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GOVERNMENT CHARGES OF A UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT CUBAN/VENEZUELAN RELATIONS

ACQ: VENEZUELA, CARACAS (5 AUGUST 1977) FIELD NO. [ ] 7628 (S)

SOURCE: A VENEZUELAN BUSINESSMAN FROM A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL  
WITH GOOD ACCESS TO HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS. HE  
IS A FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE.

1. (FIELD COMMENT: ON 31 MARCH 1977 THE GOVERNMENT OF  
VENEZUELA (GOV) RECEIVED AN INFORMAL COMPLAINT FROM THE CUBAN  
EMBASSY IN CARACAS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (USG)  
IS ATTEMPTING TO DAMAGE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CUBAN AND VENE-  
ZUELAN GOVERNMENTS. THE CUBANS SAID THAT THE USG HAD DELIBERATELY  
DIRECTED A FOREIGN NEWSMAN TO CONTACT CUBAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS  
IN AN EFFORT TO EXTRACT INFORMATION AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM  
THEM WHICH COULD BE USED IN AN ARTICLE ON THE 6 OCTOBER 1976 BOMBING  
OF A CUBANA AIRLINER AND THUS ATTEMPTING TO TIE THE GOV WITH )  
CUBAN EXILES. THE CASE WAS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS  
ANDRES P E R E Z ON 1 APRIL. FOR THIS INFORMATION, SEE [ ] 7626, (S)  
TDFIRDB-315/ -77, FROM THE SOURCE OF THIS REPORT.)

2. PRESIDENT PEREZ IS ) CONCERNED BY THE IMPLICATIONS  
OF THE CUBAN CHARGES THAT THE USG IS ATTEMPTING TO DISRUPT  
VENEZUELAN/CUBAN RELATIONS. FURTHERMORE, PEREZ PLANS TO ASK  
THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA FOR A FULL EXPLANATION  
OF THE NEWSMAN'S CLAIMS, AS RELAYED TO PEREZ BY CUBAN EMBASSY

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