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25 August 1976

<u>S E C R E T</u>

Mr. Joseph A. Marion, Jr., c/o United States Embassy, Ottawa, Ontario.

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Re: Ejercito Secreto de Cuba (Secret Army of Cuba) - U.S.A.

Recently several Canadian establishments, public and private, at home and abroad have received letters post marked Miami, Florida, U.S.A. The letters contain the words EJERCITO SECRETO DE CUBA written near a red triangle with a white star in the centre. It is felt that this is the work of an Anti-Castro Cuban Exile (ACE) terrorist or terrorist group and is meant as a warning to those who receive it.

2. We have had the writing analysed by our handwriting expert, Sgt. Robert FAWCET, from the R.C.M.P. Crime Detection Laboratory and he states that the addresses on the front of the three envelopes we have at this headquarters were written by the same person.

3. We would appreciate any data you may have regarding a group calling itself the Secret Army of Cuba (SAC) presumed to be operating out of Miami. We are attaching photocopies of each letter and its contents for your perusal and information.

Yours truly, M.S. Sexsmith

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OUR NO. 76WLO-15-83 (B)

14 September 1976

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To:

The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

From:

Superintendent H. W. Brandes, RCMP Liaison Officer

Re:

EJERCITO SECRETO DE CUBA (SECRET ARMY OF CUBA - USA)

This is further to my Headquarters' letter dated August 25, 1976 directed to you concerning the captioned organization. At that time we asked you for any data you might have concerning the ESC because of the fact that warning letters had been sent to several Canadian establishments, public and private, at home and abroad.

Recently ESC has come to our attention again and we are speculating that it may be tied in with the <u>UNITED REVOLUTIONARY_ORGANIZATION</u> (URO) headed by <u>Orlando</u> <u>Bosch AVILA</u>, and composed of five anti-Castro Cuban exile (ACE) terrorist groups:

> ACCION CUBANA (AC) FRENTE NACIONAL DE LIBERACION CUBANO (FLNC) MOVIMIENTO NACIONALISTA CUBANO (CNM) BRIGADE 2506 THE 17th OF APRIL MOVEMENT

URO came into being in June 1976 and since that time has claimed responsibility for several terrorist attacks, i.e., the airport bombing in Kingston, Jamaica; the attempted kidnapping of the Cuban Consul in Merida, Mexico, and murder of an official of the Cuban Institute of Fisheries during the attempted kidnapping, as well as the

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bombing of the Guyanese Consulate General in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

We would appreciate any background data you may be able to supply us regarding the URO and ESC, as pertaining to our August 25, 1976 letter directed to you at that time.

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6 October 1976

To: The Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: Superintendent H.W. Brandes RCMP Liaison Officer

Re: EJERCITO SECRETO DE CUBA (ESC)

The Ejercito Secreto De Cuba is believed to be an anti-Castro Cuban exile (ACE) terrorist group operating out of Miami, Florida, and affiliated with the United Revolutionary Organization (URO). The URO is an umbrella organization based in Latin America which came into being when five ACE terrorist groups met in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on 11-12 June 1976. Since its formation under the leadership of Orlando Bosch Avila, the URO has claimed responsibility for several acts of terrorism in the Caribbean and Meso America.

In July 1976, the ESC began sending a logograph (photocopy attached) to several Canadian facilities and businesses in Canada and abroad which appeared to be a warning of some sort. They have also sent the same logograph to the Cuban and Czech Consulates in Montreal. The bulk of the mail sent by the ESC was post-marked Miami, Florida. As of late September, there had been a total of eight such warnings of which we are aware. They were sent to the following:

> Four to Pickford and Black, Halifax, Nova Scotia (shipping agents)

One to the Canadian Consulate General, New York, NY One to the Canadian Consulate General, Boston, Mass. One to the Cuban Consulate, Montreal, Canada One to the Czech Consulate, Montreal, Canada

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> The Director Federal Bureau of Investigation ,

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Inasmuch as it is our view that Canadian posts abroad, in particular in the Meso-American and Caribbean areas, are likely targets for ACE terrorist attacks because of Canada's current policy of rapproachement with Cuba, our Department of External Affairs has been apprised of the activities of the ESC.

We welcome any assessment or comments you may wish to provide concerning this situation.

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