

Memorandum Belmont to Boardman  
Re: Gerold Lester Murphy  
105-55574

made by Dominicans, through Baron or otherwise, to "plant" evidence in Cuba to support allegation Murphy landed there 3-13-56. From our extensive investigation in this case all indications point to Murphy's having flown from New York City to the Dominican Republic on 3/12-13/56 carrying Galindez as a passenger.

OBSERVATIONS:

Possibility that Dominicans may attempt to plant false evidence of Murphy's having landed in Cuba on the day following the abduction of Galindez is definitely worth considering. As pointed out above, Ernst detailed a special investigator to visit Havana in February and from various conversations involving Dominican officials and Ernst in the past, it appears Ernst and Dominicans have attached significance to Schwartz's trip to Cuba. Moreover, it is noted that, as reported in the press, the Cuban Government of Batista has recently received arms and ammunition from Dominican Government in order to help Batista to quell Cuban rebels headed by Fidel Castro. It is quite possible that Batista may have agreed to assist Dominicans in "muddying the waters" regarding Galindez-Murphy case in return for this assistance.

ACTION:

(1) Attached for your approval is a cable to Legat, Havana, calling attention to possible collusion between Cubans and Dominicans to rig evidence of Murphy's having landed in Cuba 3-13-56. Legat is being instructed to maintain close and periodic contact with all logical sources in order that he will become aware of any such scheme.

(2) Also attached for your approval is a letter to State Department, copies to Central Intelligence Agency, Internal Security Division of the Department and Criminal