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Reference is made to previous communications concerning the captioned anti-Castro organization. U

MI-5 (describe as a confidential source abroad) on November 6, 1968, furnished the attached report concerning the arrest of Frank Fiorini and his associates in British Honduras. The pertinent portions of the data should be incorporated in the next report submitted by your office and the MI-5 data carefully paraphrased to further protect the source. (C)

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(Secret Army Organization of  
the International Anti-Communist  
Brigade)

*W. Wrennall*  
*J. Nardca*  
*100-769-7(S)*

Please refer to your memorandum  
15889 of 8th October, 1968 and our subsequent  
conversations about the arrest of 13 persons,  
believed to be U.S. citizens, in British Honduras.

2. I now enclose a note from my  
colleague in Kingston, Jamaica, which may be  
of interest to you.

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ARREST OF 13 ARMED MEN IN BRITISH HONDURAS

Five of these men including FIORINI were arrested on board a yacht called the "Amigo" in Belize Harbour on 24th October. The "Amigo" is a privately owned boat from Progreso on the northern Yucatan coast of Mexico. There was also on board a crew of a captain and one other both of whom are Mexican citizens who had been forced against their will to take the boat down the Yucatan and British Honduras coastline. The five men including FIORINI all claimed to be U.S. citizens. Following information provided by the two crew members, another eight men who also claimed to be U.S. citizens were picked up on a small cay off the British Honduras coast together with a small quantity of arms and ammunition. All thirteen men have been charged as being "prohibited immigrants" which the Police consider to be the relevant charge under British Honduras law.

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2. FIORINI was identified by a Special Branch officer from a photograph in a newspaper clipping found in his possession. He originally gave the name Frank BONELLI. He subsequently admitted that he was in fact FIORINI. Identification of some of the others is still in doubt as it is suspected that they have provided false names and particulars. However, one of them has admitted to being Max GORMAN @ Maximillian GONZALEZ. Others who have probably been correctly identified are:-

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Mickey Roland SAPP  
James Walter WELLS  
James Edward HOLTSHAUSER

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The names provided by the remainder were:-

Charles Orr CONNELL  
Robert CURTIS  
Herbert John TENDER  
Charles William JAMES  
Richard Gale BROWN  
Franklin Delano HOLBERT  
Ernest Ray MANNING

3. Four of the thirteen were interviewed in Special Branch on 29th October and the following conclusions were reached as a result of these interviews:-

(a) FIORINI stated that he was named Frank FIORINI at birth and changed his name legally in Norfolk, Virginia some years ago to Frank Anthony STURGIS following the remarriage of his mother. FIORINI gave the impression of being a professional "con" man who is prepared to tell whatever story suits him. He was in charge of the party and may have been the only one who knew precisely where they were going. He claims that after meeting two other boats east of the isles of Turneffe it was their intention to join the two boats dispensing with the "Amigo" and then proceeding to Cuba. However, among the possessions of the five men on board the yacht was found a map of the Caribbean with three pencilled arrows pointing towards the northern coast of Honduras. The arrows had been drawn carelessly and did not indicate any particular places on the coast.

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- (b) FIORINI and GORMAN @ GONZALEZ are long standing members of the Secret Army Organisation of the International Anti-Communist Brigade. The man HOLBERT seems to have acted as a recruiting agent for FIORINI.
- (c) Recruitment to the Organisation was carried out by newspaper advertisements in the Florida area and by personal contacts. FIORINI seems to have been the main figure in this insofar as these particular men were concerned.
- (d) Apart from FIORINI, GONZALEZ and possibly HOLBERT, the members of this particular group appear to be of fairly low calibre. They were probably attracted by the prospects of money and adventure and some of them would probably have been equally attracted to a purely criminal venture.
- (e) They had all been promised by FIORINI substantial payment in return for their services but those interviewed claimed that they had in fact been paid nothing up to date.
- (f) The arms they were carrying were in some cases the personal property of members of the group who had carried them with them from Florida.
- (g) Certain members of the party crossed the U.S./Mexican border carrying these firearms.
- (h) All members of the party probably crossed the U.S./Mexican border by road at Brownsville, Texas.
- (i) The Organisation clearly has some funds available to it, but FIORINI's claim to have fifteen million U.S. dollars in Switzerland for aid to political prisoners is more likely to be false than true.
- (j) It is reasonably clear that FIORINI and GORMAN @ GONZALEZ intend to continue their anti-Castro activities.

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