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On 5/15/74, LESNICK advised that last Sunday, 5/12/74, he received a threatening telephone call from Spanish speaking male who said "This is the Secret Army". On 5/15/74, he received a zero letter which followed another zero letter received a week previously addressed to LESNICK and JULIO FERREIRO MORA. LESNICK agreed to furnish both letters to Miami. LESNICK named LUIS TORNES as a possible suspect along with others. LESNICK volunteered that he regards ORLANDO BOSCH as a close friend. One of BOSCH's co-defendants in a bombing case, JORGE GUTIERREZ, is employed by LESNICK. 4

On 5/16/74, MM 1550-KS, who is well acquainted with LUIS TORNES and many Cuban activists in Miami area, advised that shortly after TORRIENTE's assassination, TORNES remarked that the atmosphere was ripe for putting fear into a "bunch of SOBs". TORNES was publisher of "Impacto" newspaper, Miami, which engaged in a feud with "Replica". "Impacto" recently ceased publication when advertising was withdrawn by an agency friendly to LESNICK. TORNES, according to MM 1550-KS, is hostile to FUSTE, REYES, ARTIME, HUERTAS, LESNICK, FERREIRO, and RAY. His attitude toward MORALES, VERGARA, and ESTEVEZ is unknown to KS. TORNES' attitude varies toward PERUYERO and PRIO. TORNES has a close contact, identity unknown, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, who distributed Impacto. MM 1550-KS said that TORNES has been involved in past bombings and letters. (X) (u)

Previous investigation reflects that BOSCH has been involved in bombings and extortion. He is alleged head "Accion Cubana" which has claimed credit for package bombs this year. Accion Cubana submerged from view 3/5/74, "Zero" surfaced 4/12/74.

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Both have utilized techniques previously employed by BOSCH prior to his December, 1968, conviction for ship bombings, conspiracy, and extortion. TORRIENTE and BOSCH have publicly denounced each other in the past. U

MM 1550-KS has advised that ATON CONSTANZO PALAU is rather illiterate and not likely responsible for written threats, although capable of oral threats and violence. U (X) (u)

It appears unlikely that CONSTANZO would place his own name as the author of a threatening letter. U

Previous investigation of TORNES in 1970 reflects that JULIO ATON CONSTANZO alleged in November, 1969, that TORNES was responsible for placing two small bombs at Station WOBA on 10/19/69. Information was also received that TORNES alleged that a friend of CONSTANZO's was responsible for that bombing. In early December, 1969, CONSTANZO disappeared from the Miami scene when he became a fugitive charged with murder of ROBERTO GONZALEZ. He returned several months ago, as mentioned above and is free in Miami. U

Above information reflects the existence of bad feeling between TORNES and CONSTANZO. It, therefore, appears logical that TORNES, if he prepared the "zero" letter, might place the name of CONSTANZO as the author for reasons of revenge. U

Miami file reflected that TORNES was formerly head of the Ejercito Secreto Anti Comunista (ESA) (Anti-Communist Secret Army) which was allegedly involved in bombings and other acts of terrorism several years ago. U

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Furnish Miami with xerox copies of "zero" letters and envelopes for investigative purposes. 4

Identify, if possible, individual who was in charge of distribution of "Impacto" for TORNES in Puerto Rico. X MM 1550-KS has advised that TORNES distributed about 15,000 copies of each issue in Puerto Rico. ~~X~~ If TORNES is unsub, this case he may have enclosed "zero" envelope and letter to a San Juan contact for depositing in mails at San Juan.) X

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Will conduct appropriate investigation to identify author of "zero" letters and will attempt to obtain typewriting specimens of typewriters owned by or available to logical suspects. 4

Will furnish San Juan photos of ATON CONSTANZO PALAU, LUIS TORNES, and ORLANDO BOSCH AUILA. 4

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