

M E M O R A N D U M

January 24, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON
FROM: DETECTIVES LESTER OTILLIO AND DOUGLAS WARD
SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES WHILE ON INVESTIGATION IN MIAMI AREA

On Tuesday, January 17, 1967, at 10:00 A. M., the above officers met State Attorney, Richard Gerstein, and discussed our operation with him. Gerstein advised that his special investigator, whom he trusted emphatically, would be at our disposal, and he would assist us in completing all phases of the investigation. At the time of the meeting with Gerstein, Special Investigator, Martin Dardis, was already in Ft. Lauderdale and had already begun checking several beach towns for "Bugs Bunny."

At the time we were waiting to meet with Dardis, we inquired as to the possibilities of obtaining a cross reference book (Red Book) of the greater Miami area. We were informed that it is impossible to purchase or obtain a copy of this type book as they are leased to various departments and each department is responsible for same. The name of the company who publishes the book is Bresser's, Inc. These books may be obtained by contacting Bresser's, Inc., 624 N.E. 79th Street, Miami, Florida, Phone 757-6787. The book leases for \$80.00 per year of the greater Miami area.

We checked all city directories of the Greater Miami area and suburban areas for "Bugs Bunny" and all others and were unable to locate addresses of any important subjects pertinent to this case.

We are now working on obtaining pictures and rap sheets of all persons involved.

Shortly after Noon on this date, we met Mr. Martin Dardis who advised us that he would contact persons whom he knew he could trust in each of the beach towns and marinas connected with the case.

The following day, January 18, we again met with Martin Dardis at the Hall of Justice in Miami. At this time Dardis advised us that he had received an answer to his requests for background information rap sheets and pictures of the original list of names given to us by you.

Below is the original list:

Emanuel Garcia Gonzalez alias L Toro
R. Narvaez
Jose Torres
Emilio Santana
Miguel Torres

Dardis was advised by persons from the various beach towns, with whom he had made contact, that there were no records of any of the above listed subjects.

Please note that some of these beach towns have very small law enforcement agencies which do not handle a large volume of prisoners.

Detectives Ward and Otilio contacted a personal friend of theirs who is assigned to the Detective Bureau of the Miami Beach Police Department. Ward and Otilio knew that the man could be trusted as they have known him for sometime. His name is Detective Walter Sternberg. We requested that he assist us in making a roundup of the aforementioned list of names. Detective Sternberg assisted us in obtaining the pictures which we immediately forwarded to this office. This took up the larger portion of the day.

Wednesday evening, January 18, 1967, we were contacted by Martin Dardis, who advised us that he had made a contact with a man who was very familiar with Cuban refugees as well as the Cuban underworld. Dardis stated that this man could be trusted implicitly, and he also stated worked for a committee out of Washington, D. C. that investigated subversive activities among Cubans. Dardis advised us that he would have a meeting the following day with this contact. Dardis assured Ward and Otilio that Terrabacchio could be trusted and would not discuss this case with any other agency.

On Thursday, January 19, Dardis contacted us and stated that he had met with his contact in a local cemetery, and his contact advised him that he knew a lobster fisherman that knows most all of the Cuban workers in the areas where there are boat marinas. Dardis further stated that if this man (Toro) was an instrument mechanic, and had been employed as such in any of these areas, the lobster fisherman would be able to identify him and assist us in locating him.

Meanwhile, Ward and Otilio set up a meeting through Dardis with his contact, whom we later learned to be Al Terrabacchio, for the following day.

On Friday, January 19, 1967, Ward and Otilio also set up a meeting with a contact on the City of Miami Police Department named Sgt. Mike McCracken whom Dardis stated would assist us in obtaining whatever pictures and data necessary for us to complete this investigation. At two o'clock the same afternoon, Ward met Terrabacchio at the Racquet Club, and discussed the nature of our investigation and showed him pictures of the wanted subject. Assistant District Attorney James Alcock had arrived the night before and was present at this meeting with Ward and Terrabacchio.

Terrabacchio, after viewing the pictures, stated that he recognized one of the faces in the picture and that he believed this man to be a member of the Cuban Student Organization and that he would check with a friend of his, who had at one time belonged to this organization, who would determine whether or not he knew the subject in the picture, or knew how to locate him.

Alcock and Terrabacchio then proceeded to meet Terrabacchio's friend who viewed the picture but could not or would not identify him.

Terrabacchio tried to contact the lobster fisherman at this time, but the fisherman's wife advised him that her husband had not returned. Later in the afternoon, Ward and Otilio met with Sgt. Mike McCracken and explained the nature of their business and asked McCracken's assistance in obtaining pictures and data on the original list of names and also on a new list of names which had been given us by Louis Ivon via long distance telephone. These names are listed below:

Rafeal Molina - Puerto Rican
C. B. Corbitt - possibly American
Raul Andres - 920 E. 41st - Hialeah, Florida
Raul Lopes - 517 W. 15th Street, Hialeah, Florida
El Bravo (alias) - 962 E. 28th Street - Hialeah, Florida
Rolando Robaina - 3623 2nd Terrace - Miami, Florida
El Guapo (alias)
Sergio Arcacha Smith
Efrain (last name only)

McCracken stated that for security measures it would be best if we met with him the following day which was Saturday as all of these offices would be closed. McCracken stated that he could get us into the offices without being seen by anyone, and advised us to dress casually.

On Saturday, January 21, at Noon, Ward and Otilio met with McCracken in Room #109 in Miami Police Department where McCracken assisted them in gaining entrance to a room where pictures of all Cuban and Latin American subjects were listed by aliases and allowed Ward and Otilio to go through these files. After having viewed several hundred photos and having compared with the blown up prints of Patsy, El Toro, and El Bravo, Ward and Otilio pulled a few pictures which were forwarded to this office immediately. At this time the three proceeded to R and I (Record and Identification) where we again checked out both lists of names in an effort to secure pictures and data pertinent to this case and were successful in obtaining some photos and data which were forwarded to this office. Upon returning back to the hotel late Saturday night, we were advised by Jim Alcock that he had received a phone call from Louis Ivon, and that he (Ivon) would further advise as to time and date of our departure.

On Sunday, January 22, 1967, Ivon called and advised that we three should return to New Orleans immediately as of that date. At this time Ward and Otilio contacted Dardis and advised him that we would be leaving Miami. Dardis assured Ward and Otilio that he and his contacts would continue their efforts to locate the two outstanding figures, El Toro and El Bravo, and that he would keep us advised should any information turn up which might be pertinent to this investigation.

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