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Memo J. G. Deegan to Mr. Gallagher
 RE: UNSUBS; SUSPECTED BOMBING OF
 CUBANA AIRLINES DC-8 NEAR BARBADOS

Barbados
 DETAILS: The "Washington Post" newspaper on Monday, October 25, 1976, contained an article captioned "Suspects in Crash of Cuban Airliner Knew FBI Agent". This article states in part that one of four individuals being held as a suspect in the crash of a Cuban airliner that killed 73 people earlier this month had been in frequent contact with FBI Agent Joe Leo, attached to the U. S. Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela. The individuals named in the article were identified as Luis Posada (a Cuban refugee leader), Orlando Bosch, Hernan Ricardo (a Venezuelan presently confined in Trinidad), and Freddy Lugo (presently confined in Trinidad).

Section Chief J. G. Deegan, Domestic Security Section, requested that Legat Joe Leo, Caracas, be contacted regarding Leo's contact with these four individuals, and in addition, Ricardo Morales Navarrete. ~~SECRET~~ (u)

Legat Joe Leo was telephonically contacted 10/25/76, and he advised that with regard to Hernan Ricardo he first met him in the summer of 1975 regarding a visa matter at the Embassy and since that time has seen Ricardo approximately four times, the last contact being on September 30, 1976. With regard to Luis Posada, Leo advised that he had seen this man twice and had received telephone calls from him on a few occasions regarding visa assistance. He recalled a meeting approximately 1 1/2 months ago with regard to Carlos Bardoni who is in Venezuela and had recently hired two body guards. With regard to Freddy Lugo, he has never had any contact with this individual. With regard to Orlando Bosch, he has had no contact. [With regard to Ricardo Morales Navarrete, who is presently a Section Chief within DISIF (Venezuelan Intelligence), he would consider him as a liaison contact with whom Leo has contact on a daily basis, the last contact having been on 10/24/76.] ~~SECRET~~ (u)

Legat Leo advised that at no time has he paid any of these individuals. ~~SECRET~~ (u)

Legat Leo advised he will submit a teletype confirming the above information.

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