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NEAR BARBADOS, WEST INDIES OCTOBER 6, 1976, NM-CUBA-
WEST INDIES OCTOBER 6, 1976, NM-CUBA-WEST INDIES.

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RECARTEL OCTOBER 12, 1976; CAR TELEPHONE CALL
TO MIAMI, OCTOBER 13, 1976.

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ON OCTOBER 13, 1976, FOLLOWING A TELEPHONED
SUMMONS, LEGAT PROCEEDED TO DISIP HEADQUARTERS,
CARACAS, VENEZUELA, AND MET WITH GENERAL RAUL
GIMENEZ GAINZA, DIRECTOR, ORLANDO GARCIA VA QUEZ,
MINISTER COUNSELLOR, RAFAEL RIVAS VASQUEZ, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR, AND RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE, COMISARIO.

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LEGAT WAS INFORMED THAT THE REASON FOR THE

REQUESTED MEETING WAS TO PROVIDE HIM WITH THE RESULTS
OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES MADE BY DISIP INTO THE PRE-
SUMED SABOTAGE OF THE CUBANA AIRLINE AIRCRAFT AT

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BARBADOS ON OCTOBER 6, 1976. GARCIA RELATED IT IS BELIEVED BY DISIP THAT THE KEY MALEFACTOR IS FRANK

CASTRO, WHO IS PRESENTLY THOUGHT TO BE IN MIAMI,

FLORIDA, BUT IS PREPARED TO LEAVE FOR SANTO DOMINGO, Dom Rep.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID IT IS CASTRO AND NOT ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA WHO REALLY CONTROLS ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES IN THE HEMISPHERE. HE SAID IT IS TRUE THAT BOSCH RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM ONE OF THE SUSPECTED SABOTEURS FROM BARBADOS, AND IT IS ON THE BASIS OF THAT TELEPHONE CALL THAT VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ HAS DECIDED THAT BOSCH SHOULD BE DEPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES, WHERE A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST IS OUTSTANDING. (S)

GARCIA STATED THAT ANOTHER KEY FIGURE IN THE OPERATION IS LUIS POSADA OF CARACAS WHO HAS ^{SEN} ~~BJ-SH~~ Venezuela ARRESTED AND IS BEING HELD BY DISIP FOR QUESTIONING.

HE SAID THE TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN TRINIDAD AND OTHERS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK ON THE AIRCRAFT ARE ALL EMPLOYEES OR ASSOCIATES OF POSADA.

GARCIA STATED FURTHER THAT ONE OF THE SUSPECTS UNDER (S)

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ARREST IN TRINIDAD, ~~HERNAN RICARDO~~ LOZANO, WAS PART OF THE DISIP SPECIAL SERVICES APPARATUS WHEN IT WAS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF POSADA, BEFORE POSADA'S RESIGNATION FROM DISIP IN 1973. (S)

HE SAID A VENEZUELAN NAMED ~~ALFREDO~~ GUTIERREZ WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN BARBADOS WITH HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO IN JULY, 1976, AT THE TIME OF THE BOMBINGS DIRECTED AGAINST THE BRITISH WEST INDIES AIRLINES THERE. HE STATED THAT THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF GUTIERREZ WAS NOT KNOWN. (S)

GARCIA REVEALED THAT INVESTIGATION HAD DISCLOSED THAT ANOTHER VENEZUELAN, ~~OLEG GUETON~~ RODRIGUEZ DE LA SERRA TRETISCOFF, TOGETHER WITH HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO, WAS IN PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, ON AUGUST 30, 1976. HE SAID THE TWO SHARED ROOM 903 AT THE TRINIDAD HILTON HOTEL AND CHECKED OUT OF THE HOTEL AFTER ONE DAY. BOMBING OF THE GUYANESE CONSULATE IN PORT OF SPAIN OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1976. (S)

GARCIA SAID THE ANTI-CASTRO GROUP APPEARED TO HAVE CONTACTS ESTABLISHED IN TRINIDAD, BARBADOS AND (S)
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GUYANA, AND THE DIVERSITY OF ITS MEMBERS WAS PUZZLING. HE POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE PERSONS ALLEGED TO HAVE FORMED PART OF THE GROUP ARE DEFINITELY LEFTISTS AND WOULD NOT ORDINARILY BE THOUGHT TO BE INVOLVED IN ACTIONS AGAINST CUBA. HE MENTIONED AS AN EXAMPLE, FREDDY LUGO, ONE OF THE SUSPECTS UNDER ARREST IN TRINIDAD. GARCIA STATED THAT LUGO HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN FOR HIS LEFTIST SENTIMENTS AND THAT LUGO HAD PRESENTED A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION IN CARACAS IN 1975 THAT WAS BLATANTLY ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT. (S)

GARCIA STATED THAT INCONGRUETIES SUCH AS THIS LED DISIP TO THE SUSPICION THAT THE GROUP WAS SUPPORTED AND DIRECTED BY AS YET UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS IN VENEZUELA, AND POSSIBLY ABROAD, WHOSE GOAL IT IS TO DISCREDIT DISIP AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ BY MAKING IT APPEAR THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IS DIRECTING ATTACKS AGAINST THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT, AND THAT IT HAS, IN EFFECT, "DECLARED WAR ON CUBA." (S)

DISIP OFFICIALS ASKED LEGAT TO RELAY THEIR (S)

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