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DECISION OF ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA TO USE A CUBAN PILOT ON THE MIRR'S AIR STRIKE SCHEDULED FOR 16 FEBRUARY 1965

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APPRAISAL 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. THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM FRANK FIORINI.

1. AT ABOUT 4:00 P.M. ON 17 FEBRUARY 1965 FRANK FIORINI SAID THAT ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, LEADER OF THE MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA (MIRR) INSURRECTIONAL MOVEMENT FOR REVOLUTIONARY RECOVERY) AGREED TO LET THE CUBAN PILOT FLY THE MISSION SCHEDULED FOR 16 FEBRUARY INSTEAD OF THE AMERICAN PILOT. (FIELD COMMENT: THE SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT BOSCH PAD SCHEDULED AN AIR STRIKE AGAINST THE CITY OF HABANA FOR 16 FEBRUARY IN A B-25. AN AMERICAN PILOT WAS TO FLY THE AIRCRAFT BUT WAS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CUBAN PILOT.) THE CUBAN PILOT HAS BEEN TRAINING IN THE 6-25

AND APPARENTLY IS EXPERIENCED ENOUGH TO MAKE THE TRIP TO CUBA. This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Seca. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an meanth-prized person is prohibited by law.

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HE HAS HAD PREVIOUS TRAINING IN A SEA FURY AND IN A TWIN-ENGINE SEAPLANE, PRESUMABLY A PBY. FIORINI SAID THE 8-25 WAS PURCHASED IN TUCSON, ARIZONA, NOT IN TEXAS AS HE PREVIOUSLY STATED.

- 2. THE CUBAN PILOT IS THE SAME PERSON WHO WAS TO MAKE A BOSCH-FINANCED RAID IN A SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT AGAINST AN UNSPECIFIED TARGET. THE PLANE WAS TO LEAVE FROM THE KEY WEST AREA.
- 3. FIORINI SAID THAT BILL JOHNSON, AN AMERICAN PILOT WHO
 HAS BEEN ARRANGING THE SUPPORT ASPECTS FOR BOSCH'S RAIDS, RECEIVED
 AN UNIDENTIFIED SUM OF MONEY FROM BOSCH ON 17 FEBRUARY.
- 4. ACCORDING TO FIORINI, IF THE RAID HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE ALREADY, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE MADE WITHIN 24 HOURS.
- 5. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, C:NCSO, COMKWESTFOR, MIAMI REPS OF STATE, FBI, BORDER PATROL, CUSTOMS, IGNS, AND USCG.

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