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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York was interviewed and provided the following:

IGNACIO NOVO picked up RICARDO CANETE in an automobile at CANETE's employment in New York City. NOVO and CANETE both drove to Bergenline Avenue, Union City, New Jersey area, exact location unknown.

\* NOVO seemed "uptight" and told CANETE he wanted some forged documents. NOVO showed CANETE a piece of paper which was a "guest check" apparently from a restaurant. On the back of the paper NOVO hand printed what exactly he wanted CANETE to provide

On the back of the above document, NOVO hand printed a request for an Army DD-214 (discharge papers), New York State temporary license, Social Security card, birth certificate, and West German passport, all under the name of FREDERICK PAGAN. NOVO hand printed that PAGAN was to be described as:

Sex	Male
Height	Five feet eight inches
Hair	Brown
Eyes	<del>Brown</del>
Weight	132 pounds
Age	35 years

NOT FOR ENOVO - PAZ NOR SUARGZ

CANETE asked NOVO what the individuals problem was who needed the new identification papers. NOVO told CANETE "He left a body behind."

\*\* NOVO told CANETE that this individual was going to leave Miami, Florida on May 20, 1977 for South America where he will remain for awhile and then return. NOVO told CANETE that he (NOVO) is to meet this person in Miami on Sunday, May 15, 1977.

During the above discussion, CANETE observed IGNACIO NOVO

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10 \*in Court on 1/30 - SAID THAT NOVO WROTE THIS IN FRONT OF HIM - THAT NOVO ASKED WRITER FOR "guest check". -

\*\* I BECAME A FUGITIVE ON JUNE 6 - 1977.

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with a 9 millimeter "Uzi" automatic rifle, which NOVO carried under his outer coat, apparently on a sling over his shoulder. This rifle appeared to have a silencer attached to it and it also appeared to be "cut down" in length. NOVO did not tell CANETE where he got this weapon.

On the night of May 5, 1977, at a specific time unknown, NOVO and CANETE drove to NOVO's employment at Center Ford Incorporated, New Jersey. CANETE entered NOVO's office with him and NOVO was being paged to pick up the telephone. NOVO picked up the telephone and stated "Let me speak to ALEJANDRO first." NOVO subsequently stated "FLACO, what's happening?" RICARDO CANETE did not overhear IGNACIO NOVO's conversation.

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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York was interviewed and provided the following:

On the evening of May 5, 1977, IGNACIO NOVO and RICARDO CANETE met at an unknown location on Bergenline Avenue, Union City, New Jersey. NOVO spoke to CANETE about pressures being levied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in connection with the investigation regarding the assassination of ORLANDO LETELIER in Washington, D.C.

NOVO stated to CANETE "If GUILLERMO goes inside, it's war. This was already decided on tonight." CANETE asked NOVO who would be involved and NOVO told CANETE "From PRODDER, to FISK and up to BELL if we have to." CANETE then asked NOVO about the ramifications of the United States and Cuba normalizing relations. NOVO told CANETE that if that happens "Then the bodies are going to be all over."

→ *I was not a fugitive yet (6/2/77)*

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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York made available copies of six documents which he stated he was to give the originals to IGNACIO NOVO of Union City, New Jersey: These documents are described as follows:

1. Armed forces of the United States report of transfer or discharge, form DD-214 in the name of FREDRICK PAGAN, showing service number as United States 127542708. This form also revealed a social security number of 058-37-1864 and a selective service number of 401842600. It is noted that on this form in space 13A, entitled "Character of Service", the word "honorable" is spelled honorable.

2. Certificate of baptism in the name of FREDRICK PAGAN showing a date of birth of April 20, 1942 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This certificate of baptism indicated that the individual in question was baptized on the fifteenth day of May, 1942.

3. Certificate of baptism (black photostat copy) revealing the same information as above.

4. New York State - Department of Motor Vehicles temporary license (form number MV-148). It is noted that no information was completed on this form.

5. Certificate of birth, state of Louisiana, in the name of FREDRICK PAGAN, showing a date of birth of April 20, 1942. Additionally, this form revealed a state file number of 597-745639-97654 and a local file number 276497.

6. Certificate of birth (black photostatic copy) revealing the same information as above.

Copies of the above documents were preserved by Special Agent (SA) LARRY E. WACK, New York Office (NYO) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for evidentiary value.

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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York was interviewed and provided the following:

On the afternoon of May 11, 1977 RICARDO CANETE and IGNACIO NOVO met at the Szechuan Taste Restaurant, 2332 Broadway, New York City. NOVO was in the company of a blonde female who was introduced to CANETE as "MARTHA".

CANETE was in possession of a motorcycle magazine of which inside this magazine he had several falsified documents in the name of FREDRICK PAGAN. These documents consisted of a Louisiana certificate of birth in the name of FREDRICK PAGAN, showing a date of birth of April 20, 1942, state file number 597-745639-97654. In addition, CANETE was also in possession of a New York State Department of Motor Vehicles temporary license which was not filled in. CANETE was also in possession of an Armed Forces of the United States report of transfer or discharge form, also known as a DD214, in the name of FREDRICK PAGAN showing a service number of US127542708. The selective service number on this form was shown to be 401842600. CANETE was also in possession of a certificate of baptism in the name of FREDRICK PAGAN showing a date of birth of April 20, 1942. The certificate of baptism was signed by Pastor E. DUNN. The date of signature by DUNN was shown to be 15-May, 42.

CANETE passed the originals of the above documents to NOVO while they were inside a motorcycle magazine. IGNACIO NOVO subsequently took this magazine to the men's room of the above restaurant.

At that point RICARDO CANETE went to a cigarette machine located inside the above restaurant where he subsequently met IGNACIO NOVO as NOVO exited the men's room. NOVO told CANETE that he was pleased with the documents and added that he needed four more sets of forged identification papers and that one set must be "completely built up".

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→ IGNACIO NOVO told CANETE that CANETE should meet NOVO on the night of May 12, 1977, at Center Ford Incorporated, in New Jersey. IGNACIO NOVO told CANETE he would introduce CANETE to ALVIN ROSS. NOVO told CANETE that ROSS would brief CANETE as to what is exactly needed in regard to the four additional identifications.

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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York was interviewed and provided the following information:

CANETE told IGNACIO NOVO that there was "no money" in forged documents and that CANETE wanted more information regarding the counterfeit money that NOVO had discussed with him earlier. CANETE told IGNACIO NOVO that if no samples of this money were produced CANETE would discontinue making any documents since CANETE was wasting his time with "small stuff."

IGNACIO NOVO told RICARDO CANETE that "We called them and discussed wine, because that country exports a lot of wine." NOVO told CANETE that he would be in possession of samples of the money by this weekend (May 14 or May 15, 1977) or by the following Wednesday. NOVO told CANETE that the term "wine" is used in discussions referring to counterfeit money since the NSA listens to calls placed to foreign countries and NOVO believes Chile is one of those countries monitored.

IGNACIO NOVO told CANETE that when and if a "buy" was made in regard to this counterfeit money, the transfer would take place at an airport or a bus terminal or wherever lockers could be used.

IGNACIO NOVO inquired of CANETE as to how long a "built up" identification would take to be made by CANETE. CANETE told NOVO that it would take approximately two to three months. NOVO told CANETE that that was fine since NOVO's lawyers said that they could probably "delay the matter for several months."

On or about May 2, 1977, IGNACIO NOVO showed RICARDO CANETE a black and white photograph of a New York Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agent. IGNACIO NOVO stated to CANETE that "This is the cocksucker, who wants Guillermo."

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On May 13, 1977, CANETE realized that the photo of an FBI agent shown to him by NOVO on May 2, 1977, was SA LARRY E. WACK who is assigned to the New York Office, FBI.



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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York was interviewed and provided the following:

*(\*)* IGNACIO NOVO told RICARDO CANETE that four individuals departed for Miami, all using the name FREDRICK PAGAN. NOVO told CANETE that he gave each one of these individuals reproduced copies of a temporary New York license, a birth certificate, and an Army DD-214, in the name of FREDRICK PAGAN.

*\** NOVO told CANETE that one of these individuals left by bus, one by plane, one by car and the last individual drove by automobile to Washington, D.C. where he subsequently traveled by train from Washington, D.C. to Miami, Florida. NOVO did not tell CANETE when these individuals departed for Miami, Florida.

Subsequent to the above conversation, CANETE asked NOVO specifically, "Did the Chilean wine get in?" NOVO replied to CANETE, "Not yet."

*BUS...  
PLANE...  
CAR...  
TRAIN... } You DON'T NEED ANY I.D.  
FOR THIS MEANS OF TRANSP.T.,  
NOR USING THEM - WOULD  
PROOF THAT THEY ARE ANY  
GOOD - TO GET OUT OF  
THE COUNTRY. -*

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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York was interviewed and provided the following:

IGNACIO NOVO told RICARDO CANETE that he (NOVO) will leave for Miami this weekend. NOVO did not tell CANETE the date of his trip and additionally did not advise CANETE as to his mode of transportation.

IGNACIO NOVO told CANETE that in regard to four photos that he (NOVO) wanted for falsified passports, he has been instructed so far that two of these photos are not to leave his possession at any time. NOVO told CANETE that he will go with CANETE to have the passport seals stamped onto the individual passports or else the seals themselves will have to be turned over to NOVO.

CANETE told NOVO that in order for him to get NOVO the passport seals, it would cost a couple of thousand dollars. NOVO told CANETE that money would be no problem. NOVO told CANETE he wanted four blank passports.

CANETE inquired of NOVO as to when he (CANETE) would have the photos for the falsified passports. IGNACIO NOVO told CANETE that they are "Coming from Miami, special delivery." NOVO told CANETE that they would discuss the photo more when NOVO returns from Miami. NOVO did not tell CANETE when he was to return.

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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York was interviewed and provided the following.

On May 2, 1977, RICARDO CANETE met IGNACIO NOVO at the Spanish Mercantile Association in Union City, New Jersey. During this meeting, NOVO told CANETE that the Cuban Nationalist Movement (CNM) is awaiting one million dollars in counterfeit 100 United States dollar bills. NOVO told CANETE that the CNM was in receipt of samples of these bills but NOVO did not have these samples with him at that time. NOVO did not tell CANETE when these bills were to arrive.

IGNACIO NOVO told CANETE that the money was coming from another government and that that was all CANETE needed to know. NOVO did not tell CANETE what this counterfeit money was for.

IGNACIO NOVO told RICARDO CANETE that the Cuban Nationalist Movement wanted CANETE back into the organization since they could use him for producing various forged documents. NOVO told CANETE that if he ever got "too hot", "we can get you out of here and get you in touch with DINA." NOVO told CANETE words to the effect that "We have good friends in the south, next to Argentina, and we have people in training there right now."

No DINA at TIME

During the above conversation NOVO told CANETE that he had to get in touch with his people regarding the counterfeit money. NOVO went to a nearby telephone at the Spanish Mercantile Association and dialed a New York telephone number indicated by the first three digits being area code (212). NOVO was subsequently observed dialing "PL" \* as part of the exchange. RICARDO CANETE did not over hear the conversation IGNACIO NOVO was having.

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\* DIAL or PUSH BOTTON PHONE?

DIAL: HAS NUMBERS IN BIGGER, ON OUTSIDE, LETTERS

PUSH-BOTTON: HAS NUMBERS BIGGER THAN LETTER, etc.

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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York provided the following information:

NOVO told CANETE that he must have by 2:00 PM, June 23, 1977, a Social Security card, an army DD-214, a New York State temporary driver's license and a press card, all in the name of VICTOR TRIQUERO, described by NOVO as:

Height	Five foot ten
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Date of birth	1938 through 1940

CANETE told NOVO that he can have these documents as requested and that NOVO was to pick these documents up at CANETE's employment at 2:00 PM sharp on June 23, 1977. NOVO agreed.

NOVO additionally requested a permanent New York driver's license in the name of DAVID COSTA. CANETE told NOVO that this would take approximately 10 days to prepare.

NOVO told CANETE that he (NOVO) would send a "Chilean" to CANETE's employment in the near future to request further documents and also to pick up the permanent New York driver's license in the name of DAVID COSTA.

*See me about this Bill.*

NOVO told CANETE that when NOVO arrives to see CANETE on June 23, 1977, NOVO will give CANETE one half of a \$100 bill. NOVO told CANETE that the Chilean will come in on a future date and make inquiries regarding the sale of motor bikes, which is CANETE's occupation. According to NOVO, the Chilean will then complain that he tore a \$100 bill in half and that he lost the other half. CANETE is to respond that he could help out since he has found one half of a \$100 bill. CANETE is to display his half of

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*G. NOVO  
ALREADY  
HAD A  
D.L.  
UNDER  
VICTOR  
TRIQUERO  
(N.J.A.)*

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the bill, make a match and the Chilean will make any requests needed. NOVO told CANETE to honor all requests from the Chilean since NOVO could vouch that he will pay money due for services.

NOVO told CANETE that he is "leaving on/or about July 5, 1977." NOVO did not say where he was going, but NOVO did previously mention that he was thinking of traveling to South America.

NOVO asked CANETE how much "five traveling papers," referring to passports, would cost him. CANETE told NOVO that he would have to check into the matter.

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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York provided the following information:

RICARDO CANETE gave IGNACIO NOVO a Panamanian passport, which was originally issued to one MARIA ELENA EVERSLEY BUITIAGO, date of birth August 26, 1951, passport number 18.429. Before the above passport was given to NOVO, CANETE stated he made several alterations. CANETE stated he changed the name on the passport to read MARIO ELENI EVERSLEY BUITIAGO and he also changed the height from 170 centimeters to 190 centimeters.

Additionally on page six of the above passport, CANETE wrote in Spanish "Ten year extension granted which expires May 18, 1979." This date was stamped in blue ink. Additionally, CANETE scratched in two unreadable initials he wrote "Council General". Below this title, CANETE stamped in blue ink "consul,, New York, April 19, 1969, New York, 18.429." Over the official stamps which read "ANULLDO" CANETE stamped "New York, May 18, 1979". CANETE stated this was to give the impression of an extension given on the above passport.

In addition to the above Panamanian passport which had been altered, RICARDO CANETE gave IGNACIO NOVO a temporary New York driver's license which was issued in the name of DAVID COSTA, 511 West 186th Street, New York City. The description on this driver's license showed COSTA's date of birth as July 28, 1939, black hair, brown eyes, 5 feet 10 inches tall. IGNACIO NOVO had requested this temporary New York drivers license from CANETE on June 14, 1977.

NOVO told CANETE that because of existing pressures on the exile movement, all activity is being temporarily suspended and NOVO stated that he was moving his operations to South America in approximately 12 weeks. NOVO told CANETE that he'll need "alot of papers" to move people out of the United States. NOVO told CANETE that the Cuban exiles have contacts in Chile, Guatemala and Nicaragua. NOVO told CANETE that their contact in Guatemala was ADOLPH MOLENA

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ORTANAS, (last name phonetic). NOVO told CANETE that ORTANAS was in a high government position in Guatemala however NOVO stated that his loyalty is uncertain at this time since it is believed he has Central Intelligence's Agency contacts. NOVO also told CANETE that the cuban exiles have contacts with the "Triple A Party" in Argentina.

NOVO told CANETE that in regard to the 1969 arrest of GUILLERMO NOVO and his subsequent confinement and probation, the Cuban Nationalist Movement was going to take matter before the supreme court, since it dealt with intrapment. NOVO told CANETE that he personally stole some papers from the "DA's office" regarding the case and NOVO additionally stated that from these papers he determined who the "CI" was in the case and furthermore they know the United States Marshals have this informant relocated. NOVO told CANETE that it will not be hard to locate this person. NOVO did not give CANETE any indication as to when the above theft occurred.

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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York provided the following information:

NOVO visited CANETE at CANETE's place of employment at approximately 8 pm, June 24, 1977. NOVO told CANETE that "MARTHA" has now been initiated into the Cuban Exile Movement.

NOVO told CANETE he may go to Miami on the night of June 25, 1977 or June 26, 1977. NOVO told CANETE he will be in Miami until on or about July 5, 1977 and then he will travel directly to South America naming Venezuela and Equador as visiting points. NOVO stated he may return to the New York New Jersey area first before going to South America, but he is not sure.

NOVO told CANETE that he wanted CANETE back into the Cuban Nationalists Movement. NOVO told CANETE that if CANETE does rejoin, "We have a special team to blow the head off anyone who talks, and the family too."

NOVO related to CANETE that he has entered into a religion known as Lucumei (old Yoruba religion) which is the same religion as CANETE's. NOVO told CANETE that he spoke to his "Godmother" recently since there was "an Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent he wanted to get violent with", but the Godmother talked him out of it. NOVO did not tell CANETE the identity of this FBI agent.

NOVO told CANETE that the Chilean CANETE is to meet Will discuss the motor bike business with CANETE, along with other items which he did not specify. NOVO told CANETE that the Chilean would be meeting him on more than one occasion at CANETE's employment, with no specific dates mentioned.

NOVO showed CANETE a press card identification which has no name added to it, but the description was the same as that on the TRIQUERO papers that CANETE previously had provided NOVO.

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NOVO told CANETE that if CANETE has any trouble with the Chilean "While I'm gone", CANETE is to call ALVIN ROSS at (201) 867-9130, and ROSS will straighten it out since he knows \*Chilean. NOVO told CANETE that the Chilean will contact him when he is ready. NOVO told CANETE that the Chilean speaks broken English but also speaks Spanish and German.

?? { NOVO was observed on June 23, 1977, driving a white Chevrolet with New York license 722XRF which is registered to Wheels Incorporated, 6200 Northwestern Avenue, Chicago Illinois. Wheels Incorporated had two offices located in New York.

NOVO asked CANETE to get a permanent New York driver's license in the names of DAVID COSTA and VICTOR TRIQUERO. CANETE told NOVO that he is very busy in his work and that he probably would not have the time to obtain the above documents.

See me about this.  
Rice

\* DOES HE MEAN "CHILEAN LANGUAGE" —  
BECAUSE THERE'S NOT SUCH A  
THING. — IN CHILE THEY SPEAK  
SPANISH... SAME AS US. —

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*I took out a D.L. in CAPE MAY- IN JUNE OF 77- w/ MY OWN BIRTH- CERTIFICATE. - WHICH COULD BE PRODUCE.*

RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York provided the following information:

*6/8/39: my birth date*

CANETE furnished IGNACIO NOVO with a temporary New York State Driver's license in the name of VICTOR TRIQUERO, which showed a date of birth as June 6, 1939, residing at 510 West 185th Street, New York City. The above New York license number was shown as S01872-4593-640-39, which is fictitious. The above license expires 30 days from June 23, 1977.

*I WENT... ON 6/6/77. This would have been good for only 1/2 months.*

CANETE also gave NOVO a fictitious Army DD-214 in the same name as above, which showed a social security number as 087-35-1878, service number US156-42-601, Selective Service number 40-18-39-800. The address and date of birth was shown to be the same as on the above New York driver's license in the TRIQUERO name.

*I HAVE A COPY*

CANETE also provided NOVO with a Social Security card which showed a social security number as 087-35-1878 in the TRIQUERO name. CANETE did not give IGNACIO NOVO a press card of any type.

*I HAVE A S.S. TAKEN OUT IN ATLANTIC CITY OFF. V.T.*

During the above transaction, IGNACIO NOVO returned to CANETE a Panamanian passport that he had previously requested adding that the people who wanted it turned it down because the alterations were obvious.

NOVO told CANETE that he would probably go to Miami on June 24 or June 25, 1977 and then he is proceeding to South America.

NOVO gave CANETE the corner of a one dollar bill and told CANETE that the Chilean who would be coming in in the near future would have the rest of the dollar bill. NOVO told CANETE that the Chilean "has been around for a long time" and was "close to ALLENDE's people, up until ALLENDE's fall when the Chilean turned on him." CANETE asked NOVO if the Chilean is here yet and NOVO stated that that was his business.

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**CANETE**

\$100 Bill vs. \$1<sup>00</sup> Bill

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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York provided the following information:

At approximately 2 pm, June 29, 1977, an unknown individual approached RICARDO CANETE at his place of employment, Cycle Service Center, 74 Avenue of the Americas, New York City.

At the outset of the above meeting the unknown individual asked CANETE if he lost a one dollar bill. CANETE stated that he had only lost one half of a one dollar bill, and the above individual subsequently showed his matching half. The above individual then made general inquiries regarding the motor bike business and spoke as if he knew the field, using related terms.

The above unknown individual stated to CANETE, that CANETE will be contacted on the night of June 30, 1977 by ALVIN ROSS. No specific purpose was given.

The above individual made no request of any type and was with CANETE for approximately 10 minutes. This individual told CANETE to keep his (CANETE's) matching dollar half with him at all times and that CANETE should not deal with anyone in the future, who doesn't produce the half of dollar bill that the unknown individual had in his possession. The above individual departed CANETE's place of employment, keeping the one half of dollar bill that he initially came in with.

The above individual was described as follows:

Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	160 pounds
Characteristic	Round face
Age	35 years old
Build	Slim- appeared to be in good shape
Hair	Light brown, worn over the tip of the ears, with no sideburns
Hands	Manicured
Complexion	Fair described as Nordic (Scandanavian)
Other Characteristics	Clean shaven

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\* ON JUNE 23, 1977 - THE AGREEMENT WAS TO USE A \$100 bill. -

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The unknown individual above who wore black dress shoes, white dress shirt, and new blue jeans. The individual appeared to have a mark on his left finger, where a wedding ring may have been worn. The above individual also had a mark on his left forearm, where he apparently wore a watch or bracelet.

The above individual spoke accented English and fluent Spanish. His English was described as "good." His Spanish was described as not being a Cuban Spanish. The above individual sounded well educated and he did not use any type of "street language."

The above individual stood very straight as if he were "army personnel." The individual above additionally stood with both hands behind his back and his feet separated, on numerous occasions, as if he were in an "at ease" position. When this individual walked, he walked as if he were "marching in a parade."

The above individual did not give his name, a nickname nor did he indicate where he was from.

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RICARDO CANETE, 2730 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York provided the following information:

On July 7, 1977, ALVIN ROSS and RICARDO CANETE, met at Ross' employment, Ascione Motors, New Jersey, at approximately 9 pm. The purpose of the meet was to make up several falsified documents in the name of FREDRICK PAGAN. A typewriter located in the rear of ROSS's employment building, was used for this purpose.

During the above conversation and meeting, ROSS, in complimenting CANETE on the way the documents were prepared, stated that he (ROSS) is good in making bombs. ROSS stated he once made one from a coffee pot. — WITH SUGAR TOO?

ROSS then told CANETE that his latest bomb went off well in Miami and that his previous bomb was made by him for the killing of ORLANDO LETELIER. ROSS told CANETE that he used plastic explosives since they are easy to mold. ROSS stated that the bomb had two timing devices; a reloj (Spanish for clock or watch) and an acid backup. ROSS provided no additional details regarding the construction of the bomb.

CANETE asked ROSS if he placed the device in the car, and ROSS stated that that part was handled by the "brigade." ROSS told CANETE that one of the persons involved was "the shrimp man" from the brigade and a close associate. ROSS added that the both of them are in business together. ROSS additionally told CANETE that the above individuals were doing alot of traveling together at the time. ROSS did not specifically say exactly how many total persons were involved in the placement of the bomb, but CANETE believed he was referring to two persons.

ROSS stated the bomb was placed in LETELIER's car, while the car was in a garage. ROSS provided no further details regarding this aspect.

ROSS told CANETE that the LETELIER killing was planned along with three other killings. ROSS related that one was a

*MURFFI'S CAR WAS IN A GARAGE!*

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*In grand jury, pag 12, line 20 he mentions "two individuals"!!*

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newspaper man "down south" but the "temperature in the south" went too high and the brigade had to do some last minute work. CANETE believed that the LETELIER assassination was basically moved up date wise. ROSS did not specify who the other victims were to be. Additionally ROSS made no mention as to who contracted the assassination.

In addition to the above, CANETE inquired of ROSS as to who his Chilean acquaintance was, who CANETE has met recently. ROSS told CANETE that the individual in from Chile, that he is reliable and ROSS referred to him as "the colonel."

ON THIS DATE, JULY 24/77  
I WAS AT "THE RITZ" HOTEL  
IN MIAMI BEACH, FLA. WITH  
SADY AND HER PARENTS, I CAME  
BACK THE NEXT DAY JULY 25.  
I HAVE ALL PROOF LIKE, HOTEL'S  
BILLS, AMERICAN EXPRESS, ETC.

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RICARDO CANETI, 270 West 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York, provided the following information:

On the morning of July 24, 1977, RICARDO CANETI and ALVIN ROSS DIAZ had a conversation, partly which pertained to the assassination of ORLANDO LETELIER. During this conversation ROSS told CANETI that the bomb used was made in Union City, New Jersey. ROSS did not provide any more specifics regarding the device.

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How

ROSS additionally told CANETI that "He" got a car from "Iggy's Place", which CANETI assumed to be the auto dealership where IGNACIO NOVO is employed, and drove into Virginia and then went into Washington to place the bomb.

GRAND JURY TESTIMONY  
DAG 11 LINE 16 TO 19  
HE SAID WHAT I DID USE  
TO MAKE THE BOMB.

ROSS told CANETI that a motel in Arlington, Virginia was used as a place of domicile. ROSS was not specific as to how long the perpetrators had stayed at the above motel, and additionally ROSS did not specifically name the motel in question. ROSS told CANETI "They" then went "Across the river into Northwest Washington, to put the bomb in the car".

ROSS did not tell CANETI whether the perpetrators stayed overnight in Washington, D.C., or as a matter of fact, did not mention anything as to what exactly happened after the bomb was placed on LETELIER's car.

It was believed by CANETI, as a result of the above, that ROSS possibly acted as a "Wheel man" to drive the perpetrator's to Washington, D.C. area, and ROSS was needed to drive NOVO's car back to Union City, New Jersey. CANETI believes that possibly the actual planters of the bomb left Washington, D.C. area alone.

During the above conversation, ALVIN ROSS did not mention to CANETI as to who the individuals were who actually placed the bomb in LETELIER's car.

ALSO IN THE INTERVIEW OF JULY 7, HE SAID I GAVE HIM ALL DETAILS 4/28/81  
SAYS 6.J. #10-11 JULY 7TH - ALL DETAILS!

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~~IN~~ IN GRAND JURY, DAG 12, LINE 18, HE MENTION "SHRIMPAN", AND "PASCUAL" IN LINE 20.

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RICARDO CANETE, 266 West 25th Street, New York City, provided the following information:

Attempts to locate ALVIN ROSS DIAZ in Union City, New Jersey, were negative. CANETE stated that he learned, however, that ROSS had been in the "Meson Espanol" bar, Bergen Line near 46th Street, Union City, New Jersey, on March 7, 1978. ROSS, at this location, borrowed \$200 from a person unknown. CANETE also learned that others will soon go "underground", including VIRGILIO PAZ. CANETE could give no further details regarding this information, however.

→ FROM WHO?!

NO CONTACTS  
BETWEEN  
JULY 24-77  
and  
MARCH 9-78

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RICARDO CANETE, 266 West 25th Street, New York, New York, provided the following information:

On the evening of March 9, 1978, CANETE met ALVIN ROSS and VIRGILIO PAZ at the "Bottom of the Barrel" Lounge located in Union City, New Jersey.

During a conversation, CANETE told PAZ and ROSS that he was in fear of receiving a subpoena to testify at a Federal Grand Jury regarding the death of ORLANDO LETELIER, in addition to CANETE's knowledge of any Chileans. PAZ told CANETE that should he receive a subpoena, he should deny knowing PAZ and ROSS. PAZ told CANETE that should he "talk", the source's life and that of his family will be in jeopardy.

During this same conversation, according to CANETE, PAZ stated that "we" eliminated LETELIER and that "we" know it and "they" know it, but let "them" try to prove it. CANETE looked at ALVIN ROSS and ALVIN ROSS smiled. CANETE stated that PAZ told him that should this aspect of the conversation get to the authorities, it would be CANETE's word against that of PAZ and ROSS.

CANETE advised that PAZ stated that LETELIER was killed so "we" could show other countries we are capable of the job. According to CANETE, neither PAZ or ROSS mentioned any Chilean connections, nor was there any mention of recent news articles regarding JUAN WILLIAMS and ALEJANDRO ROMERAL.

According to CANETE, PAZ told him to try to obtain money for the Cuban Nationalist Movement (CNM) and furthermore he may be asked in the near future to do some document work for them.

ALVIN ROSS gave CANETE his contact telephone number as 201-866-9138.

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\* HERE F.B.I. CONFRONTS CANETE WITH "JUAN WILLIAMS" & "ALEJANDRO ROMERAL" - ARTICLES IN PRESS SHOWING THEIR PICTURES IN CONNECTION OF PARAGUAYAN PASSPORTS-VISA MATTERS APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS. —

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RICARDO CANETE, 266 West 25th Street, New York, New York, provided the following information:

CANETE stated that during a meeting between himself and VIRGILIO PAZ on the night of March 9, 1978, in Union City, New Jersey, PAZ told CANETE that the Cuban Nationalist Movement (CNM) wants CANETE back into the movement. PAZ told CANETE that the CNM has manpower and weapons, but needs money.

Before CANETE and PAZ met ALVIN ROSS that same night, PAZ took CANETE to a basement of an unknown building near Bergen Line Avenue, Union City, New Jersey. According to CANETE, a handkerchief was placed over his eyes during the travelling period to this building. PAZ took CANETE into the basement of this building and removed the blindfold from CANETE, and at that time CANETE observed four machine guns with folding wire stocks and short barrels, one what appeared to be a military bazooka, two what appeared to be M-70 grenade launchers and two military .45 automatic pistols.

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SEE GRAND-JURY  
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He didn't know me in May. He said he met me in July.

RICARDO CANETE, 266 West 25th Street, New York, New York, provided the following information:

CANETE stated that at no time since May, 1977, has he lied to the contacting Special Agent regarding any information he has provided relative to ALVIN ROSS DIAZ', IGNACIO NOVO's and VIRGILIO PAZ's statements regarding their possible involvement in Chilean covert activities and specifically the assassination of ORLANDO LETELIER. CANETE stated that although he is in fear of both his and his family's safety, he is agreeable to testify at the Federal Grand Jury, Washington, D.C., on Thursday, March 16, 1978, relative to statements made to him by the above individuals, who are known to him as members of the Cuban Nationalist Movement (CNM). CANETE stated he would like to add that, of course, he does not know if the above individuals were lying to him at any time since May, 1977.

CANETE stated that when he met ALVIN ROSS and VIRGILIO PAZ on the evening of March 9, 1978, PAZ noted that the CNM killed ORLANDO LETELIER. CANETE stated that he now recalls ALVIN ROSS, who was also present during PAZ's statement, stating words to the effect that some papers of ROSS's were found that could get him in a lot of trouble, but that the authorities won't be able to figure them out because they are too stupid. According to CANETE, ROSS made this comment right after PAZ made the statement regarding the CNM's involvement in the assassination. CANETE stated that he does not know if ROSS's comment was relative to PAZ's statement, although he speculated, it was.

TRYING TO HEAR HIMSELF!

FBI told him!

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

F.B.I. CONFRONTING CANETE - BECAUSE HIS STORY DOESN'T AGREE WITH NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AMERICA (Paraguay/Chile)

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RICARDO CANETE, 266 West 25th Street, New York City, provided the following information:

On the evening of March 17, 1978, CANETE met VIRGILIO PAZ and ALVIN ROSS DIAZ at the "Bottom of the Barrel Lounge", Union City, New Jersey at approximately 11:15 pm. According to CANETE, PAZ and ROSS asked how long it would take to prepare appropriate traveling documents for them. CANETE told the above individuals that it would take approximately 6 to 8 weeks and PAZ indicated that this is entirely too long of a time. PAZ and ROSS asked CANETE what would be quicker and CANETE told them that a simple change of a passport photo would be easier but that CANETE would have to have access to the new photo to place in an old, but not expired, passport. According to CANETE, ROSS and PAZ indicated this would be the best method.

At approximately midnight, according to CANETE, VIRGILIO PAZ, CANETE and an unknown female, left the above lounge and entered a yellow Chevrolet with New Jersey license DDE59 (small 24) next to the digit 9. CANETE stated that at that time all three individuals drove to his residence in New York City and during the traveling period PAZ told CANETE that he wanted to see how much storage area was at CANETE's apartment. According to CANETE, PAZ told him that he wanted to keep some "stuff" readily available in New York City and this is why the inquiry at CANETE's apartment. CANETE asked PAZ if "stuff" meant guns and PAZ answered in the negative. CANETE asked if "stuff" referred to explosives and PAZ answered in the affirmative.

CANETE stated that PAZ looked over CANETE's closet space at his apartment on West 25th Street and furthermore PAZ scanned the outside of the rear of the apartment building. According to CANETE, PAZ made no commitments and he and the unknown female left CANETE's residence.

ON PHONE. CONVERSATION W/ IGNACIO IN "SPRING"  
CANETE COMPLAINS THAT SOMEONE WENT TO  
HIS HOUSE... ETC. - (When did he give his address...?)

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RICARDO CANETE, 266 West 25th Street, New York (NY), NY, was contacted at his place of employment and provided the following:

CANETE provided the original of a document that, according to CANETE, is the document that he and ALVIN ROSS DIAZ were preparing on a typewriter at Ascione Motors, Incorporated, Union City, New Jersey, the night that ROSS told CANETE that he made the bomb that killed ORLANDO LETELIER. CANETE added that he does not at this time recall the exact date of that conversation.

Relative to the above, CANETE stated that he and ROSS were preparing a list of documents that ROSS wanted in the name of FREDRICK PAGAN.

An examination of the above document by the interviewing Special Agents (SAs) revealed that the letterhead of Ascione Motors, Incorporated, 1231 Kennedy Boulevard, North Bergen, New Jersey, 07047, telephone number 201-867-9130, was used to prepare the request for the PAGAN documents. An examination of the above documents revealed that six separate pieces of identification were requested in the name of FREDRICK PAGAN. The six separate pieces of documents were described in the Spanish language.

The original of the above document was prepared for evidentiary value by the interviewing SAs and, furthermore, photographic copies were made subsequently at the NY Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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RICARDO CANETE, 266 West 25th Street, New York (NY), NY, provided the following information.

CANETE telephonically contacted ALVIN ROSS DIAZ at the Orange Memorial Hospital, Orange, New Jersey, extension 601, on March 23, 1978.

During a conversation, ROSS told CANETE that he was in good spirits since Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) PROPPER had recently been in Chile and he did not get any information from the Chilean Government and he never will. ROSS said that when he gets out of the hospital, he and CANETE will "have a party" upon his release.

CANETE stated that while the news media has revealed that PROPPER was, in fact, in Chile, CANETE speculated that ROSS must have a "pipeline" relative to what is transpiring there.

Recording?!

PHONE BILL INDICATES  
A CALL FROM CANETE (3/23/  
(#243-3970) to - 201-675-8200 } HOSP.  
FOR 1 MINT. - AT - 1954 or IN  
7:54 P.M. = ROSS WAS ORANGE  
OUT OF HOSPITAL 9-10 AM 3/23

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RICARDO CANETE, 266 West 25th Street, New York City, provided the following information:

During the above conversation, CANETE told ROSS that he heard certain individuals were in custody of the Chilean Government.

ROSS stated that he is not concerned about any information these individuals may provide since ROSS stated that neither he nor any of his friends are going to be framed for any involvement in the LETELIER assassination, and furthermore, if worse comes to worse, he will put this "in the hands of CONTRERAS SEPULVEDA". According to ROSS at that time, ROSS stated he heard unusual noises in the telephone and did not desire to speak any further relative to the matter.

The rest of the above conversation was relative to ROSS DIAZ meeting CANETE at the Bottom of the Barrel Lounge, Union City, New Jersey, at 9:00 PM on the evening of March 31, 1978.

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by *JW* SA LARRY E. WACK/kph Date dictated 3/31/78

5/8/81

IN APRIL 1ST I WAS AT THE CHATEAU MADRID IN N.Y. I PAID W/ MY AMERICAN EXPRESS. NOT ONLY THAT, THE NEXT DAY I DROVE DOWN SOUTH AND SENT SALLY A POST CARD FROM FAYETVILLE NORTH CAROLINA.

END OF "INFILTRATION" BECAUSE TOWNLEY ARRIVED ON 4/9/78 WITH HIS NOVEL.

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RICARDO CANETE, 266 West 25th, Street, New York City, New York, provided the following information:

CANETE stated that he telephonically contacted ALVIN ROSS on April 1st, 1978, and during that conversation ROSS told CANETE that on the previous evening he was in the presence of someone who can not be linked to ROSS, and that he wanted CANETE to meet this person. ROSS did not provide the name of this individual.

ROSS stated to CANETE that, "The second man is in the hands of the alphabet people and that kills us." CANETE stated that ROSS uses the term alphabet people when he refers to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

CANETE stated that ROSS once again inquired about CANETE obtaining Puerto Rican birth certificates and CANETE stated they could not be obtained without money.

During the above conversation, according to CANETE, ROSS told him that he (ROSS) is waiting on communications coming over the water from South America. ROSS stated that these communications will be arriving on a ship, which CANETE believed ROSS named the "Imperial."

On April 1st, 1978, the contacting Special Agent (SA) telephonically contacted the United States Coast Guard, New York City. United States Coast Guard representatives confirmed that a Chilean Liner named, "Imperial" arrived at Port Newark, New Jersey, on March 31st, 1978. The above liner is due to leave Port Newark on April 5th, 1978.

~~April 2/78 I LEFT FOR MIAMI~~  
~~" 4/78 STOPPED AT FLORENCE S.R.~~  
~~4/78 STOPPED IN MIAMI~~

4/11/78

New York, New York

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SA JAMES E. WACK/rac

Date dictated 4/6/78