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SUBJECT: CUBAN DESIRE TO EXTRADITE CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO

BOSCH SHOULD THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT HAVE INSUFFI-

CIENT EVIDENCE TO CONVICT HIM IN CONNECTION WITH THE

CUBANA BOMBING

VENEZUELA, CARACAS (5 OCTOBER 1977) FIELD NO. [HVC] 7764

A VENEZUELAN BUSINESSMAN WITH A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS

WITH VENEZUELAN SECURITY OFFICIALS. HIS RELIABILITY

HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD

NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH OFFICIALS OF ANY FOREIGN GOVERN-

MENT INCLUDING THOSE OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

ON 3 OCTOBER 1977 NORBERTO HERNANDEZ CUBAN

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AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA MET WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES

PEREZ TO DISCUSS THE CASE OF CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO

BOSCH WHO IS CURRENTLY IMPRISONED IN VENEZUELA IN CON-

NECTION WITH THE 6 OCTOBER 1976 CUBANA AIRLINER BOMBING.

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HERNANDEZ REITERATED THE PERSONAL INTEREST OF FIDEL ~~X~~ C A S T R O, *Cuba*
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCILS OF STATE AND MINISTERS, IN THE
DISPOSITION OF THE CASE AGAINST BOSCH. FURTHERMORE, HERNANDEZ
SAID THAT SHOULD THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT DECIDE THAT THERE
IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE AGAINST BOSCH IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CUBANA CASE, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EXTRA-
DICTING BOSCH. THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, THE AMBASSADOR SAID, HAS
MORE THAN ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT BOSCH OF TERRORIST ACTIVI-
TIES WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF MANY PEOPLE. (SOURCE
COMMENT: PRESIDENT PEREZ' REACTION TO THE CUBAN REQUEST IS NOT
KNOWN.)

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