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On (May 23) 1977, (a confidential source, who has (S)
provided reliable information in the past) was interviewed by
Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and he
advised that on (May 18, 1977) he made a telephone call (from (S)
Puerto Rico) to the Cuban Embassy (in Mexico City, Mexico) and (S)
asked for the Vice Counsel. (Source used a previously (S)
arranged statement concerning the status of a visa to signal
the Embassy that he would be traveling (to Mexico City. (Source (S)
stated that) the secretary who handled the call in the Cuban
Embassy (appeared not to recognize the signal and she) simply (S)
told him that the Vice Council was not in the Embassy.

On (May 19, 1977, the source) traveled from San Juan, (S)
Puerto Rico, to Miami, Florida, via Eastern Airlines Flight
Number (938. Source) arrived in Miami at approximately 10 a.m. (S)
(and was met by his business partner, ANTONIO VECIANA. Source (S)
advised VECIANA that he) was going to (Mexico City) to meet (S)
Cuban Intelligence Service (CUISS) Agents and (VECIANA gave (S)
him) copies of "Replica" and "La Verdad" newspapers to furnish
to the CUIS. (Source and VECIANA) traveled to the "Replica" (S)
newspaper office in Miami and (there the source) met an individual (S)
by the name of ALDEREGUIA, who (VECIANA had earlier) reported (S)
(to the source) to be working for Cuban Intelligence. (S)
(Source advised that VECIANA now states that) ALDEREGUIA is (S)
currently working for the Panamanian Government Intelligence.
While at the "Replica" office, (the source) met with MAX LESNIK (S)
and ROGER REDONDO, who according to (the source,) are both (S)
employees of "Replica" newspaper.

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While at the "Replica" newspaper office, (the source (S) was told) that one BERNARDO VELEZ, who is reportedly "one of JIMMY CARTER's people," told MAX LESNIK that he had been told in Washington that ALDEREGUIA was working for the Cuban Government. (Source stated that) it appeared that ROGER REDONDO had told (VECIANA) about ALDEREGUIA's connection with the Panamanian Government. (Source stated that) REDONDO was at one time a (S) Captain in an anti-Batista organization known as the Segunda Frente (Second Front). (Source learned that) ALDEREGUIA is (S) almost always present at the "Replica" newspaper office in Miami, Florida.

(VECIANA requested that the source) tell the CUIS in (S) Mexico City that members of the Coordinacion de Organizaciones (S) Revolucionarias Unidas (Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations) (CORU) frequently come to "The Little Havana" Welfare Office in Miami and that it is believed that CORU gets money from that office. (Source stated that) one RAFAEL (S) VILLAVARDE is currently in charge of that office. (VECIANA (S) stated that) CORU members LEDO, CASTILLO, GASPAS JIMENEZ and OROZCO have been seen at that office. (VECIANA requested (S) that the source also) tell the CUIS that he had heard that ALDEREGUIA is currently working for the Panamanian Government. (In addition, VECIANA asked the source to advise) CUIS that (S) recently ORLANDO BOSCH was interviewed on a radio program and he was encouraging action against the Venezuelan Government. (Source was to further) advise the CUIS that BOSCH, who (S) desired a speedy trial in Venezuela, had gotten word to CORU that if he did not get a trial soon that CORU would take action and place a bomb against some Venezuelan property. This bomb would be designed to cause very little damage and no injury to anyone. If the Venezuelan Government did not act with dispatch regarding a speedy trial for BOSCH, a second bomb would be placed by CORU which would cause considerable damage to Venezuelan property. (Source stated that VECIANA (S) felt that) in light of the BOSCH trial matter, the Cubans might attempt to get the Venezuelan Government to expedite that trial.

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[Source] traveled from Miami, Florida, to Mexico City, Mexico, via Aeronaves Airlines Flight #411 on May 19, 1977, leaving Miami at 3 p.m. and arriving at Mexico City at 5 p.m. Source was met by no one at the airport and went to his room, #503, at the El Diplomatico Hotel in Mexico City. At 7:20 p.m. [source] took one taxi to the middle of town and then another to the assigned meeting place with the CUIS. [Source] stated that this was a maneuver to avoid easy detection of where he was destined. [He stated] that he went to the Metro Stop (Xola) and saw people across the street. [He stated] that he walked through a tunnel and then returned to the center of the sidewalk where he was met by CARLOS, [whom] he had previously met, and another Cuban individual. [Source] stated that CARLOS was wearing a dark jacket, a blue T-shirt under the jacket, dark pants and carrying a small handbag in which there was a gun. Source stated that the other Cuban was a white male, approximately 28 years old, weighing 150, 5'8" tall, and having black hair (worn medium length and parted on the right side which was combed down. This individual who was referred to as RAUL, had no sideburns, no mustache and was wearing white-rimmed glasses. He was dressed with a light jacket, white shirt with a collar, and dark pants. RAUL, although he did not smoke, often had a black cigarette holder in his mouth. He carried nothing in his hands. [Source] believed that CARLOS was the apparent leader of the two.

[Source] advised that his sister from Cuba, AMALIA, did not travel to Mexico City to be with the CUIS during their meet with the source. [Source] was told by CARLOS that they did not want his sister involved in his affairs with the CUIS and, therefore, she did not come to meet him as was previously arranged.

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(Source advised that) RAUL left CARLOS (and the source) (S) and went to pick up an apparently rented car a short distance away. (Source stated that) this car was a 1975 light green two-door Valiant. (Source noted what appeared to be) car rental papers in RAUL's pocket, with the words "Puerto Rico" as part of the rental firm's name. (Upon entering the car, CARLOS stated that they did not want to use a Cuban Embassy Car for these meets for identification reasons. Source stated that they traveled in the automobile for approximately one and one-half hours and went to a Hotel San Miguel in Puebla City. He stated that they traveled out of Mexico City on the Expressway and in Puebla, went off at Reforma Avenue, proceeded two blocks and then right for two blocks. (Source stated that the Hotel San Miguel appeared very run down and third class. He stated that) the CUIS had apparently rented two rooms, one on the ground floor and the other on the first floor, Room #102. (S)

Upon entering the (San Miguel) Hotel, (the source) met a white Cuban male (who was introduced to him as) HECTOR. HECTOR was approximately 45 years of age, 5'6" tall, weighing 185 pounds, having dark eyes and slightly grey black hair, which was combed straight back. HECTOR wore no glasses and had no mustache nor beard. (Source understood HECTOR to be) a television and videotape technician. (CARLOS told source that) HECTOR came from Cuba and worked with the CUIS in Cuba. (Upon entering the ground floor room, the source noted an automatic pistol lying on the bed and he understood that this pistol belonged to HECTOR. (S)

Source advised that up to this point in conversation with RAUL, the latter had talked a lot about the good times that he recently had on a trip to the Soviet Union when he accompanied FIDEL CASTRO there. He stated that the Cuban delegation enjoyed many big parties in Russia and there was an abundance of beer, vodka and Russian women. RAUL felt that the Russian people loved FIDEL CASTRO. Source stated that while enroute to the San Miguel Hotel, CARLOS advised the source that JORGE sends his regards to the source. Source stated that JORGE is "The General," who has previously met with the source on recent meets. (S)

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In the ground floor room of the hotel, the source met another Cuban who was introduced to him as SANTANA. Source described him as a Mulatto, who had Negro features. He is 5'8" tall, weighing approximately 160 pounds, 40 years of age and has black kinky hair. Source stated that SANTANA works for the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. (S)

(While enroute to the San Miguel Hotel) CARLOS (CS) mentioned to the source that the CUIS had wanted to make a videotape of a contact with the source and to later show this only to FIDEL CASTRO and other high-ranking Cuban Government officials. Source agreed to this. Source noted in the room that a videotape camera, which appeared to be a Sony product, was mounted on a tripod on a table and a microphone placed just off to the side of the table. Source stated that the video machine was black and white in color and that he understood the filming would also be in black and white. (S)

(Prior to the videotaping of the source, there had been conversation concerning MANOLO RAY. Source advised that CARLOS told him that while the source's sister was recently in Puerto Rico during January, 1977, RAY had told her that he was interested in meeting the CUIS. RAY had stated at that time that he would be sending a letter to the source's sister in Cuba. Source understood that RAY would be making a meet with the CUIS in the near future. Source stated that it appeared that the CUIS wanted no connection between the source's sister and RAY. Also, in conversation prior to the videotaping, CARLOS advised the source that he had come from Cuba to Mexico City on the evening of May 18, 1977, arriving very late. (CS) (CS)

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(Source advised that prior to the videotaping, RAUL and SANTANA left the room and apparently went upstairs to Room 102 to sleep. Source stated that he sat alone at the table upon which the videotape machine was mounted and CARLOS asked him a list of questions. This taping, in which three reels were used, took one hour and 25 minutes. Source was asked about his family situation in Cuba before FIDEL CASTRO took over. He was asked about his thoughts on the Batista Regime in Cuba. He was asked to comment about his present family situation in and out of Cuba. He was asked about what political movements he had been a member of, and he responded with Alpha 66 and Escambrey. (When questioned about Alpha 66, the source told the interviewer that in 1964) he had helped Cuban exiles and arms to pass through Puerto Rico to Santo Domingo to be used against Cuba. (He stated that during that year he had helped approximately 28 individuals and that all but four of those individuals had returned. He stated that the other four who made it to Cuba were now in Cuban prisons. (Source was asked to give comments about his participation in an assassination attempt of FIDEL CASTRO in Chile in 1971, and the source did. (He was asked to comment on the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY in 1963 and about his contacts and knowledge of ANTONIO VECIANA. The interviewer wanted to know VECIANA's position with the U.S. Embassy in Bolivia in 1971. (He was asked to comment about a Mr. BLAIR and Mr. KAIL, who were reportedly employees of the U.S. Embassy in Cuba during the takeover of the Cuban Government by FIDEL CASTRO. The CUIS suspected these individuals of being associated with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and asked the source that if he knew where they are now and if he had ever contacted them at the U.S. Embassy. Source was questioned about his participation in another assassination attempt of FIDEL CASTRO which took place in 1961 in Havana, Cuba. (Source stated that at that time, VECIANA, BERNARDO PRADRERES (and he) tried to kill FIDEL CASTRO with a Bazooka. (He stated that an apartment was rented on Mission Street in Havana, Cuba, by VECIANA's mother-in-law. (Source stated that they waited nine months for FIDEL CASTRO to appear at a public gathering at the Cuban capitol which was only one block away, but (their operation) had no success. (He stated that PRADRERES had hired two others to fire the Bazooka and (later they reported that) it was too old and not functional. (Source stated that this Bazooka, which was used against BATISTA, had been hidden until the time of the

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aforementioned assassination attempt. (Source added that) the Cuban Government found out about this assassination attempt about two months after the above-mentioned individuals in the plot left the hotel room, because the Bazooka was left in the room.

CARLOS asked (the source) to send a message to FIDEL CASTRO and comment on what he thought about the possibility of renewed relations between the United States and Cuba. Source stated that many Cubans wanted to return to Cuba for family reasons and that many Cuban exiles are still, however, hostile against the FIDEL CASTRO Government. As a message to the Cuban Government, (source stated that) he was sorry that he did everything against CASTRO and that he wanted to come back to Cuba sometime to visit and that he would also like to help the Cuban Government. The interviewer asked (the source) how he felt about working with the CUIS contacts that he had met in recent months and (source reported) favorably about these individuals. (Source was asked to comment about the Cuban Revolution and his working with the CUIS. (Source told the interviewer that things appear to be good in Cuba and that everyone is receiving free education and medical treatment. (Source added that) he has never lived under Communism so he could not make a well considered statement about it. (Source stated in the last segment of the tape) they presented him with large blow-up photographs of photographs (which he had earlier given to them) which concerned an Alpha 66 meeting in Dallas, Texas, in 1963. There appeared in the shots an individual answering description of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. They asked (the source in front of the video machine) to point which individual in the blow-ups could possibly be LEE HARVEY OSWALD. There was no other comment made about these pictures. There were no other questions made (and at that point the videotaping ended.)

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[During the above taping, the source felt that he was very convincing and that he came across as giving honest, forthright responses. He stated that after the taping they showed him approximately 20 to 25 pictures of Cuban exiles and requested that he identify the individuals on the photos. Source stated that these photos were quite old and that several had same names on the back although they were different individuals. The CUIS requested that he identify anyone he could in the group of photos. Source stated that he saw FRANK CASTRO, a current CORU member, among the group of photographs.] (S)

[In conversation after the taping, CARLOS mentioned that CUIS knew that Mr. BISHOP, who was referred to in recent conversation between the source and the CUIS, was an individual with the name of DAVE PHILLY or PHILLIPS (phonetic).] (S)

CARLOS advised that he would ask his superiors for the \$20,000 loan which had been earlier requested by the source. He advised the source that he has not had an opportunity to talk with his superiors about the matter. CARLOS added that he would like to send source to Cuba for three or four days of training and at that time he could meet FIDEL CASTRO and other Cuban Government leaders. It was suggested by CARLOS that the source could travel from Jamaica or Florida in a boat, alone, and the source strongly stated that he would never travel by such a means. The nature of the training was not discussed. CARLOS advised that the CUIS would like him to travel to Florida for a three or four day period and mix with CORU members and VECIANA. (S)

Source advised that during one 15 minute period after the videotaping the electric lights went out and there was some consternation in the room as to what was happening. At this time the source noted that CARLOS had in his possession an automatic pistol. Source advised that he, RAUL and CARLOS, left the room at about 3 a.m. CARLOS took the tapes with him and HECTOR and SANTANA stayed in the room. The source, CARLOS and RAUL traveled approximately one and one-half hours back to Mexico City and at one time, approximate 5 a.m., their car was stopped by a traffic patrolman as they had gone through a red traffic light. CARLOS presented his diplomatic passport and the police officer permitted them to go. RAUL did not bring his passport with him. Source stated that during the trip back to Mexico City, CARLOS stated that he (S)

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greatly disliked the (San Miguel) Hotel and that the only (CS) reason they had used it was that it was a safer meeting place than anywhere (in Mexico City). Upon dropping (the source) off (CS) CARLOS requested him to meet him and others at the (Vaca Negra) Restaurant the following morning at 9:30 a.m. (Source) (CS) stated that this restaurant is located at (Universidad and Pilares Street (close to the (Diplomatico) Hotel). (Source added that this restaurant is also located near the (Comercial Mexicana) Shopping Center. (CS)

At 9:30 a.m. on (May 20) 1977, (source) met CUIS at (CS) the (Vaca Negra) Restaurant and at this point met a Cuban whom (CS) he had not met before. This individual was a white male, approximately 5'10" tall, weighing 160 pounds, having black hair, approximately 48 years of age and not wearing glasses, sideburns nor a mustache. This individual's hair was worn straight back and he was wearing a white Guaybera. (Source) (CS) added that this individual appeared to be a cigarette chain smoker. In addition to this individual, the source met (CAMPOS) (CS) whom he had met on his previous trip to Mexico City. Source described (CAMPOS) as a white male Cuban, 5'6" tall, approximately (CS) 35 years of age, weighing 160 pounds, having long black hair and an employee of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. Source described (CAMPOS) as a rather fat individual. The name (CAMPOSANTO) (CS) was also used in reference to this individual.

(Source advised that) the above-mentioned new (CS) individual appeared to be in command when he, CARLOS and (CAMPOS) met (the source) for breakfast. The new individual (CS) advised (the source) that the CUIS would like to see him (CS) again in Kingston, Jamaica, on August 11) 1977. (He advised (CS) the source) to travel to the (Pegasus Hotel in Kingston) on (CS) that date and that he would be telephonically contacted by the CUIS. (He was) advised by the new individual that if he (CS) had something of an urgent nature to discuss with the CUIS he could either send a cable (to Kingston, Jamaica, or Mexico (CS) City, Mexico. He stated that the cable would advise that (CS) "I'm going to pickup a visa for Dr. MIRANDA PRADO on (given (CS) date)." (The source) was instructed that he would then travel (CS) three days earlier than the date mentioned in the cable. He was further instructed that he could send the cable to either (JUAN CARBONELL, #9 Trafalgar Avenue, New Kingston, Jamaica, to establish a meet in Jamaica, or to PEDRO CAMPO, Presidente Mazarik #554, Colonia Polanco, Mexico 5, D.F., to establish a meet in Mexico. He was advised by the new individual that in case of an emergency meet in Jamaica he could go to the) (CS)

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(Pegasus Hotel in Kingston) and the CUIS would telephonically call him. If such an emergency meet was required in Mexico City, Mexico, source was advised to go to the Metro Station "Viaducto," which is located in front of a movie house. (CS)

(Source was advised) that if the CUIS would like to contact him they would send a cable from a country other than Cuba to the (source's mother, who is currently residing with the source in Puerto Rico, requesting medicine be sent to the source's sister who is a resident of Cuba. (CS)

The new individual advised (the source) that he could be contacted anywhere in the United States or Puerto Rico by one of their agents and that this individual would approach him by saying, "You look like the brother of Dr. MIRANDA PRADO." Source was instructed to retort to the previous statement by saying "Yes, my brother is Dr. ANDRES MIRANDA PRADO. (CS)

During the course of the breakfast (the source) was advised that the Cuban Government wants to help him with his request for a (\$20,000) loan. He was instructed at that time not to do any business with ANTONIO VECIANA and only to keep friendly with him. The CUIS asked (the source) about the current status of GASPAR JIMENEZ and after this the CUIS stated that they would like GASPAR to leave the United States so that they would be able to encounter him. (CS)

The new individual mentioned above asked (the source) if (NENA (MARIA) ACEVEDO, who had resided from 1963 to 1966 on the second floor of (the source's) house in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, had in any way been connected with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. He was questioned about her background. According to (the source, ACEVEDO) had lived with her sister on the second floor of (the source's) home and that both were Cuban exiles and educators. (Source) furnished the CUIS no pertinent information concerning ACEVEDO. He advised only that the two sisters had moved in 1976 to an apartment in Borinquen Towers in Santurce, Puerto Rico, and that NENA currently works at Colegio Puertorricano de Ninos and that the sister works at Ramirez Comercial. Source stated that in 1964 (NENA) was in some way affiliated with Alpha 66. (CS)

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(Source advised that) at this point, CARLOS gave him (S) \$2,000 for his services and expenses and stated that in August, 1977, he would have more money for him. He was (S) advised that on (August 11, 1977) the new individual would (S) be coming to see (the source). The source was told that the CUIS is very happy with the work that he is doing. (S)

(The source advised that he) left the group of CUIS (S) Agents sitting at the table in the restaurant and went directly to his hotel and to the airport. He flew back to San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Eastern Airlines Flight 906 (S) which departed Mexico City at approximately 12:45 p.m. and arrived (S) in San Juan at about 10 O'clock that evening. (S)

Upon termination of the above interview, (the (S) source stated that he) felt that the CUIS trusted him 100% and that they have tried him in the last six months to see if he was honest with them. He added that he did not think the CUIS had very up-to-date or good information concerning the Cuban exiles in the United States. (Source stated that) an example of this is the great (S) appreciation the CUIS has for receiving copies of "Replica" magazine which is so easily purchased in the United States and Puerto Rico.

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