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interview was conducted by SAs ROBERT JAMES DWYER and GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR., after information was received from Cuban exile leader MANUEL ARTIME that FUSTE had received a "Zero" extortion letter and wanted to furnish it to FBI.

It is noted "Zero" has claimed credit for April 12, 1974, assassination of JOSE ELIAS DE LA TORRIENTE, Cuban exile leader, at his Coral Gables residence.

After obtaining "Zero" letter and details from FUSTE, Agents then questioned him concerning Frente de Liberacion Nacional de Cuba (Cuban exile terrorist organization), which claims credit for a series of recent bombings. Investigation has reflected that a number of FLNC members visit WFAB daily, use facilities of WFAB, and broadcast propaganda over WFAB. FUSTE orally acknowledged this fact, but denied responsibility. He was informed that FLNC claims credit for acts which are in violation of U. S. laws, and FLNC is presently subject of a Federal Grand Jury investigation, Miami.

On 4/24/74, MM 1337-S advised on 4/22/74, LEOPOLDO JUSTO, General Manager, WFAB, overheard conversation at WFAB between FUSTE and Miami City Commissioner and Vice Mayor MANOLO REBOSO, who called upon FUSTE shortly after departure of Agents. REBOSO reportedly told FUSTE that next time SA DAVIS talked to FUSTE, REBOSO would telephone his friend, Congressman DANTE FASCELL, and make complaint against DAVIS.

MM 1337-S said that JUSTO is deeply upset about FLNC visits to WFAB and is opposed to FUSTE's policies and associations with regard to such hostile elements.

On 4/24/74, JUSTO confirmed that FLNC members frequent WFAB and said he is willing to testify and would have no objections to any other employees of WFAB being

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subpoenaed to testify before the Federal Grand Jury regarding FLNC activities. He then related that he is in a power struggle with FUSTE, who has allowed WFAB to be used for political purposes by FLNC and other Cuban exile groups contrary to FCC regulations. He related that his opposition to FUSTE came to a head when FUSTE fired, without any justification whatsoever, WFAB news reporter OSCAR ANGULO, several days previously, against orders of RICHARD EATON, owner and President of United Broadcasting Corp., Washington, D. C., who strongly supports ANGULO.

On morning 4/26/74, MM 1337-S advised that as a result of EATON's order that OSCAR ANGULO be rehired immediately, FUSTE is resigning from WFAB and has declared that he will immediately hold a press conference and announce that his resignation results from pressure applied by the U. S. Government.

SAs DAVIS and DWYER during the separate interviews of FUSTE and JUSTO explicitly informed each that the FBI was not investigating WFAB, and that the FBI interest in making this inquiry related only to the "Zero" extortion letters and the activities of the FLNC terrorists.

On 4/30/74, MM 1337-S advised that FUSTE returned to his position as Program Director at WFAB on the morning of 4/30/74, despite the fact that he had resigned on 4/29/74. On both occasions, FUSTE was accompanied by Miami City Commissioner MANOLO REBOSO. MM 1337-S subsequently learned that his own status had become in doubt but he expected to receive some definite word from Mr. EATON. He speculated that REBOSO and FUSTE had succeeded in placing pressure upon Mr. EATON to retain FUSTE, as a FCC hearing is pending on WFAB in the near future.

At 3:00 p.m. on 4/30/74, MM 1337-S advised that JOSE ANTONIO ARIAS, JR., an employee of WFAB, told him on

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a confidential basis that he had overheard a conversation that morning between FUSTE and MANOLO REBOSO. He heard REBOSO state, "Don't forget the information I received from LESNICK that ANGULO planned to work for DEA and may now be working for DEA."

On the morning of 5/1/74, MM 1337-S advised that he still does not know what is his present status, and he has not returned to the station.

Information has been previously submitted to the Bureau in the case entitled, "MAX LESNICK, aka., IS - CUBA," reflecting that in the spring of 1973, MAX LESNICK, publisher of Spanish language publication Replica, came to this office on two separate occasions to make allegations against RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETE, claiming that MORALES was engaged in illegal activities under the protection of the FBI. It is to be recalled that MORALES was a key witness in the 1968 prosecution in federal court of ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA and eight co-defendants, all of whom were convicted on charges relating to ship bombings, extortion, and conspiracy. He also served as a key witness in a narcotics case which resulted in the conviction of MANUEL PENABAZ, who was a friend of LESNICK and a writer for his publication.

Investigation has reflected that since BOSCH was released on parole on 12/15/72, he has become an almost daily visitor to LESNICK's office at Replica, and one of BOSCH's co-defendants, JORGE GUTIERREZ, is employed by LESNICK.

Also, shortly after LESNICK's first visit to this office, MANOLO REBOSO, Miami City Commissioner, who has subsequently become a Vice Mayor of Miami, came to this office to make similar complaints against MORALES. REBOSO disclosed that he himself had recommended that LESNICK complain to the FBI. REBOSO confided to SA DAVIS on the occasion of his first visit that his own former girl friend, PILAR ALFONSO, was the current girl friend of MORALES, and that PILAR always contacted REBOSO immediately after any contact with MORALES to inform REBOSO concerning her relations with MORALES. REBOSO

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also stated that he planned to make complaints to congressmen in Washington. It later came to the attention of this office that he did contact one or more law enforcement officials in Miami to make similar complaints against MORALES, alleging MORALES was receiving protection from both the FBI and certain officers of the Miami PD and the Dade County SO.

On 5/25/73, an attempt was made by two men to assassinate MORALES. This occurred at 9:00 p.m. after MORALES had telephoned PILAR at 8:00 p.m. for a dinner date, telling her that he would pick her up at 9:00 p.m. He notified no one else of his plans. The assassination attempt, which resulted in minor injuries to MORALES, was made sharply at 9:00 p.m. as he arrived at the residence of PILAR.

Shortly thereafter, REBOSO came to the Miami Office to lodge another complaint against MORALES. At that time, he denied any connection with the assassination attempt against MORALES, but declined to sign a Waiver of Rights.

On 3/11/74, at about 11:30 p.m., shortly after leaving his place of employment, an unidentified man in an automobile fired two shots at MM 1337-S, who was not hit. Subsequently, MM 1337-S received information confidentially from OSCAR IBORRA, an employee of Replica, that the plan to assassinate MM 1337-S had been drawn up in LESNICK's office and had been financed by LESNICK. The identity of the would-be assassin is unknown. At that time, MM 1337-S conjectured that LESNICK may have found out that MM 1337-S had filed an application for employment by the DEA. This speculation is based upon the fact that an individual known to be a friend of LESNICK had been interviewed by DEA concerning MM 1337-S' application.

On 3/20/74, a bomb exploded at about 2:00 a.m. at 2344 S. W. 16th Street, Miami, and two members of the FLNC were seriously wounded as they were preparing a package bomb which went off in their hands. SA DAVIS went to the scene of the bombing at approximately 2:30 or

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denounced BOSCH on the grounds that BOSCH was engaged in criminal activities. BOSCH also denounced TORRIENTE.

During the investigation of the murder of TORRIENTE, the police found a small scrap of paper, presumably left by the assassin on the porch of TORRIENTE's home. This scrap of paper reflected TORRIENTE's initials, bore a large "zero," and underneath were the numbers "1 X 100H." Subsequent to that, some of the news media have received a Spanish-language letter from "Zero," claiming credit for the assassination of TORRIENTE. In this connection, it is interesting to note that the "Zero" organization has surfaced shortly after "Accion Cubana" has submerged from view. Accion Cubana, which claims credit for a series of package bombings, was reportedly under the leadership of ORLANDO BOSCH.

On 4/12/74, ROLANDO MORALES, brother of RICARDO, furnished this office with information concerning a new plot, allegedly financed by LESNICK, to assassinate MORALES. ROLANDO MORALES' source has subsequently informed MORALES that the triggerman hired by LESNICK is ROGER REDONDO, Cuban exile who was allegedly associated with LESNICK and ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO in the Second Front of the Escambray, a number of years ago.

On 4/13/74, MM 1337-S reported that LESNICK invited him to accompany him to dinner at a restaurant in Hialeah. LESNICK was accompanied by two individuals, one of whom he addressed as ROGER. ROGER and the other unidentified individual got in the back seat of the car, and MM 1337-S noticed that one man had a gun in his belt. After arriving at the restaurant, LESNICK and MM 1337-S sat at a separate table, during which time LESNICK told MM 1337-S that he should not believe any reports that LESNICK was responsible for the attempted assassination of MM 1337-S. LESNICK also made a point several times to impress MM 1337-S that ANTONIO VECIANA is LESNICK's very best friend. VECIANA was convicted in New York City on a narcotics charge about two months ago, and is now

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reportedly out on appeal bond in Miami. A photograph of ROGER REDONDO has been exhibited to MM 1337-S, who is almost certain that he is identical to the man with a gun in his belt who accompanied LESNICK.

MORALES has also advised that he had personally observed REDONDO working on construction at a schoolhouse which is located directly across the street from the apartment complex where MORALES resides. He has also ascertained that REDONDO is carrying a gun. The assassination plan calls for the shooting of MORALES by the assassin with a silencer equipped weapon as MORALES enters the gate to his apartment complex. RAUL DIAZ and other officers of the Organized Crime Unit of the PSD have been advised and are in close contact with MORALES relative to this threat.

On 4/16/74, ARTURO RODRIGUEZ RIVAS, Cuban exile residing in New York City, was assassinated. There is speculation in the Cuban community of Miami that the assassination of RODRIGUEZ and of TORRIENTE are related. MM 1550-KS and MM 1337-S have advised that RODRIGUEZ RIVAS was formerly associated with BOSCH, but left BOSCH's organization in about 1967 or 1968 to join the Cuban Power organization of HECTOR CORNILLON in the New York area.

Miami has also received information that BOSCH was in New York two days prior to the assassination of RODRIGUEZ, but no specific evidence of this has been received, and BOSCH's probation officer has advised that BOSCH did not ask for permission to go to New York City at that time. (Miami is attempting to obtain more information along this line.)

Previous investigation has reflected also that both LESNICK and REBOSO have unsavory reputations among respectable Cuban exiles in Miami. Unverified information has been received reflecting that REBOSO, prior to

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becoming a City Commissioner, was involved in an abortion racket, that he has been a receiver of stolen goods, and has been associated with well-known Cuban hoodlums in the Miami area. He is also suspected by MM 1337-S, MM 1550-KS, and other reliable informants, as well as by some police officers, of being involved in narcotics on a high level in the Miami area. Information has been received that REBOSO is collecting kick-backs for political favors.

Previous investigation has reflected also that MAX LESNICK, who conducted a radio broadcast from Havana, Cuba, during the early days of FIDEL CASTRO, always concluded his programs with the statement "Cuba Si, Yankee No." LESNICK, according to MM 1337-S, has bragged that he "owns Miami." He is accompanied in his travels about the city by armed bodyguards, according to reliable sources, and he has been involved in one altercation where he allegedly attempted to pull a gun on his victim during a street scuffle. He is also suspected by reliable sources and by various police officers of being involved in the narcotics racket on a high level. JFK Law 10(a)2

On 4/30/74, subpoenas directed to [redacted] and [redacted] to appear before a FGJ. [redacted] on [redacted] were served by SAs ROBERT JAMES DWYER and GEORGE E. DAVIS, JR., at WFAB. The FGJ was scheduled to hear testimony relating to the [redacted] which resulted in the injury of [redacted] and [redacted] of the FLNC, as they were constructing a [redacted] As mentioned above, action members of the FLNC have reportedly been visiting WFAB almost every day.

On 5/1/74, JUSTO voluntarily came to the Miami Office and reported that earlier that day, he had received orders emanating from RICHARD EATON, owner of WFAB, to dismiss ANGULO. FUSTE has retained his position as Program Director,

JUSTO said that WFAB has a hearing pending before the FCC based upon a matter which JUSTO inherited

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when he became General Manager. The hearing relates to an allegation concerning an advertising accounting matter. JUSTO expressed the opinion that EATON had been compelled at the last moment to support FUSTE because of this pending hearing. He pointed out that FUSTE has considerable influence and the support of REBOSO and REBOSO's political connections. JUSTO said that on or about 4/25/74, he was present during a conversation involving FUSTE, REBOSO, and himself, at which time JUSTO was trying to convince FUSTE to put ANGULO back on his job. At that time, REBOSO remarked that he could talk to Congressman FASCELL at any time and could stop the FBI from "harassing" WFAB. JUSTO said that FUSTE suspects that ANGULO may be working for the FBI and the police. JUSTO pointed out that ANGULO's function as a news reporter requires him to visit the police and other investigative agencies on almost a daily basis in order to acquire news for broadcasting. JUSTO also said that REBOSO spends four or five hours with FUSTE almost every day.

On the same day, MM 1337-S expressed the opinion that FUSTE and REBOSO, through some form of pressure bordering on blackmail and extortion, have convinced Mr. EATON to reverse his position on the matter of the hiring and firing of ANGULO and FUSTE.

The above information is set forth to reflect what appears to be an interlocking conspiracy involving members of several terrorist organizations. It also appears that these terrorist organizations are receiving aid and comfort either intentionally or coincidentally from REBOSO and LESNICK.

Miami is pursuing investigation vigorously in order to obtain evidence for prosecutable purposes and to assist the police in any violations of a local criminal nature involving these organizations and individuals.

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On 5/3/74, WILFREDO NAVARRO, Cuban exile who volunteers information from time to time, advised that after FUSTE was dismissed by the FGJ on 5/2/74, without testifying, but with instructions to return on 5/3/74, FUSTE immediately went to see REBOSO, who instructed FUSTE not to tell SA DAVIS anything.

On the morning of 5/3/74, Mr. LEOPOLDO JUSTO telephoned SA DAVIS at the Miami Office and advised that today he plans to do 3 things:

1. Fire JOSE LUIS MASSO (who has been anti-U. S. and intimate with FLNC members)
2. Rehire OSCAR ANGULO
3. Recommend to the owner that FUSTE be fired.

If the owner refuses to fire FUSTE, JUSTO plans to resign.

SA DAVIS reminded JUSTO that the FBI is not concerned with the internal affairs of WFAB, but thanked him for calling.

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