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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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FROM: Patrick L. Carpentier
Assistant Legislative Counsel Date: *2003* EXTENSION NO. 1133 DATE: *MAR 8 2 30 PM '78*
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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
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1. Mr. Shepanek O/SA/DO/O Tube: DX6-Green			<i>MS</i>	Attached is the summary which Patricia Orr, HSCA, prepared. Could you please review them as soon as possible as she wants to take them out of the building. Please forward them back to OLC. Please advise me of any delays. <u>Please classify & eliminate some of crypts i.e. OVAL, etc.</u> <u>Passed Shurbitts</u>
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Pedro Diaz Lanz

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- * - 24 Oct 59 Routing & Record Sheet to Hunt revd 30/10 forwarded 2 Nov. of Diaz Lanz file.
- CIA watch office 24 Oct 59. into that plane ~~planned~~ ^{involving} by Pedro Diaz Lanz to drop leaflets and prob bombs over Havana 24 Oct 59. May fly 26 Oct 59 piloted by Lanz to disrupt Castro rally.
- Dispatch 23 Oct 59. re leaflet. attached sample of leaflets dropped from Diaz Lanz's plane 21 Oct 59
- Dispatch 18 Sept 59. to Chief WHD from Havana COS re: operational ~~group~~ PDL group

Crypts: ~~group~~ PDL

Subj. said he had gone to Miami and talked w/ PDL ~~group~~; who told him that he needed a man for his Miami organization, the person he had in mind was a Captain in the Cuban Air Force who was willing to join him. He instructed the subject to see his Habana contact and arrange for officer's exfiltration. Subj. asked ~~group~~ ^{PDL} whether his Habana contact (Gebaide or Rayrock) had this capability, and ~~group~~ ^{DIAZ LANZ} answered that they did. Station assumed that ~~group~~ ^{DIAZ LANZ} obtained his

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exfiltration into from QDCHAR. Subj. also said that ^{PLDL LANZ} [QDBIAS] has [ODXOKE] contacts in Miami.

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- Doc. cross ref for [201-259120] (Lanz 201 file)
re: Ricardo Luis LORIA y Valle - ca. 1928, age 31, passport 09552 & Diaz Lanz age 32, passport 10693 left Costa Rica for Miami Fla on 24 Dec 58 and reentered Costa Rica from Mexico on 31 Dec 58

- Memo for record 7 Aug 59.

Re: Conversation approx. one-wk prior betw. Eugene R. Gonzalez and Mr. Alfonso Moscoso, former amb. from Ecuador to US & ex brother-in-law of former President Galo Plaza of Ecuador.

Moscoso told me in strict confidence that his good friend Ecuador. Amb to OAS (Escudero) claimed to have info and docum. proving Diaz Lanz rec'd approx \$100,000 from pro-Batista groups to defect & testify before U.S. Cong.

- Dispatch 7 Aug 59. To Chief WH DIV from Miami (Karnley) & Re: Meeting w/ [QDBIAS, QDCHAR, QDCOVE]

Outlined plans in meeting. Subj. will resist groups which bear Batista taint. Suggest propaganda program. Discussion of pass. act; possible procedures - i.e. transmitter on boat broadcasting from various positions in the Caribbean Sea.

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re. turn over of Diaz to Karmly. complications then set in - different versions of what passed betw. Gen Cabell and Gen. Swing; appearance of Eastland Committee rep.

- Article - Drew Pearson - Wash Post - 7-24-59 - "Defecting Cuban Chief Exploited."

- Memo for Record 15 July 1959
re: Testimony of Diaz Lanza. (testified 14 July)
Prominent communists -

Fidel, Raul, Vilma Castro, Ernesto Guevara, Anton Nunez, Armando Hart, Manuel Pineiro, Amman Ramiro Valdez, Juan Pina, Juan Escalona, Juan Llanusa, Ecelio Gomez Ochoa, David Salvador, Carlos Franqui, Gen. Alberto Bayo, Frank Torre.

- Sp. lang. article 17 Jul 59. "Verdadera Estatura Civica"
Pedro ~~Diaz~~ Diaz Lanza

- CIA Memo of conversation 10 July 59.
re: Tel. conversation w/ Herbert Mee, Dir of Intelligence Bureau of Immigration. w/ T.J. Flores.

- Draft memo for Record FLK (initialed).
8 July 59 re: Diaz Lanza case.

Info recd from friend of Diaz in Miami - name Byers ~~Stowit~~: Sergio Diaz & Carlos Echigozen (former civilian in Cuban AF Detell.), who had obtained boat in Miami which was used to bring Diaz from Cuba, had gone to see Byers immed. after their release by IASS. They were accompanied by Frank Fiorini, an

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citizen w/ reputation as shady businessman who lives in Miami.

They said Schroeder (INS) told Diaz he is to appear before Senate Sub Committee; would receive 100% US govt support in overthrowing Castro.

- Prior to Diaz' departure the Cuban Air Force purchased one C-46 and one B-25 aircraft in Miami area. Aircraft in Byers' custody but in Fiorini's name. Fiorini (until 7 July) trying to get Byers to sell aircraft & turn \$ over to him (Fiorini). On 8 July Fiorini asked Byers to hold C-46 for revolutionary plans & sell B-25. (Fiorini accompanied by Sergio Diaz on 8 July)

- Discussion Paper - 7 July 59 Re Diaz - publicity of Diaz Lanz arrival.

- Cable from Dir to ^{certain} foreign L.A. Stations 2 July 59 - Requests max. press and radio exploitation of defection 20 June of Diaz Lanz, w/ recommendations on particulars of story.

- Dispatch 2 July 1959 to Chief WHD from COS Havana re Diaz Lanz - Misc - Enclosures - 2 copies of letter from Diaz Lanz to Cuban president.

- Cable 22 June 59. TO Dir from Havana re: departure of Diaz Lanz for U.S. Requesting [ODURGE] not divulge entry [PBPRIME] of Pedro Diaz Lanz

- Cable 21 June 59 to Dir from Havana. Re: Diaz Lanz departure - w/ help of Jim Byer, American, Pres. Aerodex Corp using Byer yacht. Requests no publicity.

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- Information Report 15 Jun 59

Re: Chief of Air Force's confidential statements about need for counterrevolution against Castro.

Source: US businessman, operator of private consulting company. Also rep. for major US aircraft manufacturer. Spoke at length w/ source regarding symptoms of Castro's communist tendencies.

- Cable 7 Jan 59 to Dir from Santiago de Cuba.

Re: 1. Fall Batista Stunned Bayamo rebels.

2. Cuban Air force demobilized. Will be built up from scratch. Former officers to be investigated for atrocities. Many ^{are} responsible to be court-martialed. "Source Fiorini (F) from Diaz Lanz Chief Rebel Air Force."

- Cable 25 Nov. 58. to Dir from Mex. City. Unpa Michoacan, Rept. 3 tons Cuban rebel arms confiscated - 11 Cubans, 1 American captured - of Cubans - Pedro Ruiz Lanz (probably Diaz Lanz) and Amer = Frank Fiorini. Fiorini named co-pilot and owner plane C-46. Fiorini known as "Francisco" among Cubans. Of interest absence name Ricardo de la Lorie.

- Cable 22 Nov. 58

Rept Cuban rebels and Amer. w/ C-46 captured at Apatzingan Airport Michoacan. Captured (partial list) Diaz Lanz, Frank Fiorini.

- Cable 14 Nov 58

Rept Richarda de la Lorie - brought air plane fleeing Ariz., scheduled for departure 12 or 13 Nov for Veracruz Mex. enroute Venezuela. Diaz Lanz will prob. accompany de la Lorie.

- Cable 11 Nov 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ Diaz Lanz

Ricardo de la Lorie in San Francisco. Fiorini left Mex

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for PRISCO by car. car night 4 Nov. meet pilots.
De la Lorie and Diaz going Ariz. but expect return
Governor Hotel - Poss. Kingman, Ariz re: planes

- Cable 2 Nov 58 to Dir from Mex City.
Men trav. w/ subjs identified as Frank Porini
Men prob. Pedro Luiz Diaz Lauz and Ricardo de
la Lorie, poss. going Venezuela.

- Cable 30 Oct 58 to Dir from Mex City.
Ric. de la Lorie and Diaz Lauz arr. Mex Cit by car
27 Oct 58. Believed had visa trouble at border.
Unidentified man accompanied them

- Cable 19 Aug 58 to Dir from San Juan.
Jamaica police questioned Figuero 14 Aug seeking identifi-
addresses. 5 Aug. Figuero contacted by Diaz Lauz,
pilot of Beechcraft plane N-48-Q, who visits Kingston
often and believed by Jamaica police to be Fidel
Castro courier or pilot. Figuero said Diaz only brought
personal greetings -

- 201 file request
To RI/Analysis section 15 Jul 1959.
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- News articles -

Argosty April 1976

NY Daily News - 21 April 1975 by Paul Meskil.

- Dispatch to Chief from Chief DELETED - GET FULL COPY

Progress Rept 1-31 Aug 63.

W/ help of Fiorini - able to keep informed of activities of Diaz Lanz bros. in attempts to mount air raid over Cuba. Information then passed to local security agencies in time for them to thwart plans.

- Daily Summary - 1 Aug 63

Flight of 28 July over Havana aborted - bombs & led feet raid planned.

Plans:
Postponed to 31 July or 1 Aug. Fiorini to head for Marathon keys - as decoy for FBI surveillance.

Lanz bros to leave cars at home to appear as though they are home, but will attempt to reach Wotr Williams Ranch where plane to be used for raid is located. Fiorini said plane will carry several bombs made from 100 lb practice bombs cut down to smaller size and filled w/ nuts and bolts for shrapnel.

Ramon Garcia + former Cuban airlines pilot to have participated in raid.

- 8 May 63 - Fiorini told source he had been approached by Marcos to patch up differences and cooperate in "anti-Castro activity". Said

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money from Cuban in Wash who had helped before. Only told that ~~into~~ operator would be air strike - Pedro would be pilot. Rent plane thru indirect channels. Lanz bros. assisting in sale of yacht.

"Florini had been working w/ The bros. until a falling out. Union is now evidently being repaired."

- Memo - re: Robt Swanner, Robt Thompson - Plane allegedly shot down over Cuba in Dec. 1961.

20 Mar '63 - Memo to S.J. Grogan, asst to Director.

- investigation by US. Auth. hampered by stories - but appears. Wm Johnson, Swanner, Florini made 21 Oct 61 overflight - Campaign for leaflet drop. Rorke claims he went as observer.

8 Dec. Swanner intercepted in Nassau. Met in Nassau by Johnson, Rorke, Florini. Tried to get permit to fly to Great Exuma Island, but permit denied, plane impounded.

10 Dec. leaflets found on Norman Cay.

14 Dec. Thompson flew to Ft Lauderdale to pick up Johnson. At some point Johnson left group, and Florini, Swanner & Thompson flew to Andros Island.

17 Dec. Thompson and plane (owned by J. Davis Finger) ~~found~~ missing.

18 Dec. Rorke, Florini, Johnson charter plane in Miami for trip to Bimini and Cay Sal.

Rorke id'd self as CBS photographer looking for photos of pink flamingos. Plane flew criss-cross pattern over Cay Sal and returned to Miami. NO info re whereabouts of Thompson, Swanner and plane until Mar 63 - story plane shot down over Cuba.

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Johnson, Fiorini, Porke claim CIA sponsorship - In fact have had none. Sponsor appears to be Sergio Rojas Santamarina - possibly overzealous - some of his activities had been CIA sponsored.

March 62 [Raymond J. Dwyer] reping Finger poss. litigation of insurer of aircraft approach CIA re: poss. govt involvement - which was denied. No indication from Castro's speeches as to what happened.

No agency info on other "elements of incident as repts in references, including:"

- Mrs. Swanner's story of having driven Swanner, Fournier, Fiorini to Ft Lauderdale to load boat w/ leaflets.
- \$500.00 check keptly given to Swanner & Mrs. Thompson by Fiorini.
- Mrs. Swanner's repts trip to Andros Island w/ her son and friend of her husband.
- Mysterious phone calls to Mrs. Swanner, Mrs. Thompson & others.
- Role of Gene Asbury and Norman Gratsky (Gradsky?)

Ref. to Martino - prob. John Vincent Martino. Sentenced to 13 yrs prison in 59; released Oct. 62 - not Dec as repts. Was not, is not emp'd by CIA.

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- 12/9/60 Cable to Director fr. WAVE

Hamilton impressed w/ man's sincerity & potential (QDBIAS) QDBIAS enthusiastic over ref.

trip but wanted very careful preparation in order to avoid any poss. fail. Suggested ample advance publicity order condition host governments to granting necessary visas and landing permits.

QD Bias speeding up work on A/C which can be ready O/A 15 Dec. Plane can accommodate number named WAVE 2051

q:

C/S comment: HQS approved planning Diaz Hanz propaganda "Flight of truth" as proposed HQS by TWICKER.

- 12/8/60 Cable to Dir fr WAVE

Carlos Oscar Echevarren Leon plans expose in leading magazine re: KUBARK ^{State} (Ray) will say - KUBARK backing AMIRON (Ray or MRR) w/ funds & equipment. AMIRON leftist & Communist dominated group and "Fidelistas sin Fidel" KUBARK gives AMIRON half million per month cover operating costs. Reveal number plane

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furnished [AMIRON] by [KUBARK] and location. ~~is~~ ~~Reveals~~

Various
AMDIP I

- will reveal training sites Guat, [PPSPRIME] personnel working w/ [AMDIP I] and [AMIRON] plans for invasion Cuba.

- Expose [AMDIP I] for buying off [KUBARK] personnel wash.

- Claims discussed above §. 5 NOV 62 invasion plans [AMIRON] from Guat. w/ Jounine, late OCT 62.

Two men from [KUBARK] assured Echejoen funds would be w/held from support [AMIRON]. Capable carrying out threat

~~once~~ close Diaz Lanz, but now distrusts him.

Could attempt discredit Echejoen

- 6 Dec 60 cable To Div from GOLD §
recommend candidates for certain fields -
Lawyer - Enrique Uaca
Student - Jose Ignacio Rasco
Soldier - Manuel Artime
Professor - Oscar de la Vega
Cathol. actz: Enrique Ros.

GOLD sounding out opinion/desirability of including Diaz Lanz specifically

- 6 Dec 60 Cable to [JMGOLD] Havana to Dir.

Rodriguez Tamayo "El Mexicano" offering G-2 info re Diaz Lanz group. Report would put subjects ↑ in prison, claims Tamayo claims female friend Diaz Lanz working Miami airport also G-2 agent

- Suggest Diaz Lanz be cautioned re our doubts loyalty his immed. friends.

- Dispatch 29 NOV 60 to Chief WH div fr. Chief OS, Havana.

excerpts

- Conversation betw. Varona & State 29 Nov 60
Varona says of Lanz - "a young man, somewhat impetuous, who is now working with us."

- 28 NOV 60 Cable to [JMASH] From DIR.

"1. Disapprove para 3 & 7 ref. HQS does not desire additional Cuban pilots & does not wish give Diaz Lanz and Company false impression by instituting even limited training program.

2. [AMVANG2] advised HQS he passed

US \$5000 obtained from private sources to ^{LANZ} repair B-25. Further states aircraft repd & Lanz intends make leaflet drop on or about 30 Nov. Possible [KWBARIK] funds passed [AMVANG-2] for prop use now being diverted repair aircraft.

3. HQS policy re no [ODYOKE] sponsored overflight from [BPPRIME] SHU stands. [MASH] requested take immed. steps to stop flight. If cannot accomplish this by persuasion notify local auth. poss. such a flt to enable them impound aircraft. Essential avoid poss. such indep. air ops jeopardize own air ops including use Ope Locha.

4. Realize Lanz may be polit. asset. If so can best be used that purpose w/in [AMRASP].

WH comment: [Twicker] states Lanz requests funds to repair personally owned B-25 at cost of US \$5,000. Also wants US \$2,240 to give link training to 9 pilots for 3 mos.

- Cable 24 NOV 60 to Div fr [JMASH].

1- Diaz Lanza joined [AMRASP] bringing pilots: Abel Hera Cotton, Frank Fiorini; Francisco Llano, Evangelista Mursuli; Ramon P. Fuentes, Nestor Alvarez, Fernando Garcia. Marcos Diaz Lanza also joined.

2 Shortly after joining [AMRASP], Diaz suggested to [AMHAWK] est. of spec. mission group comprising above personnel, all of whom, according to Diaz are qualified as A/C mechanics. The group would drop [AMRASP] leaflets on cities, small towns & cooperatives & could fly cargo missions when required.

3 To prepare themselves for standby readiness Diaz has requested [AMHAWK] (& [AMHAWK] has queried [TWICKER]) for funds to: (A) rehab. the personally-owned B-25 A/C of Diaz at cost of approx. DLS \$5000. (B) Provide pilots w/ Link trainer time (8 pilots at 10 hrs. monthly, at cost of Dls 8 per hour) and (C) consider purchase

of Hoar equipped Cessna 180 &/or 210 for infil/exfil ops.

4. Diaz is proceeding w/ B-28 rehab. via loan \$2,500 from Miguel Angel Quevedo, for which, according to [AMCHIRP-1], he will air drop Bohemia over Cuba.

5. While realize present policy precludes US.-based flights, desire at minimum maintain flight proficiency thru integrated group whose current & future activities could be monitored & directed by the newly-established joint Cuban/Amer. ops section of the mil. commission. Beyond being a pilot, Diaz Lanz exudes a certain mystique which the press has been quick to recog. Thus he is a current propaganda & polit. asset as well as a potential milit. asset.

6. AMHAWK commented somewhat cynically that Diaz Lanz joined [AMTRASP] primarily to solve his econ. probs. However [TWICKER] believes Diaz highly motivated & recognizes

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AMRASP as mainstream anti-Castro org.

Temp. solution has been to assign Diaz group to transport commission, which now functions under MIL Commission, but funds are not currently budgeted for link trainer time.

7. Request HQs approve initial link trainer refresher of DLS 960; 15 hrs. each pilot, then monthly cost of DLS 640. Not likely training to extend beyond 3 mos.
8. Feel political advantages keeping Diaz satisfied and cooperative well worth above relatively minor expenditure.

- Document transfer & cross-ref. 27 Sep-60
Diaz Lanz made offer of assist by Subj. of 201-829376

- 12 Oct 60 cable to Dir fr. London

Re: developments in ~~FRD~~

- Dr. Sanchez Arango has left FRD following a disagreement w/ other leaders. He is now joining forces w/ groups led by Diaz Lanz, Conte Agüero & others.

- Varona appt'd coord. of FRD - in spite opp.

Fueto Carillo.

- ^{Re:at} Developments - re: fighting in Cuba -

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- Memo for record re: Rept meeting w/ Sergio

Rojas. ~~Re: 27 Sept 60~~
By: Bernard E. Reichardt
in Wash. 27 Sept.

Spoke to Rojas before planned to departure to Madrid to see Ricardo Lorie, in an effort to give other side than Anti-FRD. Rojas relatively objective but on balance favored view of young revolutionaries of Alianza de Liberacion. Analyzed situation of MRR accurately. AMBIDDY-1 became rep. in FRD for MRR, then represented only own views to exclusion of MRR interests. Lamented that number of young men i.e. Chilea, Diaz Lanz, Rino Diaz (Presum., Rojas unaware of Rino Diaz's mission) wasted by not being put to use. ~~by~~ as result of differences betw. young revol. & FRD "Los Viejos" Politicos in FRD too far to right. Asked if U.S. might lend support to more than one group. Was told U.S. not supporting any group. Asked if military types & perhaps Alianza could be given support. Rojas ^{strong feeling} ~~said~~ unity w/ FRD and young revol. not poss. This time - TOO ^{much} anti-FRD sentiment. Fell politicos of FRD self-seeking. Young revol. suffering bitterness,

disillusionment.

R. suggested ~~participate~~ meeting with FRD - Members but not 5 principals. Counter-suggestion made Rojas suggest friends, es. Conte Agüero, Lorie to approach FRD again.

- Memo 19 Sept 60 for: C/WH/4/CI from Gerard Drotter.

Re: Request for FBI check

(NOTE: Ans. to check on Moya in Panegue's file)

Alianza people kept in town - ^{grad.} Diaz Lanz, Conte Agüero, Panegue ("Drejo"), Higinio "Nino" Diaz. - could be reached at address of Mrs. Anna Moya. Indicates. Rcvd info that Panegue may be Castro plant. Suggest Bureau check on horse and pers. Moya, as well as furnish info on Panegue and/or ^{his} activities in U.S.

Panegue's NY address: San Rafael Hotel, 65 W. 45th St, Rm 1E Tel. JA 7-4800

- Memo for: C/WH/4/PA 12 SEPT 60

fr: WH/4/EO - John F. Mallard.

Re: Cubans desirous of meeting w/ State Dept Reps.

Senor Chinea, Panegue, Diaz Lanz, Conte Agüero desire meeting. Indicates St. Dept. personnel have no desire to see Cubans. Author indicates desire since Cubans could should

no encouragement - cannot operate independently w/ any type of US support or assistance.

- cable 6 SEP 60 to Dir from MASH. . . Mexi Cit
 indicates "CRISIS" in military staff -
 relations AMEER & balance AMCIGAR.
 kinds of auth. & resp. MASH committees
 badly shared view recent insistence
 AMEER his prerogative as AMCIGAR
 member

General ill feeling & distrust senior AMRASPERS
 toward AMEER also applies "his boys".
 In military field these include Oscar Diaz
 (ground), Orlando Garcia (recruiting),
 and Felipe Vidal Santiago (naval).

Most immed. issue - Pedro Diaz Lanz who
 walked in recruiting ofc. last wk August &
 volunteered to join AMRASP pilot group as an
 individual. milit. agreed Diaz Lanz fine
 pilot, joining AMRASP "political plum".
 Since he founding member competing "Aiazca".
 Nobregas and Villafana only lukewarm.
 At juncture AMEER stepped in, ordered MILCOM
 accept Diaz Lanz, succeeded putting all
 senior mil. staff members in oppos.
 Issue still unresolved. Sr ~~person~~ ^{military}

[AMRASPERS] agree meeting absolute necessity to revalidate their positions vis à vis [AMCIGAR] ~~co~~ body & particularly their positions in respect individual [AMCIGAR] members (AMICER & [AMHAWK].

- Cable Aug 26, 60 to Dir from Havana.

Partially Re: Armando Lora Hernandez - Puro man.

He was close to Raul Chibas; maintains contact with Diaz Lanz. Org. resistance in Cuba. Reges assistance.

- Cable Aug 17 60 to Dir from Havana.

Discussion in [AMYUM-1] group more extensive than financial troubles. Lorie / ~~AMPIDDI~~ split caused serious internal repercussions in terms [AMYUM-1] group receiving via their channels from [MASH] that [ODVOKE] now supporting Lorie, Nino Diaz, Diaz Lanz.

- PRD form - Control de Personal - Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz

- Memo for Chief WHD Re Mex. Porke (Bie), 6 Jul 60 fr. J.D. Esterline

In interview of Porke w/ rep. of OO/C in NYC, Porke said Diaz Lanz most deserving of U.S. support. Knows Diaz Lanz; planning to

appear on T.V. program NYC 5 July.
 Said Somera have agreed to give Diaz Lanza
 mil. base in Nicaragua. Will call it Committee
 to Rescue L. Amer. from Communism or
 similar. Rorke Claims Spruille
 Braden tentatively agreed to support
 committee.

- Cable 28 June 1960 to ~~WASH~~ fr: Dir.

Pedro Diaz Lanza not connected FFD in any
 way Korbey will brief. WH Comment: concerned
 surfacing in Costa Rica of org. headed by PDL

- office memo - 24 Feb 60 to Chief WH/FI Division
 ATTN. [Bob Reynolds]; From: Chief Contact
 Division, [OO (L/A Branch)]

Re: Pedro Diaz Lanza.

From [E. M. Ashcraft - signed by Harry
 A. ~~Mc~~ McCraw.]

In interview, requested by Lanza to ask "what
 people think I should do"; expressed desire to
 work to overthrow Castro. NOT very enthusiastic
 about anti-Castro Frente of. in Mexico City.
 Reservations about trustworthiness of Artime

- message to the People of Cuba & Brothers of
 America of the Cuban Constitutional
 Crusade. Signed 6/16/60 by PDL,

Cmdr Abel Hera Corton; Capt Nabel J. M. Gonzalez.

- Cable 18 June 60 to Div fr: MASH
18 June Diario Las Americas carries ad surfacing group called Cruzada Cubana Constitucional signed by PDL, Corton, Gonzalez.

Cable indicates concern for need of controlled & coordinated propaganda effort.

Avoid premature releases

- Dispatch 12-Jan-60

Chief WH Div, from Miami WHD Rep.

Re: Contact w/ [QD Bias] 10 JAN 60

by [Patrick I. Karney]

Indicates bitter feud betw. QDBIAS & QDCOVE

Also QDCOVE assaulted QDCHAR.

Discussed QDCHAR's recent trip to Guat. QDBIAS aware but personally opposed ~~to~~ since QDCHAR took along Sergio Brunell and Fiorini. INS took Fiorini's passport when he re-entered the US. Apparently they are "prepared to throw the book at Fiorini." Fiorini in real danger of losing

his citizenship

(Notes INS also taking action ag. hasferers)

Suggests QDCHAR has ideas of his own,
and QDBIAS does not try to stand in
his way.

- 7 Jul 60 to Dir fr: MASH - Cable

PDL about to initiate fund-raising
campaign for group.

Suggests raise w/ XDIGORAS
obvious probs arising out of premature
support anti Castro movement generally,
PDL specifically

WH Comment. Ref indicates Diaz-Latorre
preparing launch offensive against Castro
from Guatemala

- 13 May 60 Cable to Dir from: ~~HAAS~~ Havana.
Repts - PDL plans to land well-prepared
force 70-100 Cubans. ASAP - poss. end of May

- 13 May 60 Cable to Dir: fr: Havana
Rept MRR broke contact w/ MAR
due discovery it heavily penetrated.

NOTE: ref: cable stated Sr. Santiago Rey
Perna rephd 6 May group of Cubans

undergoing guerilla warfare training
Miami area under command Diaz Lanz.

- Cable May 12 60 to Dir fr: Miami
Action: WHS (Mr. Phillips), WH Div
notified 2035, 11 May 60)

Summary activities PDL indicating action
imminent.

Rept - meeting - discussion betw. Alliegro,
Piedro, Palet re: support for PDL -
US \$50,000 mentioned as goal. Not
known whether funds handed over to
PDL tho. Rept'd funds obtained.

Repts - force - perhaps 100 men, formed by
PDL, under supervision Fiorini - PDL in poss-
ession considerable funds -
some portion \$50 grand? since

much equipment issued to men being
given field training outskirts Miami by
Fiorini - men vaccinated. Have 2
boats, 2 aircraft at their disposal.

Believed DL contemplating move
directly from FLA to Cuba. Guat
mentioned - staging base for expedition

contacted FBI, Border Patrol re: developments
They will contact ~~Fiorini~~ PDL. Under

circumstances do not intend to contact PDL myself.

Suggests close attention both psychol. & polit. implications of such exped. movements by PDL. Question raised whether some action should be taken to "submarine"

D.L's plans. - on premise "well established" D.L. thoroughly discredited both in Cuba & w/ more resp. exile elements & has consistently provided "effective peg from Castro for propaganda" & effect move by DL at this time might have on JMARC planning & timing. Also, implications of poss. accommodation w/ oust. Govt on PDL need careful consideration.

"In light of poss. harmful results of PDL venture, may wish consider proposing coordinated action by U.S. Govt to frustrate this before it gets off the ground."

- News article Miami Herald 10 April 1960
"Is Castro's Time Run Out?"

- Memo for DCI via DDP ^{from J.C. King} 30 March 60
re: CIA involvement in case of Harvey
Draz Lanz, former Deputy Director of
Fr

Cuban Revol. Air Force and Applicant for U.S. Permanent resident visa.

June 59

PDL resigned - as Chief of Cub. Rev. AF, fled to US. Marcos went into hiding. ^{Havana} Asked for help to US. Exfiltrated him via shipping line. Arr. Tampa, Fla. 27 July 59. Detained in Tampa & Miami. Presented himself at INS off., Miami, requesting asylum which was granted.

wife & children left Cuba ^{w/assist.} Aug 59 for Mexico, then joined MDL on 24 Sept 59.

MDL left US via New Orleans for Mex City to obtain US resident visa to permit him to go into business in order to earn living. INS wouldn't allow him to return. ~~that~~

~~from~~ ^{from Ben Smith} Indicates rebuttal ~~that~~ ^{for} comment that CIA said "MDL intends to continue warlike tactics if he is able to return to the U.S."

- Cable 26 March 60 to: Dir from Miami - See PDL as forlorn, Bewildered, outcast,

Re: HAVA 3140

Excommunicated by ODCOVE for involving self w/ Batista. ~~had~~ ^{did} sign Cajigas/Pedraza "unity" pledges but was clearly

in middle that circus, finally kissed off by Pedraza as little boy playing man's game. ODCOVE feeling sorry for old friend has told PDL he could still be of use to them if willing take orders, avoid publicity. Believe PDL constitutionally incapable of latter. Believe inclusion of PDL, would be somewhat menace.

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- Memo for the record 21 Feb 60

Re: Telephone report from Miami on Activities of Francisco Cajigas

Indicates PDL conferring w/ Cajigas, who is planning meeting in ^{Managua} Nicaragua w/ ~~Torres~~ Somoza

- Dispatch to Chief WH Div fr: Miami WHD Rep. 17 Feb 60. Re: Summary of current QDBIAS activities. written by Patrick Karnley.

meeting 18 Jan 60 - QDBIAE] visited Nicaraguan Emb w/ Larguez-Sterling in Wash re: assistance of Nicaragua for military expedition against Castro

Having difficulty w/ INS re passport Distressed by attitude of ODENVY, who reminded him they could arrest him at any time

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Author talked to [ODENVY] re: This matter

[QDBIAS] ~~and~~ rejecting scheme to meet Somoza as arranged by Luis Arenas.

Discussion w/ [QDBIAS] re: Cruzada Constitucional Cubana (CCC), [QDBIAS] one-man crusade - not intended to be organization

[Karnley] characterizing PDL as very naive, "a base in the woods" in these matters. ~~Put~~ ~~hurry~~ ~~him~~; but "by no means a total loss".]

- Dispatch 2 Feb 60

TO WHD Rep Liam, Havana, Caracas
fr: Chief WHD signed - Oliver G. Galbraith
re: Meeting of F. Castro w/ Gustavo Machado
in Caracas as rptd by PDL.

Requests interview of PDL by [Karnley]
"in most minute detail" concerning
his knowledge of contacts ~~by~~ ^{set up} Machado
and Castro as rptd in Parade,
Wash Post 3 Jan 60.

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- Dispatch 18 Jan 60

TO: Chief WH Div

FROM: Miami WHD Rep.

Re: rept of contact w/ QDBIAS 18 Jan 60

Author - Patrick Karnley

Info re: meetings betw Nunez Portuondo and PDL re: whether or not Portuondo willing to lend support to military operation led by QDBIAS w/out political commitment to Nunez Portuondo for future.

PDL discussions re: est. non-profit org to raise funds for activities.

Note: Celorio, who who would be involved, told AMBOARD about scheme, but used name Kleburg, suggesting combine of KLEBORG - LYKES - [redacted] was somehow getting read into this group.

- Dispatch 12 Jan 60

To Chief WH Div

Fr Miami WH Rep - signed Karnley

Re: contact w/ QDBIAS 10 Jan 60.

Among items:

- PDL considering forming military unit to infiltrate Cuba for action ag. Govt.
- Dispute betw PDL, QDCOVE, QDCHAR gnia

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bad.

PDL had protected [GD CHARO] recent trip to
Guatemala w/ Sergio Bonell and
Florini. Florini - question whether he will
be admitted back to U.S. [ODENVY]
ready to "throw the book" at him.

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"Political Action File
(Jan 1961 -)

- Memo for Ofc Legis. Counsel 11 NOV 77
Fr: [Raymond A. Warren], Chief LA Div
Re: Allegation by Senior Cuban diplomat
concerning role of Cuban exiles in the
assass. of Pres. Kennedy.

- no further info to supplement this info.
May have been referring to either
Pedro or Marcos -
Notes assoc. w/ Smurfs; article of
20 Sept. 77 re: Lorenz allegations.

- Memo for Ofc LC 3 NOV 77
From Chief LA Div
Re: same as above.
Repts - fairly reliable source said senior

Cuban diplomat stationed abroad, made charges in late Sep 77 to his colleagues that Cuban exiles such as former Cud. Air Force officer Diaz Law (true) & others had been involved in assass

Division believes basis for statement presumably article of 20 Sep 77 in N.Y. - Lorenz allegations

- DO Document extract - 63 8 Nov 77

June 63 Marcos DL invited Frank Fiorini to join raid against Cuba 15 Jun using moppo owned by him & susj. Others on raid Carlos ~~of~~ Garcia, Salvador Garcia O/ler of UR.

- INS form Dept of Justice - 9/8/71

DOB 11/8/26 Alien Reg. # A 10 176 -250

SS# 261-54-2581, Havana Cuba.

SPOUSE: Carmel Izaguirre, Tania. DOM 1-22-59.

- Doc. transfer - X ref - 17 JAN 69

Former head Cuban revol. AF interested making trip Cuba to sink Russian ship.

- Doc Xfer - X ref 26 Jan 64

Reply working w/ Felipe Hdad Santiago

on projected raid on Cuba which was to originate from Miami area.

- Memo to Dir. FBI ATTN [S. J. Papich] 17 JAN 64
FR: DD P.

Re: Accusations made by PDL.

- Rep from this agency rec'd info 11 NOV 63 from untested source concerning meeting of FORDC in NYC on 3 NOV. 63 during which PDL made following impromptu remarks:

- Claimed state Dept asked him to work w/ them on condition he make no pub. statements accusing Castro of being Communist.

Offered post of Chief of AF in Guat. by Frank Bender, but refused.

Reynolds
Bender then offered mayorship of Marianao

- Accused Kennedy of being Communist.
- Accused of being Communist.

- Said Cubans had fight alone - JFK admin - would not help. Said if the US govt were to give one rifle to the exiles, the exiles would be wise to make sure it did not fire back thru the stock instead of thru the barrel.

- Original dispatch of above -
with crypts -
to Chief - Spec. Affairs Staff
fr: COS JMWAVE

[has handwritten note - For the record
Bender never met Lanz, who was
handled by the PH. section of the
project at that time -

10/1/64

Signed ~~✱~~

(Droller? WH Drv)
Same mark

- Doc X Per ~~✱~~ X Ref - 31 Jul 63
PDL involved in abortive attempt in air
strike & ballet raid on Habana, Cuba
squashed by ODENVY.

- Doc X Per ~~✱~~ X Ref 12 June 63
June 9, 63 Marcos DL. invited Porini to
join raid ag. Cuba to take place weekend 15
June, using kappy owned by Pedro &
Marcos. Others join: Carlos Garcia &
Salvador Garcia Oler-, a OR official.

- Trace Request 15 Apr. 63 fr PDL
"Subject is dropped w/out prejudice.

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- Doc X fer & X Ref 25 Mar 63

Draz owns 2 P.T. boats in Miami area -
Re: rental by subj. of 35 ft speed
boat to anti-Castro grp.

- Doc X fer & X Ref - 23 Feb 62

Subject: Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionaria
de Cuba. MRRC.

Draz Lanz Came to Miami office w/ 2
companions, Reinholdo Cruz y Blanco -
"SIMON" - Mbr of MRRC

Recently acquired 4 boats from Hampton &
Roads Salvage Co. of Tallahassee.

[Other companion not id'd.]

- Cable 11 Feb 61

to: BEN

From: WAVE

note:
not clear

Re: info that Lt Col "Oscar Diaz, Chief
Pers of MILCOM conspired to slow up
recruiting - discredit recruiting team.
found Diaz manipulating records &
was sabotaging behind MILCOM and
PBPRIMERS back.

WAVE comment:

Evidence turned up confirmed intrigue by
Diaz

- Doc x fer & x ref 05 Oct 62

Re: Anti-Castro Activities.

Info:

PDL spoke at meeting held at Bayfront Park 9/29/62 - told Cubans idea of recruiting Cubans "dreamed up" by U.S. to keep fooling the Cubans. Claimed Cubans had been tricked because they did not understand what was going on.

- Trace request 30 Apr. 62

After discussion betw. a rep. of this Agency & the Dept of Army on 28 May 62, the Dept of Army has agreed, in view of info contained in our Agency files, to drop interest in Subj.

- Biography PDL.

Revol. activities begun in 52 when he started running rifles into Cuba for Prio. '53 exited in Miami until 55, and started ferrying arms to Castro. 58 apptd chief of 26 July AF, held until defection to 59. Leaflet drop Oct 59.

Not known to belong in any polit. party. Formed own movement - CCC but was unsuccessful in obtaining support; considered by FRD

§ other moderately liberal groups as including some ex-Batista army officers. Repts in April 1960 Diaz had committed CCC & self to group headed by Marquez Sterling. However, subsequently, CCC merged w/ Aviaza de Liberacion - amalgamation of several younger groups of Cuban exiles. Although considered somewhat of a "hothead", does have considerable stature as former Chief of AF and recently he & some of his followers accepted into FRD.

Currently - Member FRD.

Endorsed by - Mr. Braden, Mr. Colligan of Freeport Salplus.

- Memo for: WH/4/Finance 5 Jan. 62

Re: Overdue Accts.

Pedro Diaz Lanz - \$400 passed on 19 Jan 61 as expense money for a prop tour taken w/ Luis Conte Agüero & others. Plan called for use of Diaz Lanz's plane piloted by him. Plan changed found too difficult to get necessary permits for plane - Finally Conte went alone when PDL balked at being Conte's shadow. Meantime, Diaz Lanz dabbling in politics, appeared before Senate Committee and succeeded in making himself useless as a

Confemp.

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Kofke (FOI) 278-400 ea. 657

Blom - need the suits

Meds.

687-8950

etc 704 377 200

537 0261

check in budget etc -

propaganda asset.

signed - Stannard Short

- cable to JMWAVE from Div 6 July 61.

request JMWAVE review requirements for use Pedro Diaz Lanz in boat ops. Feeling here he indiscreet and would compromise mission. DOA not initiated.

- Aldo Vera note - iden w/ Mjr Aldo Serafin Vera.

former underground leader against Batista.

Held following positions w/ Castro gov't.

- Head of Dept of Invest. of Cuban Rev. Police

- Cuban Army G-3 section

- Chief of G-5 of Cuban Army

- 29 Apr 60 reptd as one of officers in charge of caching arms in various interened houses in Havana.

- 2 Jun 60 reptd replaced as Dtop General of Cuban Revolv. Army; not named to another post.

- 21 Sep 60 reptdly trying to est. contact w/ oppos. grps, but in reality a govt agent

- Dispatch - TO Chief WHD PR - Chief of Base, JMWAVE

Re: "17th of April" Movement

Organization to be presided over by

"military junta" - not one leader only, w/ both members of Rebel army and Batista Army

Diaz Lanz does not hold a steady position because he considers himself a "leader" rather than a "soldier"

Believe info on secret meeting of group leaked to Cuban gov't by Aldo Vera.

- Intell. Rept 14 Jul 61 Re: Cuban counter-revol. Base

Rept - 250 free Cuban troops & 7 aircraft based on Isla de Mujeres off shore of Quintana Roo Province, Mexico. Plan military expedit. - included:

PDL

Felipe Vidal

Teniente (FNU) Clinea

- Dispatch 31 May 61 TO Chief WHD from Chief of Base JM WAVE

re: Fuerzas Aereas de Liberacion (FAL)

All pilots & members of Air Force who were in camps had a meeting during which AMCLATREE spoke & said they had to hold an election to appoint chief of AF & later to present it to AMBUD-1.

Arguments ensued. Capt Perez did

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not agree w/ this type election. Left meeting w/ grp of men.

Villafana, Ferrer also spoke. More than half persons left

[AMCLATTER-5] elected as Chief

[First election had given votes to Diaz Lanz, [AMCLATTER-5] and others. PDL reptdly tried to take over. Caused resistance. GRP felt they shouldn't have allowed PDL pilots to vote in 1st place - Called for 2nd election. Held May 24]

FAL members loyal to AMBOD.

- Cable 23 May 61 to BELL from: [JMTIDE]
Info - author met numerous Cubans in Miami - apparently pilots. Expressed interest in returning w/ author to [JMTIDE] to "stay proficient in flying". PDL apparently creating disturbance "by trying to take over." Good stable group of men.
"The hard core will remain together as the same unit and will be and are ready if needed."

Zuniga, Garcia,
Herrera, Edo,
Ferrer, Alberto.

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- Dispatch 15 May 61 to Chief WHD from Chief of Base JM WAVE

Meeting of Cubans in Bayfront Park, Miami.
Author: Stanley R. Zarka

- 8 May 61 - Meeting in Bayfront Park organized by PDL et al. to attack North Americans ^{involved w/ "Cuban affair"}, Manuel Artime

- Cable 1 May 61 TO Bell from JM WAVE -

7 individuals of Diaz Lanz grp being paid total of \$1500 mo. by AMIRON

Grp not active & some have not picked up April paychecks.

Request authority drop group from AMIRON rolls effective 1 May 61 at discretion WAVE

- Memo for AMDIP/A 28 April 61
Re conversation w/ Mr Joseph Newman, NY Herald Tribune
Rept'd 27 April 61
Author: Howard Hunt

Discussed JMATE matters -

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" To separate fact from fiction on an off the record basis"
Discussed several areas:

Ricardo Lorie - PDL -

These men alleged CIA had given insufficient support to Lorie's boat ops, ^{& demanded details of ops} but each time CIA chosen course was followed. Their boat was interfered with by Castro gunboats.

Hunt explained reasons for CIA procedures - ^{avoid} eliminate duplication & compromise of effort; avoid hostile monitoring of communications; Coast Guard interference; provide rescue in emergencies.

Artime.

Lorie & Diaz denounced Artime as Castro penetration agent. - Bolstered by Newman's recollection that Juan ORTA was believed to have said Castro once claimed an agent high in counter-revol. circles.

Hunt explained Lorie lost out in MRR power struggle; PDL felt personal resentment, political vindictiveness. Artime's father was a communist, but ^{suffered} Artime's more

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formative years spent w/ Scouts.

Aureliano Sanchez Arango -

re: attacks of GRG by Sanchez and
Jose Figueres -

Atino Diaz

re: story that CIA had not kept its
agreements w/ Diaz, making it
imposs. for Diaz to land his
force in Cuba.

Hunt. "I explained what really
happened.

Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo -

re: allegations that ^{Gutierrez} Menoyo & grp were
detained at McAllen, TX to appease
Barrios & Trujillo Partisans.

Hunt explained above & TX decided
on by INS be insure safety
of Gutierrez; assess grp's conflicting
tales. Grp arrived too late for
inclusion in military program.

Revol. Council complaints!

re: gen. theme that O.S. had not
lived up to its commitments to
provide air cover for landings
despite pre-invasion promise by Pres.
Kennedy to provide this umbrella.
Hunt explained RC looking for
scapegoat. Said Pres. had made

no such positive commitment to RC before the invasion... Pres. dispatched Messrs Bene^d & Schlesinger to MITO in NY prior to invasion to say Pres. had said quite the contrary. Said personal interviews betw. Pres. & RC had taken place on 19 & 20 April, in fact.

As to lack of protective air cover, HH cited failure of RC's B-26s to eliminate Castro air forces during 15 Apr. Strike. HH "mute" as to fault for lack of second mop-up strike. Said bases in Guatemala becoming untenable - open for oppos: congress. inspections by 18 Apr. - Newman - declared - realization that it wasn't sabotage by Communist agents - "we sabotaged ourselves!" -

Newman expressed interest in HH identity. Conceded he had never heard "Eduardo":

- Dispatch 25 March 61 - TO Chief WH Div from Chief of base - Havana.
re: Anti-FRD activities of Carlos PRIO Socarras-

Prio held meeting 7 Mar 61 at Everglades Hotel, Miami, Fla. made anti-FRD statements to press.

Men who had been planning action w/ PDL, left him, joined Prio, since PDL lacked resources.

- Dispatch 3 Mar 61 to Chief of Base, JMWAVE, fr. Chief; WHD

Marcos D.L., anticipating arrest for anti-com. activities, made advance preparations to have one of his ^{"reps"} ~~reps~~ contact ODIBEX ofe. Lt. Douglas ~~Letu~~ Letu bridge Aguilera, FAR ofe, ~~of~~ one of these reps.

Marcos stated that Letu bridge trying to get names of Russian NKVD agents in Cuba & when he has penetrated com. orgs. in Cuba he will disclose their plans to ~~me~~ me.

- Doc x fer & cross-ref - 28 Jul. 63

involved in poss. aircraft bomb and leaflet raid on Habana Cuba to take place on 28 July 63.

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- Memo of meeting held at home of Juan Carlos [Nemesto Rodriguez] 2-26-61

PDL, Juan Carlos, Com. Gonzalez met, decided Diaz Lanz start out for Cuba. Believe PDL good name will help get Amer. assistance.

PDL expressed bitterness toward FRD and Artime.

- Cable - 17 Feb 61

to [BELL] fr WAVE

Neither PDL nor AMNORM-1 recollect knowing Enrique Molina Rivera AKA Arturo Morales Y Rodriguez

- Cable 10 Feb 61

TO JMWAVE fr: [BELL]

PDL passed \$460 advance by HQS during trip [ZRMETAL]. WAVE should obtain accounting.

- Cable 3 Feb 61

TO: JMWAVE

FR: [BELL]

AMCORE-2 & [QDBIAS] returning Miami 4 Feb. AS result inability obtain visas

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w/permission for plane, tour to be made w/one or both via commercial flights. Tim plans contingent alleged AMDIP-1 offer to QDBIAS make him replacement for LITAIN-1 in AMIRON ORG. [AMCORE 2] reports tentatively offered post as Prime Minister prov. gov. by [AMDIP 1], but would make tour regardless

Subjs will call Choaden for contact instructions WAVE Co when assistance needed.

- Routing & Record sheet - 1 Feb 61.

Notes: Re: PDL.

"Diaz Lanz would cause increased morale problems at MADD.

Possibly could use unilaterally "
"No interest to PMORs"

- Memo 1 Feb 61 for WH/4/PM/AM

Re: PDL.

Met w/ Michael M. Haney (WH/4/prop) to ask if he could be pilot in FRD Air Force.

Author recommends PDL would aid greatly in creating esprit de corps and discipline

- Dispatch 20 Jan 61

TO Chief WHD from Chief of Base JMWAVE
 Re: Frank Fiorini - comments re: alleged
 plans of KUBARK.

On 4 Jan 61 Mr. Joseph A. Fortner,
 Supervising Customs Agent in Miami, sent
 attachment A to local Chief of KWUMP,
 who in turn sent it to JMWAVE.

Inasmuch as the content of Attach.
 A appears to implicate PDL in an
 unfavorable manner, CRABANAC
 investigated the case & submitted a
 memo dated 9 Jan 61, Attach B.
 Chief of Base agrees w/ conclusion
 in Para 7 of Attach B.

- Attachment A -

Edward D. Fidele, Customs Agent
 writer and Cust. Agent [Steve Minas]
 interviewed Sturys on Dec 30, 1960 at
 his residence 2080 SW 60th Court,
 Miami, Fla.

Man McDonald, close assoc of
 Sturys, also present. Fiorini said B-26
 seized by Customs, used for leaflet drop
 on Havana, ^{was} returned to him after
 payment of charges - \$2,800.00. Money
 was furnished by KUBARK. ~~1/2 of~~

he had turned over the airplane for use by PDL. PDL was at aircraft almost every day - preparing plan for "good will tour" of Central Amer. countries, to be sanctioned by KUBARK.

Writer told Fiorini he was prob. being duped - ~~was~~ open talk that U.S. supporting group - always w/out foundation.

^{on question} Fiorini said he spoke to KUBARK agent ^{by} the name of "Barker" of 4420 N.W. 5th St.

Office contacted PDL for cooperation. PDL was advised. Fiorini was interviewed earlier that day - PDL expressed concern that Fiorini might get involved in way that would impair plans of anti-Castro groups.

Office making report because "loose talk" by Fiorini might have adverse effects. FBI had earlier interviewed Fiorini, presumably re: "similar 'loose talk'"

- Attachment B - 9 Jan 61.

- Alleged \$2,800 payment is presumed to be part of money given to PDL by Saralegui as personal loan.

2. PDL, preparing his aircraft for the vuelo de verdad and instructions given by him to aircraft technicians including poss. use of nat'l flag on nose of aircraft would confirm Diaz intends to visit # of countries.

3. Barker says he met Fiorini on only one occasion w/ a group of people & has never seen him before or since. Alleged address of Barker provided by Fiorini not correct.

4. Fiorini has lost confidence of PDL & has been treating w/ such people as Rasco in an attempt to involve himself in anti-Castro activity. Note PDL expressed concern Fiorini "might get involved..."

5. PDL alleges he & his people wounded by federal agents whose interest in plans has been piqued by plane overhauling activities & that these federal officials asked leading & provocative questions.

6. entire Exec. Comte of FRD, as well as

propaganda commission, fully acquainted w/ preparatory plans for flight and it is, therefore, not strange plans have become known outside. That immed. grp.

7. However, a review of Customs rept, together w/ above, would indicate that "the essential element of plausible denial still remains."

- ~~SECRET~~ Cable 10 Jan 61 to Bell from WAVE following Chron. applies to preparatory actions for PDL trip -
 - select flight party; obtain visas; landing permits; establish flight routing; lift govt agency restrictions on PDL and aircraft. FRD send letter of instruction to FRD delegations in host countries outlining advance preparations necessary - special equipment for plane - PDL suggest tape recordings be made at local stops for mailing back and use on Swan.
 - Expect concrete team during wk of 9 Jan. PDL will handcarry passports and flight documents to Washington, obtain visas & landing permits & submit results to

Choosen who to finalize flight route.
Have tried [QDBIAS] aim a 15 Jan takeoff
thro realize this prob. optimistic.