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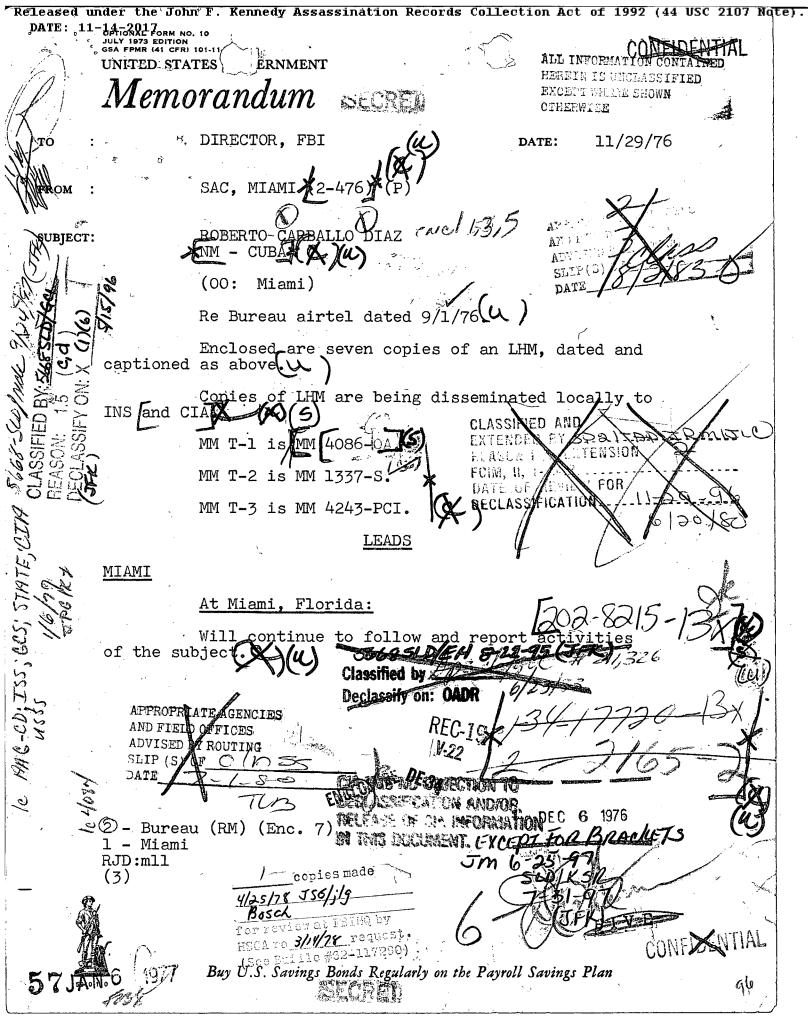
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Released under the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (44 USC VITED STATES DEPARTMENT (> JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Miami, Florida November 29, 1976 In Reply Please Refe RE: ROBERTO CARBALLO DIAZ NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA ROBERTO CARBALLO DIAZ, a Cuban exile, in 1968. moved from San Juan, Puerto Rico to Miami, Florida, where he obtained employment in a grocery store. In 1969, he worked at a rental car agency and was a student at Dade Junior College in Miami In 1968, he was reported to be a member of the Ejercito Secreto Anti-Comunista, a Cuban exile anti-CASTRO organization, which is no longer in existence. In 1968, CARBALLO, on interview, denied membership in this group, MM T-1, a Cuban exile, advised that in April, 1976, CARBALLO met with a number of members of Brigade 2506 and discussed plans for a bombing attack against an unspecified Russian ship. Brigade 2506 is an association of veterans in the April 17, 1961 invasion of Cuba by Cuban exiles. In April, 1976, CARBALLO was elected president of Brigade 2506. MM T-2, a Cuban exile, closely associated with members of Brigade 2506, reported that in June, 1976, CARBALLO travelled from Miami to San Juan, Puerto Rico to meet with Brigade members in that city for the purpose of raising funds. (MM T-2 said that on June 11, 1976, CARBALLO was in the Dominican Republic and attended a meeting of the heads CLASSIFIED AND SPATTADISEMINO BY SPATTADISEMINO BY SPATTADISEMINO of five Cuban exile organizations. The organizations that Sources whose identities are EXTENSION concealed herein, have furnished reliable information in the past. DATE OF MALLEW FOR except where otherwise noted DECLASSIFICATION. This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINE VEREIN ES UNCHASSIFI CEPTWHENE SHOWN OTHERWISE

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were represented at this meeting were the Cuban National Liberation Front, Brigade 2506, Cuban Action, 17th of April Movement, and the Cuban Nationalist Movement. CARBALLO represented the Brigade 2506 at this meeting.

An umbrella organization was formed as a unity group of these organizations. This unity group was called Coordination of Revolutionary Unity (CORU) and planned to immediately launch into a program of terrorist activities against the government of Cuba. Since that time, CORU has claimed credit for 18 acts of terrorism, including kidnapings, airplane bombings, acts of piracy, and bombings of Cuban embassies.

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ROBERTO CARBALLO, 400 N.W. 107 Avenue, Miami, Florida, telephone number 552-1224, after being advised of the identities of interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry by SA SINECIO GUTIERREZ, was advised of his rights by SA GUTIERREZ, as shown on an executed Rights and Waiver form which Mr. CARBALLO read, stated that he understood and signed. He then furnished the following information:

He is President of Brigade 2506 in Miami, Florida. The Brigade 2506 consists of Cuban exile veterans of the Bay of Pigs invasion April 17, 1961. He was recently elected to this position.

CARBALLO was asked by SA GUTIERREZ if he attended a meeting in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, during the first part of June, 1976 where members of Accion Cubana, FLNC, Brigade 2506, Movimiento Nacionalista Cubano, and Movimiento 17 de Abril met with Mr. ORLANDO BOSCH and FRANK CASTRO to unify these groups into a single effort against FIDEL CASTRO and the Republic of Cuba. Mr. CARBALLO responded that he had been to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, during the first part of June, 1976, and he did meet with several Cuban exiles; however, he would elect not to mention the people with whom he met or anything further concerning this trip.

He stated that Brigade 2506 is part of CORU (Coordinacion de Organizaciones Revolucionarias Unidas)(Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations). This action was taken in concurrence with the Directorate of Brigade 2506, of which ARMANDO LOPEZ ESTRADA is a part. LOPEZ ESTRADA is the military director of Brigade 2506. He further advised that as President of Brigade 2506, he has lent support to actions against FIDEL CASTRO and the Republic of Cuba. He stated that he is an anti-CASTRO and anti-communist Cuban exile. He is in exile as a result of the communist regime takeover in Cuba. He feels that he must do everything at his disposal and command in an attempt to topple the communist regime of Cuba. this, he feels very strongly in this belief; however, he feels a very strong appreciation towards the United States and does, not wish to embarrass the United States in any way. He feels

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very proud to have served as a U. S. Army officer. Because of his strong belief that he must not embarrass the United States or put it in any adverse position with neighbors in the hemisphere of the world, he has always felt that actions against FIDEL CASTRO must originate from abroad and take place abroad. He is aware of the provisions of the Neutrality Act but his reason for believing that anti-CASTRO actions must all take place abroad is that he does not want to see problems for the United States.

Mr. CARBALLO stated that he is concerned that the communist regime of FIDEL CASTRO recently captured three Cuban fishing boats with nine Cuban exiles on board. One of the persons on board was a child. These people have been incarcerated in Cuba and he feels that no action has been taken against Cuba for this piracy. In fact, Mr. CARBALLO stated the press has played down this criminal act of the communist regime of Cuba. He stated that the fishing vessels which were captured are the "Mako," "Canario," and "Miguelito.

Mr. CARBALLO advised that he is very much aware that Miami Cuban exiles ORESTES RUIZ HERNANDEZ and GASPAR JIMENEZ were arrested in Mexico and charged with an attempt to kidnap the Republic of Cuba's Consul in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, on or about July 23, 1976, in which a Cuban national was killed. He knows GASPAR JIMENEZ personally, but he does not know RUIZ HERNANDEZ. He knows about their problems because of news releases which he has read. He denied having any prior knowledge of the act these men are accused of having committed. He advised that he did not aid or directly support GASPAR JIMENEZ or his accomplices in carrying out the kidnap attempt He would rather not say who is directly supportin Mexico. ing GASPAR JIMENEZ in other matters. He stated that everyone does what he is supposed to do or feels that he shoulddb in the fight against communism. He emphatically denied having any knowledge concerning the kidnap attempt of the Cuban Consul and the killing of the Cuban national in Mexico. He knows

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nothing now or knew nothing before concerning this matter other than that which he has now learned from newspapers.

CARBALLO advised that he knows nothing concerning a shooting on the high seas near Cay Sal Bank upon the Russian freighter "DZHORDANO BRUNO" on February 12, 1976. He stated that he knew nothing concerning an attack upon the Cuban fishing vessel "FERRO CEMENTO 119" or any other vessel on April 6, 1976. He stated that he feels these types of actions are pointless, embarrassing to the United States, and beneficial to FIDEL CASTRO, in that he capitalize on these crimes for propaganda purposes.

CARBALLO admitted that he knows of an organization known as the FLNC, but he would rather not comment as to its members or associates. He said he knows of an organization known as Movimiento 17 de Abril. He believes it is from Miami; he would rather not comment any further on this.

He stated that although he may have knowledge of other organizations, he does not have any direct knowledge as to membership or associates in them.

He said he knows many Cuban exiles who are actively anti-CASTRO, such as ORLANDO BOSCH, DIONICIO SUAREZ ESQUIVEL, FRANK CASTRO, JUAN PEREZ PRANCO, BEBO ACOSTA, MANUEL CAMARGO and many others. He said he could not comment on their activities because he has no knowledge of what these people may be engaged in.

ROBERTO CARBALLO is described as follows, from observation and interview:

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MM T-2 reported that on September 6, 1976, Brigade 2506 completed a four-day meeting in Miami and formed a government in arms. CARBALLO, as president of Brigade 2506, formed an independent action group within the Brigade to raise funds to finance a war against Cuba. CARBALLO said that he had been in contact with ORLANDO BOSCH, head of Cuban Action, and FRANK CASTRO, head of the National Liberation Front of Cuba, and had pledged his support to them and CORU. It is noted that BOSCH and CASTRO attended the June 11, 1976 meeting in the Dominican Republic where CORU was formed.

MM T-3, a Cuban exile and member of Brigade 2506, on October 4, 1976, reported that CARBALLO and ARMANDO LOPEZ ESTRADA of Brigade 2506, have aligned themselves with CORU but that other Brigade members were opposed to this cooperation with a terrorist group and were considering taking this matter up with the membership and challenging CARBALLO's position and leadership of the Brigade.

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