

LUIS CLEMENTE POSADA CARRILES

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DELETIONS:

FBI -

8/1/66

Anti-Fidel Castro Activities

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Comandos L

9/30/65 MM 92-726

Frank Lang, "Lefty" Rosenthal;  
Diego Borges; Herminio Diaz; Luis  
Posada; Ramon Escarda; Frank Tamayo;

5/17/65 2-380

Roberto Lejos Arzu; Luis Sierra Lopez

DOD - Intelligence Information Report

7/15/65

#2750008565

Sale of Arms by Cuban Exiles

SYNOPSIS:

File indicates Posada trained in Guatemala for invasion, PM trainee #7361. From October 1961 to March 1963 with Firestone in Ohio; from March 1963 to March 1964 at Ft. Benning, GA with the US Army; from March 1964 to September 1964 unemployed; from September 1964 to April 1965 with Pan Am Exterminating Company. Actually involved in training JURE members. File indicates involvement in 1965 attempt to overthrow Guatemalan govt, (along with Aton Constanzo Palau). During summer of 1965 involved in passing silencers, C-4 explosive, detonators to "Lefty" Rosenthal. Norman Rothman, Frank Tamayao and others involved. POA requested 4/1/65 by Agency. Possible involvement in other weapons requests.

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-- Natl Agency Name Check 3/16/63

Shows home address: 967 Wooster Ave., Akron, Ohio  
Date and Port of entry 10/10/62, Detroit, Michigan

-- DBA 78123 7/17/64

Leader of group of Cubans sponsored by JURE, training in  
guerilla warfare in Central Florida.

-- UFG - 06573 1/26/65

In Dominican Rep, Santo Domingo. As of 1/13/65 crew member  
aboard JURE's M/V VENUS

-- Cable IN 66864 1/26/65

Indicates psotponement of infiltration attempt by Manuel Ray

-- TDCS DB 315/00283-65 1/27/65

Indicates Posada possbly among plotters planning to take  
command of vessel belonging to Manuel Ray, since they believe  
Ray has no intention to infiltrate Cuba.

-- UFGA 20828 4/7/65

PRQ Part I

AKA: Bamby; Scar on center of palm, right hand, blk hair, grn  
eyes, white complexion, 5'10", 175 lbs

Father: Luis Posada Gonzalez  
Mother: Dolores Carriles Vega

Lists: Jorge MAs Canosa as close friend  
Believes brother Raul works for Cuban govt

Divorced 6/23/63 in Chicago, Illinois. from Maria Concepcion.  
Married Nieves Elina GONZALEZ Leyva 8/13/63 in Columbus, GA/

Employment:

1/45-1/46 Sugar chemist - Central Pastora  
1/46-1/48 " " - Central San Augustin  
1956-3/58 Self-employed - Exterminator in Cien Fuegos, Cuba  
3/58-3/59 Dept Mgr - Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Havana  
3/59-10/61 Unemployed

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10/61-3/63 Laborer = Firestone Tire, Akron, OH  
 3/63-3/64 2nd Lt US Army, Ft Benning, GA  
 3/64-9/64 Unemployed  
 9/64-pres. Sprayman - Pan Am exterminating Co

Hunting and fishing, judo

Past member of JURE, member of no other group

TRAVEL:

1957 US - as tourist  
 1961, Feb 2 - Mexico - Argentine Emb. as political asylee  
 1961 Feb 28 - arr US  
 1961 April - Guatemala, preparation for invasion  
 1964-65 - Santo Domingo

-- Cable 3/31/65 IN 35180

Posada eventually to be used as WAVE KUROAR instructor.

-- Cable 3/31/65 IN 35178

Priority request for POA, presently working as auto body repairman

-- POA 4/1/65 201-300985 granted 4/7/65

-- TDCS DB 315/01270-65 4/20/65

List of individuals recruited to participate in attempt to overthrow Guatemalan govt:  
 Includes Aton Constanzo Palau; Posada

-- Cable 4/17/65 IN 46795

Posada given AMCLEVE-15 as crypt

-- UFG-7314 IN 02605 7/1/65 TDCS DB 315/02246-65

Rept Guillermo BELT Ramirez, former Cuban Amb to US asked Anton Constanzo Palau to help form 150-man company for duty in DR. Belt claimed representing US in this matter. Poada at meeting discussing plan.

-- TDCS DB 315/02243-65 7/1/65

Jorge Mas Canosa, proposed demolitions expert that he travel to Spain, Mexico at expense of RECE and place bombs in Communist installations in those countries. RECE had been approached by Carballo (FNU) for financial assistance for an operation involving the blowing up of Soviet or Cuban vessel in Veracruz, Mexico.

As of 6/28, Mas Canosa had in his possession 125lbs of Pentol

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to be placed as charges on vessel. Mas Canosa in Texas working out details

-- TDCS DB 315/02278-65 7/6/65

Roberto ALEJOZ Arzu, Guatemalan millionaire recruiting Cuban exiles Miami area for infiltration team to Guat. to overthrow govt. Source trying to locate whereabouts of silencer for M-3 machine gun, one of four delivered to Arzu after weapons cache seized by US govt

-- Cable IN 11645 7/14/65

Poss. delay in plan for RECE to blow up Cuban vessel in Mexico

-- Cable IN 92982 6/17/65

AMCLEVE-15, demo expert, contacted by Mas Canosa on behalf RECE. Said he was interested but specific details would have to be worked out before he would commit himself. Will continue to monitor further developments

-- Cable IN 18425 7/24/65

Posada completed two 101b bombs for RECE. Working directly with Mas Canosa. Posada instructed to disengage from activities

-- Cable IN 18432 7/24/65

Posada reported Diego Borges acting as agent for 3 Americans who seek buy pistols, explosives, blasting caps, hand grenades, silencers. Posada believes Americans John Birch Extremists or Ku Klux Klan. Refused. Tried to sell Borges 9mm sub-machine gun w/ silencer, but it returned to Posada. Posada put Borges in touch with Ramon Escarda for Pentolite. Posada says Tamayo sold Borges 22 cal silencers, promised Posada \$3000 commission

-- Memo WTR-1036 9/17/65

Posada under no cover arrangement but will be employed at Tri-State engineering

-- PRQ Part II 9/22/65

LCFLUTTER 4/14/65

Assessment: of good character, very reliable, security conscious

-- WCV-1066 10/25/65 memo

Technical Supervisor @\$400 per month

-- 7/21/66 WTR 1299 Memo

RE: Posada's request to accept position on Junta set up to govern activities of RECE, Comandos L, 30 Nov Movement and 2506 Brigade. Posada's "performance in all assigned tasks

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has been excellent."

-- UFGA 25802 8/29/66

Posada now assoc. with RECE and "Coordination of Forces"  
RECE is organizing.

-- WCI-1492 9/7/66 Memo

Posada no longer with Tri State engineering

-- WCI-1501 9/21/66

Posada received phone call from mother in Cuba that brother  
Robert in London on purchasing mission for GOC. Posada .  
willing to try to recruit brother.

-- UFG-8576 9/29/66

Posada one of six men on reconaissance trip to Bahamian  
island to locate suitable site for caching weapons

-- 11/18/66 IN 41455

Bill Johnson, (201-110963) told Posada on 11/17/66  
bombing carried out by Robert E. Spining and Cuban "Mino"  
(probably Gervelio Gutierrez Concepcion 201-309242, military  
coordinator for MIRR) were in Apache plane carrying 600 Lbs  
explosives. Pnae and crew missing. 1959 - Spining involved  
purchase of lanes preparing base in Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico  
for Anti-Castro group. Spining mentioned report re: illiegal  
sale of aircraft to Haiti - 2/19/65.

--IN 58610 12/9/66

Posada desires to purchase 25' boat. Requests guidance  
as whether he could be allowed to do so.

-- 12/12/66 IN 57889

Posada will be denied purchase of boat; will enhance his cover.

-- 2/1/67 Memo

WH/3/Venezuela - [redacted] requestes cancellation of POA  
for their use Posdada

-- Memo for record 6/26/67

Re investigation by Justice Department of Left Rosenthal  
who they belive tied in with organized crime figures in Miami  
area and also involved with 7 recent bombings in Miami area .  
Rosenthal went to Norman Rothman in DR and thru him or indirect  
thru him Diego, Rosenthal put in touch with Posada. Rosenthal  
understands Posada attached with CIA and claims Posada supplier

him with caps, primers, and c-4 explosives

-- 6/28/67 REDRAFT Note for the record - telephone conversation'

On station instructions, Posada cooperated with Rosenthal as intermediary, passing hand grenades and silencers in July 1965. In Oct '66, Posada recontacted Rosenthal. Under threat of bodily harm, Posada was forced to supply Rosenthal with 150 pencils and some fuses. Station only recently advised of this transaction. Items not agency origin

-- 6/28/67 Memo for the record

Suggests Posada may have been moonlighting for Rosenthal and only reported transactions to agency when it got hotter.

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-- 6/7/68 Memo IRD #72501

Posada re assigned to Caracas Station as penetration of DIGEPO. Transferred because of question of bona fides, possible affiliation of Cuban intelligence thru relatives; unreported association with gangster elements; thefts from CIA, plus other items. Posada interrogated

Posada sensitive to questions relating to dealings with Lefty Rosenthal, possibly over amount of items he had been instrumental in getting for Rosenthal.

Posada's brother possibly member of Cuban CP (Robertto), but also believed brother Raul may be with Cuban intelligence. Raul spent a year of training in the USSR in 1962, to best of Posada's recollection.

Posada took several items with him to Caracas which were possibly originally LNHARP or CIA items: 3 or 4 smoke grenades, booby traps, delay fuse, primer cord, MK2 grenades, 10 pencils, metascope, etc.

-- PRQ Patr I Update HVCA-15488 5/28/68

Presently with Ministry of Internal Relations for Venezuela

Friend - Augusto Val Des Miranda

-- 5/22/68 IN 15683

Indicates Posada had contact in 1966 with brothers, when Robertt travelled to England 1966. Contact thru correspondence

-- IN 08516 5/10/68

Posada described as very productive, valuable source since picked up by Caracas station 2/68. Believe he is collaborating fully with CIA. "This does not mean he might not engage in side activities of his own unrelated to CIA activities without informing CIA."

Request test for him to take him off "hostile" list

-- IN 01396 5/1/68

Agedo Lugo, on gangster mission for Chuchu Fernandez, Miami, said to be on look out for Cubans sent from Cuba to assassinate Pres. Leonel. : Francisco Linares; Cmdte Wm Galves; Abelard Colome, aka Furry/

-- Intell Info Cable TDCSDB 315/01471-68 4/25/68

RE: Involvement of the Venez Military in Cuban exile plan to

11/11/68

attack Cuba.

2/68 investigation in Venez or reports that Venezuelans procuring arms for Cuban exile group. Two Cubans identified: Salvador Romani Orue Garcia and Reinaldo Bonifacio Gonzalez Leon Garcia, close frined of Masferrer Rojas. Plan cancelled when it became clear that Ministry of Interior knew about Ministry of Defense's involvement.

-- IN 92196 4/16/68

Posada working on **CIRASH** case involving poss. smuggling from Miami to Venez. Involved: Agedo Lugo, AKA El Negro Lugo. Negro who infiltrated by LNERGO into black power groups in Miami.

-- HVCA 15345 4/10/68

Indicates Posada **penetration agent of CIRASH**. Notes of guerilla training in Cuba 66-67 indicate training heavy on explosives

-- HVCA 15198 2/19/68

Indicates Posada requested curare poison for hypodermic needles on behalf Gustavo Ortiz Faez. Request made to **CIRASH - 15 reporting back to agncey** without Posada's knowledge

-- 2/2/68 IN 36499 Cite director 71540

Tendency Posada become involved clandestine sabotage activitie failure to report to CIA. pOA cancelled, to be handles as hostile. Continue as source of information; no joint operations; no requirements levied on him..

14978 from **COS Caracas**

-- 12/6/67 **HVCA** /indicates objective for Posada in Venezuela will be to obtain counter intelligence information to protect the stator and its operations. ..to penetrate the inner circle surrounc **Rembero Uzgategui and CIRASH-4**

-- Request for cancellation of Posada 8/8/67

-- 7/25/67 UFGA 28079

Reports Posda terminated 7/11/67 because he resigned from position as military coordinator for RECE. JMWAVE does not have current need, Plans to seek employment in Caracas thru an old friend who resides there.

-- 9/7/67 IN 47458

**Station** willing accept Posada for ONA-QAAR contract as salary \$350 per month plus **Caracs** and return air fare for one. Contract renewable at any time.



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DOD intel info report 5/8/68 Venez. Govt aid to Cuban anti-Castro exiles  
# 2 753 0015 68

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(Detailed, docuemtn by docuemnt reviews of file will not be done, although entire file will be read and summarized

Synopsis;

File dated from approximately August 1968 to March 1973.

Indicates that Venezuela Station, Caracas picked up Posada as unilateral penetration agent at Digepol where Posada employed. He was given a new crypt CIFENCE-4 3/31/72 and is later referred to as WKSCARLET-3.

In April 1970 he was questioned regarding allegations that he might have been involved with James Melville Hart and Orlando Garcia Vasquez in \$3000,000 in arms shipments Venezuela. There are indications that purchasers were American rightists. Posada denied involvement with these individuals, slaming he had met Garcia In 1969 and had not seen him since.

In March 9172 Posada's PRQ Part II was submitted.

In September 1972 there are references in POSada's file to Ricardo Morales, Aton Constanzo Palau. Morales told Posada he is affiliated with LNERGO.

Memorandum pf Oral committment to Posada 1/1/73

February '73 - Posada may be involved in smuggling cocaine from Colombia thru Venezuela to Miami, also in counterfeit US money in Venezuela.

March 1973 - Decide not to directly confront Posada with allegation so as not to compromise ongoing investigation.

CIA cables indicate concern that Posada seriou potential liability. Anxious to terminate association promptly if allegations prove true. By April 1973 it seems sure that Posada involved with narcotics drug trafficking - seen with known big time drug trafficker.

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DELETIONS:

DEA

3/14/73 Luis Posada BNDD 1622  
3/12/73 " " BNDD 1554  
3/12/73 " " ZB-73-0001  
2/5/73 General file-Humberto Trueva, SGI -9-0006  
3/12/73 Luis Posada BNDD 1585 Miami

STATE:

2/26/73 Luis Posada - Humberto Trueva Caracas 1686  
3/8/73 Luis Posada Caracas 1981  
2/28/73 Difficulties in sale of voting machines to Venezuela  
Memo of conversation (EMB-Caracas)

FBI

3/13/70 James Melville Hart RA-Venez. 105-193849 Wash, DC

## Synopsis:

File covers period from approximately March 1973 to September 1976. In early 1973, agencies covering Posada's movements to Spain, Italy. Interrogated May 1973 and tested in March and found guilty only of having the wrong kind of friends. Interrogators were convinced by his denial of drug trafficking. He had been in contact with such individuals of interest to the BNDD as Jose Gomez and Humberto Trueba.

August 17, 1973 a memo indicates **WKNUUGGET** coverage of Posada's phone was discontinued after it was ascertained that conversations during the time of coverage indicated he was not involved with drug trafficking.

January 1, 1974 Posada requests whether he can provide Domingo Abreu with a Venezuelan passport. The request was denied. Memo declares that agency cannot permit controlled agents to become directly involved in illicit drug trafficking.

May 1974 Report indicates Posada does not intend to look for another job (following the loss of his job).

June 30, 1974, Posada's was amiably terminated from agency.

February 1976 cable indicates Posada retains significant contacts with extremists exiles, including regular correspondence with Orlando Bosch.

Orlando Bosch reported in Venezuela on Feb 2, 1976 travelling on Chilean passport. Bosch of interest to FBI since early 1975 Report that WKSCARLET-3 saw Frank Castro in Venezuela who said he was there to kill Pascal Allende and that Rolando Otero was willing to help.

Posada unwitting of WKSCARLET's contact with BKHERALD.

Report in Feb 1976 of attempt on Andres Pascal Allende or Henry Kissinger. Attempt against Kissinger allegedly planned for Costa Rica Posada informing agency that he must go thru with attempt to contact Bosch as though he did not know that Bosch had been arrested. Posada concerned that Bosch will blame Posada for leak of plans. Posada allegedly going to see Bosch in Costa Rica re: his own investigation of a letter bomb sent in Venezuela.

Posada wishes to contact Frank Castro in Costa Rica also.

March 1976 DEA requesting information regarding Nieves Elina Gonzalez de Posada, wife of Posada regarding cocaine smuggling from Colombia.

March 1976 cable indicates Posada **former Caracas station agent** with whom **station** still maintains contact.

February 1976 Cable regarding Bosch presence in Venezuela for plot against Pascal Allende

June 1976 Posada seeking help of CIA for visa to the U.S. for vacation.

September 1976 Posada recorded as private investigator at present, formerly officer in DISIP, dismissed when Carlos Andres Perez became President. Posada was known at DISIP as "Comisario Basilio."

Posada trying at this time to make a deal thru an emissary with BKHERALD to provide information to BKHERALD.

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DELETIONS:

BNDD (DEA)

3/13/73	Miami	Posada	BNDD XB-73-0001
2/6/73	"	Debriefing of SGI-9-0006	BNDD General File Trueva, H.
3/23/73	HQ	Posada-ZB-73-0001	BNDD Telegram 1846
3/23/73	HQ	"	BNDD " 1847
3/16/73	HQ	"	BNDD " 1688
3/15/73	HQ	"	BNDD " 1657

STATE:

4/4/73	AMEMB Caracas Caracas 2866	Letter rogatory in cae of elections systems corp vs. AVM Corp.
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Synopsis:

File covers period from 10/9/76 to 8/25/77. Indicates Posada arrested in Venezuela on October 12, 1976 for October 6, 1976 bombing of Cubana Airlines airplane. Posada suspected of working with Orlando Bosch and others in plot. Also mentioned: Ricardo Morales Navarrete, Freddy Lugo, Hernand Ricardo Lozano, etc. Persons suspected in Letelier killing also mentioned. CIA did trace on them for FBI.

DELETIONS: State Dept

8/25/77	Caracas 8438	Govt charges "Cubana Airliner: Defendents with military crimes"
3/9/77	Caracas	Orlando Bosch & Letelier ASSass.
1/22/77	Caracas 0680	Charge that Posada implicated in CIA plot to kill Castro publishe
10/20/76	State 259140	OMANG Query about Poasada
10/19/76	Caracas 12401	Press queries re: Bosch/Cubana case
10/19/76	LDX message 0714	Additional questions

FBI

6/8/77	Director	Salvador Alderguia; Espionage
2/15/77		Coordination of United Rev. Orgs (CORU)
11/4/76	Director	Bombing of Cubana Airlines DC-8 near Barbados, West Indies, 10/6/76

-- 230017Z 962167

Cable indicates Dominican Air Force Colonel Juan Armand Montes attended meeting of anti-Castro exiles in DR esrly November 1976 at home of former senator of Batista govt. Meeting took place when Orlando Bosch and others discussed terrorist acts such as placing bombs on Cuban aircraft. Participants of meeting included Colonel Abreu; Luis Posada and others.

-- IN 133384 12/17/76

Info that Posada arrived in Santo Domingo June 4 from Caracas

Departed June 7.

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-- Memo for FBI director CIR 316/04881-76

RE: information regarding anti-castro figures possibly involved in NA violations. Info requested on following persons: Guillermo Novo Sampol; Ignacio Novo Sampol; Freddy Lugo Alejandrina; Hernan Ricardo Lozano; Orlando Bosch Avila; Luis Posada Carriles; Roberto Carballo Diaz.

-- HEQA-09809 11/15/76

Memo re: **NOC** Byron W. Gutradt knew Posada while Posada at Ft Benning (1964) (Note: Posada at Ft Benning 1963-64) Gutradt had already terminated relationship with BKHERALD, Posada generally knowledgeable of Gutradt's background, although two were not close. Gutradt met Bosch circa 1963 in Miami when Gutradt was training Bosch in BKHERALD-sponsored program.

-- IN 088993 11/3/76

Results re judicial hearing on investigation of Cubana Airline bombing: Detention order for Posada, Bosch, Lugo, Lozano.

-- 937064 030008Z

Report received by Panamanian Natl Guard - recvd letter 10/22/76, from proprietor of "Pasco's SeaFood" 1030 West 23rd St, Hialeah, with info re: Cubana airline incident (apparently to establish bona fides with Panamanian govt.) Says Posada responsible for plane bombing with assistance of Aldo Vera. Bosch went to Venezuela to settle differences between Vera's group and Bosch's group.

-- IN 081802 10/27/76

RE: Evidence to support Posada's involvement includes billing invoices seized in raid on ICICA offices (Posada's office)

-- IN 074978 10/20/76

Indicates agency had no relationship with Posada's investigative agency.

-- 10/20/76 To Immed Director, **Caracas** (State?)

Formal termination of Posada 2/13/76. Contact beyond 1974 deems to terminate Posada due to necessity of resolving outstanding tax matters. After 2/76 contacts with **station** were at Posada's own initiative to volunteer information in return for assistance U.S. visa for self and family. Told agency 2/76 of plot of Bosch and Frank Castro against Salvador Allende nephew 6/22/76 Posada again contacted **station**, reptd info concerning

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possible exile plans to blow up Cubana Airliner leaving Panama and requested visa assistance. Last **Caracas** contact few days later for counseling on this matter. Unsuccessful attempts made to contact Posada 10/7/76.

-- IN 074149 10/19/76

Indicates WKTANGO-1 (W-1) name popping up in reference to bombing. As of yet no hard evidence linking W-1 or Ricardo Morales in bombing. May have become accessories after the fact.

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