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UNSUBS; BOMBING OF CUBANA AIRLINES DC-8 NEAR
BARBADOS, WEST INDIES, OCTOBER 6, 1976. NEUTRALITY
MATTERS - CUBA - WEST INDIES.

~~REBUTEL, NOVEMBER 4, 1976~~

By teletype 11/4/76, Legat, Caracas advised that
AFTER NO CONTACTS WHATSOEVER IN SEVERAL DAYS,

RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE UNEXPECTEDLY TELEPHONED
LEGAT AT HIS HOME ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 6 IN COUYN
AND EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO VISIT LEGAT AT HIS OFFICE
ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 4, 1976. (S)(U)

AT APPROXIMATELY 10 AM ON NOVEMBER 4, 1976,
MORALES TELEPHONED LEGAT AND SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE TO
LEAVE THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS AND THAT HE WOULD NOT BE
ABLE TO SEE LEGAT IN HIS OFFICE AS HE HAD HOPED. HE
SAID HE WAS "GOING ACROSS THE BORDER" AND ASKED LEGAT
TO JOT DOWN HIS MOTHER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IN MIAMI. (S)(U)

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(261-8269) RPT (261-8269) THROUGH WHOM LEGAT COULD CONTACT HIM IF HE (MORALES) SHOULD MANAGE "TO GET BACK." MORALES SAID HE WISHED HE COULD DIVULGE SOME INFORMATION TO LEGAT FOR HE HAD A LOT TO TELL, BUT THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. HE ASKED LEGAT TO NOTE THE NAME OF ONE PERSON WHO WAS "BEHIND EVERYTHING," AND HE THEN UTTERED THE NAME, "REMBERTO." (S)(u)

[REMBERTO.UZCATEGUI WAS DIRECTOR OF THE DIRECTORATE (CS) OF INTELLIGENCE AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES (DISIP)] DURING THE PERIOD THAT LUIS POSADA CARRILES WAS AFFILIATED WITH THAT ORGANIZATION, AND LEGAT IS CERTAIN [UZCATEGUI] (S) IS THE INDIVIDUAL MORALES INTENDED TO INDICATE. WHAT MORALES MEANT BY HIS CRYPTIC COMMENT THAT SAID INDIVIDUAL WAS "BEHIND EVERYTHING" IS NOT KNOWN, HOWEVER. MORALES SAID NOTHING MORE AND TERMINATED THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION. (S)(u)

IT IS BELIEVED MORALES WAS IN CARACAS AT THE TIME HE PLACED THE TELEPHONE CALLS, BUT LEGAT HAS LEARNED FROM A SOURCE THAT MORALES HAD BEEN SPIRITED TO MARACAIBO, VENEZUELA, BY DISIP OFFICIALS SHORTLY AFTER (S)(u)
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MORALES' MUCH PUBLICIZED ALTERCATION AT THE CARACAS AIRPORT WITH THREE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS ON OCTOBER 21, 1976. (S) (u)

LEGAT BELIEVES MORALES IS NOW BEING SENT OUT OF THE COUNTRY BY VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PROBABLY BY AUTOMOBILE TO ^{COLUMBIA} ~~COLOMBIA~~ AND THAT MORALES WILL SUBSEQUENTLY ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THERE. AFTER THE AIRPORT ALTERCATION, THE VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR NOT ONLY PUBLICLY DENIES THAT MORALES WAS AFFILIATED WITH DISIP BUT DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HIM, SO IT FOLLOWS THAT THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WOULD WISH TO GET MORALES OUT OF THE WAY IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY FURTHER EMBARRASSMENT. (S) (u)

ON NOVEMBER 2, 1976, SUB-COMISARIO CARLOS FABBRI, HEAD, EXPLOSIVES SECTION, DISIP, VISITED THE LEGAT OFFICE AND EXPRESSED TO LEGAT HIS INDIGNATION AT HAVING BEEN SUMMONED TO DISIP HEADQUARTERS AT 2 AM ON NOVEMBER 1, 1976, AND SUBJECTED TO AN INTENSIVE INTERROGATION BY ORLANDO GARCIA VASQUEZ, MINISTER COUNPELLOR ATTACHED TO DISIP AND DE FACTO HEAD (S) (u)

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REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE BOMB OR BOMBS USED IN THE SABOTAGE OF THE CUBANA AIRLINES PLANE ON OCTOBER 6, 1976. FABBRI SAID PRESENT AT THE INTERROGATION WERE RAFAEL RIVAS VASQUEZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DISIP, AND THREE OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS WHOM FABBRI DESCRIBED AS CUBANS. HE SAID HE WAS ACCUSED OF HAVING FURNISHED HERMES ROJAS PERALTA WITH A PENCIL DETONATOR AND THAT HE CATEGORICALLY DENIED IT. FABBRI STATED HE READILY ADMITTED ACQUAINTANCE WITH ROJAS, WHO UP TO TWO YEARS AGO HAD WORKED WITH HIM IN DISIP. HE SAID HE HAD FURNISHED NO BOMB MATERIALS WHATSOEVER TO ANYONE. FABBRI RELATED THAT GARCIA WAS FINALLY CONVINCED THAT FABBRI HAD HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BOMBING INCIDENT AND THAT THE MEETING ENDED AMICABLY. FABBRI DID NOT CONCEAL THAT HE WAS STILL UPSET BY THE INTERROGATION, HOWEVER (S) *Below into Miami only.*

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE MIAMI OFFICE REMAIN ALERT TO THE POSSIBLE RETURN OF RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE TO THE MIAMI AREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. LEGAT BELIEVES MORALES COULD SHED CONSIDERABLE LIGHT ON NOT ONLY THE PERPETRATORS (S)(U)

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OF THE CUBANA AIRLINES CRASH BUT ALSO WHETHER OR NOT ORLANDO
BOSCH AVILA WAS INVOLVED IN THE ORLANDO LETELIER ASSASSINATION.
WHILE MORALES MAY HAVE BEEN CONSTRAINED FROM DIVULGING FULL
INFORMATION WHEN HE WAS PHYSICALLY IN VENEZUELA, IT IS
BELIEVED THAT IF HE SHOULD RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES
HE WILL BE READY AND WILLING TO DISCLOSE ALL HE KNOWS. *(Handwritten initials)*

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