that the military enterprise which resulted in the capture by the Castro forces of the eight counter-revolutionaries who had reportedly departed from South Florida, could conceivably constitute a violation of Section 960. Accordingly, it is requested that an appropriate investigation be conducted by the Bureau in this matter under Section 960 or a conspiracy to violate that code section.

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