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SUBJECT

PROBABLE ATTEMPT BY ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, LEADER OF MIRR, TO CONDUCT AN AIR STRIKE OVER HABANA

PLACE & DATE ACQ.

UNITED STATES, MIAMI (12 MAY 1965)

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SOURCE AND APPRAISAL

FIELD REPORT NO. UFG 7158

A MIAMI BUSINESSMAN WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF HABANA FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE SOURCE HAS CONTACTS WHO RECOGNIZE HIM AS A CHANNEL TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE.

1. AS OF 30 APRIL 1965, "MIMO" ^{Pass idea of m} ^{c. i. Cuba} HAD FINISHED MAKING 45 BOMBS, INCLUDING NOSE FUSES, FOR THE MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MIRR, INSURRECCIONAL MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY). (FIELD COMMENT: "MIMO" PROBABLY REFERS TO GERVELIO CUTIERREZ CONCEPCION, ^{Pass idea of m} ^{c. i. Cuba} 13836 NW 19TH AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA, WHO IS BELIEVED TO MAKE ALL THE BOMBS FOR THE MIRR.)
2. DURING THE WEEK OF 45 APRIL, ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, LEADER OF THE MIRR, SAID THAT HE HAD CONTACTED MELVIN ^{U.S.A.} ^{EXC pilot} HAYES, AN AMERICAN ^{U.S.A.} ^{Florida} PILOT, ON TWO OCCASIONS, AND THAT HAYES HAD OFFERED TO BE A PILOT IN ANY RAIDS AGAINST CUBA THAT THE MIRR MIGHT UNDERTAKE, PROVIDED

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THEY WERE INITIATED FROM OUTSIDE UNITED STATES TERRITORY. HAYES ALLEGEDLY TOLD BOSCH THAT HE HAD BEEN WARNED AS TO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO HIM IF HE BROKE THE LAWS OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT IN THE FUTURE. (FIELD COMMENT: HAYES IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE MIRR-SPONSORED AIR STRIKES OVER THE NIAGARA SUGAR MILL ON 17 JANUARY 1965 AND OVER THE BAHIA HONDA SUGAR MILL ON 13 FEBRUARY IN NORTHERN PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE.)

3. BOSCH APPEARED DETERMINED TO GO THROUGH WITH HIS PLANS TO BOMB HABANA USING A B-25 AIRCRAFT, EXPLAINING THAT SUCH AN OPERATION WOULD "MAKE A BIG SPLASH." (FIELD COMMENT: FOR PREVIOUS REPORTING ON BOSCH'S INTENTION TO BOMB HABANA, SEE CSDB-312/01037-65, DATED 22 APRIL 1965; TDCSDB-315/00652-65, DATED 24 FEBRUARY; AND TDCSDB-315/00550-65, DATED 16 FEBRUARY.) BOSCH HAS ALREADY ANTICIPATED WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO IF HE IS CONFRONTED BY UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES. IF THE OPERATION IS STOPPED BEFORE THE AIRCRAFT TAKES OFF, HE WILL STATE THAT HE IS MERELY DOING HIS DUTY. IF THE CREW MEMBERS MAKING THE STRIKE ABOARD THE B-25 ARE APPREHENDED AFTER THE AIRCRAFT HAS EVADED UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES, BOMBED HABANA, AND RETURNED TO THE MIAMI AREA, BOSCH INTENDS TO EXPOSE THE OPERATION AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THIS ALLEGATION, HE FEELS, WOULD FACILITATE HIS OBTAINING THE RELEASE OF THE CREW.

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