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ORGANIZED CRIME BUREAU REPORT

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Date of Report: April 18, 1977

Title: JOSE DIONISIO SUAREZ-ESQUIVEL

Source

Identification: OCB SIS Files

Investigator's Evaluation of Information

Investigator's Evaluation of Source

Confirmed

Possibly True

Reliable

Questionable

Probably True

Cannot be Judged

Usually Reliable

Unknown

ARRATIVE:

The following is a profile of JOSE SUAREZ.

JOSE DIONISIO SUAREZ-ESQUIVEL

AKA: CEPILLO

LKA: 909 Cross Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey

DOB: 17 Feb 39

FBI #264-663E

SSN 262-70-9712

Alien #All-879-368

Employer: Center Ford

North Bergen, New Jersey

Specialties: Bombings, extortions, hit man

The following information was consolidated from all of the references on JOSE SUAREZ in the OCB SIS indices as of this date.

12 Mar 75 - Confidential source - JOSE SUAREZ arrived in Miami on February 18, 1975 from New York/New Jersey and was seen at BILTMORE MOTORS. SUAREZ was a former member of FIDEL CASTRO'S armed forces and is a professional hit man. SUAREZ is a close associate of the NOVO brothers.

28 May 75 - CI 0080 - GUILLERMO NOVO and JOSE SUAREZ are presently in Santiago, Chile meeting with ORLANDO BOSCH.

31 Oct 75 - CI 0080 - MANUEL DUASSO is an associate of JOSE SUAREZ.

1 Nov 75 - CI0080 - HUMBERTO TARAFIA stated that the HUBERT MATOS group, PABLO MANUEL DUASSO, DUNEY PEREZ-ALAMO, JOSE SUAREZ and RAUL BARANDELA, had intentions of assassinating ROLANDO MASFERRER because of the personal attacks MASFERRER carried out in Libertad against MATOS.

2 Jan 76 - CI 0090 - A source stated that RAUL BARANDELA, JOSE SUAREZ and

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Recommendation upon Review:

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the brother of REYNALDO CRUZ-PINO were involved in extortions of Cuban businessmen in Puerto Rico.

7 Jan 76 - CI 0090 - JOSE SUAREZ was seen in Miami on January 2, 1976.

23 Mar 76 - CI 0090 - JOSE SUAREZ and RAUL BARANDELA received 1 1/2 months explosives training approximately one year ago, allegedly to set up the ROLANDO MASFERRER bombing.

23 Apr 76 - CI 0089 - JOSE SUAREZ is in Miami. After the TORRIENTE homicide, SUAREZ smuggled some cocaine into the U. S. through the Mexican border and since that time SUAREZ has been involved in cocaine trafficking in Miami and deals mainly with blacks. SUAREZ is a cold-blooded killer. One day FIDEL CASTRO ordered SUAREZ to kill 17 people in a town in Camaguez Province. In order to make sure he (SUAREZ) complied with the orders, SUAREZ killed 25 people.

26 Apr 76 - Confidential source - JOSE SUAREZ is employed at CENTER FORD in North Bergen, New Jersey, along with GUILLERMO NOYO. SUAREZ has been offering explosives to Cuban revolutionary elements in the New York/New Jersey area. SUAREZ has been observed going into the Cuban Mission in New York. SUAREZ frequently flies from New Jersey to Miami.

10 May 76 - CI 0089 - SUAREZ held the rank of lieutenant in FIDEL CASTRO'S army and is suspected of being responsible for 70 deaths in Cuba. SUAREZ was under the command of Major HUBERT MATOS. After MATOS was jailed in Cuba, SUAREZ defected to the U. S. and tried to form a revolutionary organization of ex-members of MATOS' command which was named "COMANDOS HUBERT MATOS". Some members of the group were DUNEY PEREZ ALAMO, MANUEL "MANOLO" RODRIGUEZ and PEDRO SALAS-MENDOZA. SUAREZ attempted to infiltrate several other anti-Castro organizations with his own men after his attempts to annex his organization with ABDALA and TORRIENTE'S organization failed. SUAREZ had JOSE "PEPE" VELEZ and GUILLERMO MARTINEZ-MARQUEZ attempt to join TORRIENTE'S group; however, members of the TORRIENTE group refused to let them join. One week prior to the TORRIENTE homicide DUNEY PEREZ-ALAMO and SUAREZ were observed in Miami. SUAREZ was at the MONACO AUTO SALES on April 8 and 9, 1974. After the TORRIENTE homicide SUAREZ went to Mexico and California. On another visit to Miami SUAREZ and DUNEY PEREZ-ALAMO circled the area of ROLANDO MASFERRER'S office. At that time MANUEL RODRIGUEZ pointed MASFERRER out to PEREZ and SUAREZ. SUAREZ arrived in Miami three days prior to the MASFERRER homicide which occurred on October 31, 1975. SUAREZ was at BELTMOPE MOTORS attempting to buy a Volkswagen a few days prior to the LUCIANO NIEVES homicide which occurred on February 21, 1975. SUAREZ was in Miami during the time of the RAMON DOMESTTEVEZ homicide which occurred on April 13, 1976. During a conversation between PEDRO SALAS-MENDOZA and SUAREZ the names of JORGE MASCANOSA, MANUEL ARTIME, (FNU) LORTE and EMILIO MULLAN were mentioned as being traitors to Cuba. SUAREZ went to Chile and contacted several

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Chilean dignitaries of the Chilean government and attempted to sell his services as a hit man. At that time SUAREZ stated that he would kill any person designated by the Chilean government for pecuniary compensation.

12 May 76 - CI 0090 - A source stated that RAUL BARANDELA and JOSE SUAREZ were responsible for the POLANDO MASFERRER (31 Oct 75) and EMILIO MILLAN (30 Apr 76) bombings. SUAREZ is associated with the NACIONALISMO REALISTA GROUP which is headed by NORBERTO SERRALTA-NOGUEZ.

16 Jun 76 - Dawson and Gutierrez, FBI - There was a meeting in the Dominican Republic on June 12, 1976 attended by JOSE SUAREZ (MNC), ORLANDO BOSCH (AC), FRANK CASTRO (FLNC), DR. JUAN B. PULIDO (MNC), GUSTAVO CASTILLO "TAVO", ROBERTO CARBALLO (2506 BRIGADE), ARMANDO LOPEZ-ESTRADA (2506 BRIGADE), JUAN PEREZ FRANCO (M-17-4), GASPAR JIMENEZ (AC) and OSCAR ANGULO. The purpose of the meeting was to attempt to form a coalition of the various groups. BOSCH wanted to establish a tribunal to judge those persons suspected of being informants, but SUAREZ refused and stated that there would be no tribunal for traitors.

25 Jun 76 - CI 0052 - There was a meeting two weeks ago in the Dominican Republic attended by ORLANDO BOSCH, FRANK CASTRO and JOSE SUAREZ.

The below listed subjects are alleged associates of JOSE SUAREZ:

IGNACIO NOVO ✓
GUILLELMO NOVO ✓
PABLO MANUEL DUASSO ✓
DUNEY PEREZ-ALAMO ✓
 RAUL BARANDELA
HUBERT MATOS ✓
ORLANDO BOSCH ✓
FRANK CASTRO ✓
DR. JUAN B. PULIDO ✓
GUSTAVO CASTILLO "TAVO" ✓
 ROBERTO CARBALLO
 ARMANDO LOPEZ-ESTRADA
 JUAN PEREZ FRANCO
GASPAR JIMENEZ ✓
 OSCAR ANGULO
 MANUEL "MANOLO" RODRIGUEZ
 PEDRO SALAS-MENDOZA
 JOSE "PEPE" VELEZ
 GUILLELMO MARTINEZ MARQUEZ
 MANUEL DUASSO
 NORBERTO SERRALTA-NOGUEZ
 HECTOR FABIAN
 ENRIQUE MESEDA

Capt. L. Foreman, Supervisor
Property & Evidence Bureau

January 15, 1978

Evidence Out Longer Than
Allotted Time
Case #93515-Y

J. Russell
Capt. J. K. Russell, Supervisor
Tactical Investigation Section
Organized Crime Bureau

Det. D. Benitez, under my command, acting pursuant to federal subpoena for trial in Washington, D. C., removed the pertinent part of the evidence under this case number and transported it to Washington, D. C. to be viewed by the Assistant U. S. Attorneys concerned and to be introduced as evidence in trial. The items concerned were hand guns, narcotics, papers, and personal documents.

Det. Benitez had proper clearance from his supervisors for the above trip, as well as clearance from the State Attorney's Office, and had been subpoenaed to court.

The evidence was out from 7 January 1979, 10:30 a.m., to 10 January 1979, 9:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

D. Benitez

D. Benitez, Officer
Terrorist & Security Unit *HRS*

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STOLEN PROPERTY TRIAL EVIDENCE HOMICIDE-PROBATE
 FOUND PROPERTY LAB EVIDENCE OTHER AGENCY

CASE NO. 73-515-V DATE/TIME IMPOUNDED 1-8-79 PROPERTY BUREAU LOCATION V-814 INVENTORY NO. 1-03-79

ADDRESS WHERE PROPERTY IMPOUNDED (Give exact location where property was located) Porton St - Navo TYPE OF CASE Burglary

DISCOVERED BY (Name) Det. D. B. [unclear] ADDRESS 1401 S.W. 20th St PHONE NO. 248-1613

OWNER / VICTIM Gordemo Navo ADDRESS 1401 S.W. 20th St PHONE NO. 248-1613

SUBJECT / SUSPECT Gordemo Navo INCARCERATED YES NO WARRANT YES NO

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
1	ONE	yellow envelope
		containing sealed envelope
		with false lid

I hereby acknowledge that the above list represents all property taken from my possession and that I have received a copy of this receipt.

I hereby acknowledge that the above list represents all property impounded by me in the official performance of duty as a Deputy Sheriff.

SIGNATURE (X) [Signature] DISTRICT OR DIVISION 2 BADGE NO. 176

RECEIVED BY [Signature] IMPOUNDED OFFICER (X) [Signature]

RECEIVED BY	REASON	DATE AND TIME RECEIVED
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Physical</u>	<u>1-8-79 10:50</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Physical</u>	<u>7-14-79 10:50</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Physical</u>	<u>10-10-79 8:50</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Physical</u>	<u>10-10-79 8:50</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Physical</u>	<u>2-1-79 5:45 PM</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT, DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

COURT SERVICES AND LICENSE DIVISION
PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE BUREAU

REQUEST FOR PROPERTY DISPOSITION

TO: _____
SUPERVISOR

Date 1 Feb 78

_____ DISTRICT OR UNIT

Case No. 935154

ATTN: _____
IMPOUNDING OFFICER

Inv. No. _____

On 15 April 78 1978 you impounded the following property as evidence

Miss Parker's ID / NY in Name of Victor Trivedi

As no disposition has been indicated you are now directed to provide such disposition. Check the appropriate box and supply the required information.

HOLD - Subject unknown but may be needed as evidence in _____

HOLD - Charges filed against Guillermo Roberto Sandoz CRIME

For the crime of Poss of Narcotics & weapon of Fla NAME CHARGE FILED

RETURN to rightful owner: Name _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

I certify that I am the (true owner) (attorney for true owner), (authorized representative of true owner) of the above described property; and also hereby acknowledge that same has been delivered to me as directed by the above Order.

(Signed) E. Lawrence Barrios, Jr

CONFISCATE for auction or legal destruction _____

Signature [Signature]
OFFICER MAKING DISPOSITION
RABBIT & DISTRICT

Disposition approved by _____ SUPERVISOR

REMARKS: Partial Release to As. Atty in Wash DC. for trial

Return to the Property and Evidence Bureau - 95 N.W. 29th Street, phone 547-7291.

By 3-93-72 PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

TRIAL EVIDENCE
 LABORATORY EVIDENCE

HOMICIDE-PROBATE
 OTHER AGENCY

00154
DATE/TIME IMPOUND: 3/20/79 15:45 PM
PROPERTY BUREAU LOCATION: 3801 BISC. BLVD. NEW YORK
INVENTORY NO: 0293
ADDRESS WHERE PROPERTY IMPOUNDED (Give exact location where property was located): 3801 BISC. BLVD. NEW YORK
TYPE OF CASE: DISSENT
COVERED BY (Name): DISSENT
ADDRESS: 3801 BISC. BLVD.
PHONE NO.:
OWNER / TITLE: NODD-6
ADDRESS:
PHONE NO.:
OBJECT / SUSPECT: NODD Guillermo
INCARCERATED: YES NO
WARRANT: YES NO

EM. NO.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
1	ONE	Sealed Suit Case Black in color - Containing men's clothing Articles
		NONE

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RECEIVED BY	REASON	DATE AND TIME RECEIVED
Nod Guillermo	Seize	3/20/79 7:45 PM
St. Bernard	Return to family	3/21/79 5:45 PM

At approximately 11:00 AM, April 14, 1978, Special Agents (SAs) DONALD J. DUMFORD and GILBERT MIRELES, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Miami, Florida, were engaged in the surveillance of a 1978 gray Lincoln Continental Mark V which was parked facing south in the parking lot of an apartment complex located at 5605 N.W. 7th Street, Miami, Florida.

The aforesaid vehicle was known to have been driven by ALVIN ROSS DIAZ who is suspected of terrorist bombing activities.

At the aforesaid time, a white male, slender build, dark hair, wearing a dark shirt and gray trousers, was observed walking from the apartment building at 5605 N.W. 7th Street, Miami, Florida, carrying what appeared to be a satchel-type bag in his hand. This individual, who later identified himself as MANUEL MENENDEZ, opened the trunk of the gray 1978 Lincoln Continental Mark V and placed the satchel-type bag inside. The individual then walked back toward the apartment building.

Subsequently, ALVIN ROSS DIAZ was arrested driving the 1978 gray 1978 Lincoln Continental Mark V on Federal charges related to conspiracy to construct a bomb.

An inventory of items seized during a search of the 1978 gray Lincoln Continental Mark V revealed a brown satchel bag containing handgun\$ and the rest of the trunk yielded several other handguns and approximately 1 kilo of cocaine and numerous plastic bags.

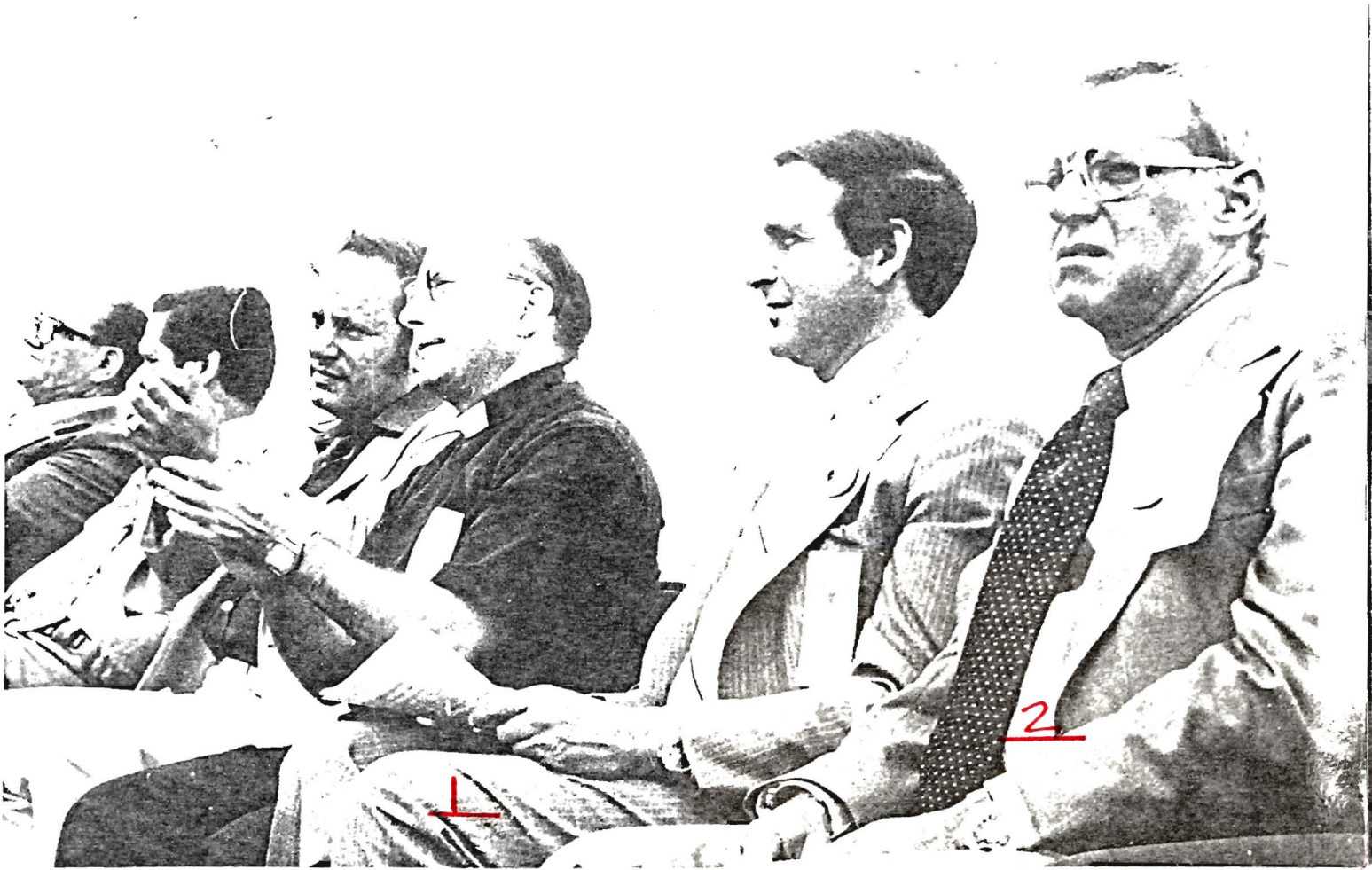


DONALD J. DUMFORD
Miami, Florida
April 14, 1978



GILBERT MIRELES
Miami, Florida
April 14, 1978

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José Sanyon ✓ ?

1. E. Novo ✓

2. Dr. Juan B. Puchito

Archie 76.

MEMORANDUM

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TO T. Lyons, Operations Supervisor DATE April 26, 1978
Major Investigations Units
Tactical Investigation Section SUBJECT Alvin Ross Diaz
Guillermo Novo

FROM *Benitez*
D. Benitez, A/Sergeant
Terrorist & Security Unit

On this date this writer received information from Det. Mulligan, NYPD, that a group of Cubans was going to hold a demonstration in Union City, N. J. on 26 April 1978 at 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the demonstration was to denounce the U. S. authorities for the improper jailing of Guillermo Novo Sampol and Alvin Ross-Diaz in reference to the Letelier case.

The demonstration is being sponsored by the Union City Cuban Merchants Association which is headed by the following:

Ignacio Novo Sampol
Felipe Rivero ✓
Jose Tenreiro

No other information available.

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SENSITIVE

CASE NO: 4-306
4-213

DATE: August 15, 1978

Continuing investigation into the whereabouts of fugitives
VIRGILIO PAZ ROMERO and DIONISIO SUAREZ ESQUIVEL.

SYNOPSIS:

On 14 August 1978 these writers met with TIS 0122, who then provided information.

DETAILS:

TIS 0122 related that during the last week of July 1978, ALDO ROSADO AKA EL TOPO, a member of the MOVIMIENTO INSURRECCIONAL MARTIANO (MIM) and MOVIMIENTO NACIONALISTA CUBANO (MNC) and presently residing in Los Angeles, California, had traveled to Miami.

While in Miami, ROSADO attempted to raise funds to assist PAZ and SUAREZ in their legal problems.

The CI, who is familiar with ROSADO, feels he would not have made the trip to Miami unless the two fugitives are in California where ROSADO can readily assist them.

Investigation continues.

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Tactical Investigation Section

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SENSITIVE

CASE NO: 3-93

DATE: August 17, 1978

Continuing investigation into the activities of VIRGILIO PAZ ROMERO and DIONISIO SUAREZ ESQUIVEL, both federal fugitives at large.

SYNOPSIS:

Information received from LAPD and Hudson County Prosecutor's Office.

DETAILS:

On 17 August 1978 this detective was contacted by Sgt. Janosky, OCB, who advised of the arrest of MANUEL MENENDEZ in Hollywood, California by DEA and FBI agents. The information was received from SA Cervantes, FBI.

A phone call to Cervantes did not reveal any more information. This detective advised Cervantes that whenever the FBI finished with MENENDEZ to notify this detective as an alias capias had been issued by Judge Ellen Morphonios for failure to appear for trial in Dade County. See PSD Warrant #78-541B-CF.03 issued 5 June 1978. SA Cervantes stated that he would note this fact and notify this detective if he came into this jurisdiction.

A telephone call was made to Inv. S. Mandarine of the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office to advise him of the arrest. Mandarine was out on vacation but a conversation with his partner disclosed the following. That New Jersey was aware of MENENDEZ' arrest in California. That MENENDEZ was a central figure in a drug organization that was so huge that DEA could not effectively penetrate it. That a joint task force was set up to handle it, and it took eight months to a year's work to develop wiretaps and information to make some arrests and some seizures. The task force was comprised of IRS, DEA, local and state agencies, prosecutors, etc.

The organization was bringing into Newark, New Jersey anywhere from 70 kilos to 120 kilos of brown Mexican heroin a month. A single transaction in which an arrest was made was a seizure of 45 pounds of brown heroin by police, along with \$400,000 in cash. As a result of the investigation, IRS has seized three million dollars in property and cash from the subjects of the investigation.

The money backer of MENENDEZ is a man called ANTONIO VAZQUEZ AKA MALA CABEZA. VAZQUEZ is pending sentencing on these charges that range from 40 years to life in prison.

VAZQUEZ is a known associate of a Mexican government official who is a liaison to CAESAR'S PALACE in Las Vegas. The Mexican is currently a fugitive. VAZQUEZ has a one million dollar credit limit at CAESAR'S PALACE and has a direct line connection from Mexico to Vegas to New Jersey.

MENENDEZ and VAZQUEZ are associates of lottery and drug kingpin

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in New Jersey, JOSE BATTLE.

Note: JOSE BATTLE was recently convicted in Federal Court on gun charges and was convicted by PSD Homicide for soliciting and conspiracy to commit murder in Miami in 1977.

This detective contacted LAPD to attempt to obtain information on the arrest of MANUEL MENENDEZ. The following was learned. That a very large influx of Cubans from New York-New Jersey area and Miami are coming into the Los Angeles city area. That Ramparts Division, which is the heavy Cuban area, is getting swamped with new Cuban arrivals.

LAPD picked up information that 35 pounds of C-4 had recently arrived at Los Angeles and that it was to be used to set up bombs in L. A., however some time pencils were being shipped to L. A. to use them to detonate the bombs. The C-4 came from Miami. This information has not been verified; however, this information resembles some information received by Dets. Rapado and Vazquez from TIS 0122. See report dated 15 August 1978. No other information.

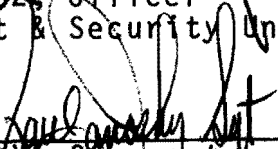
Information obtained from Det. Rapado from the FBI on 17 August 1978 states that IGNACIO NOVO is attempting to post bond on his charge of conspiracy on the LEFELIER murder; it is not known, however, if NOVO has posted such bond.

Information obtained by this detective from knowledgeable sources states that the NOVOS' legal defense collection had reached \$15,000 in cash but that most Miami Cubans were apathetic and would not contribute. It also states that local esteem for the NOVOS is very low and that they are thought of as criminals rather than patriots. Their goal was to collect \$100,000 in cash for legal fees.

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CASE NO: 3-93

DATE: August 31, 1978

Continuing investigation into the illegal activities of IGNACIO NOVO, GUILLERMO NOVO, FELIPE RIVERO DIAZ, and their association with the ORLANDO LETELIER bombing-homicide. ^{Samf}

SYNOPSIS:

Details of interview of MARINA CALLEGAS DE TOWNLEY, the wife of VERNON MICHAEL TOWNLEY.

DETAILS:

On 18 August 1978 this detective received the following information from MANUEL DE DIOS, a newspaper reporter in New Jersey. DE DIOS conducted an extensive interview with MARINA CALLEGAS DE TOWNLEY, the wife of MICHAEL TOWNLEY, while on a trip to Chile. Following are some of the points of interest of his conversation with MRS. TOWNLEY.

1. That prior to the bombing of LETELIER, VERNON TOWNLEY had been in Miami and sought contact with several Cuban terrorists, one of whom is a Miami taxi driver at the airport, and had established credentials as an associate of terrorists. The man was of Croatian nationality and was well known among Cubans in Miami.

That this man had put TOWNLEY in contact with FELIPE RIVERO DIAZ, who in turn had put him in touch with IGNACIO and GUILLERMO NOVO of the CUBAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENT (MNC).

Based on the information provided, this detective has tentatively identified the Croatian man as VLADIMIR SECEN, W/M 7-30-23, 6'2", 220 lbs., gray hair, brown eyes. According to OCB files SECEN is the philosopher of the Croatian movement within the U. S. SECEN is a taxi driver at the Miami International Airport for Yellow Cab Company. He has no arrest record with PSD. Very little other information is known about him. During the OTERO and LaGuardia bombing investigations his name came up on several occasions.

The New York Police Department Arson-Explosion Squad believes the LaGuardia bombing was done by Croatians. This belief is not further explained by them as the investigation is still open.

2. During TOWNLEY'S visits to Miami he was introduced to RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETTE.

Unable to verify.

3. TOWNLEY had met a man by the name of ROLANDO OTERO (a convicted bomber currently in state prison) while this man was in Chile. That ROLANDO OTERO had sought help from TOWNLEY while OTERO was a fugitive there for a rash of bombings here. That OTERO

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had been referred to TOWNLEY by RICARDO MORALES NAVARRETTE. That for some unknown reason OTERO hates TOWNLEY; and that TOWNLEY attempted to recruit OTERO for DINA.

This information has some merit, since during the OTERO investigation this detective obtained some information from RICARDO MORALES to the effect that ROLANDO OTERO had been asked to leave Chile after his official refusal to aid that government in some anti-communist actions and possibly murders to be done outside the country of Chile and possibly in the United States.

4. That TOWNLEY was introduced to the people that run A.I.D., Audio Intelligence Devices, owned by J. HOLCOMB, by RICARDO MORALES. That RICARDO MORALES normally purchases electronic equipment which he then gives to and operates the equipment for ALVERO CRUZ. That this equipment is much better than the police use.

An attempt to verify this information was made by contacting JACK HOLCOMB through his company. On the following day Mr. HOLCOMB contacted this detective and supplied the following information. That his company did sell equipment to Chile's DINA and that one of the persons who had purchased some of this material was MICHAEL VERNON TOWNLEY using the name KEN ENYARD. That TOWNLEY/ENYARD had shown official Chilean credentials and had therefore been sold the equipment. This information had already been made known to the Justice Department's investigators. Also made known by Justice to him was a possibility of the device being detonated by a remote control transmitter/receiver combo sold by HOLCOMB'S outfit. HOLCOMB denied this and added that had been checked out; that the equipment had been bought by ALVIN ROSS and TOWNLEY at a Sears store in Maryland. According to HOLCOMB, a check of MORALES' name did not turn up any sales to him.

5. That the U. S. Attorney is contemplating allowing the release of IGNACIO NOVO on bond.

In attempting to verify this information, this detective was advised on 25 August 1978 by Det. Rapado and FBI SA Cervantes that NOVO had been released. At a later time Cervantes stated that NOVO had been released due to his wife having been raped.

A routine check made by this detective and Det. Rapado revealed that no one by the name of SYLVIA NOVO had reported to PSD being raped or attacked between 1 August 1978 and 31 August 1978. A check with Miami P.D. Homicide disclosed no attack or rape reports had been filed with MPD since 10 August 1978 to present. A check with Hialeah Police also proved negative, as well as Miami Beach P.D. No agency in Dade County does rape investigations other than the ones mentioned above.

If an attack occurred, it was not reported at all or not reported under the name of SYLVIA NOVO. It appears that the report of rape is untrue.

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All of the items of information that were received were verified as far as they could be. The only item that has not been verified is that TOWNLEY met RICARDO MORALES while in Miami. This detective will attempt to question Mr. MORALES on this at a future date. Due to the fact that MORALES' girl friend, PILAR ALFONSO DIB AKA LAMORA was recently arrested by OCB Lottery Unit, Mr. MORALES may feel the urge to talk on this subject.

No other information available.

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CASE NO: 3-93

DATE: September 8, 1978

Continuing investigation into the illegal activities of IGNACIO NOVO SAMPOL, GUILLELMO NOVO SAMPOL, ALVIN ROSS DIAZ, MANUEL MENENDEZ, and VERNON TOWNLEY while in Miami and their arrest on the LETELIER bombing.

SYNOPSIS:

Receipt of letter alleging VERNON TOWNLEY was involved in drug traffic.

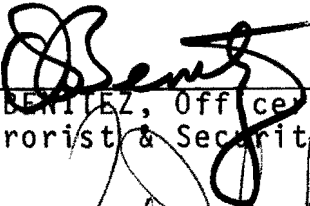
DETAILS:

On 5 September 1978 this detective received a copy of a letter sent from HARRY SHEPARD GETCHELL to Hon. Lawton Chiles, U. S. Senator from Florida.

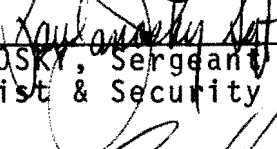
The letter relates an incident witnessed by Mr. GETCHELL, who at the time was in Chile, and his observations of MICHAEL VERNON TOWNLEY'S involvement in narcotics trafficking. The letter is in English and is self-explanatory.

No other information is available.

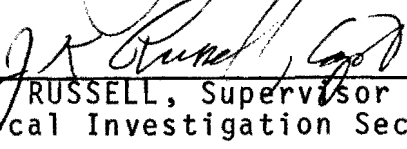
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CASE NO: 3-93
(93515-Y)

DATE: November 9, 1978

Continuing investigation into the illegal activities of IGNACIO NOVO SAMPOL, GUILLERMO NOVO SAMPOL, ALVIN ROSS DIAZ, and MANUEL MENENDEZ and their connection to the ORLANDO LETELIER bombing-homicide in Washington, D. C.

SYNOPSIS:

Information received of pending trial dates, threats to newspapers and bombings carried out by OMEGA 7; property disposition.

DETAILS:

This detective received information that the LETELIER bombing-murder conspiracy trial is set to begin on January 8, 1978 in Washington, D. C.

The constant editorial policy and reporting against the Cuban terrorists in the New York/New Jersey area by the Spanish newspaper EL DIARIO has provoked the attention of a Cuban terrorist group presently being called OMEGA 7. OMEGA 7 has in the past been linked to the NOVO brothers and FELIPE RIVERO. OMEGA 7 took credit for the following bombings:

The bombing of the Cuban Mission in New York City in September 1978.

The bombing at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The bomb was left by a blonde-headed woman; the current suspect is ROSA VILLANUEVA, the girl friend of ALVIN ROSS DIAZ, a New Jersey beautician, in October 1978.

The bombing of the Spanish newspaper EL DIARIO which occurred on 23 or 24 October 1978 in New York.

Communiques were received after these bombings. These bombings were done to protest the new talks with Cuba in order to obtain Cuban political prisoners.

On 9 November 1978 at 1:30 p.m. this detective was summoned to the State Attorney's Office to meet with ASA Pineiro to discuss the MANUEL MENENDEZ case. The prosecutor discussed the case and requested this detective to release all property of MENENDEZ which was not evidence to MENENDEZ attorney, R. MOORE, who was also present. This detective obtained Mr. MOORE'S ID, Florida Bar card and driver's license to verify ID, and a copy of a power of attorney executed by MANUEL MENENDEZ in the name of STUART WILSON-R. MOORE, attorneys.

At 2:00 p.m. this detective along with Mr. MOORE went to PSD Property and Evidence Bureau and obtained the release of the following property which had been seized from MENENDEZ at the time of arrest:

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1. Items contained in envelope #4
 - A. Brown wallet
 - B. Several religious picture cards
 - C. Six two (2) dollar bills
 - D. One five dollar silver certificate

2. Items contained in envelope #2
 - A. Empty yellow Western Union envelope
 - B. Triple A ID card #FL-1424761 in the name of MENENDEZ
 - C. A torn copy of U. S. Department of Justice deportation certificate dated 13 April 1962 #A15385604 naming MANUEL MENENDEZ DOCAL
 - D. One unemployment certificate ID card #467-72-4299-4
 - E. One Playboy Clubs key card #258-736-776-X in the name of MANUEL MENENDEZ
 - F. One Hertz car rental credit card #5042-822-6 in the name of MANUEL MENENDEZ

3. Five (5) twenty (20) dollar bills, total \$100.00.

All the above were signed for by Mr. R. MOORE, MENENDEZ' attorney, and turned over to his custody.

All the evidence against MENENDEZ was unsealed and opened and then was viewed by Mr. MOORE as per SAO'S instructions. The envelopes were resealed and initialed by Mr. MOORE and this detective and dated and returned to the Property Bureau.

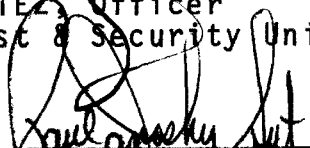
Attached is a copy of SAO memorandum, a copy of the power of attorney from MENENDEZ, and a copy of PSD property release form properly executed and witnessed, bearing case #93515-Y. These copies shall be part of this report and are to be filed as such.

No other information.

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CASE NO: 3-93; 4-213

DATE: December 1, 1978

Continuing investigation into the alleged terrorist activities of the MOVIMIENTO NACIONALISTA CUBANO (MNC).

SYNOPSIS:

On 1 December 1978 this writer received information concerning IGNACIO NOVO, GUILLERMO NOVO and ALVIN ROSS DIAZ.

DETAILS:

This writer received information that FELIPE RIVERO is heading a campaign for the collection of funds to aid in the legal defense of the NOVO brothers and ROSS. RIVERO is receiving support from three local Latin radio stations, WOCN, WHRC and WQBA, who will begin publicizing the campaign within the next few days.

At this time it has been planned that on 10 December 1978 (Sunday) all throughout the day there will be two collection centers set up for the collection of funds. One center will be at the parking lot of OPTICA LOPEZ at S. W. 8 Street and 13 Avenue and the other at the parking lot of WHRC at S. W. 8 Street and 23 Avenue.

Investigation continues.

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SENSITIVE

CASE NO: 3-93

DATE: January 13, 1979

Continuing investigation into the illegal activities of GUILLERMO NOVO-SAMPOL, IGNACIO NOVO SAMPOL, ALVIN ROSS DIAZ, MANUEL MENENDEZ and the CUBAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENT, and their association in the bombing murders of ORLANDO LETELIER and RONI MOFFITT.

SYNOPSIS:

Trial preparation, security, threats to law enforcement members, and threats in court.

DETAILS:

On 5 January 1979 this detective was requested to fly to Washington, D. C. in reference to the appearance as a witness on behalf of the United States government and to bring all the evidence and to appear at the trial of U. S. vs. JUAN MANUEL CONTRERAS SEPULVEDA, et al, Case Docket #78-0367. The trial will begin on Tuesday, 9 January 1979, at 9:00 a.m.

During this trial some of the defendants are not present due to the government's inability to obtain their extradition from Chile. This is the case with the senior members of Chile's DINA and with M. VERNON TOWNLEY'S partner. Some defendants are still fugitives and have avoided capture to this date, as in the case of VIRGILIO PAZ ROMERO and JOSE DIONISIO SUAREZ ESQUIVEL. One codefendant pled guilty to the conspiracy charge and was sentenced during a prior hearing; in exchange the defendant (MICHAEL VERNON TOWNLEY) obtained a reduced sentence and the U. S. government's guarantee of his being placed under the Federal Witness Protection Program and relocated after serving his sentence.

This detective flew to Washington, D. C. on 7 January 1979 with the evidence as requested by Assistant U. S. Attorney E. M. Propper and explained the evidence to the attorneys as requested. This detective was served a subpoena for appearance at the trial; the date will be disclosed at a later time. (For details, see memorandum in file.) This detective was requested to do background checks on the defense witnesses and to report back to the U. S. Attorney; this is being complied with.

On Tuesday, 9 January 1979, at 9:00 a.m. the trial was begun before Judge Parker. The first week of trial will be taken up by pretrial conferences, pretrial motions, jury selection, introduction of witnesses to jury (required by Rules of Criminal Procedure in D. C.) and arrangements for jury's sequestration. The trial is expected to last at least six weeks. On Monday, 15 January 1979, the government should start to present their opening arguments and during the week the first witnesses will also be presented.

Security: Courtroom security is extremely tight and has consisted of bomb sweeps by K-9 units, X-ray machines to check all packages, magnetometer equipped doorways and numerous armed police officers and U. S. Marshals in civilian clothes. This amount of security.

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is necessary due to the amount of threats that this case has generated.

Threats: Judge Parker has received several threats; the most recent was approximately two weeks prior to the trial's beginning date and it consisted of a letter addressed to Judge Parker but left at his residence. The threat named the judge by name as well as his children and wife by name. It further stated that it would take only half of the explosive used to kill LETELIER to kill Judge Parker as he only had one leg and LETELIER had two. Note: Approximately one year ago Judge Parker was struck by a motor vehicle and as a result his leg was amputated. This gave rise to the statement about the amount of the explosive.

Assistant U. S. Attorneys: Eugene M. Propper has received threats, mostly by telephone, both at home and office. An assistant working in the same section as Propper and having been involved in the investigation during its beginning was attacked on his way between the police building and the U. S. Courthouse. During the attack the assistant was shot at three times from a passing vehicle which fled; two shots hit the attorney on the side of the chest and one shot cut off the assistant's necktie at its knot under his chin. This attack occurred one week prior to the trial's beginning date. The assistant remains hospitalized but is expected to live. Washington, D. C. police have not made any arrest on the case to date.

Federal Agents: FBI S/A Lawrence Wack, one of the agents who worked on the case, had his wife (his girl friend at the time) followed from the agent's apartment to the airport where she was works. She was then seized and told "Tell your boyfriend, the agent, to stop messing around with the Novos (or MNC - not clear) or boom, boom, boom, you know," then the assailant fled into the crowd. The assailant was not seen again and the investigation failed to turn up anyone as a suspect.

Note: A composite drawing made by the police and shown to people in the area of the agent's apartment and to airport employees provided information to suspect that the assailant had followed the victim for several days prior to the incident.

Note: The agent's wife took two busses in different directions to reach her destination, but had been followed nonetheless.

Police Officers: PSD detectives of Dade County, Florida, Dets. D. Benitez and H. Rapado, were notified by NYCPD Intelligence Unit during the summer of 1978 of threats against them made by GUILLERMO NOVO and ALVIN ROSS DIAZ. (NOVO'S brother, IGNACIO, is a Miami resident. (For details see memorandum in file.)

Witnesses: MICHAEL VERNON TOWNLEY, co-conspirator and bomber turned government witness, has been threatened several times. He is constantly under guard by U. S. Marshals and is transported secretly by U. S. Army helicopter or armored bombproof vehicle wherever he goes.

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Personal security: All the persons involved in the case working in federal service, have been assigned U. S. Marshals to protect their persons as well as their homes and families.

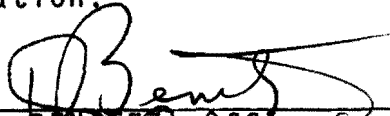
Breakdowns in security: On Tuesday, 9 January 1979, at approximately 2:00 p.m. one of the bathrooms (men's) on the sixth floor (trial floor) of the courthouse was found to contain paper stickers which bear a circle with the Cuban seal and the logo Commandos. The stickers were impounded by the FBI and sent to the lab for processing. The bathroom had been reported as locked prior to the incident.

At approximately 12:00 noon JOSE TENREIRO had been observed in the courtroom observing the trial. TENREIRO had left the courthouse prior to the stickers being found. (See sticker copy attached)

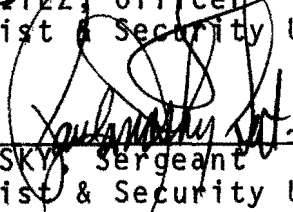
Note: JOSE TENREIRO has taken up the leadership of the New Jersey Cuban Nationalist Movement since NOVO'S arrest.

No other information.

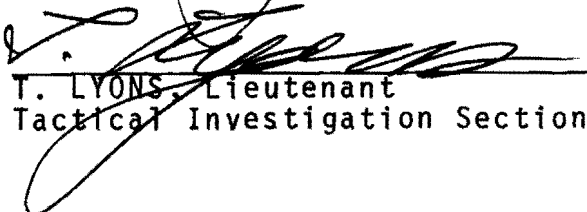
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MEMORANDUM

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TO File 3-93

DATE February 5, 1979

FROM D. Benitez, Officer
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SUBJECT Evidence Released to
U.S. Attorney

On 30 January 1979 this detective responded to Washington, D. C. pursuant to a federal subpoena. This detective was on trial standby and waited to determine if he would be called for testimony.

This detective was advised by Assistant U. S. Attorney Barcella that all testimony had been stipulated to by the defense attorneys for Novo and Ross.

The following property was released for trial as evidence to U. S. Prosecutor Barcella:

1. A brown hair wig (belonging to Novo)
2. A Florida driver/s license belonging to Novo, in the name of Victor Triquero.
3. A note signed by Guillermo Novo on a napkin from the Sensation Club in Miami.
4. Several credit cards and New Jersey driver's license and vehicle registration belonging to Guillermo Novo and issued in the name of Victor Triquero.

This evidence will be introduced in trial and will then be returned to this detective to be held as evidence for state trial.

One black suitcase containing all of Novo's clothing was released to AUS Attorney Barcella; it is in turn to be released to the Novo family or attorneys.

See attached receipts.

Dates of trip - 30 January 1979 to 3 February 1979.

All evidence was returned to PSD Property & Evidence Bureau.

See attached memorandums, receipts and property dispositions.

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SENSITIVE

CASE NO: 3-93
(93515-Y)

DATE: February 16, 1979

Continuing investigation into the bombing-homicide of ORLANDO LETELIER and RONI MOFFITT and the illegal activities of GUILTERMO AND IGNACIO NOVO-SAMPOI and ALVIN ROSS-DIAZ.

SYNOPSIS:

Request for information on state charges, and trial verdict.

DETAILS:

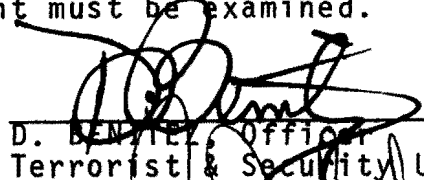
On 14 February 1979 at 11:00 a.m. this detective was contacted by AUS Attorney Barcella, one of the prosecutors on the Letelier homicide. Barcella requested to know if Florida still had charges against his defendants, since it appeared that the defendants might be found not guilty. This detective advised him to contact State Attorney Janet Reno and make inquiries to determine if the charges are still in effect and if the SAO will wish to extradite the defendants; once he obtains that information to advise this detective and he will make arrangements for formal holds to be placed against the defendants to insure extradition.

On 14 February 1979 at approximately 5:30 p.m. this detective was contacted by AUS Attorney Barcella and advised that the verdict on the trial had been reached and that all defendants were found guilty on all counts.

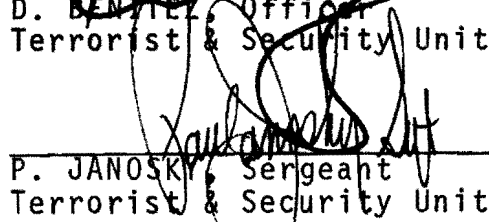
On 16 February 1979 this detective contacted AUS Attorney Barcella to inquire as to the return of the evidence and was advised that as soon as it is needed for court it will be released.

A copy of the finger and palm prints of MICHAEL VERNON TOWNLEY was requested due to the fact that TOWNLEY was a Florida resident during the time that some bombings occurred in Miami and remain unsolved and due to TOWNLEY'S connection to the NOVO brothers and his M.O. as a bomb maker and car bomber. The possibility of his involvement must be examined.

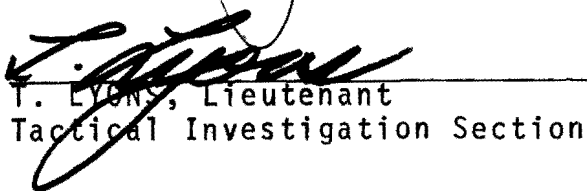
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CASE NO: 3-93

DATE: August 14, 1979

Continuing investigation into the illegal activities of the CUBAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENT and its members, GUILLERMO NOVO, IGNACIO NOVO, ALVIN ROSS DIAZ, etc. in their complicity in the ORLANDO LETELIER murder.

SYNOPSIS:

Information received from prosecutor.

DETAILS:

On above date this detective was contacted by FBI Headquarters, Washington, D. C. and advised that an evidence hearing had been held by U. S. District Court Judge Barrington Parker in which the evidence initially seized by this detective in the arrest of NOVO and ROSS had been released by the court, granting this detective's request for return of the evidence. That a court order had been signed and sent to this writer from the judge. The evidence would be shipped from the FBI lab in Washington, D. C. to the Miami office for delivery to this detective in Dade County. Note: For further information refer to confidential memo by this detective dated 5 February 1979.

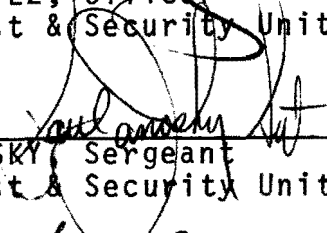
This detective also learned that Prosecutor Eugene Proper left the U. S. Attorney's Office. The resignation was submitted two weeks ago. He left for a job in private practice.

No other information.

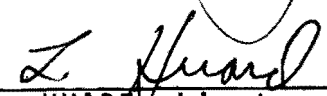
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CASE NO: 3-93

DATE: August 9, 1979

Continuing investigation into the terrorist activities of GUILHERMO NOVO, IGNACIO NOVO and other members of the CUBAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENT.


SYNOPSIS:

Complete chronology of events involving DINA'S terrorist activities outside Chile and MICHAEL TOWNLEY'S association with DINA and the NMC.

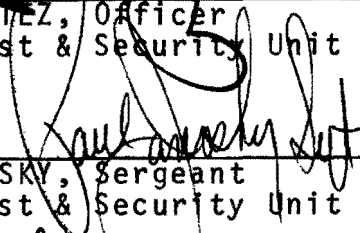
DETAILS:

See attached copy of article in Nation magazine published August 1979, which is self-explanatory.

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Evidence out for over
24 Hour Period
Case #93515-Y

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Capt. J. K. Russell, Supervisor
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On 29 Jan 1979 430P, Det. Benitez under my command will be required to transport all evidence under case #93515-Y to Washington, D. C. to be used in the Orlando Letelier bombing-murder trial. Upon his return the property will be returned by him to PSD Property and Evidence Bureau.

3 Feb 79 4Pm
Date & Time of Return

Sgt. H. Smith
Signature of Property Custodian

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