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FELIX ZABALA MAS, IS-CUBA OO: SJ.

REFERENCE SAN JUAN TELETYPE TO BUREAU APRIL 6, 1977.

ON (APRIL 8, 1977, [SUBJECT] WAS INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH AND [S]

FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING: ~~TOP SECRET~~ (S)

[SUBJECT] ADMITTED HIS ACTIVITIES WITH CUBAN GOVERNMENT AND CON-
TACTS WITH CASTRO INTELLIGENCE AGENTS IN [JAMAICA ON OCTOBER 28, (S)
1976, NOVEMBER 8, 1976, AND NOVEMBER 29, 1976, IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA,
ON [JANUARY 10, 1977, IN PANAMA,] AND ON [MARCH 22, 1977, IN MEXICO
CITY] FOLLOWING AN ABORTED ATTEMPT TO CONTACT IN [MEXICO CITY ON (S)
MARCH 19, 1977. SUBJECT] CONFIRMED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED
REGARDING HIS ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS WITH THE INFORMATION CLOSELY

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PARALLELING THAT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN. [SUBJECT] HAS NEXT CONTACT [S]
SCHEDULED FOR [MAY 19,] 1977, IN [MEXICO CITY.] NO NEW SIGNIFICANT [S]
DETAILS REGARDING THESE CONTACTS FURNISHED. FULL RECORD OF INTER-
VIEW WILL BE EXPEDITIOUSLY FURNISHED TO FBIHQ WHEN TRANSCRIBED. (S) X

(S) [SUBJECT ADVISED HE BECAME INVOLVED WITH CASTRO GOVERNMENT
ON BEHALF OF] ANTONIO VECIANA, [HIS BUSINESS PARTNER AND CLOSE FRIEND.] (S)
VECIANA [APPROACHED SUBJECT IN SEPTEMBER OF 1976, STATING THAT] HE
HAD BEEN CALLED TO TESTIFY BEFORE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY DUR-
ING 1976, AND [FOR AN UNEXPLAINED REASON,] NEEDED TO PUBLICLY [S]
ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS A FORMER CIA OPERATIVE. VECIANA [CONFIDED] (S)
THAT HE, A CIA CONTACT WITH A CODE NAME OF [BISHOP,] (S)(u) AND LEE
HARVEY OSWALD HAD A MEETING APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE
ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY IN 1963. VECIANA DID NOT FURNISH ANY
OTHER INFORMATION [TO THE SUBJECT.] (S) VECIANA [REQUESTED THAT THE] [S]
SUBJECT [FURNISH CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO,] [THROUGH THE SUBJECT'S
SISTER IN CUBA,] [S] DETAILS CONCERNING VECIANA'S PARTICIPATION IN A
1971 PLOT TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO IN CHILE. [THE PURPOSE OF
FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION WAS IN THE HOPE THAT CASTRO WOULD
BROADCAST THESE DETAILS ON RADIO HAVANA, WHICH IS CLOSELY] (S)(u)

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MONITORED BY MANY CUBANS IN MIAMI. VECIANA HOPED THAT PUBLIC EXPOSURE OF HIS CIA ROLE WOULD ESTABLISH HIM AS A FORMER CIA AGENT. (S) FOR REASONS NOT EXPLAINED (S)(u)

(S) SUBJECT ADVISED THAT HE WAS PICKED AS VECIANA [TRUSTED HIM (S)] AND KNEW THAT HE] COULD DELIVER THIS MESSAGE [THROUGH HIS SISTER, (S)]

AMALIA MAS. SUBJECT FURTHER STATED THAT HIS DELIVERY OF THE MESSAGE WOULD BE CREDIBLE AS HE AND VECIANA HAD ACTUALLY PARTICIPATED IN THIS PLOT TO KILL CASTRO, AND [THAT THEY] HAD (S) INDICATION THAT CASTRO HAS SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PLOT. [SUBJECT

WAS TO STATE THAT HE HAD RECENTLY HAD A FALLING OUT WITH VECIANA OVER BUSINESS MATTERS AND WAS TAKING THIS ACTION AS REVENGE. SUBJECT WAS TO ADMIT HIS PARTICIPATION IN THIS PLOT AS A FURTHER MEANS OF ESTABLISHING CREDIBILITY.] (S)

[SUBJECT STATED THAT HE AND VECIANA HAD ACTUALLY BEEN A (S)] PART OF THIS 1971 CIA BACKED PLOT IN CHILE. [SUBJECT SAID THAT HE] (S) WAS RECRUITED BY THE CIA [IN MIAMI] TO TAKE PART IN THIS PLOT, ALONG (S) WITH JUAN DOMINQUEZ AND MARCO RODRIGUEZ, FELLOW CUBANSEXILES, NOT [OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED]. [SUBJECT WENT TO BOLIVIA IN 1971 AND HE,] (S) VECIANA, AND THE CIA AGENT [BISHOP] (S)(u) BEGAN PLANNING THE ASSASSINATION OF CASTRO. THE ATTEMPT WAS TO TAKE PLACE DURING A PROJECTED (S)

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VISIT OF CASTRO TO CHILE. AT THE TIME, VECIANA WAS WORKING AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE U. S. EMBASSY IN BOLIVIA, HAVING BEEN SO EMPLOYED SINCE 1967. DOMINQUEZ AND RODRIGUEZ WENT TO VENEZUELA IN 1971 WHERE THEY BEGAN A SIX MONTH SCHOOL IN TELEVISION CAMERA USE AS THEY WERE TO PASS AS CAMERAMEN WHEN THE ASSASSINATION TOOK PLACE. THEY WERE TO HAVE A WEAPON INSIDE A FUNCTIONING T. V. CAMERA AND KILL CASTRO AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, FLEEING IN THE ENSUING CONFUSION. (SUBJECT STATED THAT) THE ACTUAL (S) WEAPON, AND HAND GRENADES TO BE USED, WERE SENT FROM THE UNITED STATES TO THE EMBASSY IN BOLIVIA VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH AND SUBSEQUENTLY DRIVEN TO SANTIAGO, CHILE, IN A U. S. EMBASSY VEHICLE TO AVOID DETECTION. (SUBJECT STATED THAT) A CHILEAN (S) ARMY GENERAL, WHOSE NAME HE COULD NOT RECALL, WAS ALSO PART OF THE PLOT. THE PLOT FAILED WHEN DOMINQUEZ AND RODRIGUEZ FORGOT THE WEAPON FOR THE CAMERA, PROBABLY DUE TO NERVES, DURING THE FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE. A SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPT PLANNED FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY WAS ABORTED AS ONE OF THE MEN WAS STRIKEN WITH APPENDICITIS AND THE SECOND MAN FLED CHILE AS HE STATED HE HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED BY ONE OF CASTRO'S PARTY DURING THE FIRST (S)

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ATTEMPT. [SUBJECT STATED HE] HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE [S]
CIA SINCE THAT TIME. (S) (S)

[SUBJECT WAS ALSO ABLE TO] CONFIRM PARTICIPATION OF ORLANDO
BOSCH AND FRANK CASTRO IN THE BOMBING OF THE CUBANA AIRLINER
IN BARBADOS IN 1976 AS VECIANA [FURNISHED HIM WITH] THIS INFORMATION [S]
(S) [SOURCE STATED THAT] BOSCH, CASTRO, A CUBAN EXILE WORKING FOR THE
GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA NAMED ORLANDO GARCIA, AND AN UNKNOWN
BRIGADE 2506 LEADER MET IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND PLANNED
THE BOMBING. BOSCH LATER FLEW TO VENEZUELA TO CONTROL THE
ATTEMPT AND WAS MET BY "MONO" MORALES IN VENEZUELA. MORALES
HAD PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED AGAINST BOSCH IN A MIAMI TRIAL, HOWEVER,
NOW SAID THAT THEY SHOULD WORK TOGETHER AS FELLOW CUBANS.
MORALES FURNISHED BOSCH WITH AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON AND OFFERED A CAR
AND DRIVER AND AN APARTMENT. BOSCH STILL DID NOT TRUST MORALES
AND INSTEAD STAYED WITH ALFREDO AQUIAR, ANOTHER CUBAN EXILE.
[SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT] THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA BACKED THIS [S]
PLOT, WITH THE BOMB SCHEDULED TO GO OFF WHILE THE PLANE WAS ON
THE GROUND IN BARBADOS. THE PLANE DEPARTED EARLY, WITH THE
RESULTED TRAGEDY, WHICH WAS SO ENORMOUS THAT CORU (THE GROUP) (S)

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HEADED BY BOSCH AND CASTRO) WOULD NOT TAKE CREDIT FOR THE ACT. (S) (X)

(SUBJECT WAS NOT ABLE TO FURNISH ANY NAMES OF CUBAN CONTACTS (S)
IN THE UNITED STATES OR PUERTO RICO, ALTHOUGH HE DID STATE THAT HE
WAS INSTRUCTED, DURING HIS JANUARY 10, 1977, MEET IN PANAMA, TO
TELL HIS SISTER, AMALIA, WHO WAS VISITING HIM IN PUERTO RICO AT THE
TIME, TO CONTACT A CUBAN EXILE IN SAN JUAN NAMED MANOLO RAY. (SUB- (S)
JECT STATES HE WAS NOT TOLD (BY THE CUBANS OR HIS SISTER) THE REASON (S)
FOR THE CONTACT, BUT KNOWS (THAT SHE) DID CONTACT RAY. RAY WAS DES- (S)
CRIBED AS A LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEER AND APPEARED TO BE IDENTI-
CAL TO "MANUEL RAY, AKA IS-CUBA" (BUFILE 97-4546). (S) (X)

(SUBJECT STATED THAT) HE HIMSELF IS A FIRM ANTI-COMMUNIST, AND (S)
HAS ONLY BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT (IN ORDER TO (S)
ASSIST HIS CLOSE FRIEND, VECIANA HOWEVER, HE IS WILLING TO
^{COOPERATE}
CPERA WITH THE FBI IN ANY MANNER DESIRED, INCLUDING CONTINUED
CONTACTS WITH CUBAN INTELLIGENCE. SUBJECT) APPEARED TO BE SINCERE
IN HIS BELIEFS WHEN, AFTER MANY HOURS OF DENYING HIS INVOLVEMENT
HE FINALLY BROKE AND ADMITTED HIS ENTANGLEMENT. (SUBJECT SAID) HE HAD (S)
BEEN IN CONSTANT FEAR OF HIS LIFE AND EXPRESSED RELIEF AT FINALLY
BEING ABLE TO TELL HIS STORY (AND EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO WORK WITH (S)
THE FBI. SUBJECT) STATED THAT HE WAS EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY (S) (X)

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EXHAUSTED FOLLOWING INTERVIEW AND, WHILE READILY AGREEING TO FURTHER INTERVIEWS, REQUESTED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO SPEND THE EASTER WEEK-END UNINTERRUPTED WITH HIS FAMILY. IN THE INTEREST OF MAINTAINING A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH (SUBJECT) REQUEST WAS GRANTED AND (SUBJECT) WILL (S) BE REINTERVIEWED DURING EVENING OF [APRIL 11,] 1977, AT A "SAFE (S) HOUSE" WHICH WILL BE OBTAINED FOR THIS PURPOSE. AT THIS TIME SJO WILL GO OVER (SUBJECT'S) LENGTHY STORY AND OBTAIN FURTHER CLARIFI- (S) CATION AND VERIFICATION OF HIS STATEMENT. IN ORDER TO TEST (SUB- (S) JECT'S) VERACITY, SJO PROPOSES QUERYING (SUBJECT) AS TO HIS WILLING- (S) NESS TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT THIS WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON (THE SUBJECT,) IF HE HAS BEEN TRUSTFUL, (S) AS HE STATED HE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY POLYGRAPHED BY THE CIA. (S)

SAN JUAN WILL (SUBMIT A REQUEST TO DESIGNATE SUBJECT AS AN OA, (S) AND WILL) FORWARD COMPLETE TEXT OF INTERVIEW VIA ARFCOS COURIER. (S)

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