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All nine subjects have been designated as fugitives in this report in view of the fact that at the time the warrants for their arrest were issued on the afternoon of October 10, 1968, their whereabouts were unknown. All nine were eventually arrested on the morning of October 11, 1968, prior to the submission of Fugitive Form Letters, which had been prepared but were not sent in view of the apprehension of the subjects.

INFORMANTS

All logical informants in the Miami Office have been contacted in connection with instant matter, and no positive information was developed other than that reported in the details of this report with the exception of information received from OSCAR ANGULO REYES, PSI under development, who was closely associated with BOSCH, who advised that on September 16, 1968, at about 3:00 A. M., he received a telephone call from BOSCH who stated that his group had just fired a shot with a 57mm gun at a Polish ship docked at Dodge Island. BOSCH told REYES that the gun was fired from the MacArthur Causeway. REYES has refused to testify with regard to this and other information he has furnished in the past. (U)

It is noted that the principal source in connection with this and related cases in the past has been RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE, who has now agreed to testify, as set out under the Administrative section above. Therefore, all information obtained from him has been set out in the report under appropriate FD-302s.

It is noted that the attached report contains information and a signed statement from MARIA DE LOURDES BLANCO DIEZ DE CUESTA, who is a security symbol informant, whose information was normally considered secret, but is set out in the details of this report in view of the fact that the information was obtained not as a result of any confidential position which she holds, but by virtue of the fact that she happened to overhear a conversation in a restaurant involving BOSCH. (S)

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Miami, Florida
September 18, 1968

I, [MARIA DE LOURDES BLANCO DIEZ DE CUESTA,
2155 SW 5th Street, Miami, Florida,]^(S) make the following
statement voluntarily to Special Agents WILLIAM W.
STEVENS and GEORGE E. DAVIS who I know to be Special
Agents of the FBI. (X)

On the morning of September 18, 1968, from
approximately 8:30 through 8:50 A.M., ORLANDO BOSCH
AVILA ate breakfast at the Dog House Restaurant, 3695
West Flagler Street, and discussed his activities with
a friend. The following is what occurred on that
occasion:

At approximately 8:30 A.M., ORLANDO BOSCH,
dressed in a suit, entered the Dog House Restaurant
alone and sat down in the first booth to the right
of the Flagler Street entrance. He advised the waitress
that he was waiting for another fellow and kept looking
at his watch. After some five minutes, an unknown
individual entered the restaurant and approached BOSCH,
who stood up and greeted him, and the two sat down at

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the table. This unknown individual is described as follows: male, white, Latin, approximately 42 to 45 years old, about 5' 11" tall, weight about 180 pounds, appears slightly husky and/or overweight, hair, bald on top with a black fringe around the edges, tinged with gray, eyes, dark and small, complexion, medium, scars and marks, none observed, attire, medium gray suit, white shirt and tie.

The waitress, who was apparently an American and did not appear to understand Spanish, approached BOSCH's table and said to the newcomer something to the effect that his friend had been waiting for him and thought he would never come. At this point, ORLANDO BOSCH introduced the newcomer to the waitress as the leader of the Cuban Power group. This conversation was apparently in jest, and the waitress laughed but gave no particular indication that she knew the significance of this comment or that she knew either BOSCH or his associate personally. They ordered breakfast and proceeded to eat it and discuss their affairs.

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At the outset they each discussed various aspects of practicing medicine as Cuban refugees in the Miami area and the problems of passing the written examinations and the fact that they were making medical state boards more difficult each year. BOSCH's associate indicated that it was necessary to study even harder now in order to pass these examinations. They discussed working conditions in various hospitals in the area, and BOSCH's associate indicated that he had a friend who was opening a hospital or clinic in Fort Lauderdale which would contain some 40 beds. Both BOSCH and his associate seemed to feel that this was not a smart thing to do and might very likely prove unsuccessful. It was apparent from their conversation, which was in Spanish and frequently punctuated with swear words, that they had known each other for some time, although probably not closely, and that they were both occupied in the medical profession.

BOSCH then launched into a discussion of his recent activities and those of Cuban Power. He talked openly and freely in the Spanish language in a boastful manner to his associate about these affairs, apparently being of the opinion that no one else in the restaurant understood Spanish or was interested in their conversation.

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He explained that in past months various individuals from several groups locally had been placing bombs in the Miami area and elsewhere, that these individuals, however, were nothing but gangsters and did not actually represent the Cuban people. He stated that he and his group were the only true representatives of the Cuban people and their activities were directed to advance the cause of Cuban independence. Among some of the recent activities, the responsibility for which he credited to Cuban Power, were the following:

The recent bombing of the boat in San Juan, Puerto Rico, harbor was an activity of Cuban Power, and he was sure that the boat would have sunk if the Coast Guard had not been alert and prevented it from doing so by going to its assistance.

The recent shelling of the Polish vessel, the "Polanica", in Miami had been a Cuban Power activity, and BOSCH explained how they had prepared a car for the little cannon and driving out along the causeway to the appropriate spot. He indicated that they had had to get out of the car to actually fire the projectile and after

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firing it, jumped back into the car and fled the scene. In his account of this activity, although he used the term "we", it was obvious that he was probably not among the group who actually participated in this activity. BOSCH indicated that the next major planned activity of the Cuban Power group was to go to the Olympics games in Mexico City to make their cause known.

He said that in connection with these activities, it was necessary to raise some \$200,000.00 in order to be able to continue the bombings. He said that some Cubans mistakenly thought the CIA was involved in these activities and was, perhaps, helping to finance them but this was not the case. He said it was necessary to raise the funds through contributions from the Cuban community. He acknowledged he was aware of the fact that it would be impossible to raise so much money under his name, ORLANDO BOSCH, or under the name of his organization, the MIRR. Because of past unfavorable publicity and involvements with the United States Government, many local Cubans would not contribute to any program of which he was the acknowledged leader; therefore, it was necessary to create a front or a

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consolidated organization, such as Cuban Power or a group perhaps using another name, to collect the needed funds. Someone would have to be the leader of this group who commanded the respect and support of local Cubans. He pointed out that "ERNESTO" who had come to be known as the spokesman for Cuban Power, was respected by many and could perhaps serve this purpose. X

BOSCH indicated they would use various techniques to raise funds and stated that one "GUADO", an individual whom they apparently knew by this nickname, contributed \$5.00 per month to the organization as did many others. BOSCH's associate, who appeared to be hearing much of this for the first time, raised the question of the legality of these activities and asked BOSCH if it was not likely these activities were illegal and the participants might very well be arrested and sent to jail. BOSCH said he did not care whether they were illegal or not, they were still prepared to carry them out for the good of Cuba. He boasted that the authorities were afraid to arrest him, BOSCH, because they knew he would cause a great deal of trouble and unfavorable publicity if arrested. (u) X

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He said, in the first place, he had never actually personally been involved in any of the bombing incidents and could not be directly identified with these activities, and Government authorities could not prove otherwise. In the second place, he and his committee had agreed that if he was arrested and sent to jail that he would go on strike in the same manner as had FELIPE RIVERO. He would refuse to cooperate in any way and would refuse to eat. He would live on bread and melado, which was a liquid form of sugar. He pointed out that the bread would stand for the fact that they were Christians and the melado would stand for the fact that they were nationalists. BOSCH indicated that the publicity from this would be most unfavorable for local authorities and for that reason he considered himself more or less untouchable.

BOSCH's associate had asked him what about CARLOS RIVERO? BOSCH indicated that CARLOS RIVERO, who has been the leader of the nationalist group in New York City, has not joined with the Cuban Power movement and is apparently still in New York City.

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He stated, however, recently four or five members of the New York nationalist group had come to Miami from New York and had met with BOSCH and his associates at the doctor's residence. As a result of this meeting, they had joined with, and supported, the Cuban Power movement.

It was not known but BOSCH in making this statement, implied that the residence at which the meeting had been held was, in fact, the residence of the individual to whom he was talking. If this was the case, however, and the associate did allow his house to be used for meetings, it was equally apparent that he himself had not been at the meeting mentioned above and had not known what had transpired on that occasion until BOSCH had advised him.

Apparently the two continued to discuss these affairs at some length but details of any subsequent discussion were not known.

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