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You have been previously informed of all information developed to date concerning the bombing of the Cuban-operated aircraft on 10/6/76 in the West Indies with the loss of 73 lives, as well as the information that the name of Legat Joseph S. Leo, Caracas, Venezuela was found on the person of one of the arrested suspects in that bombing.

Legat, Caracas reports in attached that with regard to the two Venezuelan citizens, Hernan Ricardo Lozano and Freddy Lugo, arrested on 10/7/76 by Trinidad police as suspects in aircraft bombing, he has been acquainted with Lozano since summer 1975, when Lozano requested visa assistance for family of superior. Lozano recontacted Legat on about three other occasions for visa information, last contacting Legat on 9/30/76 requesting visa assistance for himself. At that time Lozano claimed to be on an assignment in Jamaica and wanted a two-day stopover in Puerto Rico. Visa was issued on 10/1/76. Lozano was never a paid informant or source of Caracas Office. Freddy Lugo, the other arrested suspect is not known to Legat [nor has he ever been a paid informant or source of the Caracas Office. *IX* Lugo reportedly possessed Legat's name and telephone number on his person at time of arrest but Legat does not know how his name came into Lugo's possession. Legat *X*

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advised that the paper bearing his name appeared to have been taken from a notebook found in possession of Lozano which contained more than 170 other names. ~~(S)~~ (U) ~~SECRET~~

Legat further advised that neither Luis Posada Carriles, former Venezuelan Intelligence Service official and current employer of Lozano, and Ricardo Morales Navarrete, currently employed by Venezuelan Intelligence Service were never paid informants or sources of Caracas Office. It is noted, however, Navarrete is a former paid informant of the Miami Office. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Details in attached will be disseminated by letter to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Office of Professional Responsibility and to Secretary of State. You will be kept completely and promptly informed of all pertinent developments.

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

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS WITH CARACAS,  
OCTOBER 25, 1976.

TWO VENEZUELAN, HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO AND FREDDY LUGO, WERE  
ARRESTED BY TRINIDAD POLICE ON OCTOBER 7, 1976, ON SUSPICION  
OF IMPLICATION IN CUBANA AIRLINE CRASH OFF THE COAST OF BARBADOS  
ON OCTOBER 6, 1976. HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO FIRST CAME TO LEGAT'S  
ATTENTION IN THE SUMMER OF 1975 WHEN HE CONTACTED LEGAT ON  
BEHALF OF THE THEN DIRECTOR OF THE DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE  
AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES (DISIP), DR PEDRO TORRES AGUDO, FOR  
ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO A FAMILY  
MEMBER OF DR TORRES AGUDO. RICARDO LOZANO RETURNED SHORTLY  
THEREAFTER TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE AND  
RECONTACTED LEGAT ON ABOUT THREE OTHER OCCASIONS FOR VISA

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INFORMATION. IN DECEMBER, 1975, RICARDO LOZANO TELEPHONED LEGAT AND EXTENDED A SOCIAL INVITATION THAT WAS DECLINED. HE WAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM AGAIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 1976, WHEN HE APPEARED AT THE LEGAT OFFICE REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A VISA TO THE UNITED STATES FOR HIMSELF. HE CLAIMED HE HAD A PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSIGNMENT IN JAMAICA FOR VISION MAGAZINE AND THAT HE PLANNED A TWO-DAY STOPOVER IN PUERTO RICO BEFORE RETURNING TO VENEZUELA. ON HIS VISA APPLICATION HE INDICATED HIS OCCUPATION AS GRAPHICS REPORTER AND INDUSTRIAL INVESTIGATOR. HE LISTED HIS EMPLOYER AS INVESTIGACIONES COMERCIALES E INDUSTRIALES (ICI) AND PRODUCED A LETTER OF EMPLOYMENT SIGNED BY ICI OWNER, LUIS POSADA. A VISA WAS ISSUED TO RICARDO LOZANO ON OCTOBER 1, 1976. [HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO WAS NEVER A PAID INFORMANT OR A PAID SOURCE OF THE CARACAS OFFICE.] X(S)

LUIS POSADA CARRILES [IS A FORMER DIVISION CHIEF OF DISIP WHO RESIGNED FROM THAT ORGANIZATION IN 1974 AND] (S) ESTABLISHED ICI, A PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY. LEGAT HAD VERY SLIGHT CONTACT POSADA [EVEN WHEN POSADA WAS AN OFFICIAL OF DISIP.] (S) LEGAT AND POSADA HAVE MET PERHAPS NO MORE THAN THREE TIMES SINCE 1971. ON JUNE 10, 1976, POSADA APPEARED AT THE LEGAT OFFICE TO ASK X

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WHAT, IF ANY, INTEREST THE FBI HAD IN CARLO BORDONI (BUFILE 29-168654, CARFILE 29-15). POSADA WAS TOLD THAT BORDONI WAS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE AND THAT EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO EXTRADITE BORDONI FROM VENEZUELA TO THE UNITED STATES TO ANSWER CHARGES OF BANK FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH THE COLLAPSE OF THE FRANKLIN NATIONAL BANK. POSADA SAID IN THAT CASE HE WISHED TO ADVISE LEGAT THAT BORDONI HAD HIRED TWO ICI OPERATIVES TO ACT AS ARMED BODYGUARDS IN HIS HOME. [LEGAT SUBSEQUENTLY FURNISHED THAT INFORMATION TO VENEZUELAN POLICE INVOLVED IN THE EXPECTED ARREST OF BORDONI. LUIS POSADA CARRILES WAS NEVER A PAID INFORMANT OR PAID SOURCE OF THE CARACAS OFFICE.] (S)

FREDDY LUGO, THE SECOND VENEZUELAN ARRESTED IN TRINIDAD, IS NOT KNOWN TO LEGAT. VENEZUELAN PRESS REPORTS IDENTIFY HIM AS A JOURNALIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER. HE REPORTEDLY HAD A SLIP OF PAPER ON HIS PERSON BEARING LEGAT'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER. IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW LEGAT'S NAME CAME TO BE IN LUGO'S POSSESSION. LUGO IS NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN TO LEGAT AND [HE HAS NEVER BEEN A PAID INFORMANT OR PAID SOURCE OF THE CARACAS OFFICE.] (S)

TRINIDAD POLICE FURNISHED XEROX COPIES OF PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS AMONG PERSONAL EFFECTS OF RICARDO LOZANO AND LUGO. (u)

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FROM AN EXAMINATION OF THE COPIES, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE SLIP OF PAPER BEARING LEGAT'S NAME WAS TAKEN FROM A NOTEBOOK OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY PAGES FOUND IN RICARDO LOZANO'S POSSESSION AND IN WHICH WERE INSCRIBED OVER ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY NAMES. COPIES OF THE XEROXED DOCUMENTS WERE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU BY CARACAS LETTER, OCTOBER 18, 1976. ~~(S)~~(u)

RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE IS PRESENTLY A DIVISION CHIEF AT DISIP. HE WAS FORMERLY AFFILIATED WITH A SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT OF THE VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR BEING ORLANDO GARCIA VASQUEZ, MINISTER COUNSELLOR. MORALES ARRIVED IN VENEZUELA FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN APPROXIMATELY LATE 1974, HAVING BEEN SUMMONED BY ORLANDO GARCIA VASQUEZ, WHO IS A CONFIDANT OF VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. REGULAR OFFICIAL CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED WITH MORALES AND GARCIA IN CONNECTION WITH BUREAU MATTERS. THEY ARRANGED THE ARREST AND DEPORTATION OF BUREAU FUGITIVE JOSEPH GREGORY SCATA (BUFILE 115-4761, CARFILE 115-4761) ON JUNE 9, 1976, AFTER THE TECHNICAL JUDICIAL POLICE (PTJ) HAD FAILED. THEY HAVE ALSO ASSISTED IN THE MATTER OF CARLO BORDONI. GARCIA AND MORALES LAST CONTACTED LEGAT ON OCTOBER 25, 1976, TO ASCERTAIN IF LEONARD RITNUS, J. LIZT AND CHARLES BARANDIARAN, THREE UNITED STATES CITIZENS BEING HELD BY DISIP, WERE ~~(S)~~(u)

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NEITHER RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE NOR ORLANDO GARCIA VASQUEZ

HAS EVER BEEN A PAID INFORMANT OR PAID SOURCE OF THE CARACAS

OFFICE. ~~(S)~~(u)

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