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- 1. FIELD COMMENT: THE SAME SOURCE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE MOVIMIENTO DEMOCRATA CRISTIANO (NDC, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT) WERE PLANNING A SEA-BORNE RAID ON THE DISTILLERY AT SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE, HAVANA PROVINCE, WHICH WAS TO TAKE FLACE AT 2300 HOURS LOCAL ON EITHER 27 OR 28 JULY 1965. TWO BOATS WERE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNED RAID; THE "BERNARDO II" WAS TO ACT AS THE MOTHER VESSEL FOR THE "VICKY I" WHICH WOULD TAKE THE RAIDING PARTY OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS CLOSE TO THE TARGET.
- 2. THE "VICKY I" HAD RETURNED TO AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION ON KEY BISCAYNE, MIAMI, AS OF ABOUT 2000 HOURS ON 27 JULY 1965. THE

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TDCSD8-315/02538-65 "BERNARDO II" ALSO HAD RETURNED TO THE FLORIDA CRAST, AND WAS TO HIS AND THE HOME OF ANGEL HERNANDEZ ROLIO. BE TRANSPORTED BY TRAILER TO THE HOME OF ANGEL HERNANDEZ ROJO, A 1120 SW 5 STREET, MIAMI, FIAST FELD COMMENT: HERNANDEZ WAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS THE CHIEF OF THE RAIDING PARTY.) A THIRD VESSEL, "PUNCHINCHIA," WHICH ALSO WAS INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION WAS SCHEDULED TO RETURN AT ABOUT 2400 HOURS ON 27 JULY TO HER BERTH ON THE MIAMI RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF 350 NW NORTH RIVER DRIVE.

- 3. THE PLANNED RAID DID NOT SUCCEED BECAUSE THE VESSELS IN THE RAIDING FLOTILLA WERE APPARENTLY INTERCEPTED BY A VESSEL BELIEVED TO BE A UNITED STATES NAVAL VESSEL, AND MEMBERS OF THE RAIDING PARTY WERE TOLD TO DUMP THEIR WEAPONS OVERBOARD. (FIELD COMMENT: THE SAME SOURCE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT THE RAIDING PARTY HAD ONE 57 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE, TWO FAL RAFLES AND ONE 30 CALIBER MACHINE GUN. AS OF \$93\$ HOURS ON 28 JULY, NO INFORMATION HAD BEEN DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT THE ALLEGATION THAT A UNITED STATES NAVAL VESSEL INTERCEPTED THE RAIDING FLOTILLA.)
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