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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (2-116) (P)
SUBJECT: CUBAN EXILE TERRORISM

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Re FBIHQ airtel, 10/22/79.

As per referenced airtel, the following is a summary of investigation pertaining to the CARLOS MUNIZ killing and other criminal acts directed at the Viajes Varadero Travel Agency.

All information communicated herein is unclassified unless otherwise annotated.

On 4/28/79, CARLOS MUNIZ VARELA, Director of Viajes Varadero, a travel agency which specializes in trips to Cuba for Cuban exiles, was fatally wounded after receiving a 45 caliber round in the forehead. Investigation since that date has revealed the following:

The Viajes Varadero Travel Agency and its personnel has had great emotional impact on the Cuban exile community in Puerto Rico. After twenty years, it is now possible for a Cuban exile to return to his homeland and visit with relatives and friends. Most of the Cuban community in Puerto Rico see

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this opportunity as just that, an opportunity to be taken advantage of, if so desired. However, a small group of exiles, mostly right-wing extremists, are utterly set against these trips, and those that handle them.

From the inception of this program, called the "Reunification of the Cuban Family" which in turn was the reason for the opening of Viajes Varadero in December, 1978, there has been a series of violent acts directed at it and its personnel.

Before the official opening of the agency, CARLOS MUNIZ, a known member of the ANTONIO MACEO Brigade, while working as the President of a condominium association for the San Francisco Condominium complex, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, received a telephone call at the association's office during the month of November, 1978. After MUNIZ identified himself a male voice stated, "We are going to kill you." The unknown caller then hung up.

RAUL ALZAGA (SJ 202-48), present director of the agency, has stated that MUNIZ was greatly troubled by this call and considered it to be made by a person who meant every word.

No one could be identified as the caller; however, he did have a Cuban accent.

After the first official flight under the program in December, 1978, a right-wing Cuban exile newspaper, "La Cronica," printed in Puerto Rico, began a campaign to discredit the travel agency and its personnel.

On January 4, 1979, a high-order explosive device detonated at the travel agency office. Coincidental or not, this was the date for the departure of the second official trip to Cuba under the "Reunification of the Cuban Family" program.

JESUS GARCIA, Arson and Explosives Section, Police of Puerto Rico (POPR), advised that subsequent to the bombing, a radio station located in San Juan, Puerto Rico, WQAK, received an anonymous telephone call claiming credit for this act in the name of "Comandos Cezar Baez." No other group has claimed credit, and no publicity was given to the claim made by the "Comandos Cezar Baez."

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(U) San Juan knows that the author of the anonymous call to WQAK was [REDACTED] REINOL RODRIGUEZ, at that time, San Juan Coordinacion de Organizaciones Revolucionarias Unidas (Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations) (CORU) leader, had mistakenly believed that the source was responsible for the bombing. The source allowed RODRIGUEZ to believe this and at RODRIGUEZ' insistence the source called WKAQ. (S)

To date, the San Juan Office has been unable to ascertain through investigation, source information, or POPR cooperation, that any group or individual has claimed credit for this bombing, nor if there is a connection between this act and the killing of CARLOS MUNIZ.

It should be noted that on 4/30/79, JESUS GARCIA, POPR, advised that a reliable police informant had identified two Puerto Ricans who had been paid \$500 to place this device at the travel agency, by an unidentified Cuban. However, since the informant is and remains vital to an ongoing and separate investigation, no further information could be made available. Subsequent interviews of JESUS GARCIA continue to receive the same answer in relation to the above matter.

EDITA CABRERA, an employee of Viajes Varadero, advised that on or about 3/15/79, she was at her home while an acquaintance of her family was visiting. This individual, ARMANDO RUIZ MACEIRAS, (SJ 2-123) approached EDITA and asked if it was true that she worked at Viajes Varadero. EDITA replied that it was. RUIZ went on to state, "Viajes Varadero is a nest of rats;" "All you Communists that work there are already dead but you don't know it;" and that, "Carlos Muniz should expect to die when he reached the age of 25 or 26." At this point EDITA terminated the conversation by leaving the room and to this date has not seen or spoken to RUIZ again.

It should be noted that the day after the MUNIZ killing, 4/29/79, RUIZ appeared at his place of employment, Frigorifico Oller, in a nervous state and requested his employer, OLLER ROSELL, that if anyone asked, to tell them that he had been at work at the Frigorifico all day Saturday, 4/28/79 until late into the afternoon. OLLER replied that he had no intention of lying for him.

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On 5/11/79, ARMANDO RUIZ was interviewed by POPR in connection with the MUNIZ murder on basis of the above. RUIZ denied any knowledge of the killing and was released.

RICARDO FRAGA (SJ 202-133), employee of Viajes Varadero, advised that during the early part of April, 1979, the incidence of threatening telephone calls began to increase and by the week of 4/23/79 through 4/27/79, all the employees of the travel agency were receiving threatening calls day and night, at their homes and at the office.

On 4/28/79, at approximately 6 PM, CARLOS MUNIZ was killed. Witnesses at the scene of the murder stated that three (3) individuals in a green colored car pulled up to MUNIZ and opened fire.

As of 4/30/79, both United Press International (UPI) and POPR advised that no group had claimed credit for the killing of MUNIZ; however, two articles concerning the murder of MUNIZ appeared in local newspapers, "El Nuevo Dia," and "The San Juan Star," erroneously attributing the January bombing of Viajes Varadero to "Omega Seven."

On 5/1/79, Colonel MIGUEL RIVERA, Criminal Investigative Bureau, POPR, advised that his various contacts within the Cuban community speculated that a group of right-wing terrorists from Miami, Florida were probably responsible for the assassination. However, neither FBI nor POPR sources were cognizant of such "outsideres" operating within the San Juan Cuban community during the month of April, 1979.

Col. RIVERA also stated that his office had received a verification that an anti-Castro group called, "Zero" had taken credit for the CARLOS MUNIZ murder, in Miami, Florida.

At approximately 11:20 AM, 5/1/79, radio station WKAQ received an anonymous call claiming credit for the MUNIZ killing in the name of "Omega Seven." The caller appeared to be a young man with a slight Puerto Rican accent.

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Finally, on 5/21/79, UPI, San Juan, received a communique from the group, "Zero" (postmarked San Juan) stating that this group is willing to attack any Cuban exile who goes back to Cuba under FIDEL CASTRO's new "Reunification of the Cuban Family" program. The statement added, "We are forced to judge any Cuban who goes back to Cuba on excursion or alone like we judged Muniz Varela."

Although at this period of time all types of rumors and alleged information was coming in to both the FBI and POPR, nothing of value appeared until 5/15/79, when [redacted] advised that RAMON ALVAREZ LOMBANA (SJ 2-126) had confided to the source that he and three other individuals killed CARLOS MUNIZ. (U) (C)

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ALVAREZ named a "RUPERT" (last name unknown) as the one who provided all of the intelligence on MUNIZ' activities and who did the actual shooting. (U) (C)

The source believed that ALVAREZ had mentioned ERNESTO LLUESMA PARES (SJ 2-124) as one of the other two individuals involved in the MUNIZ killing. (U) (C)

The source stated that when ALVAREZ spoke of his "group" ALVAREZ meant the old HUBERT MATOS faction of "Accion Cubana," which became inactive in 1975. In this group, allegedly, were ALVAREZ, RUPERT (LNU), ARMANDO RUIZ and ERNESTO LLUESMA. (U) (C)

On 5/21/79, JESUS GARCIA, POPR, stated that a confidential source recently had advised him that ARMANDO RUIZ MACEIRAS left his home with a 45 caliber pistol to meet ERNESTO LLUESMA PARES, five days prior to the attack on MUNIZ. RUIZ returned to his home without the pistol. According to the POPR source, RUIZ remained in his home all day Saturday, 4/23/79, and therefore, could not have participated in the murder. However, it appears that RUIZ was involved in the conspiracy and possibly provided the murder weapon to LLUESMA, who was tentatively identified as one of the four assailants. (U) (C)

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It should be noted that recent conversations during the month of November, 1979, with JESUS GARCIA, POPR, still have not clarified who the informant mentioned above might be, although it appears to be a family member; and GARCIA did not recall who had made the tentative identification of LLUESMA.

Also on 5/21/79, [] identified RUPERT as being RUPERTO PEREZ ORTEGA (SJ 2-125). ~~(S)~~

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(U) On 5/23/79, JESUS GARCIA advised that POPR had allegedly located the vehicle used in the killing of MUNIZ. It had been abandoned and burned but 45 caliber bullet casings had been found inside this car, which the POPR Laboratory stated were similar to the 45 caliber bullet casings found at the scene of the murder. However, although numerous latent fingerprints had been observed by GARCIA on the car, he later learned that none had been lifted. Detectives at the car scene excused this negligence by telling GARCIA that the fingerprints were on an oily surface and therefore irretrievable.

Also on this date, JAVIER ESPINA, an alleged eye witness, gave the POPR an artist conception of an individual which resembled RAMON ALVAREZ LOMBANA. However, ESPINA was unable to pick out ALVAREZ or other suspects in the MUNIZ killing from the San Juan's Cuban extremist photo album.

Again on this date, 5/23/79, GLORIA DIAZ, who along with her family drove past the scene of the murder as it was in progress, stated that she had a faulty memory and could not recall the events surrounding the murder. However, the previous day, 5/22/79, GLORIA DIAZ had advised Agents of the POPR that she could possibly identify three individuals within the getaway car. DIAZ observed the assailant's car bump twice into MUNIZ' car from the rear before MUNIZ slowed down enough for the assailant's car to pull along the side of it. At that moment, the individual next to the driver opened fire on MUNIZ. DIAZ described the driver as being 40 years old, and the two individuals in the rear seat as light-skin youths of approximately 25 years of age.

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DIAZ admitted that she had supplied two POPR Detectives with the above information on 5/22/79; however, she noted that her husband felt that the family might be endangered by cooperating with the Police. DIAZ agreed to view a Cuban extremist photo album containing potential suspects, but was unable or unwilling to identify any one in particular.

DIAZ' husband, EDMUNDO DRESSER, former police officer and current (at that time) General Manager of Coca-Cola in San Juan, was likewise questioned concerning the MUNIZ murder. DRESSER stated he and his family arrived at the scene of the murder a half hour after the killing. He later changed his story and admitted being at the scene of the murder as it was in progress. However, he reiterated the fact that neither he nor his wife observed anything significant.

On 7/26/79, another explosive device was placed at Viajes Varadero. This one; however, did not detonate. A joint POPR and FBI investigation has not been able to identify the people involved or the motive. No terrorist group or individual has taken credit for this incident; both POPR and the San Juan office sources have not come up with any information concerning people involved; according to the POPR, the make-up of the bomb itself was not similar to any other bomb used in Puerto Rico in the past.

From July, 1979, to the present, no further hard information has been generated by either investigation or sources on neither the murder of CARLOS MUNIZ nor the two bomb incidents.

A lengthy review of pertinent files by San Juan reveals that the alleged "group" that killed MUNIZ has not ever claimed, by any means, to include speaking to an informant, credit or even knowledge of the bombing incidents; that there is no true evidential proof of involvement by the suspects in the MUNIZ murder (all we have is one source who has spoken

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to one Cuban exile, while that exile is intoxicated and is boasting about his anti-Castro activities); that this alleged "group" does not seem to ever meet in nor frequent the same bars, restaurants, individual homes, etc., thus frustrating any possible use of Title III procedures; and that while the suspects have in the past been members of various Cuban exile groups or at least on the fringes of them, which could possibly be said of at least one half the Cuban community in Puerto Rico, not one of them has a police record.

San Juan, of course, is aware that all of the above does not necessarily indicate that the source is mistaken, that the exile RAMON ALVAREZ is boasting, nor that the other suspects did not in fact kill MUNIZ and participate in the bombing incidents. What the San Juan Office is stating is that at this time, with the information available, there does not seem to exist any of the necessary elements of a RICO violation in this matter.

San Juan is maintaining contact with all Cuban exile sources, POPR and with the management and employees of Viajes Varadero on a weekly basis concerning this matter.

San Juan will interview in compliance with regulations, all four suspects on whom neutrality matters cases are currently pending in the near future, UACB.

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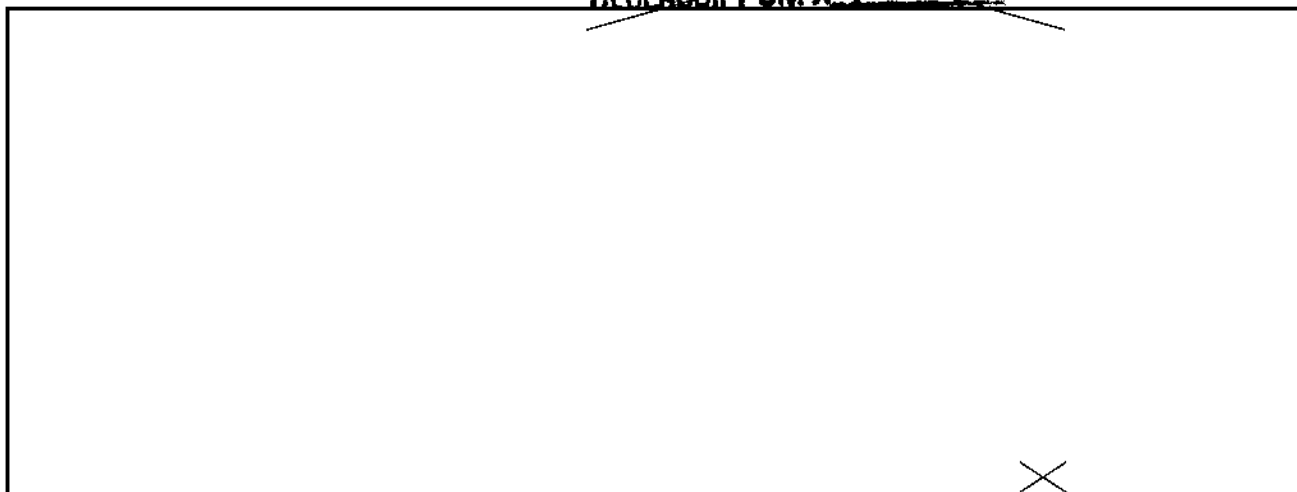
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UNSUB; SHOOTING OF CARLOS MUNIZ VARELA, AKA CARLOS MUNIZ, AT
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, APRIL 28, 1979; CUBAN EXILE TERRORISM.

(OO: SAN JUAN).

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL 29, 19-9,
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INVESTIGATOR DANNY BENITEZ, DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT (DCPSD), MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADVISED ON MAY 1, 1979, THAT A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO AT THE PRESENT TIME IS UNDER DEVELOPMENT BY HIS DEPARTMENT, HAD ADVISED HIM THAT JOSE DIONISIO SUAREZ ESQUIVEL HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLING OF CARLOS MUNIZ AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. INVESTIGATOR BENITEZ ADVISED HE WOULD CONTINUE TO CONTACT HIS SOURCE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER.

INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF MIAMI'S CUBAN COMMUNITY HAVE COMMENTED THAT CARLOS MUNIZ WAS A CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT AND A BUSINESS RIVAL OF ESPERANZA VALDEZ WHO UNTIL RECENTLY OPERATED 747 TRAVEL AGENCY IN MIAMI, FLA. THESE SAME PERSONS HAVE ALSO ADVISED THAT VALDEZ BY USING HER INFLUENCE WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, WAS SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING THAT THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT WOULD DISCONTINUE SUPPORTING MUNIZ AND INSTEAD GIVING VALDEZ AN ALMOST EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO BOOK TOURS TO CUBA.

VALDEZ AT THE PRESENT TIME IS IN A PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL SITUATION DUE TO AN ALLEGATION THAT SHE EMBEZZLED OVER \$100,000 IN MONIES WHICH HAD BEEN DEPOSITED WITH

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HER BY UNSUSPECTING CUBAN EXILES WISHING TO TRAVEL TO CUBA.

ON APRIL 30, 1979, A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED AT WOCN RADIO STATION, MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND THE CALLER, A CUBAN-SOUNDING MALE, ADVISED THAT "CERO" WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTING OF CARLOS MUNIZ IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. ORIGINAL AND COPY OF THIS RECORDING HAS BEEN SECURED BY MIAMI AGENTS AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY FOR ANALYSIS.

ALSO ON APRIL 30, 1979, MIAMI AGENTS CONDUCTED INTERVIEW AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, MIAMI, FLA., OF ROBERTO CARBALLO, FORMER HEAD OF THE 2506 BRIGADE. CARBALLO HAD DEPARTED MIAMI VIA AIR JAMAICA FOR KINGSTON, JAMAICA, ON APRIL 27, 1979, AND STAYED AT THE STONY HILL HOTEL IN KINGSTON UNTIL APRIL 30, 1979, WHEN HE RETURNED TO MIAMI, FLA. WHILE ON THIS TRIP, CARBALLO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANGEL ALVAREZ, A CUBAN EXILE WHO ALLEGEDLY WORKS FOR THE YOUTH CORES IN MIAMI. CARBALLO TOLD THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS HE HAD GONE TO JAMAICA AS A TOURIST AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF MUNIZ' DEATH UNTIL HE WAS ADVISED OF THIS BY THE FBI DURING THE INTERVIEW AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. HE STATED HE DID NOT TRAVEL TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, FROM JAMAICA AND HAD NO

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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype 5/2/79 entitled UNSUB; SUBSCRIBER TO TELEPHONE NUMBER 764-2916; PUERTO RICO; FCI - CUBA. (S)

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an LHM entitled CARLOS MUNIZ VARELA.

Representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) who searched the records of the Puerto Rican Telephone Company was Special Clerk GUILLERMO GONZALEZ. (S) (U)

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As the Bureau is aware, San Juan is cooperating with the Police of Puerto Rico (POPR) in the investigation of MUNIZ' assassination. Information pertaining to this assassination is being reported under the caption: Cuban Exile Terrorism (San Juan file 2-116) (U)

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CARLOS MUNIZ VARELA

On May 8, 1979, a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) searched the records of the Puerto Rican Telephone Company, San Juan, Puerto Rico. These records reflect that telephone number 764-2916 is listed to Carlos Muniz Varela, Condominium Jardines de San Francisco, Building 1, Apartment 413, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. ~~(u)~~ *6/10/83*

Muniz was a twenty-six year old Cuban exile living in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was the Director of Viajes Varadero, a travel agency started in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in December, 1978. By his own admission, Muniz opened Viajes Varadero at the request of the Cuban government and with the authorization to operate an exclusive monopoly in Puerto Rico to arrange travel of Cuban exiles to Cuba. As far as could be determined, Viajes Varadero engaged in no travel arrangements other than that of Cuban exiles to Cuba. Because of this relationship with the Cuban government, Muniz often traveled to Cuba and was in frequent contact with various Cuban officials. ~~(u)~~

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CARLOS MUNIZ VARELA

In January, 1979, a high order explosive device exploded at Carlos Muniz' office located in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. In an interview with representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately following the bombing, Muniz advised he had received anonymous and threatening telephone calls prior to the bombing. Muniz felt that his travel agency had been targeted by anti-Castro extremists because of unfavorable publicity he had received in "La Cronica", a rightist Cuban newspaper printed bi-monthly in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (U)

At approximately 5:45 p.m. on April 28, 1979, Muniz was fatally wounded after he received a .45 caliber bullet wound in the forehead. Muniz was shot as he was driving away from his mother's home in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, by three men in another car. Although Muniz' assassins are not known, it is believed he was killed by right wing Cuban exileterrorists. At least two Cuban exileterrorists groups have claimed responsibility for Muniz' death. (U)

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CARLOS MUNOZ IN SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO ASSASSINATED 4/28/79 URGE
IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF PERPETRATORS

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Ms. Lisa Lightman
1225 Duncan Drive
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Dear Ms. Lightman:

Your mailgram of May 14th to Attorney General
Bell has been referred to the FBI.

Based on known facts, there is no predication
for the FBI to conduct an investigation into the death of
Carlos Muniz in Puerto Rico. His death is being investi-
gated by the Police of Puerto Rico.

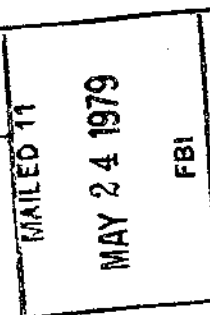
I am sorry we will be unable to be of assistance
in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Bailey
Assistant Director

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STRONGLY URGE INVESTIGATION ASSASSINATION CARLOS MUNIZ IN SAN JUAN
PUERTO RICO 4-28-79 AND EXPEDITIOUS PROSECUTION OF PERPETRATORS

PROFESSOR ROBERT MARQUEZ
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Dear Professor Marquez:

Your mailgram of May 14th to Attorney General Bell
has been referred to the FBI.

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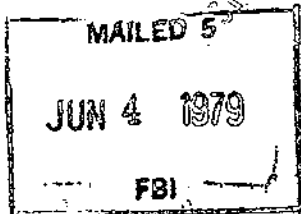
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1 - Mr. J.M. Sturgis, Jr.
1 - Mr. H.B. Brandon

Date: June 29, 1979

To:



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From: James E. Nolan, Jr.
Section Chief, CI-2 Section
Intelligence Division

Subject: CARLOS MUNIZ VARELA

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Enclosed is a memorandum furnished by our San Juan
Division providing the information you have requested. As
will be apparent from that memorandum, the information
obtained through your source is of counterintelligence
interest to the FBI and in our judgment should be formally
disseminated to us.

As you have undoubtedly learned by now, I have
been reassigned but Jim Sturgis has assumed my old duties.
You should feel free to continue to send to him "in the
privacy channel" any items on which you have questions
which we may be able to resolve for you.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (202-473) (C)
RE: REINOL GONZALEZ GONZALEZ
FCI - CUBA (G)
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Re Bureau 0-7 dated 6/26/79, with attachment, and San Juan teletype, dated 8/3/79, captioned "HECTOR GASPAR CERVANTES-MARICHAL; ET AL, FCI-CUBA (H) (OO: SJ)".

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. LHM reflects interview of subject. (U)

Two copies of LHM are being forwarded to Chicago for information regarding CERVANTES-MARICHAL. (X)

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Two copies of LHM are being forwarded to San Juan for information purposes. One copy is being designated for the CARLOS MUNIZ file. (X)

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Subject's interview contained in LHM is unclassified as it contains general information regarding his prison life and his connections with the Dialogue Committee of 1975. However, Chicago and San Juan are requested not to divulge subject's name during interview of subject as per San Juan teletype, because subject is under assessment for IA operation. (X)

GONZALEZ is a white male, 5'6", 170 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. He wears thick glasses and has a distorted left eye offset to the left. He resides at 7642 SW 96th Court, Miami, Fla. (S)

Miami will conduct no further investigation in this matter. Miami will contact subject and will initiate IA operation if subject is receptive to the approach. (X)

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GONZALEZ advised he is currently associated with a Venezuelan - Cuban exile organization that is involved in arranging for the release of former political prisoners from Cuba and for their travel arrangements to Venezuela. He advised that this organization has arranged with the Venezuelan DISIP that all ex-prisoners leaving Cuba for Venezuela should be screened to prevent any infiltrators from entering into that country. (X)

He advised that several weeks ago the DISIP arrested two officials of the Venezuelan Consulate in Havana on bribery matters relating to their involvement with another Consular official whose position immunized him from arrest but who has since offered his resignation. These officials were involved in approving visas for ex-political prisoners who were alleged homosexuals and who were friends with the since-resigned officials. (X)

GONZALEZ also advised that JORGE ROBLEJO LORIE (MM 65-3351), a member of the Dialogue Committee and who is

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the Committee's organizer for the ex-prisoners' shuttle flights to Miami, currently has two outstanding warrants for his arrest in Venezuela. According to the information furnished to GONZALEZ by JOSE "PEPE" VASQUEZ, one of the warrants is equivalent to Fraud by Wire while the other involves LORIE in some type of an alleged homosexual-related crime, possibly with the individuals arrested in Havana by the Disip. GONZALEZ advised that the Disip is hoping that LORIE will visit Venezuela and after his arrest, the Dialogue Committee will be discredited by the adverse publicity associated with LORIE's arrest. (S)

(S) Regarding CARLOS MUNIZ, he advised that when he met MUNIZ during his interview, he was unaware of MUNIZ' political beliefs. Since his arrival in the United States, he has determined that MUNIZ was a communist and like the majority of his counterparts in the Dialogue Committee was involved in the tourist business strictly for the financial gain he would obtain at the expense of the exile community. He advised that MUNIZ' uncle, LUIS VARELA, was a close friend of his in Cuba whose politics he would describe as slightly left of center. He could not furnish any positive information regarding person or persons responsible for MUNIZ' death. (S)

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RE: REINOL GONZALEZ GONZALEZ
FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE - CUBA

REINOL GONZALEZ GONZALEZ was born on April 24, 1932, in Margarita, Matanzas, Cuba. He was a political prisoner from October 12, 1961, until December 11, 1977. He entered the United States from Spain on January 15, 1978. On July 17, 1979, he furnished the following information:

Prior to his arrest by the Cuban State Security Forces, he had been a member of an organization known as the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP). The MRP never came under the control of any foreign intelligence service and at times was in contact with with a U.S. intelligence organization from which he obtained assistance and equipment. The MRP had 30 to 40 members; most of who ended up being arrested at the same time.

(S) He alleged that one DALIA JORGE, current age approximately 42, may have been responsible for exposing the membership of the MRP. He based his allegations in that JORGE, also a member of the MRP, appeared during the trial for the other members and she was not in prison. She later became pregnant and married an alleged Departamento de Seguridad Del Estado (DSE) official whom she later divorced. She later married CARLOS RUBIERA, a nephew of Miami exile VICENTE RUBIERA who is connected with the AFL/CIO in the Miami area.

He advised that he spent his prison term in the following prisons:

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RE: REINOL GONZALEZ GONZALEZ

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Havana DSE Interrogation, October, 1961 -
through October, 1962.

La Cabana, October, 1962 through April, 1963.

Isla del Pino, April, 1963 through May, 1967.

La Cabana, May, 1967 through September, 1967.

El Principe, September, 1967 through
February, 1968.

La Cabana, February, 1968 through January, 1969.

Guanajal, January, 1969, through March, 1971.

San Antonio del los Banos, March, 1971 through
December, 1971.

Havana, December, 1971 through May, 1972.

Castillo de Morro, May, 1972 through October, 1972.

Las Galleja, October, 1972 through date unrecalled
of 1973.

Reperto Flores, 1973 through date unrecalled.

Paso Redina Batabanos, dates unrecalled.

Gallope, until December 11, 1977.

He advised that during March, 1971, he accepted
the rehabilitation plan and was released from prison to
work in the various farms operated by the State.

His release from prison and his subsequent
emigration to Spain was a result of a request submitted to
the government in Cuba by JAVIER GARCIA MARQUEZ, a Mexican
newspaper writer whom he described as being left of center.
GARCIA had interceded in behalf of his wife and children.

On December 11, 1977, he, accompanied by GARCIA,
traveled to Spain. On December 15, 1978, he obtained an
American Visa to enter the United States through New York.

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RE: REINOL GONZALEZ GONZALEZ

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He then proceeded to Miami where he currently resides with his immediate family.

He advised that immediately after his arrival in Spain, he contacted several old friends and requested their assistance in order to obtain the release of 11 of his close associates who had been members of the MRP and who were still in prison. The reason behind his attempt to obtain the release of these 11 individuals was that in his opinion, they had been unjustly imprisoned for acts which did not merit a lengthy prison term.

He alleged that soon after his arrival in Spain he was contacted by several news medias for the purpose of obtaining an interview with him. After consulting with several of his close associates, he decided that he would approve being interviewed by the Spanish newspaper "El Pais". He described this newspaper as being "liberal". The contents of his interview was regarding his prison term and the plight of the political prisoners in Cuba. His interview appeared in the newspaper and was not altered as far as he could determine.

He also advised that prior to his release from prison, he had agreed to be interviewed by two individuals who had arrived from Puerto Rico. One of these individuals was CARLOS MUNIZ, a young Cuban exile who was residing in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He later determined that MUNIZ was a writer for "Areito", a pro-Castro magazine out of New York. MUNIZ was traveling to Cuba with a young Puerto Rican male who was a photographer. MUNIZ had been requested by LUIS VARELA, a professor at the University of Puerto Rico and an uncle of MUNIZ, to contact him in prison and determine his status. VARELA had been a close friend of his dating back several years.

The MUNIZ interview was conducted in a place called Santa Maria del Mar. He could not recall the exact date of the interview. Although he had agreed to the interview by MUNIZ based solely on the fact that MUNIZ was related to a friend, he never suspected that MUNIZ was a writer for a pro-Castro magazine. He later read the contents of his interview which appeared in the "Areito" and determined that the contents of the interview had not been altered. The interview was regarding his political viewpoint towards the GOC. He advised that in the interview he advocated the peaceful co-existence with GOC. His opinion was based on the fact that he had been in prison for so many years and nothing had changed since he had been in prison.

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Upon his arrival in Miami, he initiated several contacts with leading Cuban exiles with the hope of obtaining their support for the release of the political prisoners. In April, 1978, he traveled to Mexico City where he spoke with GARCIA MARQUEZ regarding this problem. In July of 1978, he was advised by GARCIA to travel to Jamaica where he would be afforded an interview with a representative of the GOC at the Cuban Consulate in Kingston. In Kingston he spoke with a Colonel MANUEL BLANCO FERNANDEZ and RAMON DE LA CRUZ. Both were members of the DSE. The discussion centered around the release of political prisoners. BLANCO requested to know if he was in agreement to travel from Miami to Havana for the purpose of conversing with GOC regarding the release of the political prisoners. He agreed to the proposal with the provisions that he would be accompanied by one of his friends.

(S) On September 11, 1978, he along with BERNARDO BENES, RAFAEL HUGETT, Reverend GUILLERMO ARIES, ORLANDO PADRON and BOBBY MADERRO departed for Cuba for the initial interview. He had chosen the Reverend ARIES as his traveling companion.

It was an understanding that only six Cuban exiles from the Miami area would travel for the initial conference. Prior to the departure from Miami, GOC proposed that the Reverend MANUEL ESPINOSA be included with the group. He refused to accept ESPINOSA in view of the fact that an arrangement had been made that only six individuals were to travel and in view of the fact that ESPINOSA was an opportunist whose only goal was to better his financial status at the expense of the Cuban exile community.

After the problem with ESPINOSA was resolved, the six, without ESPINOSA, traveled to Cuba to meet with FIDEL CASTRO. The conversations with CASTRO were cordial and centered around the benefits obtained from the release of the political prisoners. CASTRO reached the decision that he would invite representatives of the Cuban exile for a discussion regarding this matter. (S)

In the middle of December, 1978, 75 Cuban exiles traveled to Cuba for what became known as the Dialogue Talks.

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It soon became apparent to him that the discussions and the activities of the 75 were dominated predominately by CASTRO sympathizers. After his return to Miami, he disassociated himself from the committee entirely.

(S) He advised that he is currently in contact with a Venezuelan Cuban exile group that is involved in the emigration of release political prisoners to Venezuela. Venezuela has accepted several hundred prisoners since December of 1978. He advised that on December 24, 1978, CASTRO released 146 prisoners and their relatives to Venezuela. Among the 146 were several individuals who were suspected of being intelligence officers for the GOC. Several of these individuals had been alleged members of the DSE and had been arrested for infractions against the GOC. They had obtained their release with the understanding that they would infiltrate the exile groups in Venezuela. Two of these individuals who arrived in Venezuela and attempted to obtain the leadership of the exile group in charge of bringing out the prisoners were CARLOS LUIS HERRERA and HECTOR CERVANTES MARICHAL. HERRERA was in prison for one year and was released with his entire family. He could not furnish any specific information regarding the allegations that both CERVANTES and HERRERA were members of the DSE.

He advised that he currently operates a clothing store in the predominate Cuban community of Miami.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (199-1)

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UNSUB;

SHOOTING OF CARLOS MUNIZ VARELA

AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

APRIL 28, 1979

CUBAN EXILE TERRORISM

(OO: SJ)

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On 7/30/79, Mr. SAUL LANDAU, Director, Trans National Institute, Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), 1901 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), telephonically contacted the Office of Origin Case Agent in the Chilbom case with which the Bureau and receiving offices are familiar, and advised he had information to furnish the FBI on a confidential basis regarding the shooting of CARLOS MUNIZ.

For information of the Bureau and receiving offices, during the extended investigation into the Chilbom case, a rapport was established between LANDAU and the Office of Origin Case Agent due primarily to a communality of interests; ie. that of solving the LETELIER assassination case. It should be recalled that IPS had at that time a \$36 million law suit pending against the FBI for alleged illegal activities against IPS, commonly characterized as a left wing think tank.

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LANDAU advised he had been contacted by a number of Cuban advocates of an understanding of the incumbent government of Cuba who frankly were afraid for their lives because of actions which would be undertaken against them by anti-Castro Cuban exile activists. LANDAU continued that many of these people were afraid to deal directly with the FBI or with local police agencies. As a result, he had offered to use himself as a go-between to funnel information to the appropriate authorities investigating the death of MUNIZ.

On 7/30/79, LANDAU furnished a two page typed "informant report" which is being enclosed for the Bureau and receiving offices. LANDAU stated that he could not personally attest to the validity of the information contained therein, nor could he comment knowledgeably regarding the reliability of the information. He stated that it was being made available for whatever action deemed appropriate by the FBI, adding only that under no circumstances should his identity as the source of the information be revealed.

LANDAU was advised that the FBI would respect his confidentiality; however, the information would be disseminated to appropriate authorities and police of Puerto Rico, who are actively conducting an investigation into the murder of MUNIZ. LANDAU acceded to that request, stating he had no objection if the information was disseminated to the police of Puerto Rico.

WFO anticipates that LANDAU will be able to furnish further information regarding this matter and it will be disseminated to the Bureau and appropriate field offices when received.

The Bureau and receiving offices should note that LANDAU in the Chilbom case furnished some information; however, the majority of it was inaccurate. WFO feels that at the present time, LANDAU is acting in good faith and is furnishing the information as he receives it and for that reason, it should be considered with other information of value, but should be given no special weight or attention because of its source.

WFO is not in a position to either evaluate or analyze the information since it has conducted no inquiries in the MUNIZ murder case; therefore, it is being furnished for information purposes.

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AT SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. Will upon receipt disseminate appropriate number of enclosures to the police of Puerto Rico handling this matter, protecting LANDAU as the source.

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in Puerto Rico.

Around mid June a man reported overhearing a conversation. The conversation itself

took place shortly before the murder of Muñiz. The eavesdropper deduced that ~~the~~

The initiator of the conversation was a
the conversants were discussing Muñiz' murder. A furniture store owner, Margarito

Bernal Perez, had recently traveled to Cuba via Jamaica (around early March 1979).

The furniture store owner, Bernal, spoke with two other men: Moya, a man in his
thirties, and a younger man, estimated age at 27, tall, drove a blue chevy pickup.

The same informant said that he heard another conversation later, with some
"tobacco man" who was "happy with the work." They were waiting, according to the
source for a "Robetto."

Alazaga

On approximately June 21 the informer told Raul that his life and that of Ricardo
Frank, a friend of Alazaga, would be in danger.

From Source inside Group of 75
CORU decided to kill Bernardo Benes, Albor Ruiz and Raul Alazaga. (Benes is a barke

Alazaga now runs the travel agency that Muñiz formerly ran with Alazaga.) The death plot
is in some way connected to the impending arrival of Oraldno Bosch, who is expected in
Miami after being freed from Venezuelan prison.

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Four suspected hitmen were seen in Miami in late June. These were the ones the 75 people suspected would be in on the murders: Roger Rodriguez, Osvaído Bencomo, Ruperto Perez Ortega, Secundino Carrera.

Jorge Mas Canosa donated \$50,000 for Bosch's bail when he arrives in the US

CRONICA is the CNM voice in Puerto Rico. CRONICA attacked Carlos Muniz, even though Muniz was one of the least known of the 75.

Congressman Guarini and asst to the Mayor of Union City, Julia Valdivia are up to their ears in various CNM front operations.

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Mr. Benjamin Civiletti
Attorney General, U.S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

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Mr. Civiletti:

When the murder at Cerro Maravilla happened we, the
puertorricans who believe in the Democracy System, expected
for a serious FBI investigation about it. Now the final
results shows some kind of doubts around. Why? You people
should know.

Now again, one year later, we have the murder of Carlos
Muñiz, a cuban, resident in P.R. who was killed by a fascist
group of cuban refugees called themselves Alpha 66 or Omega 7.
Doesn't the FBI have any jurisdiction when a political assas-
sination became on? We suppose that, because the internal
security of the U. S. should claim it.

We expected that the security corps under your super-
vision could show responsibilities about this murder. Thank
you.

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Mr. Benjamin Civiletti,
Attorney, U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Sincerely

Armando Soto Soto
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Social Studies Teacher
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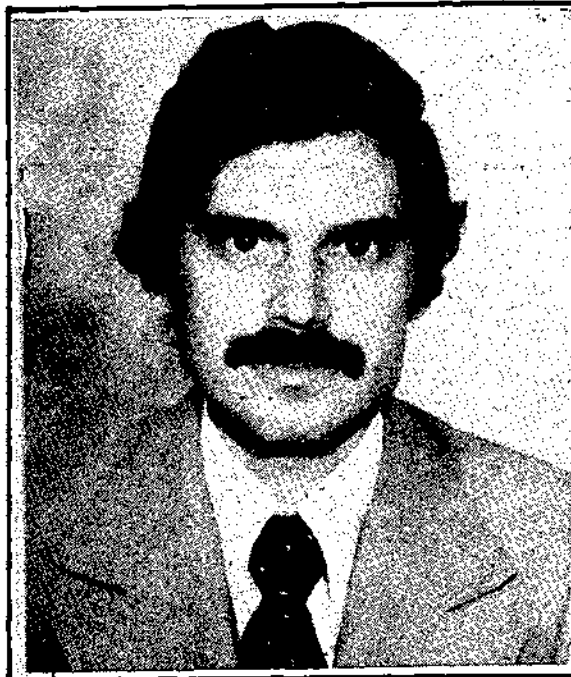
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exigimos justicia asesinato CARLOS MUÑIZ

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Asesinado en San Juan de Puerto Rico el 30 de abril de 1979 por terroristas cubanos de E.U. y P.R.



A un año de su asesinato las autoridades no han demostrado interés en esclarecer el crimen.

SI SE SIENTE INDIGNADO POR ESTE HECHO, ENVIE CARTA
O TELEGRAMA EXIGIENDO EL INMEDIATO ESCLARECIMIENTO
A: Mr. Ben Civiletti, Attorney General, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Wash. D.C.
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Mr. Armando Soto Soto
Post Office Box 915
Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico 00757

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Dear Mr. Soto:

Your May 10th letter to Attorney General Civiletti
has been referred to the FBI for reply. In response to your
inquiry regarding the murder of Carlos Muniz, this matter is
being investigated by the FBI as part of an ongoing investi-
gation into anti-Castro Cuban terrorist activities.

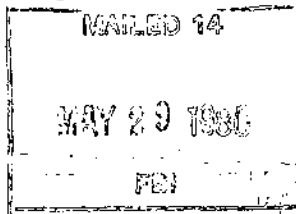
Sincerely yours,

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Francis M. Mullen, Jr.
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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On March 26, 1984, Mr. Saul Landau, Institute for Policy Studies, 19th and Q Street, Washington, D.C., furnished the enclosed information to Supervisory Special Agent (SSA), L. Carter Cornick, Jr., of the Terrorism Section, Criminal Investigative Division.

The information concerns the 1976 murder of Carlos Muniz Varela, a Cuban exile, travel agent residing in Puerto Rico, who was killed in 1976. The information purports to furnish information showing possible involvement of the Police of Puerto Rico in the Muniz assassination.

Saul Landau, the Deputy Director for the Institute for Policy Studies, was a former colleague of former Chilean Ambassador to the United States, Orlando Letelier, who was murdered September 21, 1976, when a bomb exploded underneath his car in Sheraton Circle, Washington, D.C. Members of an anti-Castro Cuban exile group were subsequently associated with that bombing, and federal charges brought. SSA L. Carter Cornick, Jr., was the office of origin case agent for the Letelier case and Saul Landau acted as the liaison for Letelier's former employer IPS.

The enclosed information forwarded to the San Juan office for appropriate action and or dissemination to appropriate state authorities handling the Muniz Killing.

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Note: Attached forwards information concerning the Muniz killing furnished by Saul Landau, Institute for Polict Studies to SSA L. Carter Cornick, Jr., of the Terrorism Section, on March 26, 1984, for whatever action deemed appropriate by the San Juan Office. This matter was coordinated with SSA Richard C. Bushing, of the Intelligence Division.

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