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SUBJECT	Plans of the Movimiento Democrático Cristiano (MDC) to Attack the Radar Installations at Cabo de San Antonio and to Destroy the Refrigeration Machinery at the Fishing Cooperative in Dimas, Pinar del Rio Province	DATE OF REPORT	11 August 1965
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1. (Summary: The Movimiento Democrático Cristiano (MDC, Christian Democratic Movement) had two raid plans on file in July 1965, which were scheduled to be directed against Cuban targets sometime in the future. Operation Maceo involves a naval attack against the radar installations at Cabo de San Antonio on the Peninsula of Guanahacabibes, while Operation Machete is to be directed against the destruction of the refrigeration equipment at the fishing cooperative in Dimas, Pinar del Rio Province.)
2. In late July 1965 members of the MDC had two raid plans on file - Operation Maceo and Operation Machete, which they were planning to direct against Cuban targets sometime in the future. A third plan, Operation Cacahual, which involved an attack on the distillery at Santa Cruz del Norte, Bayama Province, aborted on 26 July when an alleged United States Navy vessel sighted the VICKY I, a V-23, an MDC craft, about 30 miles from the Florida coast and subsequently intercepted the craft and her crew.
3. Operation Maceo involves a naval attack against the radar installations at Cabo de San Antonio (N 21-51, W 84-57) on the Peninsula of Guanahacabibes, while Operation Machete is to be directed against the destruction of the refrigeration equipment at the fishing cooperative in Dimas (N 22-29.30, W 84-14.00), Pinar del Rio Province. The operations require the use of the following three craft: the BERNARDO II, a mother ship whose real name is believed to be the PUNCHINCHIA, which is usually berthed at the

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docks of Teofilo Babun's Antillean Marine Shipping Corporation, 3050 NW North River Drive, Miami; the VICKY I, which is normally anchored at the Crandon Park Marina on Key Biscayne; and an RB-12, a rubber raft equipped with an 18-horsepower engine.

4. Operation Maceo will require the use of ten men, five of whom are scheduled to be aboard the BERNARDO II and five aboard the VICKY I. This operation will involve the following checkpoints:

Point A: N 24-35.00, W 82-56.00
Point B: N 22-38.00, W 84-37.00
Point C: N 22-04.00, W 85-07.30
Point D: N 21-51.00, W 84-57.00.

5. The following is the itinerary in local time of the 206-mile trip that is to be made in 22 hours and 23 minutes by the BERNARDO II and the VICKY I:

0237 - Depart from Dry Tortugas and cruise at eight knots for the 147-mile trip to Point B
2100 - Arrive/Depart from Point B and cruise at 15 knots for the 45-mile trip to Point C
2400 - Arrive/Depart from Point C and cruise at 15 knots for the 14-mile trip to Point D
0100 - Arrive at Point D
0115 - Depart from Point D

The BERNARDO II, after having towed the VICKY I to Point B, will depart immediately for the rendezvous point - Point A in the Dry Tortugas.

6. The MDC members intend to take with them one 57-mm recoilless rifle with two cases of projectiles, one 30-caliber machine gun with 1,000 rounds of ammunition, two 7.62-mm FAL rifles designated for NATO use with 1,000 rounds of ammunition, and 10 fragmentation grenades. They will open fire on the radar installation at a point about 300 to 500 meters away from the target.
7. Operation Machete calls for the use of 12 men, four of whom are scheduled to be aboard the BERNARDO II, three aboard the VICKY I and five aboard the RB-12. This operation will involve the following check points:

Point A: N 24-34.30, W 82-56.00
Point B: N 23-00.00, W 83-58.00
Point C: N 22-34.00, W 84-19.00
Point D: N 22-29.00, W 84-14.00.

8. The following is the itinerary in local time of the 145½-mile trip that is to be made in 16 hours and 45 minutes by the craft:

0515 - Depart from Dry Tortugas and cruise at eight knots for the 109-mile trip to Point B
1855 - Arrive at Point B
1955 - Depart from Point B and cruise at 15 knots for the 30-mile trip to Point C
2155 - Arrive/Depart from Point C and cruise at six knots for the six and one-half mile trip to Point D

2300 - Arrival at Point D of the VICKY I

2400 - Departure from Point D of the VICKY I

0105 - Rendezvous/Departure of the VICKY I with
the RB-12

0305 - Arrival/Departure from Point B of the BERNARDO II,
the VICKY I and the RB-12

9. For Operation Macheto, the MDC members intend to take with them one 57-mm recoilless rifle with two cases of projectiles, two 7.62-mm FAL rifles designated for NATO use with 800 rounds of ammunition, three M-3 submachine guns, one 30-caliber machine gun with 1,000 rounds of ammunition, five 45-caliber pistols with 1,000 rounds of ammunition, five commando knives, 12 hand grenades - six fragmentation and six phosphorous, 60 pounds of C-4 explosive, and time fuses. In addition, they plan to take five canteens, five olive-green uniforms, five pairs of boots, and three metascopes.
10. The RB-12 will be launched at Point C by the VICKY I and will then proceed immediately with the commando group and equipment to the target area. At 200 meters from the coast a frogman will leave the raft and proceed to the coast, where he will reconnoiter the area. After the frogman transmits an all-clear signal to the raft, the remaining four men will paddle the raft to the coast. While two men remain in the raft and keep watch, the other three men will proceed along the 50-meter stretch to the fishing cooperative and place the charges in the refrigeration machinery. The raft will then proceed to Point C where the five-man crew will rendezvous with the VICKY I.
11. The BERNARDO II will be about 30 miles from the coast while the refrigeration machinery is being mined, and will remain at Point B for the VICKY I. If the rendezvous takes place on schedule, both craft will proceed to their operation base. However, if by 0300 the craft have not rendezvoused, the BERNARDO II and the VICKY I will proceed independently to the alternate point of rendezvous, the Cosgrove Shoal Light in the Marquesas Islands.
12. In the case of both operations, the BERNARDO II will communicate by radio telephone every two hours with the base, except during the final four hours of navigation before approaching the target areas.
13. In the event that any of the personnel are intercepted and captured "by the enemy," they are to declare that they are all members of the military section of the MDC and are discharging their duties in line with their mission, which is in support of the free Cubans who are fighting as small, organized guerrilla units in the hills of Cuba.
 1. Field Comment: See TDCSDB-315/02530-65, dated 27 July 1965, and TDCSDB-315/02538-65, dated 28 July, for information on Operation Cacahual and the inability of the MDC to effect a raid on the distillery.