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June 16, 1977

Mr. Joseph A. Marion, Jr.
c/o United States Embassy
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Marion:

Further to the Burns/Prentice conversation on 13 June 1977, attached is a transcript of the 'As it Happens' radio programme. This concerns the interview between Blake Fleetwood, free lance reporter from New York, and Orlando BOSCH Avila, in his Venezuelan cell.

On page 4, BOSCH states that his organization recently bombed the Venezuelan Airlines' office in Puerto Rico. It would be appreciated if you could determine whether this incident did actually occur.

Reports of anti-Castro terrorist attacks in the USA and other parts of the western hemisphere are not always available to us. These incidents do not have any direct impact on Canadian security but the frequency of Cuban exile attacks does indicate the seriousness of their purpose. As Canada is known to be a potential target area, particularly Cuban establishments and personnel, it would assist us in evaluating the potential threat to Canada if we could be advised of those anti-Castro incidents that come to the attention of your organization.

Yours truly,

E. R. J. Miller
Assistant/Officer i/c
Security Intelligence

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AS IT HAPPENS

MAY 9, 1977

HOSTS: Barbara FRUM - Allen MAITLAND

MAITLAND

Orlando BOSCH, one of the world's most dangerous terrorists, may be behind bars but he still is the spider at the centre of the Cuban web of terror. The one time friend of Fidel CASTRO has admitted to countless murders and bombings and says he will stop at nothing to destroy the Cuban Premier. BOSCH is now in a Venezuelan prison awaiting trial for the bombing last October of a Cuban plane off the coast of Barbadoes. Even in jail he's directing terrorist activities around the world.

Blake FLEETWOOD, a freelance journalist in New York, recently got inside the prison for an exclusive interview with BOSCH. Mr. FLEETWOOD is on the line now.

FERGUSON
Fax

Mr. FLEETWOOD; how difficult was it to reach this man and get an interview with him in prison?

(sitting in
for FRUM)

FLEETWOOD

Well, it was almost impossible. He was underground for about three years and then he was in prison for about six months, and he hadn't talked to a reporter in all that time. I went down there just on a hunch that maybe I could talk to his lawyer and some of his friends and try and find out what was going on down there. I hoped that maybe I might be able to get some written questions to him. But I found out that on two days a week there's a visiting day and I just went and stood in line with the rest of the visitors and I might be able

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to get in the prison, they have a system in Venezuela where you just sign yourself into the prison and you don't have to say who you're going to see. That's basically what I did. I walked in and got in line with all the womenfolk, mainly the women were waiting to go in the prison to see their men, and I just walked in and nobody asked me who I was going to see. Once I got in the prison I asked a couple of other prisoners if they knew where this Orlando BOSCH was and they took me to him. He wasn't expecting me at all. I walked up to him and said, hello Dr. BOSCH, my name is Blake FLEETWOOD, I'm a reporter, I would like to talk to you. He was flabbergasted. He said, how did you get in?

ERGUSON He was expecting at least a basket of fruit I suppose. How was he being treated, (a) by the prison authorities, and (b) by his fellow prisoners?

FLEETWOOD He was being treated alright. It wasn't bad. He had a nice cell. It had wallpaper on walls, he'd obviously wallpapered and he had a television set. He had designer sheets on his bed. I think it wasn't a question that he was getting any favoured treatment, it was just that he's had people who have sent all this stuff into him in prison. He was clearly the most famous prisoner in prison, the country, perhaps in all of South America.

ERGUSON What were your impressions of the man?

FLEETWOOD He was a very dedicated and actually very friendly man. I didn't expect it at all. Very educated. Very in touch with

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what he was doing. Obviously a man who considers himself at war and willing to stop at nothing to get what he wants, which is the liberation of his country. Cuba. It's a funny position for a man who was a pediatrician, a doctor.

ERGUSON

Yeah that's the chilling factor, that he started out helping to heal little children, and of course now an international killer of the first order. Is he open in talking about all the, what is it, in the last two, or three years, fifty bombings and 170 murders. Does he talk about that freely.

LEETWOOD

He was very open and as far as talking with me, he held back on a few things but he admitted some of the bombings and a lot of the killings he admitted. These are in Miami and all around South America, Caribbean.

ERGUSON

What kind of a deal has he made with the Venezuelan government?

LEETWOOD

He'd been a wanted man for three years before he finally landed in Venezuela approximately six or seven months ago. So he got together with the top advisors to the President and they offered him a sanctuary in Venezuela in return for, this is his story, in return for not bombing in Venezuela, they said he couldn't bomb in Venezuela, they said he couldn't bomb in the Dominican Republic and Panama and they wanted him to throw in Guyana and he said, no, I want to bomb in Guyana, we like to bomb in Guyana, we just set off a bomb there last week.

ERGUSON

That in itself is strange. Why wouldn't they deport the man? Say, you're not going to set a foot in Venezuela, rather than

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have to buy him off like this.

LEETWOOD

Well there's a large Cuban community in Venezuela and they felt that if they just deported him he would have snuck in the country anyway and would have set off bombs in Venezuela. It may have been a kind of a way of buying him off.

ERGUSON

So he got his sanctuary in Venezuela, then what happened?

LEETWOOD

He apparently arranged for the planting of a bomb on a commercial airplane belonging to Cuba. The bomb went off and 73 people on the plane were killed. Two of the people who actually planted the bomb, confessed to planting the bomb and implicated Orlando BOSCH. He was then put into jail and he was very upset because he claimed that, well my deal was that I had a sanctuary here if I didn't set off any bombs in Venezuela I wouldn't be put in jail.

ERGUSON

Is he quite bitter about it?

LEETWOOD

He's very bitter about it. He told me, he said he was going to go to war with Venezuela and when BOSCH says he's going to war, he means bombs and killing people and while we were sitting in jail he said, did you hear about the bombing of the Venezuelan airlines office in Puerto Rico. I said no. He said, well we hit it yesterday. I said, oh yes, you have better information in jail than I do. And he said, yes, there's going to be a lot of bombing, a lot of kidnapping.

ERGUSON

In your writings about this man BOSCH, you haven't exactly eulogized him. Are you worried yourself about any repercussions

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from this great network he apparently has outside?

FLEETWOOD I've had a few threats. I'm a little worried.

FERGUSON Another visit with Mr. BOSCH in prison and you make a deal with him the way Venezuela did?

This was SAC's humorou

FLEETWOOD I'll stop writing if he lets me go.

FERGUSON Thanks very much for your time Mr. FLEETWOOD.

MAITLAND Blake FLEETWOOD is a freelance journalist in New York.

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