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On February 25, 1966, according to a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, an unidentified female, known to the informant only as Tania (phonetic) from Miami, Florida, contacted Ambassador Vasco T. Leitao da Cunha at the Brazilian Embassy, Washington, D. C. After an exchange of inquiries concerning their respective families, Tania stated she had learned that Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo was in the penal hospital on the Isle of Pines, Cuba, in serious condition as a result of a beating. She said she had obtained this information through a number of channels including a letter she had received that day from Lourdes (phonetic), stating that Eloisa was in the hospital as the result of a beating by a brutal husband and that her sister should make a complaint to the Red Cross.

According to Tania, Andres Benito (phonetic) went to see Olba Benito (phonetic), who suggested a telegram be sent to Sean MacBride, Secretary General of the International Commission of Jurists; to Professor Manuel Bianchi, President of the Human Rights Commission of the Organization of American States; Professor Esquier (phonetic), general delegate of the International Red Cross; and to Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations. Tania asked Leitao da Cunha if he could think of any other action. He suggested making an appeal to an unidentified

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church or to Mexico and agreed to make inquiries concerning this matter in Washington, D. C., and furnish her any information obtained. (S)(U)

The informant was unable to further identify any of the persons whose names are set out above phonetically. Olba Benito is possible identical to Miguel Angel Olba Benito, who according to WF T-1, another government agency, which conducts security and intelligence investigations, was described by a source in November, 1965, as Director of the Committee for Humane Treatment of Political Prisoners of Cuba. (S)(U)

The official position of (Ambassador Leitao da Cunha) (S) was verified from the February, 1966, "Diplomatic List", published by the United States Department of State. (S)(U)

"International Who's Who" for 1965-1966, describes Sean MacBride as set forth above and states that Dr. Manuel Bianchi Gundian has been Chairman since 1962, of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. (S)(U)

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