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ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON UNIT

RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE, REGISTRATION MATTER - VENEZUELA

RECARTEL FEBRUARY 23, 1977.

ON FEBRUARY 23, 1977, [CIA STATION, CARACAS] ADVISED AS FOLLOWS

IN LATE NOVEMBER, 1976, AT A MEETING AT THE DIRECTORATE OF
INTELLIGENCE AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES (DISIP) HEADQUARTERS IN CARACAS,

RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE SUGGESTED TO GENERAL RAUL GIMENEZ GAINZA,
CHIEF OF DISIP, AND ORLANDO GARCIA, MINISTER COUNSELLOR, DISIP, THAT

[CIA LIAISON] OFFICER [NEYLE THERIAULT] BE ASSASSINATED IN ORDER TO

"TAKE THE HEAT OFF" DR. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED
WITH COMPLICITY IN THE BOMBING OF A CUBAN AIRLINER OFF BARBADOS.

GENERAL GIMENEZ AND GARCIA WERE BOTH DUMFOUNDED AT THIS SUGGESTION,
AND STATED ABSOLUTE DISAPPROVAL.

IN DECEMBER, WHEN A SHOT WAS FIRED THROUGH A WINDOW AT THE
[THERIAULT] RESIDENCE, NARROWLY MISSING MR. [THERIAULT]. HE WAS

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SUBSEQUENTLY REASSIGNED TO ANOTHER POST FOR HIS OWN SAFETY. (X)

(U) [CIA, CARACAS,] CANNOT STATE DEFINITELY THAT THE SHOT WAS FIRED BY MORALES OR SOMEONE ACTING FOR HIM, BUT THIS IS NOT BEYOND THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY. (X)

(U) [CIA, CARACAS,] BELIEVES THAT THE ONLY PURPOSE THE ASSASSINATION OF [THERIAULT] WOULD HAVE SERVED WOULD HAVE BEEN TO STRAIN RELATIONS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND MOST CERTAINLY WOULD NOT HAVE AIDED THE ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA CAUSE IN ANY WAY. (X)

(U) A [CIA] SOURCE HAS ADVISED THAT AT A RECENT PARTY AT THE RESIDENCE OF ORLANDO GARCIA, MORALES, WHILE QUITE INTOXICATED, ASKED IF SEEING THE CUBAN FLAG AND HEARING THE CUBAN NATIONAL ANTHEM DID NOT EMOTIONALLY AFFECT SOURCE. SOURCE ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, AND MORALES THEN STATED TO THE EFFECT THAT HE "COULD LIVE WITH BRESHNEV," REFERRING TO THE SOVIET PREMIER. MORALES IS NOT RPT NOT CURRENTLY ON THE ROLLS OF OFFICIAL DISIP EMPLOYEES, HAS VACATED HIS APARTMENT AT THE ANAUCO HILTON, LEAVING AN UNPAID BILL OF BS. 16,000, WHICH WAS PAID BY ORLANDO GARCIA, AND HAS TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN AN APARTMENT, THE COST OF WHICH IS PROHIBITIVE ON ONLY THE SALARY PAID BY DISIP. THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT

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MORALES CONTINUES TO BE PAID BY DISIP, POSSIBLY AS A CONTRACT EMPLOYEE, BUT HIS STANDARD OF LIVING CERTAINLY INDICATES ANOTHER SUBSTANTIAL SOURCE OF INCOME, IF HE IS, IN FACT, PAYING HIS CURRENT BILLS. (S) (U)

[CIA, CARACAS,] BELIEVES THAT IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, AND THE VITUPEROUS ATTACKS MORALES HAS MADE AGAINST THE CIA AND THE FBI, THE POSSIBILITY CERTAINLY EXISTS THAT HE IS MENTALLY UNSTABLE, AND MAY VERY LIKELY BE A CASTRO DOUBLE AGENT. (S) (U)

LEGAT FEELS VERY STRONGLY THAT ANY CONTACT WITH MORALES BE VERY CIRCUMSPECT, AND ANY INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIM OR ATTRIBUTED TO HIM, BE CAREFULLY ANALYZED BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED AS FACT. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE: FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ORLANDO GARCIA IS CURRENTLY CONFINED TO BED AT HIS RESIDENCE DUE TO VERY SERIOUS LIVER PROBLEMS. HE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY HIS DOCTOR THAT IF HE DOES NOT STOP DRINKING IT WILL KILL HIM IN SHORT ORDER. (S) (U)

GARCIA IS MORALES' PROTECTOR IN DISIP, AND SHOULD HE EXPIRE OR BECOME INCAPACITATED, MORALES WOULD MOST CERTAINLY LOSE HIS INFLUENCE WITH GENERAL GIMENEZ GAINZA AND BE COMPLETELY SEPARATED. (S) (U)

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FROM DISIP. ~~(S)~~ (u)

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE MIAMI AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES.

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