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1. LOCAL PRESS FOR SEVERAL DAYS HAS CARRIED VARIOUS VERSIONS OF STATEMENTS BY HERNAN RICARDO'S DEFENSE LAWYER, CARLA DEL SOLAR, THAT RICARDO WORKED FOR CIA AND WAS ON "INTELLIGENCE MISSION" AT TIME OF CUBANA BOMBING IN BARBADOS. ALSO CLAIMED THAT RICARDO IS VICTIM OF CONSPIRACY HEADED BY RICARDO MORALES NAVARETTE, DISIP EMPLOYEE "WHO ALSO WORKED FOR THE CIA".

2. AS CAN BE SEEN FROM FOREGOING, HERNAN RICARDO'S DEFENSE IN TRIAL APPARENTLY WILL BE THAT HE WORKING FOR CIA AND THAT CIA, THROUGH MORALES NAVARETTE, FRAMED HIM WITH CUBANA BOMBING.

3. OUR CASE NOT HELPED BY ARTICLE IN 24 NOVEMBER ISSUE OF CARACAS DAILY JOURNAL, ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, WHICH STATES:

"U.S. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE CHARGES THAT RICARDO WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CIA. "WE NEVER COMMENT ON ANYONE WORKING FOR INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES", AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID."

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SPOKESMAN IN THIS INSTANCE WAS EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE YALE NEWMAN. COS PROTESTED TO AMBASSADOR WHO SAID NEWMAN WAS MISQUOTED, THAT ALL NEWMAN SAID WAS, "WE NEVER COMMENT ON MATTERS LIKE THAT". AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO INSTRUCTED NEWMAN IF APPROACHED AGAIN ON THIS SUBJECT TO REPLY THAT OFFICIAL EMBASSY HAS NO COMMENT BUT THAT "OFF THE RECORD" THE USG HAS NEVER HAD ANY RELATIONSHIP WHATSOEVER WITH HERNAN RICARDO.

4. JOANNE CHAMING OF WASHINGTON POST IS IN CARACAS AND IN TOUCH WITH BOTH NEWMAN AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR. SHE HAS COMPLAINED THAT ALL LEADS IN "MINI-WATERGATE CASE", BOTH HERE AND IN MIAMI, HAVE DRIED UP AND SHE RETURNING TO U.S. ON 27 NOVEMBER. ONLY NEW INFORMATION SHE HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP IS THAT VENEZUELANAS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE KILLED MORALES NAVARETTE (OUR INFO SUGGESTS HE IS EITHER IN LONDON, OR MORE LIKELY COSTA RICA). BELIEVE OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM WILL COME WHEN MORALES NAVARETTE APPEARS IN MIAMI, AS WE FEEL SURE HE EVENTUALLY WILL, AND GIVES HIS VERSION OF EVENTS TO MEDIA CONTACTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, [02]TANGO-1 TOLD [27] [redacted] AND [06] [redacted] THAT WHEN MORALES LEFT VENEZUELA HE TOLD [01]KSCARLET OFFICIALS "SOMEDAY I'LL COME BACK AND KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR" TO WHICH [02]TANGO-1 REPLIED "PLEASE

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