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PROPOSED VISIT OF CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO TO THE UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 1979; PFO MATTER. (U)

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THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF AN INTERVIEW OF ANTONIO VECIANA CONDUCTED ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1979 BY A TV CHANNEL 7 NEWS

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 REPORTER, MIAMI, FLORIDA: (U)

VIC WALTER (VW): "SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, CHANNEL 7 NWS DID A REPORT STATING THAT ANTONIO VECIANA, FOUNDER OF THE MILITANT ANTI-CASTRO ORGANIZATION ALPHA 66, WAS THE TARGET OF AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT POSSIBLY BY PRO-CASTRO FORCS. THE REPORT WAS LATER CONFIRMED BY THE FBI, WHO HAD WARNED VECIANA THAT HIS LIFE WAS IN DANGER. LAST WEEK, THE DANGER MATERIALIZED IN THE FORM OF TWO MEN IN A CAR WITH A 45 CALIBER PISTOL. THEY TRIED TO GUN DOWN VCIANA ON A MIAMI STREET CORNER AS H DROVE HOME. A FRAGMENT OF ONE BULLET CAUGHT HIM JUST ABOVE HIS LFT TEMPLE. VECIANA SAYS HE KNOWS WHY THE ATIMPT WAS MADE ON HIS LIFE. IT IS BECAUSE SOMEONE LAKED INFORMATION TO CASTRO AGENTS THAT H WAS BEHIND A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO UPON THE CUBAN PRESIDENT'S ANTICIPATED TRIP TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NW YORK ON OCTOBER 5, 1979. YOU SAY THE FBI HAS IMPLICATED YOU IN A PLOT TO KILL FIDEL CASTRO ON OCTOBER 5. IS THAT TRUE?" (U)

V. (VECIANA). "(UNINTELLIGIBLE) ANSWER THIS, THIS QUESTION. (U)

VW: "YOU CAN'T ANSWER." (U)

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V.: "I HEARD, I HEARD IN MANY, IN MANY PLACES IN THE
(UNINTELLIGIBLE) SUPPOSEDLY I (UNINTELLIGIBLE) PLOTS
AGAINST CASTRO." (U)

VW: "TO KILL CASTRO. A PLOT TO KILL CASTRO IN NEW YORK
ON OCTOBER 5?" (U)

V.: "YEH (UNINTELLIGIBLE) IN HIS VISIT, I HEARD ABOUT." (U)

VW: "DURING HIS VISIT." (U)

V.: "I HEARD ABOUT THAT." (U)

VW: "BUT YOU CAN'T TELL US IF YOU HAD ANY INVOLVEMENT." (U)

V.: "NO. I CAN'T TELL YOU." (U)

VW: "YOU TRIED TO KILL CASTRO ONCE BEFORE, DID YOU NOT?" (U)

V.: "TWO TIMES." (U)

VW: "TWO TIMES?" (U)

V.: "TWO TIMES. ONE IN CUBA, AND ANOTHER IN CHILE." (U)

VW: "WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW, WHERE WILL YOU GO?" (U)

V.: "I THINK IT'S BEST, THE BEST THING IS TO DISAPPEAR." (U)

VW: "VCIANA IS A FORMER CIA OPERATIVE AND FBI INFORMANT.

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, HE HAS TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE
ASSASSINATIONS COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY
ASSASSINATION AND A U. S. SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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INVESTIGATING ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES. VECIANA HAS NOW GONE
UNDERGROUND AND IT IS NOT KNOWN WHERE OR WHEN HE WILL SURFACE.
HE SAID HE HAS ASKED THE FBI FOR PROTECTION, BUT SO FAR THEY
HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO HIS REQUEST. MEANWHILE, THE STATE
DEPARTMENT REFUSES TO CONFIRM THAT FIDEL CASTRO IS, IN FACT,
PLANNING TO MAKE A VISIT TO NEW YORK CITY ON OCTOBER 5; HOW-
EVER, IN ANTICIPATION THAT HE WILL MAKE THAT TRIP, CUBAN
EXILES BOTH HERE IN MIAMI AND NEW YORK ARE GEARING UP FOR
MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS. VIC WALTERS, CHANNEL 7 NEWS." (U)

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