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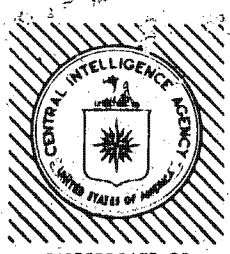
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1. ON 8 OCTOBER 1976 ^{Cuba} LUIS JORGE ~~M A R T I N E Z~~ ~~MENOCAL~~, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA, SAID THAT THE CUBAN EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE CUBAN EXILE GROUP HEADED BY ORLANDO ~~B O S C H~~ ~~XAVILA~~ IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 6 OCTOBER BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER OUT OF BARBADOS. (FIELD

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TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST THE CUBANS, SEE [] 7509, TDFIRDB-315/10100-76, OF 8 OCTOBER 1976, FROM THIS AND ANOTHER SOURCE OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY.)

2. MARTINEZ SAID THAT THE EMBASSY BELIEVES BOSCH HAS BEEN RECEIVING ECONOMIC AND OTHER ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (USG), VIA ITS INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, SINCE BOSCH IS ABLE TO MOVE ABOUT FREELY AND OBVIOUSLY WITH FALSE DOCUMENTATION, AS HIS MOVEMENTS CANNOT BE TRACED. HOWEVER, MARTINEZ SAID THAT THE CUBANS DO NOT BELIEVE THE USG IS OR WOULD BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE BOMBING OF THE CUBANA FLIGHT. USG INVOLVEMENT IN THE INCIDENT, MARTINEZ SAID, WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THE USG'S INTERESTS BECAUSE CUBAN PRIME MINISTER FIDEL ~~C A S T R O~~ ^{Cuba} ~~R U Z~~ WOULD SURELY BREAK THE AIR PIRACY AGREEMENT, WHICH IS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE USG.

3. THE CUBANS, MARTINEZ SAID, ARE CONCERNED ABOUT APPARENT CONNECTIONS BETWEEN BOSCH AND CUBAN EXILES WORKING FOR THE CAPRILES PUBLISHING CHAIN IN VENEZUELA. SHOULD FREDDY ~~L U G O~~, ONE OF THE TWO VENEZUELAN'S CURRENTLY UNDER DETENTION IN TRINIDAD IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLANE CRASH AND A REPORTER FOR ONE OF THE CAPRILES PUBLICATIONS, BE DEFINITELY IMPLICATED IN THE AFFAIR, THE CUBANS WILL BE CONVINCED OF THIS BOSCH/CAPRILES CONNECTION. ANOTHER

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