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DETONATING DEVICE AN - M ONE TWO THREE IS A CHEMICAL LONG DELAY
DETONATOR AND CAN BE DETONATED WITHIN TIME PERIOD OF ONE TO ONE
HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR HOURS.

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[IP FIVE TWO - S ACQUAINTED WITH ALL ACTIVITIES OF MIRR IN
TAMPA AREA ADVISES ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, AKA "ERNESTO", ALLEGED
HEAD OF "CUBAN POWER" HAS NOT BEEN IN TAMPA AREA FOR OVER ONE YEAR;
HOWEVER, MARCELINO GARCIA AND EDUARDO MAURI, REPRESENTATIVES OF
MIRR IN MIAMI, ARRIVED TAMPA MAY NINETEEN LAST TO ATTEND CUBAN

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MIKAGESAN MARU, GALVESTON, TEXAS, JUNE ONE,

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, CHS - FIRING OR TAMPERING

WITH VESSEL, OO+ HOUSTON.

USCG, TAMPA, ADVISED TODAY, RECEIVED CALL

FROM LT. (JG) MILLER, USCG, CAPTAIN OF PORT,

GALVESTON, TEXAS, WHO INFORMED CAPTIONED VESSEL

HAD AN EXPLOSION IN RUDDER POST AREA ABOUT THREE

FIFTY PM, SATURDAY, JUNE ONE LAST

FOR INFORMATION HOUSTON, TAMPA INVESTIGATION

CASH ENTITLED, "UNSUB; EXPLOSION ABOARD JAPANESE

FREIGHTER, "ASAKA MARU" TAMPA, FLA., MAY THIRTY,

NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT", SAME CHARACTER*, WHEREIN

SIMILAR EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN RUDDER POST AREA,

CAUSING ESTIMATED DAMAGE OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND

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AT THREE FIFTEEN PM, JUNE ONE, LAST. AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION, THE SHIP WAS IN THE PROCESS OF LOADING COTTON AND THE COTTON WAS BEING PLACED IN HOLES ONE TWO AND THREE WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE FORWARD SECTION OF THE VESSEL.

HE STATED AT THREE FIFTEEN PM, JUNE ONE, LAST, A LOUD NOISE OCCURRED IN THE AFT PART OF THE VESSEL AND THE CHIEF MATE OF THE VESSEL CLAIMED HE THEN OBSERVED WHITE AND GRAYISH SMOKE AT THE REAR PART OF THE VESSEL AFTER THE EXPLOSION.

MILLER STATED HE OBSERVED THE DAMAGE TO THE VESSEL FROM THE EXPLOSION AND NOTED ONE OF THE STEEL PLATES OF THE HULL OF THE VESSEL LOCATED AT THE STOCK AND SHAFT OF THE RUDDER OF THE VESSEL HAD BEEN BLOWN INWARD AND THAT A SMALL PORTION OF THE PLATE HAD BEEN BLOWN DOWNWARD. HE STATED THE DAMAGED PLATE IS ABOUT THREE AND A HALF FEET - FOUR FEET IN LENGTH AND ABOUT ONE AND A HALF FEET WIDE. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND NO FIRE OCCURRED FROM THE EXPLOSION AND THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE

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PIER OR OTHER PARTS OF THE VESSEL. HE STATED THERE WAS NO CHEMICAL OR EXPLOSIVE TYPE OF CARGO ABOARD THE VESSEL AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION. HE ADVISED THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN THE RUDDER AREA ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT FEET ABOVE THE WATER OF THE CHANNEL. HE ADVISED THE ONLY CARGO NEAR THE DAMAGED PLATE WAS WATER TANKS CONTAINING WATER USED BY THE SHIP PERSONNEL.

HE ADVISED THE ONLY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE EXPLOSION WAS TO THE STEERING MECHANISM, BUT THE VESSEL WITH ASSISTANCE OF TUGS, LEFT GALVESTON JUNE TWO, LAST AND WENT TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, WHERE THE VESSEL IS NOW LOCATED AT PIER TWO ONE. MILLER STATED HE OBTAINED A SMALL PORTION OF THE DAMAGED PLATE AND ANOTHER SMALL PIECE OF METAL WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE PART OF THE VESSEL'S HULL. HE ADVISED HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT CAUSED THE EXPLOSION.

HE STATED HE HAD LEARNED THROUGH CONTACT WITH THE U. S. COAST GUARD IN FLORIDA THAT ANOTHER JAPANESE VESSEL, THE
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"ASAKA MARU" HAD A SIMILAR INCIDENT AT TAMPA, FLORIDA, ON
MAY THIRTY, LAST AND THIS VESSEL, TOO, HAD PREVIOUSLY SAILED
FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA. HE ADVISED THAT THIS VESSEL IS PRESENTLY
BEING TOWED TO MOBILE, ALABAMA.

TAMPA AT TAMPA, FLORIDA. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, ASCERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES RE DAMAGES TO THE "ASAKA MARU".

MOBILE AT MOBILE, ALABAMA. WILL UPON ARRIVAL OF THE
"ASAKA MARU", INTERVIEW SHIP PERSONNEL FOR ALL PERTINENT
INFORMATION.

MIAMI AT MIAMI, FLORIDA. WILL OBTAIN ALL PERTINENT
INFORMATION REGARDING "MIKAGESAN MARU" AND "ASAKA MARU" WHILE
THEY WERE DOCKED AT MIAMI AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ANY SUSPECTS.

HOUSTON AT HOUSTON, TEX. WILL AT PIER TWO ONE, INTERVIEW
SHIP PERSONNEL OF THE "MIKAGESAN MARU" FOR ALL PERTINENT
INFORMATION AND EXAMINE DAMAGED AREA OF VESSEL. P

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