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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The Diaz Lanz Case

1. Bernie Reichhardt phoned me on the morning of 8 July to report that Diaz Lanz and his wife are enroute to Washington by train and should arrive about mid-day 8 July. They are being brought here by SCHROEDER (fm), Investigator for the Senate Sub Committee on Internal Security.

2. Reichhardt phoned later in the day to report that INS had released the information concerning Diaz' arrival to the press. The release says Diaz entered the United States on 1 July by a small private craft and after investigation he was declared a resident alien, and his wife was ~~paroled~~ ^{VIPOLED}. The release also says that Diaz had asked INS not to reveal his whereabouts.

3. Reichhardt also reported the following information received from BYERS, a friend of Diaz' in Miami with whom we have had contact:

A. Sergio Diaz and Carlos Echigoyen (formerly a civilian in Cuban Air Force Intelligence), who had obtained a boat in Miami which was used to bring Diaz from Cuba, had gone to see BYERS immediately after their release by Immigration and Naturalization. They were accompanied by one Frank Fiorini, an American citizen with a reputation as a shady businessman who lives in Miami.

B. They said that ^{Schoder} ~~Schoder~~ told Pedro Diaz in their presence that he is to appear before the Sub Committee in a secret session. Schoder also told Pedro Diaz that he could be assured of 100% United States Government cooperation in overthrowing CASTRO.

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- C. Prior to Diaz' departure, the Cuban Air Force had purchased one C-46 and one B-25 aircraft in the Miami area. The aircraft are in BYERS' custody at present, but are in Fiorini's name. This was done to circumvent refusal of the United States Government to grant export licenses. Until 7 July Fiorini was attempting to force BYERS to sell the aircraft and turn the money over to him (Fiorini).
- D. On 8 July, together with Sergio Diaz, Fiorini asked BYERS to hold onto the C-46 and sell the B-25. Both men said they would need the C-46 for their revolutionary plans.
- E. The Cuban Air Force, according to BYERS, is aware of the situation concerning the two aircraft and will probably attempt to forestall any disposition other than one which will give them ultimate possession of the planes.
4. Reichhard says that the local FBI has an active case on Fiorini.

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