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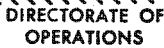
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COUNTRY: VENEZUELA

DOI: MID-OCTOBER 1976

SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO TIE THE SOCIAL

CHRISTIAN PARTY TO INDIVIDUALS LINKED TO THE BOMBING
OF A CUBANA AIRLINER

ACQ: VENEZUELA, CARACAS (16 OCTOBER 1976) FIELD NO. [HVC 7521]

SOURCE: SEE BELOW.

SUMMARY: OFFICIALS OF THE DIRECTORATE FOR THE SERVICES OF

INTELLIGENCE AND PREVENTION (DISIP) HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO FULLY

INVESTIGATE THE VENEZUELAN CONNECTIONS TO THE 6 OCTOBER 1976

BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER. UNOFFICIALLY, HOWEVER, DISIP

OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BUILD A CASE LINKING COPEI TO

THOSE INDIVIDUALS IMPLICATED IN THE INCIDENT. ON THE OTHER

HAND, DISIP OFFICERS FEAR THAT INFORMATION LINKING SOME DISIP

OFFICIALS TO CUBAN EXILE ORLANDO BOSCH MIGHT BECOME PUBLIC

KNOWLEDGE, EMBARRASSING THE GOVERNMENT AND FURTHER TAINTING

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1. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 2-3: A VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHOSE POSITION GIVES HIM ACCESS TO OFFICIAL REPORTS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS. HIS RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED WITH ANY FOREIGN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

2. WHILE OFFICIALS OF THE DIRECTORATE FOR THE SERVICES OF INTELLIGENCE AND PREVENTION (DISIP) HAVE RECEIVED OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CARRY OUT A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF ALL VENEZUELAN'S CONNECTED WITH THE 6 OCTOBER 1976 BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER, UNOFFICIALLY DISIP OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO CONCENTRATE THEIR INVESTIGATION ON MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY (COPEI). DISIP OFFICIALS, THEREFORE, HAVE DRAWN UP A LIST OF LOW TO MEDIUM-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF COPEI ^{ven} WHOM DISIP INTENDS TO TIE TO ~~LUIS POSADA~~ A FORMER DISIP OFFICER WHO IS CURRENTLY UNDER DETENTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING. AS CURRENTLY PLANNED, DISIP WILL BEGIN PICKING UP THESE COPEI LEADERS FOR QUESTIONING DURING THE WEEK OF 18 OCTOBER. (SOURCE COMMENT: ALTHOUGH POSADA DOES HAVE COPEI CONNECTIONS, MOST DISIP OFFICERS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT COPEI PLAYED A ROLE IN POSADA'S ANTI-CUBAN ACTIVITIES. RATHER THEY

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BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPLICATE COPEI
FOR POLITICAL REASONS.)

3. AT THE SAME TIME THAT IT IS WORKING ON ITS CASE
AGAINST COPEI, DISIP OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED THAT INFORMATION
CONNECTING DISIP OFFICIALS AND CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO *Cuba*
~~X~~ B O S C H, WILL BECOME PUBLIC. SUCH REVELATIONS, DISIP OFFICERS
BELIEVE WOULD BE HIGHLY EMBARRASSING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES ~~X~~ P E R E Z *Ven* AND DISASTEROUS FOR DISIP,
WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN HURT BY CHARGES OF MISTREATING PRISONERS
ACCUSED OF BEING INVOLVED IN THE KIDNAPPING OF WILLIAM F. NIEHOUS.

4. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 5-8: A VENEZUELAN WITH CLOSE
CONTACTS AMONG VENEZUELAN SECURITY OFFICIALS. HIS RELIABILITY
HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.

5. ON 14 OCTOBER DISIP DIRECTOR RETIRED GENERAL RAUL *Ven*
~~X~~ G I M E N E Z ~~X~~ GAINZA SAID THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD ORDERED HIM
TO CARRY OUT AN EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE VENEZUELAN
CONNECTION IN THE CUBANA INCIDENT. ALTHOUGH GIMENEZ SAID THAT
HE INTENDED TO CARRY OUT THE PRESIDENT'S ORDERS, HE PERSONALLY
FEARED THAT SUCH AN INVESTIGATION MIGHT LEAD TO PRESIDENTIAL
APPOINTEES OR TO COPEI LEADERS. IN EITHER CASE, GIMENEZ SAID

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THAT HE FELT THERE COULD BE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE PEREZ
ADMINISTRATION.

6. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, GIMENEZ SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY
CONCERNED THAT ORLANDO ~~X~~ G A R C I A ^{See}, PRESIDENT PEREZ'
INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY ADVISER WHO HAS BEEN ACTING AS DE FACTO
HEAD OF DISIP, MIGHT BE IMPLICATED. GIMENEZ QUICKLY ADDED,
HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE LINKING GARCIA TO THE
BOMBING INCIDENT, BUT THAT HE IS KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED IN
UNSPECIFIED ANTI-CUBAN GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. GIMENEZ SAID
THAT AS AN ADDED PRECAUTION HE HAS ASSIGNED SPECIAL GUARDS FOR
BOSCH AND POSADA, BOTH OF WHOM ARE CURRENTLY UNDER DISIP
DETENTION.

7. (FIELD COMMENT: FOR AN EARLIER REPORT ON BOSCH'S RECENT
ACTIVITIES IN VENEZUELA AND POSADA'S AND GARCIA'S CONNECTION WITH
HIM SEE [HVC] 7514, TDFIR DB-315/10256-76, FROM A USUALLY RELIABLE
REPORTER. IN NEWS BROADCASTS A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION (CHANNEL 2) HAS
REPORTED THAT SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY HOLDING POSITIONS
WITH DISIP WERE SEEN ABOUT CARACAS WITH BOSCH. THE STATION
INDICATED THAT IT WOULD REVEAL THE IDENTITIES OF THESE OFFICERS
(AT A LATER DATE.)

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