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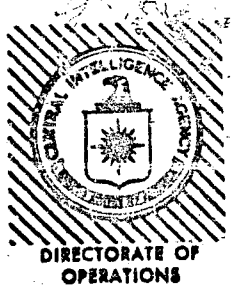
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SUBJECT COMMENTS BY ORLANDO BOSCH ON THE BOMBING OF A CUBANA
AIRLINER

ACQ [VENEZUELA, CARACAS] (11 NOVEMBER -1 DECEMBER 1976)

[FIELD NO HVC 7554,

SOURCE: SEE BELOW

SUMMARY: WHILE DENYING HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF FORMER CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER ORLANDO LETELIER, CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO BOSCH IMPLIED THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINE. BOSCH SAID THAT PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ IS ANGRY AT HIM BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THAT BOSCH BROKE HIS AGREEMENT AND PLANNED THE CUBANA INCIDENT IN VENEZUELA, WHICH BOSCH DENIES. HERNAN RICARDO WHO IS ALSO IMPLICATED IN THE PLANE CRASH ADMITTED THAT HE WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS BOMBING AS WELL AS OTHERS. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID THAT THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY IN VENEZUELA

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HAS APPROXIMATELY 40 POUNDS OF C-4 EXPLOSIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 2-6: A VENEZUELAN BUSINESSMAN WHOSE ACTIVITIES BRING HIM INTO CLOSE CONTACT WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. HIS RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. HE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM SOMEONE WHO SPOKE WITH ORLANDO BOSCH;

2. IN MID-NOVEMBER 1976 CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO B O S C H, WHO IS CURRENTLY UNDER DETENTION IN VENEZUELA IN CONNECTION WITH THE 6 OCTOBER BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER, SAID THAT THE BOMBING OF THE PLANE IN THE AIR HAD BEEN A MISTAKE. ACCORDING TO THE PLAN, THE PLANE WAS TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED WHILE ON THE GROUND IN TRINIDAD AND NOT IN THE AIR, BOSCH SAID. BOSCH ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT INTENDED THAT ANY ONE SHOULD BE KILLED AND AS IT TURNED OUT, THE INCIDENT HAS BEEN COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. BOSCH BLAMED THIS ON THE STUPIDITY OF HERNAN R I C A R D O AND FREDDY L U G O, WHO ARE CURRENTLY UNDER ARREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE INCIDENT. (SOURCE COMMENT: WHILE BOSCH DID NOT ACTUALLY ADMIT THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE CUBANA BOMBING, HIS STATEMENT CLEARLY INDICATES THAT HE HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT.)

3. BOSCH SAID THAT VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ

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CUBANA INCIDENT FROM VENEZUELA. THIS, BOSCH SAID, IS NOT TRUE. BOSCH FURTHER ASSERTED THAT HE HAS HONORED HIS AGREEMENT WITH PEREZ THAT HE WOULD NOT CARRY OUT ANTI-CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN VENEZUELA IF PEREZ LET HIM ENTER VENEZUELA WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. (SOURCE COMMENT: BOSCH IMPLIED THAT, WHILE HE DID PLAN THE OPERATION, SUCH PLANS WERE NOT CARRIED OUT IN VENEZUELA.)

4. BOSCH SAID THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE CUBANA CRASH, ORLANDO GARCIA, PRESIDENT PEREZ' INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY ADVISER, HAD PLANNED TO GET BOSCH OUT OF VENEZUELA. PRESIDENT PEREZ, BELIEVING BOSCH HAD GONE BACK ON HIS AGREEMENT, ORDERED GARCIA TO ARREST BOSCH. GARCIA DID, HOWEVER, WARN BOSCH OF HIS FORTHCOMING DETENTION AND GAVE HIM AN HOUR AND A HALF TO ARRANGE HIS AFFAIRS BEFORE GARCIA ARRESTED HIM. BOSCH SAID THAT AT THE TIME HE DID NOT REALLY TAKE GARCIA'S WARNING SERIOUSLY. [FIELD] COMMENT: IN [HVC] 7514, TDFIRDB-315/10256-76, OF 15 OCTOBER, A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED THAT GARCIA INTENDED TO ESCORT BOSCH TO THE COLOMBIAN BORDER.)

5. IN DISCUSSING OTHER TERRORIST ACTS WITH WHICH HIS NAME HAS BEEN LINKED, BOSCH DENIED HAVING BEEN IN ANY WAY INVOLVED WITH THE MURDER OF FORMER CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER ORLANDO LETELLIER.

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P A S C U A L ALLENDE, NEPHEW OF THE LATE CHILEAN PRESIDENT SALVADOR A L L E N D E , IN COSTA RICA IN FEBRUARY ARE COMPLETELY FALSE, UNFORTUNATELY. BOSCH SAID, HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONVINC PEREZ OF HIS INNOCENCE WITH REGARD TO PASCUAL. (SOURCE COMMENT : IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT BOSCH STRONGLY DENIED HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE LETELIER CASE AND THE POSSIBLE ATTEMPT AGAINST PASCUAL, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME NOT DENYING HIS CONNECTION WITH THE CUBANA AFFAIR.)

6. IN DISCUSSING HIS FUTURE, BOSCH SAID THAT HE EXPECTS THE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES TO EVENTUALLY RELEASE HIM AS THE VENEZUELAN HAVE NO PROOF AGAINST HIM . BOSCH SAID THAT HE IS OLD AND TIRED AND WANTS TO GO BACK TO SERVE OUT HIS PRISON SENTENCE IN THE UNITED STATES. FURTHERMORE, BOSCH SAID THAT HE FEARS FOR HIS LIFE AND MERELY WANTS TO "RETIRE" IN PEACE,

7. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 8-10: [A VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHO HAS ACCESS TO OFFICIAL REPORTS.] HE IS A USUALLY RELIABLE REPORTER. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED WITH ANY FOREIGN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

8. IN EARLY NOVEMBER, RICARDO ADMITTED PRIVATELY THAT HE WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE BOARDING OF THE CUBANA PLANE.

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HAD CARRIED C-4 EXPLOSIVE IN HIS POCKETS AND THAT LUGO CARRIED THE
TIME PENCIL INSIDE HIS CAMERA, THE BOMB, RICARDO SAID, WAS PLACED
IN ONE OF THE PLANE'S LAVATORIES.

9. IN ADDITION TO THE 6 OCTOBER BOMBING, RICARDO ADMITTED THAT
HE WAS INVOLVED IN AN ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF A CUBANA PLANE IN PANAMA
IN THE SUMMER OF 1976, AND ATTEMPT ON A CUBANA PLANE IN JAMAICA, AND
THE BOMBING OF THE CUBAN CONSULATE IN GUYANA. ANOTHER BOMBING HAD
BEEN PLANNED FOR HONG KONG, BUT RICARDO SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE
TO MAKE THE TRIP.

10. ACCORDING TO RICARDO, THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY IN VENEZUELA
HAS APPROXIMATELY 40 POUNDS OF C-4 EXPLOSIVES AT ITS DISPOSAL,
INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED OUT BY VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES TEND TO CONFIRM
THIS INFORMATION AND THE VENEZUELAN ARE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THE
EXPLOSIVES.

11. [FIELD] DISSEM: EMBASSY, FBI AT CARACAS; SENT TO [PORT OF
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