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UNSLDS; BOMBING OF CUBANA AIRLINES DC-8 NEAR BARBADOS, WEST INDIES, OCTOBER 6, 1976. NEUTRALITY MATTERS- CUBA - WEST INDIES. ~~(MIAMI FILE 2-469)~~

~~CHILBOM. PEO. MURDER. ZIB. OOJ. (MIAMI FILE 185-76).~~

ON NOVEMBER 1, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT ON OCTOBER 23-24, 1976, RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE, COMISARIO IN CHARGE OF SECTION D54, A COUNTERINTELLIGENCE SECTION OF DISIP (VENEZUELAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE), FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO SOURCE:

SOME PLANS REGARDING THE BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINES AIRPLANE WERE DISCUSSED AT THE BAR IN THE ANAUCO HILTON HOTEL IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA, AT WHICH MEETING FRANK CASTRO,

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GUSTAVO CASTILLO, LUIS POSADA CARRILES AND MORALES NAVARRETE WERE PRESENT. THIS MEETING TOOK PLACE SOMETIME BEFORE THE BOMBING OF THE CUBANA AIRLINES DC-8 NEAR BARBADOS ON OCTOBER 6, 1976.

FRANK CASTRO IS A LEADER OF CORU, THE ANTI-CASTRO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR SEVERAL BOMBINGS. GUSTAVO CASTILLO IS ONE OF THREE PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ATTEMPTED KIDNAPING OF THE CUBAN CONSUL IN MERIDA YUCATAN ON JULY 23, 1976, AT WHICH TIME THE CONSUL'S BODYGUARD WAS SLAIN. ORESTES RUIZ HERNANDEZ AND GASPAR JIMENEZ WERE APPREHENDED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES BUT CASTILLO EVADED CAPTURE. LUIS POSADA CARRILES HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CUBANA AIRLINES DC-8 BOMBING.

MORALES NAVARRETE TOLD THE SOURCE THAT ANOTHER MEETING TO PLAN THE BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER TOOK PLACE IN THE APARTMENT OF MORALES NAVARRETE IN THE ANUCO HILTON. THIS MEETING WAS ALSO PRIOR TO THE BOMBING OF THE CUBANA AIRLINER ON OCTOBER 6, 1976. PRESENT AT THIS MEETING WERE MORALES NAVARRETE,

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POSADA CARRILES AND FRANK CASTRO. ACCORDING TO MORALES NAVARRETE, AT THIS MEETING THERE WAS SOME DISAGREEMENT AS TO WHO WOULD TAKE PART IN THE VARIOUS PHASES OF THE OPERATION, AND WHO WOULD CLAIM CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING. FRANK CASTRO SAID THE FLNC (NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF CUBA) WOULD TAKE CREDIT.

THE FLNC IS AN ANTI-CASTRO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR SEVERAL BOMBINGS.

MORALES NAVARRETE SAID THAT AFTER THIS MEETING HE HAD NOTHING MORE TO DO WITH THIS MATTER. HE ADDED THAT AFTER THE CABANA AIRLINER BOMBING ON OCTOBER 6, 1976, FRANK CASTRO DID NOT WANT THE FLNC TO CLAIM CREDIT AS HE WAS AFRAID OF REPRISALS BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

MORALES NAVARRETE SAID THAT THE GROUP INVOLVED HAD PREVIOUSLY ATTEMPTED TO BOMB A CUBANA AIRLINER IN PANAMA AND IN JAMAICA.

MORALES NAVARRETE SAID THAT SOME PEOPLE IN THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS AIRPLANE BOMBING, AND THAT IF POSADA CARRILES TALKS, THEN MORALES NAVARRETE AND OTHERS IN

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THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WILL "GO DOWN THE TUBE". HE SAID THAT IF PEOPLE START TALKING "WE'LL HAVE OUR OWN WATERGATE".

MORALES NAVARRETE SAID THAT AFTER THE CUBANA AIRLINER CRASH, HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO TELEPHONED ORLANDO BOSCH FROM TRINIDAD STATING "A BUS WITH 73 DOGS WENT OFF A CLIFF AND ALL GOT KILLED". BOSCH, KNOWING THAT MANY PHONE CALLS ARE TAPPED BY THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT, PRETENDED HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO WAS TALKING ABOUT.

SOURCE SAID THAT IN A CONVERSATION WITH ORLANDO GARCIA VASQUEZ, MINISTER COUNSELLOR ON SECURITY MATTERS TO VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, GARCIA VASQUEZ TOLD SOURCE THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE CUBANA CRASH, GRACIA VASQUEZ TALKED TO CARLOS FABRI, THE BOMB EXPERT FOR DISIP. GARCIA VASQUEZ TOLD FABRI THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO TESTIFY AT ANY TRIAL IN THIS MATTER REGARDING BOMBS AND THEIR COMPONENTS. ACCORDING TO GARCIA VASQUEZ, FABRI BECAME VERY NERVOUS AND GARCIA VASQUEZ TOLD SOURCE HE BELIEVES THAT FABRI EITHER MADE THE BOMB FOR THIS CUBANA BOMBING, INSTRUCTED PERSONS ON HOW TO MAKE IT, OR AT LEAST HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BOMBING.

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GARCIA VASQUEZ MENTIONED THAT THE BOMB ON THE CUBANA AIRLINER WAS ACTIVATED BY A "LAPICERO" (TIME PENCIL).

SOURCE SAID THAT HE ALSO CONVERSED WITH A MEMBER OF THE VENEZUELAN POLICIA TECNICA JUDICIAL (JUDICIAL TECHNICAL POLICE) (PTJ) IN CARACAS. THIS MEMBER, WHOSE NAME SOURCE DOES NOT RECALL, BUT WHO HAS A POLISH NAME, SAID THAT AFTER THE CUBANA AIRLINER CRASHED, THE PTJ KNEW WHO WAS INVOLVED AND THEREFORE WANTED TO HANDLE THE INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER, THE PTJ WAS DENIED THE INVESTIGATION AND DISIP TOOK OVER THE MATTER "TO COVER IT UP". THIS PTJ MEMBER ALSO TOLD SOURCE THAT IF CARLOS FABRI DID NOT MAKE THE BOMB, THEN HE AT LEAST HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATTER.

SOURCE SAID THAT FABRI AND POSADA CARILLES ARE GOOD FRIENDS AND THAT FABRI AND POSADA HAD ACTUALLY BEEN ARRESTED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO BY VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES AFTER IT WAS LEARNED THEY PROVIDED FALSE DOCUMENTATION AND EXPLOSIVES TO DR. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA IN VENEZUELA AT THAT TIME.

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DR. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA IS A FUGITIVE FROM THE U.S., LEADER OF CORU, AND IS IN CUSTODY IN VENEZUELA IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CUBANA AIRLINES BOMBING.

MORALES NAVARRETE TOLD SOURCE THAT ORLANDO BOSCH SAID THAT GUILLERMO NOVO VISITED CHILE IN EARLY 1975 AT WHICH TIME HE VISITED BOSCH. DURING THIS PERIOD, GUILLERMO NOVO MADE CONTACT WITH AN ULTRA-RIGHTWING ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS "PATRIA Y LIBERTAD" (FATHERLAND AND LIBERTY). BOSCH SAID THAT ORLANDO LETELIER'S DEATH WAS THE RESULT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GUILLERMO NOVO AND THE "PATRIA Y LIBERTAD" ORGANIZATION. MORALES NAVARRETE SAID THAT SOME MEMBERS OF "PATRIA Y LIBERTAD" ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF "DINA", A CHILEAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO LEARN FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER.

MORALES NAVARRETE ALSO TOLD SOURCE THAT GUSTAVO CASTILLO AND MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING BOMBINGS IN THE MIAMI, FLORIDA AREA: BOMBING OF THE DOMINICAN CONSULATE ON OCTOBER 6, 1975, BOMBING OF THE DOMINICAN AIRLINES TICKET OFFICE ON OCTOBER 20, 1975; BOMBINGS AT THE BROWARD COUNTY COURT HOUSE ON OCTOBER 10, 1975; AND ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF A

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BAHAMAS AIR AIRLINER AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON NOVEMBER 27, 1975. ACCORDING TO MORALES NAVARRETE, THE ORGANIZATION "YOUTH OF THE STAR", WHICH CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THESE BOMBINGS, IS COMPOSED OF GUSTAVO CASTILLO, GASPAR JIMENEZ, ORESTES RUIZ HERNANDEZ, DUNEY PEREZ ALAMO AND RACIEL RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ WHO IS THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF REINOL RODRIGUEZ, FLNC MEMBER WHO RESIDES IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. THIS GROUP IS GENERALLY INDEPENDENT EVEN THOUGH MEMBERS WILL ACCOMPLISH TERRORIST ACTS FOR THE FLNC OR OTHER CUBAN TERRORIST GROUPS.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT ON OCTOBER 27, 1976, THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED SOME TYPE OF NEWS RELEASE STATING THAT THERE IS NO RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE IN DISP. SINCE THAT TIME, SOURCE HAS TELEPHONED NAVARRETE TO HIS OFFICE AND TO HIS APARTMENT AT THE ANAUCO HILTON IN CARACAS. PERSONS ANSWERING THE PHONE STATE THAT THEY KNOW OF NO RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE NOR DO THEY KNOW OF COMISARIO MOISES (A CODE NAME FOR MORALES NAVARRETE). SOURCE SAID THAT MORALES NAVARRETE TELEPHONED HIS GIRL FRIEND IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, TELLING HER NOT TO PHONE HIM AS "HE DOES NOT

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EXIST". MORALES NAVARRETE SAID HE WOULD TELEPHONE HER INSTEAD. MOST OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS TOLD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE TO SOURCE AND DIVULGENCE OF THIS INFORMATION WOULD IMMEDIATELY PINPOINT THE SOURCE WHO REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION NOT BE DIVULGED OUTSIDE THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. THEREFORE, NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION WHICH COULD COMPROMISE THE SOURCE.

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SOURCE IS RAUL DIAZ, ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU, DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT, WHO TRAVELED TO VENEZUELA ON OCTOBER 22, 1976, IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONVINC MORALES NAVARRETE TO TESTIFY IN THE NOVEMBER 15, 1976 STATE TRIAL OF ROLANDO OTERO FOR NINE BOMBINGS IN MIAMI, INCLUDING THAT OF THE MIAMI FBI OFFICE.

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DIAZ SAID THAT MORALES NAVARRETE SAID THAT THE FLORIDA STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SHOULD REQUEST THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, TO HAVE MORALES SO TESTIFY.

RAUL DIAZ REQUESTED THAT HE NOT BE REVEALED AS THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION, AND AS SET OUT IN THE DETAILS, THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE REVEALED OUTSIDE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IT IS NOTED THAT RAUL DIAZ IS A FRIEND OF MORALES NAVARRETE.

REGARDING PATRIA Y LIBERTAD, THE MIAMI OFFICE OPENED A CASE ON OCTOBER 3, 1973, ENTITLED "PATRIA Y LIBERTAD, IS-CUBA (MIAMI FILE 105-21705) (BUFILE 105-258678)". THIS CASE WAS OPENED WHEN AN INFORMANT OF THE MIAMI OFFICE ADVISED THAT WHEN AN ANTI-CASTRO ORGANIZATION NAMED DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO WAS DISSOLVED IN MIAMI, SOME OF ITS MEMBERS ATTEMPTED TO ORGANIZE A NEW GOUP, PATRIA Y LIBERTAD, WHICH WAS TO BE HEADED BY ALDO VERA SERAFIN. (IT IS NOTED THAT VERA SERAFIN WAS ASSASSINATED IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO ON OCTOBER 25, 1976). THIS CASE WAS CLOSED IN MARCH, 1975, AS INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THIS ORGANIZATION WAS NEVER FORMED. REGARDING BOMBINGS

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COMMITTED BY GUSTAVO CASTILLO AND OTHERS IN THE MIAMI AREA,
AS MENTIONED BY MORALES NAVARRETE, THE MIAMI OFFICE IS
CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION REGARDING THIS AND THE BUREAU WILL
BE ADVISED UNDER APPROPRIATE CASE CAPTIONS.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO
LEGAT, CARACAS.

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