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Two reports of interviews at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on April 8 and 11, 1977, with an individual in recent contact with the Cuban Intelligence Service are attached. This individual is of continuing operational interest to the FBI and it is requested that FBI concurrence be obtained prior to initiating any action based on this information.

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On April 8, 1977, FELIX ZABALA MAS, also known as Tuto, a resident at 350 Lerida, Urbanization Valencia, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, and he furnished the following information:

FELIX ZABALA advised that he was a member of Alpha 66 from 1961 to 1965. He is currently a member of Circulo Cubano, a large Cuban exile social group in Puerto Rico, and beyond this belongs to no other political or social group in Puerto Rico. He stated that he is not a member of Frente Liberacion Nacional de Cuba (Cuban National Liberation Front) or the Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations (CORU). He stated that on April 3, 1977, he attended a meeting which concerned itself with human rights and was presided over by one FRANKLIN DELANO LOPEZ who was interested in sending five Cuban exile individuals to Washington, D. C., and present a case to the United States Department of State to tell President CARTER how to deal with the Cubans. He stated that their main concern here was the political prisoners and the system of Communism under CASTRO. ZABALA stated that he participated in no other similar activities. He stated that he does have a close relationship with a very political individual, ENRIQUE NUNEZ, who is the editor of Replica Magazine in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

ZABALA advised that his sister, AMALIA ANGELINA ZABALA MAS and his mother, ANGELINA MAS, came to Puerto Rico from Cuba on December 23, 1976, for a vacation in Puerto Rico. ZABALA stated that his mother has a six month visa which expires in June, 1977, and that she is currently attempting to stay three months longer in Puerto Rico and is awaiting word from Cuban authorities through her daughter who has since returned to Cuba to secure a Cuban government OK to remain in Puerto Rico. Upon receipt of that OK from the Cuban government, the subject's mother will then apply to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (USINS) for a three month extension of her visa to visit Puerto Rico. ZABALA's sister, AMALIA, was in Puerto Rico from December 23, 1976, until January 17, 1977, at which time she returned to Cuba.

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FELIX ZABALA stated that AMALIA is married to JULIO CESAR MAS MARTIN, who is a medical doctor who has a very good practice in Calixto Garcia Hospital in Havana, Cuba. ZABALA stated that AMALIA's husband is not a political-type person and he is not considered to be a Communist. He stated that JULIO CESAR MAS MARTIN is happy living under the Cuban system of government because he is a doctor and therefore lives extremely well. ZABALA stated that the latter's brother, LUIS MAS MARTIN is currently living outside Havana assigned to an agricultural project. ZABALA stated that LUIS MAS MARTIN, who is approximately 50 years old, is currently having a severe drinking problem. ZABALA believes that he is working with the agriculture project in the vicinity of Matanzas, Cuba. ZABALA termed LUIS MARTIN a Communist and an anti-Batistite. ZABALA added that his sister's recent trip to Puerto Rico was her first trip ever to this country. He stated that he last saw her in 1965 in Cuba. ZABALA reported that he went to Jamaica and met his sister and his mother on December 21, 1976, and assisted in their travel to Puerto Rico by helping them to a hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, and then to the United States Embassy there to secure a visa to visit Puerto Rico. He stated that since 1965 he had only talked to his sister on the telephone approximately every six months.

ZABALA stated that he rarely writes to any friends or family members in Cuba. He stated that his brother, DOMINGO ZABALA, also known as Nino, is currently an athletic promoter and he works in a group known as the Instituto Nacional Deportes Revolucionario in Cuba. ZABALA stated that his father, JOSE L. ZABALA, died on November 23, 1954, in Cuba and that his two sisters, AMALIA and ELENA, currently live in Cuba. He stated that his brother, JOSE LUIS ZABALA, also known as "PEPE," DOMINGO, and himself spent various periods of time in Cuban jails. He stated that "PEPE" served four years and nine months which began in May of 1961. DOMINGO, who ZABALA termed a non-Communist, was in jail for 18 months from September, 1961, to 1963. ZABALA stated that he himself was in jail only for seven days which began in May, 1961. ZABALA added that the reason that the above individuals received jail terms had to do with their affiliation with a group which was going to plant bombs in or near the waterworks in Havana, Cuba, in 1961.

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FELIX ZABALA MAS stated that he doesn't know any individuals who are in FLNC or CORU. He stated that REINOL RODRIGUEZ is a good friend of his and they have been associated since ZABALA's affiliation with Alpha 66. He stated that he did not think that REINOL RODRIGUEZ is still a member of the latter organization. He stated that he has only belonged to one political group in Cuba and that he was a member of the Movimiento Revolucionario Pueblo (MRP) and that that group placed over 100 bombs in and around Havana, Cuba, protesting the CASTRO government.

ZABALA was questioned about his relationship with one ANTONIO VECIANA and he stated that VECIANA is like his own brother. He added that VECIANA is his son's Godfather and is currently a resident of Miami, Florida. ZABALA reported that VECIANA and himself were in Alpha 66 and at one time attempted to form an Alpha 66 group in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Two other individuals, according to ZABALA, were in on this enterprise: TONY CUESTA (who is possibly living now in Miami, Florida). ZABALA considered VECIANA to not only be his friend, but his business partner and added that VECIANA resides at Number 811 Northwest 30 Ct., Miami, Florida, 33125. ZABALA stated that VECIANA left Alpha 66 in 1966 and that he is definitely anti-Castro and would personally like to kill CASTRO. He did not know VECIANA to be affiliated with any political groups at this time. ZABALA stated that four or five years ago that VECIANA, ENRIQUE NUNEZ, and MANOLO RAY went to Costa Rica and formed a revolutionary party (anti-CASTRO), which had the same ideals of Alpha 66. He added that this group which was known as Partido Revolucionario Del Pueblo, lasted perhaps eight months.

FELIX ZABALA MAS revealed that on October 28, 1976, he left San Juan, Puerto Rico, and traveled to Kingston, Jamaica, for the purpose of seeing an entertainment promoter, FELIX SMITH, about putting on the Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan. He added that he met no one other than FELIX SMITH during his stay in Jamaica. He insisted that he had met no one

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who could be a representative of any foreign government, particularly from Cuba. FELIX ZABALA MAS reported that on November 8, 1976, he traveled to Miami and then on to Kingston, Jamaica. He stated that he went there to see the promoter, FELIX SMITH, and discuss problems on how to get money out of Jamaica if ZABALA were to bring the Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan to Jamaica. ZABALA added that this was approximately one month prior to the popular elections and there is always a problem bringing money out of Jamaica. ZABALA again stated that he had contacted no one other than FELIX SMITH.

ZABALA advised that he traveled to Jamaica again on November 30, 1976, and returned to Puerto Rico via Miami on December 2, 1976. He stated that at that time he again visited FELIX SMITH. ZABALA stated that he traveled alone to Montego Bay and another town, Ocho Rios, in Jamaica, and visited theaters where he could possibly present the Chinese Circus. He added that he stayed in the Sheraton Hotel when he was in Kingston on this occasion. He stated that he had seen no family members or anyone who could be possibly considered a representative of a foreign government. He added that while in Jamaica he traveled by public automobiles which are used as taxis or buses.

ZABALA MAS advised that he had rented the "Happy Center Bar" which is located in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, for the period between December, 1974, and July, 1976. He stated he gave up this line of business in that he was not making it financially. He added that at the moment he is not in financial straits and that he has been receiving current income from his promotion of the Taiwan Circus Group and two professional prize fighters (both Dominicans), HECTOR JULIO MEDINA and ADRIANO MARRERO, also known as Nane. He stated that the latter two individuals are under his control as he is their manager and receives approximately 33 percent of any purse for setting up their fights.

ZABALA stated that he would like to go back to Cuba if CASTRO and the Communist system of government was out of Cuba. He added that he personally believes in a system of Socialism and Democracy. ZABALA reported that his family here does not like the Communist form of government and that his brother, DOMINGO (NINO), does not like the current Cuban system. ZABALA was not sure if his sister, AMALIA, likes the

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CASTRO or Communist system. He added that she told a friend, HUGO PEREZ, a Cuban exile who is about 50 years old and resides in Floral Park, Puerto Rico, that if she could get out of Cuba with her four children, she would leave. She reportedly told PEREZ that her husband, JULIO CESAR MAS MARTIN likes the good style of living that he currently enjoys in Havana, Cuba, as a ranking medical doctor. ZABALA added that HUGO PEREZ sent alot of clothing back to Cuba with his sister, AMALIA, for HUGO PEREZ' father.

ZABALA advised that as far as his future travel plans are concerned, he intends to go to Los Angeles, California, about the 15th of April and there, prepare theatrical arrangements. He stated that this would take approximately two or three days. He added that he has to go to Santo Domingo at some future date for the theatrical presentation of the Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan. He stated that this would probably be in May, 1977. He added at this point that VECIANA, supra, and he set up all the Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan's engagements. He added that he might possibly be in Chicago and New York City, New York, after May, 1977.

The interviewing Agents reminded ZABALA that he at one time in 1966 was interviewed and polygraphed by a United States Government official. ZABALA, who stated that he did not know the results of that interview or the polygraph, stated that he remembered taking the test and being interviewed at a hotel room in the Miramar Hotel, Miramar, Puerto Rico, but that he did not know who or what organization was behind it. He stated that an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at that time had set up the interview and the examination. He stated that at that time he was asked about going to Cuba and working for the United States Government for intelligence reasons. He could not furnish any details about any of the individuals, approximately three or four, who were in the room at that time.

The interviewing Agents questioned ZABALA about a possible trip to Panama which was made on January 10, 1977. He was confronted with information that revealed that he had traveled with Pan American Airlines, flight 585, to Panama on January 10, 1977, United States Passport number Z2494541,

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tourist card number 745643, and that he returned to the United States on January 11, 1977, on another Pan American Airlines flight, number 586. ZABALA stated that he was in Panama for one night and thereafter traveled to Miami, Florida, and West Palm Beach, where he spent one night in the company of JOSE PRADOS HERRERO, who currently resides in Puerto Rico (telephone number 783-4367). He stated that he went to Panama on this occasion for boxing business and that he saw LUIS ESPADA, a boxing promoter, and Dr. RODIGO SANCHEZ, of the World Boxing Association. He stated that he only contacted these two persons and one radio commentator, while he was in Panama on this occasion. He added that one of his fighters, HECTOR JULIO MEDINA, was supposed to fight ROBERTO DURAN and that ZABALA called MEDINA (a resident of Santo Domingo) from Panama and the fighter advised ZABALA that he was out of shape and therefore could not fight DURAN. ZABALA added that he has exclusive permission to sign a contract re MEDINA. He stated that he discussed the possible fight with the aforementioned radio commentator.

The interviewing Agents again requested that ZABALA be perfectly honest with them about any possible contact of foreign agents or other government representatives while on the above trips outside Puerto Rico. He strongly advised that the interviewing Agents had his word that he never contacted anyone from a foreign government, embassy official, consular official, foreign attache, or intelligence officer.

ZABALA stated that on the above mentioned dates, January 10, January 11, 1977, he was supposed to go to Houston and San Antonio, Texas, and other places in the United States to arrange for a presentation of the Chinese Circus. He stated, though, upon arrival at Miami, there was a convention of managers of auditoriums from throughout the United States (these are individuals who could present the Chinese Circus). ZABALA stated for this reason he did not have to go to Texas as the managers that he wished to see were there in Miami, particularly at the Ramada Inn Hotel around January 11, 1977.

In light of the subject's current probation regulations with United States Probation Office, he was questioned as to whether he had gotten the permission of his probation officer to travel to Panama during January of 1977. He stated that he had this permission.

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ZABALA was asked if he had ever been requested to bring anything back to Puerto Rico from any of his above mentioned travels and he stated that he never brought back any money other than business money. He stated that in August, 1976, he brought back to Puerto Rico from Santo Domingo approximately \$800.00 as this was the result of a prize fight there. He added that he recently brought back to Puerto Rico some checks which were from the Chinese Circus presentations. He stated that he had \$300.00 in addition to these checks which represented box office receipts. He placed these checks in an account at Banco Obrero, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, in the account of Promoter Antillana, which is a trade name. He stated that this account is administered by himself and VECIANA. He added that in December of 1976 he brought back to Puerto Rico from Jamaica approximately \$400.00 when he was accompanied by his mother and sister from Cuba on their journey to Puerto Rico.

The interviewing Agents questioned FELIX ZABALA MAS about his relationship with one GABRIEL FIGUEROA and a possible \$10,000 advertising problem he has with this individual. ZABALA stated that FIGUEROA is the owner of an advertising firm, Communications Arts, and was responsible for advertising the Chinese Circus in Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, and San Bernardino, California, while the Chinese Circus was recently there. He stated that FIGUEROA, who is a resident of Miami, Florida, sent the ads to various newspapers in California from Miami and that ZABALA protested the advertising in that the print was too small in the advertisement for people to read. He added that he and VENCIANA complained to FIGUEROA and had paid FIGUEROA \$3,400.00 for the advertising. FIGUEROA told the latter individuals that they owe him approximately \$15,000.00 for the advertising. ZABALA stated that on February 19, 1977, he sent FIGUEROA a check for \$10,000.00 via a delivery agency, Espasas Advertising, Incorporated, 596 De Hostos Avenue, Urbanization Baldirich, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00919. Espasas reportedly made the delivery to FIGUEROA and then immediately advised ZABALA to send a cashiers check from his bank in Puerto Rico to FIGUEROA inasmuch as the first check would not be cleared by a Miami, Florida, bank for approximately two weeks. ZABALA stated that on March 2, 1977, he sent the

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cashiers check via Espasas Advertising, Incorporated, to FIGUEROA and that the first check, which should not have been deposited in light of the second check, was placed in an unknown bank and when it finally reached Puerto Rico there were insufficient funds to cover it. ZABALA stated that both checks were made out to Communications Arts.

FELIX ZABALA advised that his brother, PEPE (JOSE LUIS ZABALA), his sister ELVIRA, and he, paid an organization which handles the paperwork for Cubans who wish to visit outside Cuba, Almacen Espanol, approximately \$1,200.00 to secure the financial aspect of his mother and sister's leaving Cuba. He stated that his brother, PEPE, filed the necessary applications regarding his mother and sister to Almacen Espanol in Miami. He stated that approximately half of the money went into an account in Kingston, Jamaica, to render secure that his sister and mother would not be a financial burden to the Jamaican Government and that they would have money to leave that country. He added that PEPE, ELVIRA, or himself had nothing to do with his mother's and sister's leaving Cuba other than sending the necessary application papers to Almacen Espanol in Miami, Florida. He added that he went to Jamaica on December 21, 1976, to help his sister and his mother and that after they landed from Cuba he took them to the Sheraton Hotel and later on to the United States Embassy to secure the necessary visas.

The interviewing Agents questioned ZABALA about his recent source of income and he stated that he earned approximately \$3,000.00 from a prize fight which was held in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, on September 10, 1976, between ESTEBAN DE JESUS and HECTOR JULIO MEDINA. He added that he earned approximately \$1,200.00 from his presentation of the Chinese Circus in Miami Beach, Florida, between October 5 and 10, 1976. He stated that he got approximately \$2,000.00 on or about December 18, 1976, as a result of his selling his rights and contract to the fighter, HECTOR JULIO MEDINA. ZABALA stated, however, that he had to pay this money back to promoter DON KING and Pantalones Santiago as his fighter backed out of the deal and it fell through. ZABALA advised that between February 9, and March 6, 1977, he earned approximately \$3,800.00 from the performances

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of the Chinese Circus in San Juan, Mayaguez, and Ponce, Puerto Rico.

FELIX ZABALA MAS, who had been furnished by the interviewing Agents a Spanish copy of the Advice of Rights form which he said he understood and signed, was presented a reading of the statutes having to do with foreign government agents and the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938. The Advice of Rights form was furnished to FELIX ZABALA MAS prior to the aforementioned discussion of his travel outside of Puerto Rico in the last six months. ZABALA was sternly advised that he had been asked to tell the truth in all the above matters and that any discrepancy in his account could possibly be a violation of his current Federal probation which extends to January 29, 1978.

At this point, FELIX ZABALA MAS advised the interviewing Agents that he had no idea how the FBI had gotten all the facts about him and that the FBI seems to know everything about him. He stated that he is not a Communist and that anything political that he would do would be against FIDEL CASTRO. At this point, ZABALA MAS stated that he had waited for a long time for this moment and that he is now willing to tell the interviewing Agents everything. ZABALA MAS stated that the following accounts are only known by himself and his friend, ANTONIO VECIANA. He stated that VECIANA recently had some problems with a United States Government assassination committee which was looking into the assassination of JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. He stated that VECIANA had to appear on approximately three occasions in Washington, D. C., the last of which was around December 10, 1976. ZABALA stated that approximately one month before JOHN F. KENNEDY was shot in Dallas, Texas, VECIANA and an individual who ZABALA felt was associated with United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), "Mr. BISHOP," met with LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas, Texas. ZABALA stated that "Mr. BISHOP" knew VECIANA since 1961. He added that BISHOP had handled an assassination attempt against FIDEL CASTRO while CASTRO was in Chile in 1971. ZABALA stated that VECIANA went to Bolivia to work for the United States Government around 1967. He stated that VECIANA and he went to Chile in 1971.

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to set up an operation to kill CASTRO. He stated that to expedite this, false Venezuelan passports were made, the necessary guns were brought in in the diplomatic pouches, hand grenades were picked up in Bolivia, and a United States diplomatic car carried that paraphernalia from Bolivia to Chile. ZABALA stated that the plan was prepared in Miami, Florida, and at that time VECIANA was still working for the United States Embassy in Bolivia. He added that he and VECIANA rented the room in Santiago, Chile, and stayed there for two or three days. ZABALA stated that JUAN DOMINGUEZ and MARCO RODRIGUEZ (Cuban exiles not further identified) thereafter took over that room and enrolled in an approximately six month course in photograph and television in Santiago. The purpose of the endeavor was to place a gun inside one of the cameras which would be used by DOMINGUEZ or RODRIGUEZ and when FIDEL CASTRO made his appearance before members of the press, he would be shot by one of these individuals. ZABALA added that a high official in the Chilean government secured the necessary press permits for these individuals to come in the proximity of CASTRO when he arrived in Chile in 1971. He stated that the operation was not successful as DOMINGUEZ and RODRIGUEZ failed, by some means, to shoot CASTRO on the first day that he was presented before the members of the press and that on the second day one of those individuals stated that he must go to the hospital as his appendix was bothering him. The other individual stated that someone in CASTRO's vicinity identified him and thereafter, that potential assassin left Chile and was later seen in Bolivia.

ZABALA reported that ANTONIO VECIANA prepared a letter for the benefit of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba in which he signed the nickname of his (VECIANA's) secretary, MARGARITA. (MARGARITA is HILDA CAO, who is currently a resident of San Juan, Puerto Rico, an employee of the United States Government in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. She was VECIANA's secretary while he was in Cuba and while he was in Puerto Rico from 1961 to 1967, and associated with Alpha 66). That letter contained information concerning ANTONIO VECIANA's connection with the United States Central Intelligence Agency and his attempt to kill CASTRO in Chile in 1971. ZABALA stated that the information in the letter was known to no other individuals

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and VECIANA had requested ZABALA to transmit that letter to his sister, AMALIA, in Cuba for personal delivery to FIDEL CASTRO. ZABALA stated that the letter inferred that VECIANA's secretary was dissatisfied with VECIANA and that VECIANA wanted a large amount of publicity due to his appearance before a United States Government group which dealt with the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY. This letter was submitted to Cuba via ZABALA's sister, on or about September 11, 1976. ZABALA stated that he then received a call from his sister, AMALIA, in Cuba, and she stated that she wanted to see him in Jamaica on October 28, 1976. He added that he responded to his sister's request and was in Jamaica on October 28, 1976, and was met there by his sister. He stated that he was staying at the Sheraton Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, and on his first night there he met a Cuban by the name of CARLOS. He added that CARLOS, ZABALA's sister, and he, went to a large hotel (one or two level cabana style) possibly outside Kingston, Jamaica. ZABALA described CARLOS as a white male, five feet six inches tall, weighing 160 pounds (over weight), having dark eyes, dark hair, with grey streaks in the sides. CARLOS was further described as being approximately 40 years old and that he wore no glasses or had no other distinguishing physical characteristics. CARLOS described himself to ZABALA as a person who was high up in the Cuban government intelligence. CARLOS carried with him at all times a businessman's attache case which contained a pistol. ZABALA did not see the pistol at any time.

In addition to meeting CARLOS, supra, ZABALA met the driver of the automobile which took ZABALA, ZABALA's sister, and CARLOS to the hotel. This individual was the vice-consul of the Cuban Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica, JUAN CARBONELL. ZABALA described CARBONELL as being a white male, weighing 170 pounds, five feet eleven inches tall, having black hair, dark eyes, and wearing glasses with dark plastic frames. No other distinguishing characteristics were noted by ZABALA.

Upon arriving at the hotel, ZABALA was questioned by CARLOS and JUAN CARBONELL in the presence of his sister, AMALIA, and they wanted to know current information concerning

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ORLANDO BOSCH, CORU, REINOL RODRIGUEZ, FRANK CASTRO, ANTONIO VECIANA, and other members of anti-CASTRO groups. In response to VECIANA's letter to FIDEL CASTRO, CARLOS and CARBONELL felt that VECIANA's secretary disliked VECIANA and they requested that ZABALA tell the secretary that they will broadcast the information presented in "her" letter over Radio Havana in about a week's time. ZABALA stated that inasmuch as he was responsible for forwarding the supposed letter from VECIANA's secretary, the Cubans believed that ZABALA greatly disliked VECIANA also. ZABALA stated that no such broadcast was ever made according to ANTONIO VECIANA.

ZABALA reported that in the course of the above-mentioned contact with CARLOS and CARBONELL, the latter stated that they would get in contact with him through his sister, AMALIA. They asked ZABALA if he needed any money and he replied negatively.

ZABALA MAS reported that he returned to Jamaica around November 9, 1976, and stayed at the Sheraton Hotel. During his first evening there, a strange voice telephoned his room and advised him to go outside. He went down and stood by the hotel swimming pool and then saw CARLOS, supra, and was again taken by CARLOS and JUAN CARBONELL to the hotel where he previously met these individuals. ZABALA stated that the ride from the Sheraton Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, to the other hotel takes approximately thirty minutes by car and this hotel is located near the sea. Upon entering this hotel, ZABALA was introduced to "The General." (At one time during the interview with "The General" the latter was referred to as JORGE.) ZABALA stated that he also carried a businessman's attache case which ZABALA suspected could carry a gun. ZABALA stated that during the course of this contact the entire conversation was taped on a tape player in the room. ZABALA described the "General" as a white male, five feet seven inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, approximately 36 years of age, and from Cien Fuegos, Cuba. ZABALA stated that "The General," looked like a well-built, firm military type. He stated that this individual had dark hair with slight traces of grey on the side. The "General" had dark eyes and no other distinguishing physical characteristics.

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ZABALA stated that in the course of this contact the three Cuban individuals wanted to know about the bomb on a Cuban plane which had recently destroyed the plane and sent it plunging into the sea. They wanted him to invite REINOL RODRIGUEZ, FRANK CASTRO, and "BEBE" (Last name possibly FRANCO, and the owner of a sporting goods store which is located at Flagler and 18th Avenue, Miami, Florida) to Jamaica for reasons of placing bombs against pro-Cuban schools in Jamaica. The Cuban individuals could then arrange for the Jamaican authorities to arrest RODRIGUEZ, CASTRO, and "BEBE" and later these could be given over to the Cubans. In addition to the above, the Cubans wanted an "up date" on pictures of about thirty individuals. These individuals were all current suspected anti-CASTRO type persons and included ENRIQUE NUNEZ. On November 9, 1976, according to ZABALA, they gave him \$500.00 for plane tickets and expenses. They wanted him to go to Venezuela to find out about the above mentioned Cuban plane bombing.

FELIX ZABALA MAS advised that November 29, 1976, he returned to Jamaica and this time went to a place which is known as the "Little Pub," in the city of Ocho Rios. ZABALA stated that approximately 9:00 p.m. that evening, three men came in to the "Little Pub." He stated that these individuals were the "General," CARLOS, and a third Cuban whom he had not previously met. He described this individual as a white male, six feet three inches tall, weighing 220 pounds, having short, dark hair, approximately 38 years of age, and having heavy prescription glasses. This latter individual informed ZABALA that he had been working in the Cuban Embassy in Chile during 1971.

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ZABALA stated that VECIANA had, in preparation for his November 29 anticipated meeting in Jamaica, given him information to furnish to the Cubans. ZABALA said that VECIANA furnished him with information concerning the bombing of the Air Cubana Airliner stating that the information would appear to be good and was true, however, it was well known within the anti-Castro Cuban Community and he did not believe it would harm anybody. ZABALA said that VECIANA told him that ORLANDO GARCIA, who was an employee of the Government of Venezuela, and former CIA employee, had gone to Santo Domingo in 1976 and met with ORLANDO BOSCH and FRANK CASTRO. VECIANA further advised that there was also present at the meeting a representative from Brigade 2506, name unknown. VECIANA said that at this time, BOSCH, CASTRO, GARCIA and the representative from Brigade 2506 planned a bombing of a Cubana airliner. At some time following this BOSCH went to Venezuela to take command of the operation. Upon arrival in Venezuela BOSCH was met by "MONO" MORALES, a Cuban exile living in Venezuela. VECIANA said that MORALES was the individual who had testified in a Federal trial against BOSCH a few years prior to this time. MORALES is supposed to have told BOSCH that he wished for all past differences to be forgotten and for them to unite in this act, as all good Cubans should try to get rid of CASTRO. At this time MORALES gave BOSCH a machine gun and offered a car and driver as well as the use of an apartment that he (MORALES) stated that he had arranged for BOSCH. VECIANA said that BOSCH still did not trust MORALES and instead went to the apartment of ALFREDO AGUIAR, another Cuban exile in Caracas. BOSCH supposedly stayed at that apartment and during this time was in contact with an old Cuban revolutionary named "PEPE" as well as a former CIA operative named "RICO." RICO was described as being a Cuban exile also. RICO supposedly gave BOSCH \$2,000 during this time in order to support the intended operation against the Cubana Airlines. BOSCH was also in contact with a Cuban exile attorney while in Venezuela, name unknown, however, it was stated that BOSCH was arrested in Caracas at the home of this attorney following the bombing. VECIANA further told ZABALA that when the bomb went off, it was such a tragedy that the CORU group was afraid to claim credit for it. VECIANA

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further advised that the Government of Venezuela had previously had knowledge of the plans for this bombing, however, they also became very nervous when the bomb went off with the plane in the air. VECIANA told ZABALA that the plan had been for the bomb to go off while the plane was on the runway in Barbados, avoiding serious loss of lives, however, the plane departed early and thus the bomb went off while the plane was in the air.

ZABALA reiterated that VECIANA had given him this information to furnish as he (VECIANA) stated that most of this information had been hinted at in the newspapers and that he felt that ZABALA could impress the Cubans with this information as well as utilizing this information to cover for the fact that ZABALA had actually not gone to Venezuela as previously requested by the Cuban Intelligence Agents.

ZABALA said that he furnished this information to the Cuban Intelligence Agents during the November 29, 1976, meeting and they appeared very pleased with the information. ZABALA said that he also, as previously directed by VECIANA, told the Cuban Agents that VECIANA had been involved in some sort of testimony regarding the KENNEDY assassination. ZABALA said that he did not furnish them with any details other than telling him that VECIANA had traveled to Washington using a travel voucher issued under the name of Senator SCHWIEKER. ZABALA said that he did not know why VECIANA wanted this information given to the Cubans unless it was to further convince him that he (ZABALA) was furnishing them with good information in the hopes that they would utilize the previously furnished information and give VECIANA the publicity he desired on radio Havana.

Following the November 29, 1977, meeting which was taped by the Cubans, ZABALA said that he was instructed to meet CARLOS in Panama on January 10, 1977, being instructed to go to the Panama Hilton Hotel and be standing in the parking lot at 9 p.m. He was told that somebody would pick him up. ZABALA added that he was given \$700 at the conclusion of this meeting by the Cubans, which was to provide expenses for the trip he was supposed to have taken to Venezuela as well as the trip for the November 29, 1977, meeting. ZABALA said at the conclusion of the meeting he asked the Cubans to help in getting his mother and sister out of Cuba for a Christmas vacation in Puerto Rico and

