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SUBJECT TYPIC/COASTGUARD SEIZURE OF VESSEL IN
FLORIDA STRAITS

1. FOLLOWING INCIDENT APPEARED 7 SEPTEMBER 1971 EDITION MIAMI HERALD AND 8 SEPTEMBER 1971 EDITION MIAMI BEACH SUN: COAST GUARD STOPPED 38-FOOT COMMERCIAL FISHING BOAT "BROTHER" FOR ROUTINE CHECK APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M. ON 6 SEPTEMBER 1971, SIX MILES NORTH OF CAY SAL BANK IN STRAITS OF FLORIDA. AREA 70-80 MILES SOUTH OF MIAMI AND 65 MILES NORTH OF CUBA. SEARCH OF VESSEL REVEALED AMMUNITION AND TWO PLACEMENTS FOR HEAVY MACHINE GUNS. THE 3,400 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION WAS DIVIDED INTO 30, 45 AND 50 CALIBER SHELLS. BOAT ALSO CONTAINED RUBBER RAFT, WET SUIT, CLOTHING IN DUFFLE BAGS, KNIVES, QUANTITIES OF RICE, SUGAR, AND CALF HIDES USED FOR GROUPER FISHING. COAST GUARD OFFICIALS BELIEVED BOAT WAS ON ITS WAY TO CUBA TO PROVIDE GUERRILLAS WITH AMMUNITION.

2. THE SIX MEN ABOARD, RELEASED ON \$2,500 RECOGNIZANCE BOND BY U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE, WERE IDENTIFIED AS PASTOR G U Z M A N CRUZ, OWNER-OPERATOR OF BOAT, EMILE H I E R R E Z U E L O YOLA, JESUS L A R O S A, ANTONIO F E S N A N D E Z FROM MIAMI, CONSTANTRINO F E M O N D E Z OF PAHOKEE AND DEAN E. B O S T I C K OF PENSACOLA. BOSTICK IDENTIFIED AS WRITER-PHOTOGRAPHER FOR TRUE MAGAZINE.

3. WH/MIAMI HAS NO IDENTIFIABLE TRACES ON PASTOR GUZMAN CRUZ; ANTONIO W. FESNADEZ OR FERNANDEZ; CONSTANTRINO FEMONDEZ OR

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CONSTANTINO FERNANDEZ; DEANE E. BOSTICK. ONLY STATION TRACES AS FOLLOWS:

A. ONE EMILE H I E R R E Z U E L O LAO, SUBJECT OF 201-333967, ENCRYPTED IDENTITY, POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH ABOVE SUBJECT ALTHOUGH MATRONYMIC DIFFERS. FILE REVEALS HE RECRUITED NOVEMBER 1962, FOR USE AS OILER ABOARD JKLANCE VESSEL. SERVED ABOARD "OLGA PARTICIA", "M/V LEDA" AND "M/V PETREL". SUBJECT TERMINATED 30 APRIL 1966, DUE TO HIS INABILITY TO GET ALONG WITH FELLOW EMPLOYEES AND IMPROPER PERFORMANCE OF DUTY. ACCORDING ²⁰⁻² (MADRID) 1135, 19 MAY 1970, ONE EMILIO RENALDO HIERREZUELO LAO, PP E-70-751, ARRIVED MADRID FROM HAVANA 15 MAY 1970. WAS LISTED AS CURAN OFFICIAL.

B. ONE JESUS SANDALIO LA ROSA SABINA (201-269897), BORN 3 SEPTEMBER 1934, FARM LA PARRA CUMANAYAGUA, LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, CUBA, REFLECTS PERSONALITY DOSSIER TRANSFERRED HEADQUARTERS MAY 1968. ADDRESS ON CARD: 1147 W.W. 11TH STREET, MIAMI, OCCUPATION: FORMER LIEUTENANT REBEL ARMY WITH GUTIERREZ M E M O Y O. SUBJECT MEMBER SEGUNDO FRENTE, NATIONAL DE ESCAMBRAY. ACCORDING AMOT REPORT (OTA-2838, 18 DECEMBER 1970), SUBJECT LEADER ALPHA 66 AND ONE OF FEW KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ORGANIZATION. LISTED RESIDENCE AS 547 N.W. 43RD PLACE, MIAMI. LINGLUE MESSAGE, 2 FEBRUARY 1961, INDICATED LA ROSA ENTERED U.S. ILLEGALLY 26 JANUARY 1961, KEY WEST.

4. LEWIS J. SHOQUIST, STATION LIAISON OFFICER, ADVISED BUREAU OF CUSTOMS PASSED FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPORTEDLY ATTRIBUTED TO BOSTICK WHO CLAIMS HE BOARDED VESSEL AT ISLAMORADA, FLORIDA, 5 SEPTEMBER WITH THREE MEMBERS ALPHA 66. GROUPE WAS ENROUTE CUBA WITH SUPPLY OF ARMS AND FOOD FOR UNDERGROUND. TWO PLANNED TO STAY AND JOIN GUERRILLAS FIGHTING ESCAMBRAY. BOSTICK SAYS HIS ONLY INTEREST WAS THAT OF JOURNALIST AFTER SENSATIONAL STORY, INTENDING TO FILM MISSION AND INTERVIEW UNDERGROUND LEADERS.

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5. ACCORDING TO BOSTICK, COAST GUARD HAILED GROUP
6 SEPTEMBER ABOUT 40 MILES FROM CUBA OF ANGUILLA KEY IN
INTERNATIONAL WATERS. THEY BOARDED UNDER PRETEXT OF ROUTINE CHECK
BUT AFTER ALL EQUIPMENT FOUND IN ORDER BOAT WAS SEARCHED UNDER GUN
POINT. HE ASSUMED THIS DONE BECAUSE OF CUBAN CREW, CLAIMING ALL
WERE TREATED LIKE CATTLE UNTIL THEY ARRIVED MIAMI 7 SEPTEMBER
WHERE THEY FORMALLY CHARGED WITH ARMS SMUGGLING AND VIOLATION
NEUTRALITY ACT. HE STATED ABSOLUTELY NO FOUNDATION TO CHARGES
WHERE HE IS CONCERNED AND CONSIDERS HE VICTIM OF US. GOVERNMENT
EFFORTS TOWARD CENSORSHIP OF PRESS.

6. BOSTICK STATED AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE INFORMED
CERTAIN FACTS ABOUT CUBAN SITUATION. ONE POINT BEING CIA
OPERATING ON ISLAND. CLAIMS THIS VERIFIED BY LT. COMMANDER
H O L M E S OF COAST GUARD STEADFAST CREW WHO SAID WHEN THEY STOPPED
BOAT HEADED FOR CUBA IT WAS PERMITTED TO CONTINUE AFTER SECRET
PASSWORD EXCHANGED, ADDING THAT IF BOSTICK KNEW THE PASSWORD THE
BOATE THEY WERE ON WOULD BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE ON ITS TRIP.
BOSTICK SAID HE HAD IRREFUTABLE PROOF OF CIA INVOLVEMENT AT
PRESENT IN HIS POSSESSION.

7. BOSTICK CLAIMS THE CONTRADICTION HERE IS THAT ALPHA 66
CONSIDERS ITSELF THE "LEGAL GOVERNMENT IN ARMS OF CUBA". THEY ARE
SUPPRESSED WHILE AN U.S. GOVERNMENT SPY AGENCY OPERATES IN THEIR
COUNTRY. HE WENT ON TO RELATE AN LNYAPA AGENT INDICATED TO HIM THAT
THERE WAS GOING TO BE AN ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF CUSTOMS TO INVOLVE
TRUE MAGAZINE IN POSSIBLE VIOLATION U.S. NEUTRALITY ACT. BOSTICK
AGAIN REITERATED NO FOUNDATION TO CHARGE BUT STATED IF HE IS JAILED,
HE COULDN'T GO WITH BETTER PEOPLE.

8. SHOQUIST WAS ADVISED BY COAST GUARD THEY HAD NO INDIVIDUAL
NAMED HOLMES, THE CLOSEST NAME BEING H A L L.

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