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SUBJECT EFFORTS BY PROMINENT VENEZUELANs TO ENSURE IMPARTIAL
CONSIDERATION OF THE CASE AGAINST CUBAN EXILE LEADER
ORLANDO BOSCH

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1. IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1977 A GROUP OF PROMINENT VENEZUELANs
MET WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ TO DISCUSS THE
CASE AGAINST CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO BOSCH WHO IS
CURRENTLY IMPRISONED IN VENEZUELA IN CONNECTION WITH THE
6 OCTOBER 1976 BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER, AND TO SPEAK IN
BOSCH'S BEHALF, WHILE NOT SOLICITING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

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FOR BOSCH, THEY DID ATTEMPT TO IMPRESS UPON THE PRESIDENT THAT THE CASE SHOULD BE HANDLED UNEMOTIONALLY ON ITS JUDICIAL MERITS. AS PART OF THEIR ARGUMENT THE GROUP REMINDED PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT BOSCH AND HIS FAMILY HAD BEEN HELPFUL TO MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY (AD) WHEN THEY WERE FORCED TO LIVE IN EXILE IN CUBA.

2. PRESIDENT PEREZ ASSURED THE GROUP THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOSE RAMON MEDINA IS FULLY AWARE OF THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE BOSCH CASE. FURTHERMORE, THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT MEDINA IS WORKING WITH THE SUPREME COURT AND OTHER JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES TO EXPEDITE THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOSCH AFFAIR.

3. THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT INCLUDE ANTONIO DIAZ MARTINEZ, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PETROVEN; ANTONIO LEIDENZ, A FORMER MINISTER OF LABOR AND AN AD MEMBER; LUIS ALVARO DOMINGUEZ, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT; AND JOSE VARGAS, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS.

4. (S) DISSEM: EMBASSY, FBI AT CARACAS.

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