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SUBJECT: Enclosed herewith are 12 copies of LHM dated 9/4/63 and captioned as above.

Copies of enclosed LHM are being disseminated locally to CIA, ONI, G-2, INS, OSI, Border Patrol, U.S. Customs, Coast Guard and State Department, Coordinator of Cuban Affairs.

On January 6, 1964, U.S. Customs, Miami, advised they had no current information concerning FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO's activities.

On January 8, 1964, TYRUS MINNIX, Assistant in Charge of Travel Control, INS, Miami, advised he talked to VIDAL that day by phone, and VIDAL is currently in the Pan American Hospital, Miami, suffering burns on his face. MINNIX said when he is released from the hospital, he will be interviewed under oath by INS, but it is unknown what action INS will take.
It is noted VIDAL SANTIAGO was served a notice of Prevention of Departure in March, 1963. This notice prevents him from leaving the land limits of Dade County, Florida. However, in April, 1963, VIDAL was found in the Florida Keys, where U.S. Customs seized his boat and a load of arms. In November, 1963, VIDAL visited Dallas, Texas, without permission of INS, and on January 5, 1964 was on a boat 25 miles southeast of Miami.

On January 9, 1964, CIA, Miami, advised that agency has no operational interest in VIDAL or the Americans currently associated with him.

The Miami Office will maintain contact with INS, Miami, to ascertain what action that agency takes against VIDAL concerning his violation of INS' notice of Prevention of Departure.
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MM T-1, who is associated with Cuban exile groups interested in conducting armed raids against the coast of Cuba, on October 3, 1963 advised that FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO, 2393 N.W. 7th Street, Miami, Florida, continues to be head of the United Front for National Liberation.

MM T-1 said that VIDAL is in bad financial condition, is currently looking for employment, and has recently been conferring with MARCOS DIAZ LANZ. MM T-1 explained that DIAZ LANZ has been active in Cuban revolutionary matters for the past four years, and is the brother of PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ, former head of the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force.

On October 31, 1963, MM T-1 advised that VIDAL talks about conducting a mission to Cuba, and currently associates with ROY E. HARGRAVES, 4170 S.W. 8th Street, Miami. HARGRAVES is the manager of Frank's Cottages, a motel at the above address; is a mercenary, soldier of fortune and adventurer, who has been involved with Cuban exiles in Miami, Florida, for about the past two years.

On November 11, 1963, MM T-1 advised that VIDAL had just returned from Dallas, Texas, where he visited General ERWIN E. WALKER, U.S. Army Retired. VIDAL saw WALKER for the purpose of obtaining money donations and...
support of VIDAL's anti-FIDEL CASTRO organization.

MM T-1 advised it is doubtful VIDAL was able to obtain any money from General WALKER. VIDAL currently stated he is interested in moving from the United States to Guatemala or Nicaragua. VIDAL says it is impossible for him to carry on his anti-CASTRO activity in the United States. He complains that the United States government hinders his efforts to overthrow Communism in Cuba.

On November 21, 1963, MM T-1 advised that VIDAL continues his efforts to raise money and that he is in a bad economic situation.

On November 22, 1963, SANTIAGO ALVAREZ RODRIGUEZ, 541 N.W. 45th Avenue, advised he is one of the leaders of Comandos L, an anti-CASTRO organization which has conducted raids against Cuba in the past.

ALVAREZ said he considers VIDAL as an unimportant personality in the anti-CASTRO movement, and his organization not much more than a paper organization without prestige, activity or any significant membership. ALVAREZ said VIDAL has tried some military operations against Cuba in the past, but has failed. VIDAL has a reputation for poor planning, acting impetuously and being somewhat unpredictable. ALVAREZ said that the more experienced Cuban raiders who have attacked the north coast of Cuba in the past, would be hesitant to accompany VIDAL on any such action against Cuba.

On December 13, 1963, CARLOS ZARRAGA, 2954 S.W. 16th Terrace, Miami, advised he formerly was the head...
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Cuba Libre, an anti-CASTRO organization which recently became a member of Junta Revolucionaria Cubana, a well known anti-CASTRO organization, headed by MANUEL RAY RIVERA. ZARRAGA said he is well acquainted with VIDAL, who is relatively inactive, lacks funds but has some small arms, and possibly a boat available to him. ZARRAGA said VIDAL is not important in the anti-CASTRO movement and it is doubtful he has any potential to do anything other than an occasional infiltration or exfiltration mission to Cuba.

On December 16, 1963, GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, 1036 S.W. 5th Street, Apartment 2, advised he is the head of Intercontinental Penetration Forces, an organization with 6 members, and the purpose of the organization is to train Cuban exiles in military tactics for eventual warfare against the present government of Cuba.

HEMMING stated that VIDAL, from having a background of being in the Cuban Navy, has ability in the operation of boats. He is interested in infiltrating supplies and arms into Cuba to guerrilla forces. However, VIDAL lacks knowledge of military techniques and tactics, and would be completely unqualified to participate in any type of guerrilla warfare. HEMMING estimated that VIDAL has some limited amount of military equipment, but lacks finances, recognition and a strong organization.

On December 17, 1963, FELIPE VIDAL SANTIAGO, 2393 N.W. 7th Street, Miami, was interviewed in connection with another matter. Incidental to this interview VIDAL stated he continues to be the head of the United
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Front for National Liberation, and continues in his desire to carry the war of liberation to Cuba.

VIDAL said he has been loosely associated with ROY EMORY HARGRAVES for about the past two years and at times gives HARGRAVES money. Vidal claimed that no other Americans are associated with him.

VIDAL said he wants to leave the United States but cannot go to South America and begin operations there because of lack of money. He has to stay in the United States but cannot continue his work for the liberation of Cuba in the United States because of United States government interference.

VIDAL complained that every time the Cuban exile group plans some military action against Cuba, one of the group sells the information to the United States government, the mission is stopped, boats and arms confiscated, and the United States government continues to prevent Cuban exiles from fighting to liberate their country.

VIDAL continued that American liberal and left wing groups, press and Communists in the United States government, continue to support MANUEL RAY RIVERO and ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO. VIDAL complained that no one in the United States or in the United States government helps the right wing anti-Communist organizations such as the United Front for National Liberation. VIDAL continued that RAY and GUTIERREZ receive preferential treatment under the guidance of Governor MUNOZ MARIN of Puerto Rico, and the United States State Department. Vidal charged that RAY and GUTIERREZ are well known in the
anti-CASTRO movement, of having a past history of being Communists.

VIDAL maintained that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was responsible for the raid conducted by Comandos L in March, 1963. In this raid a Comandos L attack boat sank the Russian ship BAKU off the north shore of Cuba. VIDAL said that the CIA then used this raid as an excuse to stop all further attacks against Cuba by anti-Communist Cubans in the United States.

VIDAL said that in about the Spring or Summer of 1963, he attended the original meetings of the Cuban Committee for Liberation which was supposed to be a united group of Cuban personalities. VIDAL claimed that CARLOS PRIO later took over the organization. VIDAL was not consulted. VIDAL refuses to be represented by PRIO. VIDAL quit the organization, has never gone back, and has nothing to do with it. VIDAL stated he does not back MANUEL MARTINEZ, head of the Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionario, and has nothing to do with him.

VIDAL said he knows CARLOS ZARRAGA, went to school with him, and while in exile in Miami has tried to work with him. VIDAL said he considers ZARRAGA an amateur political analyst, and would-be orator, and finds ZARRAGA impossible to work with in anti-CASTRO activities.

VIDAL admitted that in the early part of November, 1963 or about two weeks before the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, he left Miami, Florida, and visited Dallas, Texas. He stayed there 5
days and while there, visited General ERWIN E. WALKER, for the purpose of getting WALKER's views concerning the Cuban situation. He said WALKER did not donate any money and stated he, WALKER, did not want to get involved in Cuban revolutionary activities and was involved in his political campaign of running for the position of Governor of Texas. VIDAL denied that he asked WALKER for any money donations.

The MIAMI HERALD, a daily newspaper published in Miami, Florida, on January 6, 1964, contained an article stating that on January 5, 1964 a 22' boat caught fire and sank about 25 miles southeast of Miami, Florida. This boat, FOUR JAYS, a cabin cruiser, went down at 1:15 PM with Mrs. Dickey CHAPELL, 4700 S.W. 8th Street; EDWARD COLLINS, 220 N.W. 8th Avenue, and ROY HARGRAVES, 4170 S.W. 8th Street, aboard.

The article stated that after the fire started, FELIPE VIDAL, 2293 N.W. 7th Street, in his boat, the RUBIO, came alongside the FOUR JAYS and attempted to lift the trio to safety.

The article stated that COLLINS said Mrs. CHAPELL hired him and HARGRAVES to take her on a cruise of the area.

Mrs. CHAPELL was described as a freelance journalist from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who was arrested.
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on October 21, 1963 with 21 members of an anti-CASTRO group, apparently headed for Cuba.

MM T-1 on January 8, 1963, advised that the previous evening, CHAPELL, HARGRAVES and COLLINS stated they were going to go on a military mission to Cuba, and had with them a 55 calibre anti-tank gun which the previous day was hidden at the house of VIDAL SANTIAGO.

CHAPELL, HARGRAVES and COLLINS indicated they were at sea in a 22' boat when it exploded and caught fire. VIDAL was on another boat close by and came to rescue them. CHAPELL indicated the United States Coast Guard found some papers for either the RUBIO or the FOUR JAYS, but actually the papers were false, and the boat does not exist as a registered boat.

MM T-1 advised that JUDE (Last Name Unknown), is a sister-in-law of GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, and JUDE is associated with HARGRAVES and COLLINS. JUDE claimed that HEMMING was the instigator of this would-be military mission, but would not personally participate in it. CHAPELL had several expensive cameras on the FOUR JAYS when it sunk and is now complaining about the loss of her photographic equipment. She further stated that prior to the departure of the FOUR JAYS, it was hidden at some unidentified location for three days, and she spent three days with the boat prior to its departure.

MM T-1 explained that some months ago, Comandos L, an anti-CASTRO organization, had bombs and explosives stored at CHAPELL's residence at Hialeah, Florida. This equipment was lost when United States Customs agents...
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raided her residence and seized the bombs and explosives. The Comandos L planned a military mission against Cuba, and when the mission started to leave Miami on October 21, 1963, United States Customs agents seized four boats, along with miscellaneous arms and munitions belonging to Comandos L. CHAPELL was one of the persons on one of the boats. 

MM T-1 said CHAPELL apparently was interested in exclusive news stories about Cuban exile groups, and has donated money to certain action groups in return for an opportunity to go along on a mission.

HARGRAVES and COLLINS are American mercenaries and soldiers of fortune who have been associated with Cuban exile groups for the past two years.

MM T-1 described DICKEY CHAPELL as:

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