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SUBJECT: *verbal* RESPONSE TO FBI REQUEST CONCERNING VECIANA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH CIA

1. WITH REGARD TO YOUR REPORT OF YOUR INTERVIEWS ON 8 AND 11 APRIL 1977 WITH FELIX Z A B A L A MAS AND TO YOUR ORAL QUESTIONS TO US CONCERNING STATEMENTS MADE BY HIM ABOUT V E C I A N A IN THOSE INTERVIEWS, THIS AGENCY HAS REVIEWED ITS FILE ON ANTONIO CARLOS V E C I A N A BLANCH. AS STATED TO YOU ORALLY AT OUR MEETING ON 13 APRIL 1977, THIS AGENCY HAS NEVER HAD A CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH V E C I A N A. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, V E C I A N A CONTACTED THIS AGENCY ON THREE OCCASIONS TO DISCUSS HIS PLANS TO ASSASSINATE FIDEL CASTRO. ON THESE OCCASIONS, OUR OFFICERS LISTENED TO V E C I A N A BUT EXPRESSED NO INTEREST IN AND OFFERED NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO HIM AND NEVER RECONTACTED HIM ON THIS MATTER. THESE CONTACTS OCCURRED IN HAVANA IN DECEMBER, 1960, AND IN NEW YORK CITY IN JULY 1962 AND APRIL 1966. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS IN THE FILE THAT:

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2. AGENCY OFFICERS WHO SERVED IN HAVANA REMEMBER THAT THERE WAS A MAJOR OR COLONEL K A L E OR K A I L IN THE MILITARY ATTACH OFFICE IN THE U.S. EMBASSY PRIOR TO THE BREAK IN RELATIONS. ALSO, ONE OF OUR OFFICERS IN HAVANA WHO LEFT THERE IN THE SUMMER OF 1959 HAD THE FIRST NAME OF BLAIR.4

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LA COMMENT: FBI OFFICIALS HAD PROVIDED COPIES OF THE DEBRIEFINGS OF ZABALA MAS AND HAD ORALLY REQUESTED CIA COMMENTS RE THE AGENCY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH VECIANA.

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Willie Walton & 2 members of FBI (verbal request).

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