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FROM : AUDREY L. SCHRAMM
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SUBJECT: LUIS POSADA Carriles, aka Luis Clemente Faustino Posada,
Luis Clemente Posada, Luis Clemente Faustino Posada Carriles,
El Bambi.

A search of the indices in the Miami Office and review of references reflects the following information pertaining to the above captioned:

105-8922* Unsub; Training of Cubans on Property of Weir W. Williams, Polk County, Florida 5-3-64. Neutrality Matters IS-Cuba. Tampa airtel 5-7-64 requested Miami to determine if training of Cubans was a CIA operation. On 5-11-64, Miss HENRIETTA LORI, CIA liaison, covert (protect) advised that CIA had no interest in WEIR W. WILLIAMS and possessed no information about him or the reported training of Cubans on WILLIAM's property. Miami RUC report of SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR 7-8-64, reflects investigation discontinued on basis of Bureau teletype advising that the Department of Justice was not asking for further active investigation in view of the apparent involvement of JURE. Tampa closing report 7-17-64 reflects a changed title to show the name of WEIR P. WILLIAMS on whose property the training camp was located and, also the name of LUIS CLEMENTE FAUSTINO POSADA CARRILES, the chief instructor at the camp. The camp was known as Campo de Insurgencia Jose Marti. Numerous memos have been channeled to this file and should be further reviewed if necessary by the Agent. Statement furnished by POSADA is being set-forth:

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134-712* Luis Posada, PSI. Case opened on Cleveland letter 11-1-61. Letter requested Miami to review INS file on POSADA and furnish pertinent data. Miami letter to Cleveland 11-27-61 reflects title changed to LUIS CLEMENTE POSADA CARRILES, aka LUIS POSADA. INS file #A12419708 reflected subject born 2-15-28, Cienfuegos, Cuba, married, wife CONCEPCION CASTANEDA NAPOLES, resides in Cuba. Reason for remaining in US "political". Miami PD, MBPD, DCPSD, Miami Municipal Court and Credit Bureau of Greater Miami, checked with negative results. [Miami indices reflected on 4-27-61, a list of Cuban names was submitted to the Miami Office by the local representative of CIA for a name check. Subject's name was carried on this list.] Above file was RUC'd on letter 11-27-61. Subsequent serials routed to above file have also been channeled to 105-8922*.

97-405-23 CIA, Washington, D. C. letter to Director 9-6-61. Re: Activities of the Unidad Revolucionaria, Anti-Castro Group. List of 18 members of the Halcones Negros, their addresses and code names assigned to them by the UR. This list reflects the following re: one LUIS POVEDA CARRILES. Pseudonym: "Czador"; Cryptonym: 10-8; Radio pseudonym: "Submarine"; Cryptonym: 20-8; Written pseudonym: "Tiburón"; Cryptonym 30-8; Verbal pseudonym: "Barracuda"; Cryptonym: 40-8. (X)(u)

105-6661-256 FD 306 of SA George E. Davis, Jr., 3/64. Re: MM 639-S. On 3-21-64, "DAVY" is scheduled to fly LUIS POSADA and EDUARDO FERNANDEZ, both members of JURE, to Airglades, which is located 10 miles west of Clewiston, Florida. They are also scheduled to fly to the Glades Airport and to Stuart, Florida. They will be looking for possible training sites for JURE. POSADA disclosed that ROGELIO CISNEROS, who is the principal representative of JURE in Miami, departed for Venezuela on 3-18-64. JURE is strongly backed by MUNOZ MARIN, Governor of Puerto Rico, former President BETANCOURT of Venezuela, and former President JOSE FIGUERAS of Nicaragua, according to POSADA. POSADA also said that JURE is very well off financially, and received \$75,000 from Venezuela alone last month. On 3-21-64, LUIS POSADA of JURE, and unidentified former (X)(u)

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Cuban rebel army captain, and an American named "DAVEY", drove to Clewiston, Florida, where they inspected the Airglades Airport. The Cubans were greatly impressed with the possibility of establishing a training camp there. (S)(u)

9-1706-216 Miami report of SA George E. Davis, Jr. 12-28-64. Re: Orlando Bosch Avila, aka Etal-Extortion. A review of property belonging to ALBERTO W. JARDINES, while he was incarcerated in Dade County jail reflected the name of LOUIS C. POSADA, 750 NW 15th, Apt. 6, Miami, in his address book.

62-3573-1866 CIA Memo 3-29-65. (Confidential) Request to be advised re: any derogatory information on LUIS CLEMENTE POSADA CARRILES. On 3-31-65 advised negatively. (S)(u)

2-380-41 CIA Classified Message (Secret) 4-19-65. Subject: Cuban Exile Recruits for Operational Teams to participate in an attempt to overthrow the Guatemalan Government. Source: Cuban Refugee asked to join this coup attempt. LUIS POSADA CARRILES among those recruited to participate in ROBERTO ALEJO ARZU's attempt to overthrow the present Guatemalan Government, as team leader. (S)(u)

105-6661-625 Memo of SA James J. O'Connor 5-3-65. Re: Francisco Vallabriga, IS-Cuba. On 4-30-65, LUIS POSADA advised that about a week previously, two Americans and a Cuban came to his apartment and tried to sell him M-1 and M-2 rifles. He declined the offer, telling the visitors he was interested only in a .57 MM recoilless rifle. A friend named MARIA ANTONIA GARCIA had referred the Cuban visitor to POSADA. [POSADA confidentially advised that he is presently in the employ of CIA, contacting various Cuban groups and operates under the cover of an automobile tire salesman. He is working together with another CIA employee, FNU (ESCARDA), about 25 years of age, who formerly worked with the DRE at Miami. (S)(u)

105-8988-74 Memo of SA John E. Mc Hugh 5-3-65. Re: Francisco Vallabriga. Letter 1-10-65, which was made available by Tampa 187-S*, RAUL ANDRE, a close associate of FRANCISCO VALLABRIGA, indicated that his group was interested in LUIS POZADA. ANDRE described POZADA as a leader of an anti-Castro group with a base in Santo Domingo. ANDRE further

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stated that from information he had received, POZADA was a CIA agent who made trips in and out of Cuba. According to SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR, LUIS POSADA participates in anti-Castro activities. ~~(S)~~(u)

2-380-116 Miami LHM (Secret) 5-17-65, re: Roberto Alejos Arzu; Luis Sieria Lopez, NM; IS-Guatemala.

On 5-6-65, Allen S. Yarborough, US Customs Agent, Miami, Florida, advised that as a result of investigation, interviews and intelligence information, it was ascertained that LUIS POSADA CORRILES, was among the individuals that were in some way involved in ALEJAS conspiracy. ~~(S)~~(u)

2-385-7 Miami airtel to Director & LHM (Secret) 6-17-65. Re: Plan of Cuban Exiles to Bomb a Soviet Ship off the Coast of the US. IS-Cuba; Neutrality Matters. On 6-10-65, MM T-3 (LUIS POSADA) a Cuban exile who resides in Miami and is in close contact with other exiles, advised that FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ TOMAYO and his broth-in-law, RAMON BAS, and the latter's father, have engaged in talk of dropping a bomb on a ship going to Cuba.

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92-726-394 Miami Report of SA Warren R. Welsh 11-12-65.
Re: Frank Lang "Lefty" Rosenthal, aka AR; IGA.

The administrative pages of this report reflects the Bureau advised that local police authorities should be advised that LUIS POSADA CARRILES, was in possession of a gun equipped with a silencer, unless reasons exist to the contrary. Information was not furnished to the authorities due to the delicate nature of information received from CIA and Miami security informants.

On 9-30-65, Miami advised Secret Service under category three regarding the above.

On 11-5-65, POSADA identified a photo of NORMAN ROTHMAN, as the American who accompanied ROSENTHAL and an unidentified third American male whom POSADA believed to be a gun dealer. POSADA thought the third man a gun dealer because on occasion of meeting the third American the first time at a garage operated by DIEGO BORGES, the third man had a gun and seemed to be very knowledgeable about guns in general. This individual asked if a silencer could be obtained for a specific type of gun. POSADA related the silencers involved in the deal between BORGES and the three Americans were made or obtained by FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ TAMAYO, a Cuban exile. POSADA said that he accompanied RODRIGUEZ when he turned about six silencers over to BORGES. BORGES intended to turn over to the Americans the silencers but later learned they were no good.

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DATE:

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TO :

SAC, MIAMI

FROM :

SA JOHN E. MCHUGH

SUBJECT:

(S) [ADOLIS COBOS, aka
PSI - CUBA
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(S) On 7/14/66, [COBOS] advised that he was personally acquainted with MITCHELL WER BEL and had spent considerable time with WER BEL in the Dominican Republic. He stated that he has heard WER BEL on occasions introduce himself as ALEX WILSON. (S)

(S) [COBOS] advised that he was personally acquainted with LUIS POSADA, in whom CIA has an operational interest. He advised that POSADA is receiving approximately \$300 per month from CIA. (S)

He further indicated that three anti-CASTRO organizations, namely the 30th of November, RECE and Comandos-L, were attempting to establish a base in the Dominican Republic and form a military alliance there of the three organizations for action against FIDEL CASTRO. LUIS POSADA has been approached to accept the position as military head of this alliance. POSADA formerly held a commission in the U. S. Army and allegedly was in a ranger battalion. According to [COBOS], because of this, POSADA was selected to head the group. POSADA was interested in having the PSI assist him in the Dominican Republic inasmuch as [COBOS] had spent considerable time aboard the "Venus," a boat that was operated by another anti-CASTRO group. (S)

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15 June 1967

SUBJECT : Procurement of Arms and Munitions
by American GroupREFERENCE: A. CAS Memoranda to the FBI, same subject,
dated 24 July 1965 and 11 August 1965

B. FBI Memorandum File #92-726, 29 July 1967

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ON 4-15-98 (JFK)

1. Luis POSADA Carriles, residing at 2635 S.W. 28th St., Miami, telephone 445-0206, is a contact of this office and the source of the information reported to the FBI in referenced memoranda. On 9 June 1967, POSADA advised this office that subsequent to the events reported in referenced memoranda, circa October 1966, he was contacted by Frank "Lefty" ROSENTHAL who visited POSADA's home. ROSENTHAL told POSADA that all the silencers he had purchased from POSADA were pieces of junk and that he felt POSADA and Diego BORGES were responsible and maybe his friends would kill POSADA and BORGES some day. ROSENTHAL further stated that in spite of the fact he was out \$5000 for the equipment, he didn't want money from POSADA. He said he knew POSADA was working for the CIA and that he wanted some CIA "equipment". He asked POSADA to steal such "equipment" and give it to him. POSADA allegedly refused to do so at which time ROSENTHAL said that his friends thought POSADA had made a fool of them and if POSADA didn't do something to make ROSENTHAL's friends happy, POSADA was a dead man. POSADA then made a number of fuse devices which he gave to ROSENTHAL which seemed to make ROSENTHAL happy.

2. In early June 1967, ROSENTHAL again visited POSADA's home and told POSADA that the fuse devices were faulty and one of his friends had had an accident as a result of POSADA's work. He reiterated a desire to have some CIA fuse devices as well as a remote control unit for detonating explosive charges. He "reminded" POSADA that he still owed them \$5000 worth of "equipment".

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3. On 12 June 1967, POSADA reported that he had a visit from ROSENTHAL at midnight on 11 June 1967. ROSENTHAL asked for the "equipment" and told POSADA he had friends who would "get" POSADA if he did not deliver. POSADA allegedly got equally as tough with ROSENTHAL saying he, too, had friends who could "get" ROSENTHAL. POSADA refused to do anything more for ROSENTHAL. POSADA advised this office that he doesn't think ROSENTHAL will bother him again although he can't be certain.

4. POSADA advises he would be willing to work with the FBI on this matter and this office has no objection to your office contacting POSADA at any time. It is requested that we be kept informed of the results of your investigation.

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92-726-718 Miami Report of SA Warren R. Welsh 8-23-67.

Re: Frank Lang "Lefty" Rosenthal aka AP: IGA

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Bombings - Miami Area

A. ~~Contacts~~ with LUIS POSADA CARRILES, FORMER CIA Informant (u) (JFK)

On July 10, 1967, SA WARREN R. WELSH telephonically contacted LUIS POSADA.

POSADA stated that he had talked with DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA regarding the silencers he was to obtain for the Peruvian individual. ECHEMENDIA indicated that he was going to give one of the silencers to MARGOSA, a car salesman in the Miami area, who would test the equipment for the Peruvian. (SA FRANCIS J. DUFFIN obtained information that MARGOSA was formerly Sergeant of Police in Cuba and a Special Guard at the Tropicana Hotel in Havana. This hotel was operated by OSCAR ECHEMENDIA, now deceased). (u) (JFK)

SA WELSH contacted LUIS POSADA in person at the Dinner Key area, Coconut Grove, Florida, on July 11, 1967. (u) (JFK)

In conversation with DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA he ascertained that MARGOSA was well pleased with the silencers which he was testing for the Peruvian. POSADA stated that he was going to charge the Peruvian \$150 per silencer, \$15 per pencil and \$10 a pound for C-4 explosive. (u) (JFK)

POSADA was instructed at this time regarding the tenure of conversation he should have with ROSENTHAL at their next contact. He was requested to make up a (u) (JFK)

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story concerning a dummy customs raid at his residence and the fact that because of this raid he could not produce the requested explosive devices for ROSENTHAL. ~~(S)~~(u)

During the late evening hours of July 11, 1967, POSADA telephonically contacted SA WELSH and advised him that he had just been contacted by his CIA supervisor. He informed him that he was no longer in the employment of CIA due to an order emanating in Washington, D.C. He was told that this action by CIA headquarters in Washington had nothing to do with either his previous work record with CIA or his present contact with the FBI Office in Miami. ~~(S)~~(u)

POSADA further stated at this time that ROSENTHAL had contacted his home at approximately 10:45 PM at which time his wife explained that her husband had been in trouble and that he would contact ROSENTHAL tomorrow. ~~(S)~~(u)

SA WELSH contacted LUIS POSADA via telephone on July 12, 1967. ~~(S)~~(u)

POSADA stated that at approximately 10:30 AM on this date he contacted ROSENTHAL at his residence. ROSENTHAL would not talk on his home phone and requested POSADA to contact him at a pre-arranged number and time. ~~(S)~~(u)

After making this telephonic contact, POSADA indicated that ROSENTHAL was extremely aggravated over the stalling tactics of POSADA. He gave POSADA an ultimatum to either produce the material in ten days or forget about everything. ~~(S)~~(u)

POSADA also related that on this date, DOMINGO ECHENMENDIA had contacted him and he informed ECHENMENDIA that the customs had raided his house the previous day. ECHENMENDIA stated that this raid meant nothing and he ~~(S)~~(u)

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should not be worried about it. ECHENENDIA stated that ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE was not presently in the Miami area. ~~(S)~~(u)

On July 13, 1967, SA WELSH contacted AUSTIN HORN, CIA, Miami. ~~(S)~~(u)

HORN stated that LUIS POSADA CARRILES was no longer an employee of CIA. He stated that the decision to release POSADA came from their Washington headquarters in view of the fact that POSADA had without authorization withdrawn himself from an anti-CASTRO group called Resa. ~~(S)~~(u)

HORN commented that POSADA was instructed to continue his cooperation with the FBI Office in Miami and that he would be paid through September, 1967, as long as he cooperated with this other Federal agency. ~~(S)~~(u)

On July 14, 1967, SA WELSH met with LUIS POSADA at Dinner Key, Coconut Grove, Florida. ~~(S)~~(u)

POSADA stated that he had conferred on this date with DOMINGO ECHENENDIA and ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE was not in town. ECHENENDIA told POSADA that he was not going to place a specific order of explosives with POSADA until he found out exactly what MAESTRE and the Peruvian wanted, insofar as volume of explosive material. ~~(S)~~(u)

POSADA said that he had heard nothing more from ROSENTHAL. ~~(S)~~(u)

He further indicated that inasmuch as he is not presently employed in the Miami area he was contemplating a trip to Venezuela in order to secure a permanent type job. ~~(S)~~(u)

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On July 15, 1967, LUIS POSADA was telephonically contacted by SA WELSH. ~~(u)~~

POSADA advised that DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA advised that ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE had returned to Miami on this date. He stated that ECHEMENDIA and MAESTRE were going to meet later on this date in the southwest section of Miami. According to POSADA, after this meeting ECHEMENDIA would contact him regarding the volume and type of explosives wanted by MAESTRE. ~~(u)~~

On July 18, 1967, SA WELSH met in person with LUIS POSADA in the Dinner Key area, Coconut Grove, Florida. ~~(u)~~

POSADA stated that he had just finished talking to DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA. He ascertained that ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE had not participated in the bombing of a Miami police officer in the southwest section of Miami. MAESTRE had left with NORMAN ROTHMAN on either Sunday night or Monday morning for an unknown destination out of Florida. ~~(u)~~

ECHEMENDIA related to POSADA that a policeman by the name of DOBSON or DAWSON was helping the "mob boys". ECHEMENDIA also related that he had heard that ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE and NORMAN ROTHMAN were responsible for the recent bombing at the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. ~~(u)~~

On July 24, 1967, LUIS POSADA was telephonically contacted by SA WELSH. ~~(u)~~

POSADA stated that on July 20, 1967, FRANK ROSENTHAL had contacted him at his residence. POSADA at this time told ROSENTHAL that he was no longer interested ~~(u)~~

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in obtaining explosives for him and that he wished to have no further dealings with him. After hearing this, ROSENTHAL became very irate and gave back to POSADA a number of pencils that he had previously secured from him. ~~(u)~~

POSADA stated that he became very upset over the conduct of ROSENTHAL and requested him to leave his residence in three seconds or he would shoot him in the head. After this threat by POSADA, ROSENTHAL told him "that someday when he was playing gin rummy POSADA would be killed". ~~(u)~~

On August 1, 1967, LUIS POSADA was contacted telephonically by SA WELSH. ~~(u)~~

POSADA stated that on this date he had been in contact with DOMINGO ECHENENDIA. ECHENENDIA stated that NORMAN ROHMANN had gone to the Hollywood, California area and ALBERTO LARRAIN-MAESTRE had departed for Peru. Source could not learn the duration of either of these two visits. ~~(u)~~

He stated that he was no longer going to contact DOMINGO ECHENENDIA and told this individual that he could no longer supply him with explosive material. ~~(u)~~

On August 4, 1967, LUIS POSADA was contacted in person by SA WELSH at the corner of US 1 and Bird Road. ~~(u)~~

POSADA stated that several days after his last confrontation with ROSENTHAL he received a letter in the mail from an unknown individual. He stated that the contents of this letter consisted of eight pennies which were held together by Scotch tape and a .350 caliber bullet. POSADA did not know the significance of either of the items although he surmised that ROSENTHAL had sent these things to him. ~~(u)~~

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POSADA stated that he had heard nothing during the past week from FRANK ROSENTHAL and has told DOMINGO ECHEMENDIA not to contact him. ~~S~~(u)

In conclusion, POSADA stated that he was contemplating a trip to Caracas, Venezuela, on Tuesday, August 8, 1967. ~~S~~(u)

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92-1902-7 Miami Letter to Pittsburgh 9-22-67. Re: Walter Joseph Plopi, aka AR. OO-PG. On 8-4 and 9-19-67, LUIS POSADA CARRILES, former CIA employee, was contacted. On both occasions he indicated that he had had no further contact with FRANK ROSENTHAL and had heard nothing more about bombings in the Miami area. Case Closed. (u)

105-1729-1853 FD 302 of Ricardo Morales Navarrete 5/22/68. Information furnished to SA Joseph C. Ball, re: Venezuelan Political Activities. Cuban nationals LUIS POSADA and GUSTAVO ORTIZ are in charge of Section 1 of the General Directorate of Police (DIGIPOL), the Venezuelan secret police. This section is in charge of all Cuban activities and movements in Venezuela. POSADA and ORTIZ reportedly have gained such control that every Cuban who enters or leaves Venezuela is required to submit to an interview by this section. POSADA is a "gangster type" and he and ORTIZ are reportedly very effective, using strong-arm methods to obtain information and fight pro-CASTRO elements. For example, if an individual is identified as a CASTRO supporter, they do not bother to question him or advise him of any rights but simply eliminate him. They are under the direct supervision of ERASTO FERNANDEZ, the head of DIGEPOL. ERASTO FERNANDEZ has recently been under investigation by high Venezuelan authorities. DIGEPOL recently arrested two Venezuelan students who were subsequently found dead and FERNANDEZ has been under investigation by the Venezuelan Senate because of those and other similar activities. FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ TAMAYO, also known as "El Mexicano" has recently left for Venezuela, where he will be in touch with POSADA and ORTIZ. (u)

105-14883-241 Memo of SA Samuel W. Jones 2-25-70. Re: Scatter IS-Cu. On 2-10-70, LYDIA DE LA CRUZ, who is the wife of EPIFANIO ROMERO, advised her husband left Miami on 11-30-69, for the purpose of making a trip to Cuba to bring back Cuban refugees, she has not seen or heard from him since. The name of LUIS POSADA was among others found in ROMERO's address book furnished by his wife.

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105-11869-314 Memo of SA William Mayo Drew 6-28-72. Re: ELC - Alanis. On 6-19-72, MM 974-S, made available a letter mailed in Venezuela by one C. GONZALEZ, P. O. Box 50187, Caracas. Informant advised that the letter is from JORGE ROBLEJO of the Komite de los Cien. The following is just the portion of the letter that mentions POSADA: (S)(u)

Another thing is CASTRO - nobody could imagine every Cuban that arrives, he seems to know about and offers himself to help them, but he was ordered to do this by Mr. LUIS POSADA, alias "El Bambi" of RECE. He is in the DISIP as a commissioner or informant; and last year they made a deal. They pay CASTRO 1,5000 bolivares for the job, and he passes it on to Mr. POSADA. Mr. POSADA sent to Miami a man named EUGENIO AGUILERA EXTRADA, a teacher, Cuban, born in Santiago, Cuba, to handle investigations there of groups and agents there. (S)(u)

174-940-472 Insert of SA Eugene J. Flynn. Re: Mibom. Detective JULIO OJEDA, DCPSD, Homicide Section furnished a list of individuals as bomb suspects. The name LUIS POSADA, aka "Bambi" appears on this list.

105-21892-1041 FD 306 of SA SINECIO GUTIERREZ 6-22-76. Re: MM 974-S. On 6-18-76, Informant advised there are several Cuban persons in Venezuela who are prominent and wealthy that are assisting in funding of Cuban exile action groups, such as FINC and Accion Cubana. The persons who are contacted by ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA and FRANK CASTRO are: Dr. GUIDO FORGAL, DR. GUSTAVO ORTIZ-FAZ (DVM), DR. AURELIO ALVAREZ ECHEZARRETA, DR. SALVADOR ROMANI y O RUE, MR. JOAQUIN FRIAS, MR. JOSE GONZALEZ and MR. LUIS POSADA. POSADA, aka "El Bambi" has a private investigative agency. (S)(u)

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HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO IS A NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER AND FREE-LANCE REPORTER AFFILIATED WITH THE MAGAZINE "VISION," AND HE IS ALSO EMPLOYED AS AN INDUSTRIAL INVESTIGATOR BY INVESTIGACIONES COMERCIALES E INDUSTRIALES, C.A. (ICI), AN INDUSTRIAL SECURITY FIRM OPERATED BY LUIS POSADA, *FORMER HEAD OF [COUNTERINTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CARACAS, VENEZUELA.] (S)

POSADA, A CUBAN EXILE WHO IS NOW A VENEZUELAN CITIZEN, IS STRONGLY ANTI-CASTRO AND WAS SUSPECTED OF HAVING BEEN THE MAIN SUPPORTER OF ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA DURING BOSCH'S PRESENCE IN VENEZUELA PRIOR TO HIS ARREST ON NOVEMBER 19, 1975. *LEGAT BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH [POSADA] IN THE COURSE OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS DURING PERIOD [POSADA WAS AN OFFICIAL OF DISIP.] (S)

HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO FIRST BECAME KNOWN TO LEGAT IN APPROXIMATELY JUNE, 1974, WHEN HE CONTACTED LEGAT FOR ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING THE PROCESSING OF A VISA TO THE U.S. THAT HAD BEEN REQUESTED FOR THE MINOR SON OF *THE THEN [DIRECTOR OF DISIP, DR. PEDRO ARTURO TORRES AGUDO.] (S) LEGAT WAS LED TO BELIEVE RICARDO WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF DISIP AND ASSISTANCE WAS PROVIDED THAT RESULTED IN THE PROMPT ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO THE [TORRES AGUDO] CHILD. (S)

RICARDO RECONTACTED LEGAT A FEW WEEKS LATER TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE PREVIOUSLY RENDERED, AND LEGAT THEN BE- (U)

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CAME AWARE RICARDO WAS MERELY AN AUXILIARY MEMBER OF DISIP, AND THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY IN THE PERSONAL SERVICE OF LUIS POSADA. RICARDO REVEALED HE WAS ALSO A NEWSPAPER REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER AFFILIATED WITH THE MAGAZINE "VISION," AND INDICATED HE DEVOTED MOST OF HIS TIME RESEARCHING NEWS ARTICLES INTENDED TO DISCREDIT THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT. HE CLAIMED PARTIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN A CARACAS NEWSPAPER ABOUT THAT TIME, REVEALING THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS IN CUBAN EMBASSY IN CARACAS.

RICARDO CONTACTED LEGAT APPROXIMATELY FOUR TIMES AFTER THE INITIAL VISIT, AND ON TWO OCCASIONS FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPHS AND BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON MEMBERS OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY WHICH WERE OBVIOUSLY OBTAINED FROM DISIP FILES. DURING ONE VISIT, RICARDO SUGGESTED LEGAT MIGHT WISH TO MAKE SOME SUGGESTIONS REGARDING COURSES OF ACTION THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN AGAINST THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN CARACAS BY AN ANTI-CASTRO GROUP OF WHICH HE FORMED PART. LEGAT INFORMED RICARDO SUCH WAS NOT PART OF THE FUNCTION OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE, AND THAT IN ANY EVENT, LEGAT PERSONALLY ABHORRED TERRORIST ACTIVITIES REGARDLESS OF WHOM THEY MIGHT BE DIRECTED AGAINST. LEGAT POINTED OUT TO RICARDO THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS DOING EVERYTHING IT COULD TO PREVENT DISRUPT

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IN A CONVERSATION WITH ~~(S)~~ AN OFFICIAL OF DISIP ON OCTOBER 1, 1976, LEGAT BROACHED THE SUBJECT OF RICARDO AND OF THE FAINT SUSPICION THAT RICARDO MAY HAVE BEEN SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN THE BOMBING OF THE GUYANESE CONSULATE IN PORT-OF-SPAIN. LEGAT ADMITTED THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE EVIDENCE OF RICARDO'S IMPLICATION, BUT THAT THE COINCIDENCE OF HIS PRESENCE THERE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, COUPLED WITH HIS EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP WITH LUIS POSADA, HAD GIVEN LEGAT CAUSE TO WONDER. THE ~~(S)~~ DISIP OFFICIAL ~~(S)~~ RELATED ~~(S)~~ DISIP ~~(S)~~ HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE RICARDO WAS THE CALIBER OF INDIVIDUAL THAT WOULD BE UTILIZED IN SUCH AN OPERATION,

AND THAT RICARDO WAS NOT KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED IN SUCH ACTIVITIES, IN SPITE OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH POSADA. ~~(S)~~ (u)

ON OCTOBER 3, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD ADVISED HE HAD DISCOVERED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED IN TRINIDAD, AND WHO IS IN POSSESSION OF THE VENEZUELAN PASSPORT ISSUED TO JOSE VAZQUEZ GARCIA, IS ACTUALLY HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO. HE SAID HE DETERMINED THAT RICARDO AND FREDDY LUGO, THE OTHER VENEZUELAN ARRESTED IN TRINIDAD, HAD BEEN PART OF THE SUPPORT GROUP IN THE SABOTAGE OPERATION AGAINST THE CUBANA AIRLINER IN BARBADOS. HE SAID THE OPERATION HAD NOT GONE AS PLANNED BECAUSE IT WAS INTENDED THAT THE BOMB SHOULD EXPLODE BEFORE THE AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF FROM BARBADOS. THE SOURCE STATED THAT APPARENTLY THE TIMING MECHANISM ON THE BOMB HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY SET. ~~(S)~~ (u)

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THE SOURCE RELATED THAT LUIS POSADA AND ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA HAD NOT YET LEFT VENEZUELA, BUT THEY WERE PREPARED TO DO SO IF IT WAS FELT NECESSARY. (S)(u)

SOURCE INFORMED THAT FRANK CASTRO, CO-FOUNDER OF CORU WITH ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, DEPARTED CARACAS, VENEZUELA, ON OCTOBER 3, 1976, FOR SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, ABOARD PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT 466. HE SAID CASTRO UTILIZED HIS US PASSPORT, NO. 297917, AS TRAVEL DOCUMENT. (S)(u)

ON OCTOBER 8, 1976, A SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT CUBAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OFFICERS HAD PROCEEDED TO PORT-OF-SPAIN, TRINIDAD, FROM CUBA ON OCTOBER 7, 1976, AND HAD SUBJECTED THE TWO ARRESTED VENEZUELANs TO INTENSIVE INTERROGATIONS. (u) (S)

RICARDO WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 9, 1954, AT CARACAS, VENEZUELA. HE HOLDS VENEZUELAN PASSPORT NO. 850939, ISSUED ON MAY 14, 1975, AT CARACAS. HE HAS VENEZUELAN IDENTITY CARD (CEDULA) NO. V 3821507. (S)(u)

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ADMINISTRATIVE: CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE, HEAD, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE DIVISION, DISIP, CARACAS, VENEZUELA. (S)(u)

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THE SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [ORLANDO GARCIA VASQUEZ] ~~76~~
SPECIAL ADVISOR TO [DIRECTOR, DISIP, CARACAS, VENEZUELA.] ~~76~~ ~~(S)~~

THE DISIP OFFICIAL MENTIONED IS RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE. ~~76~~ ~~(S)~~ ~~(u)~~
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