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- Liaison COL. l - Nasca (NI) 97-4474 December 20, 1963 Date: To: Director Bureau of Intelligence and Research Department of State NEEDS SELVED CONSISTS SELVED John Edgar Hoover, Director From: Subject: MOVIMIENTO INSURFECIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIO CIA HAS NO OBJECTION TO INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA DECLASSIFICATION AND/OR. NEUTRALITY MATTERS RELEASE OF CIA INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT, FICE PT FOR BRACKER MKH 2-6-98 Reference is made to our letter dated December 18, 1963, with enclosure. Attached for each recipient is a copy of a memorandum dated December 20, 1963. This will confirm information orally furnished to Mr. E. N. Powers, Department of State Mr. Ray Wotring, (S) Central Intelligence Agency Mr. Lester Johnson, Bureau of Customs; Mr. James T. Murphy, Federal Aviation Agency; and Captain William Edwards, Defense Intelligence Agency, by Mr. A. J. Decker of this Bureau on December 18, 1963. We are endeavoring to obtain additional information and the pertinent data will be made available to the recipients. Enclosure CO_{MM}-FBI 1 - Director (Enclosure) Tolson Central Intelligence Agency Belmont Mohr Casper Callahan Attention: Deputy Director, Plans Conrad DeLoach Se _{till} ald Evans . MC 1 Gale (14)Sullivan Tavel Holmes 's ___ TELETYPE UNIT [___] Gandy

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Previous information has indicated that the captioned anti-Castro organization is planning to carry out a bombing raid over Cuba from Bimini in the Bahama Islands. The airplane scheduled to be used in the raid is located at the Broward International Airport, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On December 18, 1963, our source in this matter who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that a practice flight in the Aero Commander airplane, number N2624B, located at the above-mentioned airport and scheduled to be used on the raid, was to be made on December 19, 1963, and that a final practice flight was scheduled to be made on December 20, 1963. No practice flight will be made over Bimini as Charles Bush, the owner of the airplane, is opposed to it for security reasons.

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