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search warrant seized 2,400 pounds of dynamite and 20 bomb cases at Lacombe, Louisiana. This material was located at the property of WILLIAM J. McLANEY and was located by M. J. McLANEY, Miami Beach gambler and brother of M. J. McLANEY, who operated a casino in the Nacional Hotel, Havana, Cuba.

Investigation determined that this dynamite was purchased at Collinsville, Illinois, by RICH LAUCHLI for VICTOR ESPINOSA, who was involved in the June 14, 1963, seizure of dynamite. ESPINOSA transported the dynamite to New Orleans in a rented trailer. Also involved in this seizure were MIGUEL ALVAREZ and SAM BENTON, a Miami, Florida private detective.

SAM BENTON, who is personally acquainted with SAM BENTON and RICH LAUCHLI, advised that SAM BENTON has been involved in the past with Cuban revolutionary groups in plans to sink yachts to obtain insurance funds for personal use.

Information advised on June 14, 1963, RICH ALBERT LAUCHLI of Collinsville, Illinois, recently arrived in Miami, Florida, in a Ford station wagon with a load of items for American adventurers and mercenaries. CERAID PATRICK HEMING, JR., and FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS took LAUCHLI around

to meet the different Cuban exile leaders in Miami. LAUCHLI subsequently sold a .57 mm recoilless rifle to a Japanese machine gun to American mercenary RENE GARANZA, two automatic rifles and a French gun to RENE PONT of Comandos L, and miscellaneous other equipment to other organizations.

It was explained that when LAUCHLI arrived in Miami in June of 1963, his station wagon contained .50 caliber RECEIVED FROM MAY 1976 DOD.