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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Marcos Jose DIAZ Lanz

DPOB 1928, Cuba

OCC: 1959 - Deputy Chief of Rebel Air Force,
Brother of Pedro who was Chief of FAR

April 1959 report states that Marcos and Pedro DIAZ Lanz were scheduled to be eliminated by Maj. Raul CASTRO Ruz, Commander in Chief of Cuban Armed Forces.

18 July 1959 cable from Hqs. to Havana, states that a [Dick O'Connell]⁰⁴ connected with [Cummings Diesel Co.]²⁹ and stringer for [Havana Times]²⁹ contacted Messrs. [James Byers]⁰⁴ and [Craig Williams]⁰⁴, American friends of DIAZ Lanz brothers, Miami 17 July. [O'Connell]⁰⁴ brought note from Marcos DIAZ addressed to Frank FIORINI requesting that he and Sergio DIAZ arrange escape from Cuba of Marcos. [Byers]⁰⁴ and [Williams]⁰⁴ cleared CIA contacts, agreed to withhold note from FIORINI pending CIA decision on the matter. Hqs. desired to assist Marcos' escape. [Byers]⁰⁴ and [Williams]⁰⁴ were sent to Havana on 18 July to act as cutout to Station on op. They were met by Dave MORALES. [Byers]⁰⁴ and [Williams]⁰⁴ made arrangements in Havana for Marcos' evacuation from Cuba in disguise. Arrangements were made to transfer Marcos to intermediary, Bernard BARKER, who would take him to Havana Station safehouse. Marcos safely arrived in Tampa, Fla. on July 59 and went to Miami on 29 July where he was under supervision of Mr. Bernard Reichhardt.

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19 July 59 cable from Havana to Hqs. requested that FIORINI not be made witting under any circumstances of planned evacuation of Marcos since he was considered by Havana Station to be untrustworthy.

7 August 59 Memo for Record by ⁰³[Tom Flores] reported that Marcos DIAZ had moved in with Frank FIORINI. ⁰³[Flores] told Reichhardt that the Agency did not propose to do any operational work with FIORINI and that it would be necessary for him to be cut out of any activities undertaken by CIA in support of three Cubans who were planning ops against Castro. Reichhardt said that it would be difficult since the three Cubans were fond of FIORINI and trusted him completely. (See DBA 43686, 21 June 63 in Pedro' file saying that Pedro did not consider FIORINI trustworthy.)

UNWA-9, August 59, concerning the above three who planned ops against Cuba. Originator of dispatch said that he cautioned the three about security; that they should not discuss with anyone else their plans and should tell the writer (Patrick I. KARNLEY) if they did. KARNLEY stated "however, there is a close and apparently unshakeable relationship with people like Frank FIORINI and other people with whom they were close during the revolution. I have repeatedly cautioned them about FIORINI specifically and they have always responded by recognizing that FIORINI is a threat in that he talks too much. But as and if we proceed with this group, it has to be done with the expectation that FIORINI and others are going to be frequently around this group and we will have only the word of these people that he and others are not being informed of their activities."

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22 September 1959 Memo for the Record by [Tom Flores] ⁰³ On 16 Sept. he (Reichardt) discussed with [Flores] ⁰³ matters including SANJENIS. Reichardt called [Flores] ⁰³ and asked for information on SANJENIS. According to Reichardt, LORIE says that he (SANJENIS) was fired from the DIER for anti-Communist activities and was expected to arrive in Miami the previous night. LORIE was worried about SANJENIS because of the latter's previous post as No. 2 man in the DIER. (The Cuban card confirms that he held the latter post.)

UMWA-37, 15 Oct 59: "The FBI recently informed me (Patrick I. KARNLEY) that a source had reported to them that Marcos and Frank FIORINI had been making the rounds of arms dealers getting prices for a fairly sizeable amount of small arms. Marcos made no mention of this so I did not bring it up with him. FBI document dated 1 Oct 59 states that FIORINI, former Capt. in the FAR, was at that time an associate of Marcos DIAZ Lanz.

4 Mar 60 cable from Mexico City, states that Marcos was souring on the U.S. Marcos said that he was milked of information by the U.S. intelligence organizations and tossed aside.

12 March 60 Mexico City cable. Marcos told U.S. Consul his manner of entry into U.S. and that the entire op was handled by CIA including false Puerto Rican documentation.

7 Apr 60 FBI document. Pedro and Marcos and two others made a prop leaflet dropping run over Havana 21 Oct 59. Marcos said that he helped print the pamphlets on a printing

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press located at the residence of Frank FIORINI, an American citizen 2080 SW 60th Court, Miami, Fla.

12 May 60 cable from Miami to Hqs. states that there was a report by local agencies that a force of men, believed to be circa 100, was being formed by DIAZ Lanz under supervision of Frank FIORINI. It was known that FIORINI had been giving field training to small units on the far outskirts of Miami toward the Everglades. FBI information dated 5 July 62 states that FIORINI was involved with the DIAZ Lanz brothers preparing for bombing and leaflet dropping raid over Cuba.

15 Apr 63 - ISRM No. 8521 - Marcos was dropped without prejudice from Dept. of Army.

May 63 Marcos and FIORINI were discussing anti-Castro activity. (Reporting from AMCLATTER-1 - Bernard BARKER - who obtained it from FIORINI.) BARKER said that Jack Anderson was very friendly with DIAZ brothers and was expected in Miami on 3 May 63.

11 June 63 report from BARKER, from FIORINI, who spoke with Marcos DIAZ. Marcos asked FIORINI to participate in the raid. Marcos said that his group had not only received the green light from CIA but also its active assistance in that most of the weapons, equipment and money the ops would be carrying into Cuba were furnished by CIA. The CIA was also providing twin 50 caliber machine guns for mounting on the mopy and ammunition for Pedro's 57 MM recoilless rifle..

29 July 63: BARKER reporting from FIORINI. Marcos and FIORINI left Miami for leaflet raid on Havana but were stopped by FBI, thus the trip was aborted.

27 July 63 FIORINI and Pedro were planning an air raid

on Havana for 28 July. The plane was to have a large quantity of Spanish language prop leaflets containing prop attacking the U.S. Administration, the CIA, and Manuel ARTIME. After dropping leaflets the plane was to drop bombs and return to the U.S. FIORINI was to be co-pilot.

3 Nov 64 Marcos talked freely of election results in U.S. which already assured President's (Johnson) victory. Called President SOB. Said they would have to go into street and fight since they could not accept President's government. Did not clarify "they" but it was reported obvious that he was referring to minutemen. Marcos said U.S. would be far better off if President were dead. (NAVE 4643)

On 4 Apr 67 POA on Marcos was cancelled. (Saw nothing in file indicating clearance had been requested or granted.)

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