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RE: ACCION CUBANA
(CUBAN ACTION) (AC)
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

It was previously reported that Accion Cubana (AC) was a small terrorist organization headed by ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA. On December 15, 1972, BOSCH was paroled after serving more than four years of a 10 year sentence after his conviction in a Federal court in Miami, Florida, on charges relating to ship bombings, conspiracy and extortion.

In June, 1974, BOSCH claimed responsibility for a series of acts of terrorism and on June 25, 1974, the United States Board of Parole, Washington, D.C., issued a warrant for his arrest for parole violation. BOSCH thereafter went underground, is being sought as a fugitive and is currently living in Chile.

MM T-1, A Cuban exile active in revolutionary matters for the past four years, on February 12, 1976, advised that BOSCH's right hand man in Miami is ROLANDO MENDOZA, who extorts money from Cuban exile doctors in the Miami area to send to BOSCH for military operations against the Government of Cuba. (X)(u)

MM T-1 said that about two weeks previously BOSCH called MENDOZA by telephone from Latin America and instructed him to obtain \$2,000 as soon as possible. BOSCH instructed MENDOZA to contact Dr. HUMBERTO FONTANA, who had donated money previously. MM T-1 explained that more than \$3,000 was sent to BOSCH by MENDOZA on February 9, 1976. (9)(u)

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FLORE ROLAND MENDOZA, 1930 Southwest 76th Avenue, Miami, Florida, was contacted by Special Agent (SA) OVIDIO CERVANTES and SA J. RAUL VASQUEZ, who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). SA CERVANTES advised MENDOZA that the purpose of the interview would be in reference to bombing activities in the Miami area.

ROLANDO MENDOZA stated he had talked to FBI Agents on December 10, 1975, at which time, he had advised his feelings in reference to the bombing of the Miami FBI Building on December 3, 1975. At that time, he stated he felt the bombings had been done by a CASTRO agent or by a person who was completely confused and did not realize how much damage he was doing to the Cuban community in Miami.

Through the local news, he had learned that ROLANDO OTERO was accused of having placed several bombs in the Miami area on December 3, 1975, and that he has not changed his mind as to the previous statements; even though OTERO was a Cuban and had participated in the Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba. MENDOZA saw ROLANDO OTERO's photograph in the newspaper, and claimed he does not know OTERO, even though they both participated in the Bay of Pigs invasion, were members of Brigade 2506, and were both prisoners in Cuba. OTERO might have been in some other prison camp while in Cuba. Not knowing ROLANDO OTERO, he could not furnish any information as to his associates.

ROLANDO MENDOZA denied knowing MANUEL REVUELTA and TONY GONZALEZ, but stated he is a good friend of WALDO CASTROVERDE.

In reference to Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, MENDOZA stated that on several occasions, he had conversations with BOSCH after he was on parole. He did not personally know Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH prior to his being released from prison, even though he knew of him. MENDOZA considers Dr. BOSCH a dedicated Cuban who has sacrificed his profession, and his family for the Cuban cause. MENDOZA stated he has heard that Dr. BOSCH is a fugitive, and has not been in contact

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with BOSCH since he reportedly left the country. Through local news media, he learned that Dr. BOSCH was in Costa Rica.

ROLANDO MENDOZA claimed he is not a member of Accion Cubana, nor a member of any anti-CASTRO organization in Miami. He did want to emphasize that he is anti-communist and anti-CASTRO, but does not believe that placing bombs in the United States would effect the overthrow of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba. He stated he is a United States citizen, and that he would not violate any United States law in view of the fact that by so doing, an individual would end up in jail and from jail, he could not contribute anything toward the downfall of FIDEL CASTRO.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	FLORE ROLANDO MENDOZA
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	November 24, 1940
Height:	5 feet, 11 inches
Weight:	187 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Residence:	2930 Southwest 76th Avenue Miami, Florida
Automobiles:	1965 blue Ford, Florida tag 1-280733 Registered to ROLANDO F. MENDOZA, 201 Northwest 49th Avenue, Miami 1975 brown Chevrolet Florida tag 1W-339394, Registered to FLORE MENDOZA, 2435 Southwest 78th Court Miami

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MM T-2, a Cuban exile closely associated with members of Accion Cubana (AC), on February 20, 1976, reported that ~~ALDO VERA SERAFIN~~, head of Cuban Action in San Juan, Puerto Rico, was in Miami on February 18 and February 19, 1976. VERA said that he was interested in forming unity with the FLNC. (X)(u)

It is noted that the Cuban National Liberation Front (FLNC) is a Cuban exile terrorist organization which has claimed credit for acts of terrorism in 1974, 1975 and 1976.

MM T-2 explained that ~~DUNNET PEREZ ALAMO~~ is the military action leader of Cuban Action. The financial secretary is MIGUEL ISA and ~~WALDO CASTROVERDE~~ is in charge of propaganda. All three of these individuals live in Miami and are well known in the Cuban exile community. (X)(u)

MM T-2 said that VERA said ORLANDO BOSCH at that time was in jail in Costa Rica and a bomb was scheduled to go off in Costa Rica while United States Secretary of State HENRY A. KISSINGER will be visiting that country. The purpose of the explosion will be for publicity rather than to cause any harm to KISSINGER. (X)(u)

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On March 4, 1976, MIGUEL ISA FRESNADA, 170 N. W. 27th Court, Miami, advised he is employed as a dental technician at the La Gran Familia Clinic and is a member of Accion Cubana headed by ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA.

ISA said he read about the press conference held by the FLNC in Miami on March 2, 1976. Newspaper articles said that an unidentified woman wearing dark glasses and a wig played a tape recording which contained the press announcement. He said he did not know who attended, the identity of the woman, and had no further information about the FLNC or the press conference.

ISA claimed that there is a difference in policy between the FLNC and Accion Cubana and Accion Cubana believes that all military activities should take place from a staging area outside the United States.

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by SAs ROBERT JAMES DWYER and OVIDIO GERVANTES Advises Date dictated 3/5/76

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MM T-2 on March 15, 1976, advised that BOSCH, at that time, was in jail in Costa Rica and was on a hunger strike. (X)(u)

GUILLELMO NOVO and his brother, IGNACIO are two Cuban exiles with long records of terrorist activities. The NOVO brothers were discussing the possibility of some sort of bombing action in Costa Rica to call attention to BOSCH being in jail. (X)(u)

MM T-3, who has been active in revolutionary matters for the past seven years, on March 16, 1976, reported that BOSCH's group in Miami, along with the NOVO brothers, said that if BOSCH was not released from jail, they would take retaliatory action against Costa Rican establishments in Miami. They did not identify the establishments or the type of action. (X)(u)

MM T-4, who is in contact with members of Accion Cubana on March 18, 1976, made available a copy of a letter received in Miami from BOSCH in jail in Costa Rica. A copy of this letter is as follows: (X)(u)

[TO MY COMPATRIOTS] (X)(u)

At ten in the morning, 12th of March, I initiated a hunger strike in order to protest against abuses, bad treatment, and insults, which I have received from Costa Rican authorities, who have detained me and incarcerated me without due process of law. I was incarcerated like a common criminal. My only crime has been to fight for the freedom of my country with all of my strength. I was accused of having false passports, although everyone knows that my fight against CASTRO has forced me to use fictitious credentials. It should be known that the Costa Rican Government was well aware that I was living there, although at first they did not seem to object my presence there. It should be noted that thousands of Chilean communists reside in Costa Rica without legal documentation and without being harassed by Costa Rican authorities. (X)(u)

I demand from the Costa Rican Government the same liberty and privileges that Costa Rican citizens have. The same hospitality and help that the government has offered to Chilean communists. Like Mr. PASCAL ALLENDE, who is attempting to destroy the democratic system. (X)(u)

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The accusations made against me by CASTRO and his government are outrageous and false. These accusations were also made by the Costa Rican Government, who have accused me of taking part in a plan to assassinate the Chilean Communist PASCAL ALLENDE. All my strength and efforts are directed against FIDEL CASTRO and his communist regime. The government knows very well that these accusations made against me are false. The Costa Rican Government has been blackmailed by the Cuban Communist Regime. (X)(u)

Compatriots, you must know that it was communist pressure that caused the Costa Rican Government to arrest me. In a strange coincidence the American Government through the Embassy in San Jose used great influence to have me arrested. I was interviewed by members of the FBI on Costa Rican soil, which is a flagrant violation of the sovereignty of that country. (X)(u)

I started this hunger strike as an expression of rebellion and protest against the cowardess and the treachery which emanated from those who supposedly were in favor of obtaining Cuba's freedom. Today we are being persecuted and castigated. In order to obtain our freedom we would have to fight a powerful and unscrupulous enemy. We are fighting in different clandestine movements and complicity from those who should be our allies. (X)(u)

The truth is that we are all alone. We cannot deny this fact, but we have the example of our martyrs and of our prisoners in the "Slave Island". This will help us to keep on fighting. Before all of my compatriots, I am, reaffirming my faith in the worth of my country, and in MARTI'S concepts which assures us that tyranny nurtures virtues, which will finally destroy tyranny. The Costa Rican Government must accept responsibility for the actions they have taken against me. (X)(u)

A free Cuba, Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH (X)(u)

On March 23, 1976, Dr. CRISTOBAL M. GONZALEZ MAYO, 1601 S. W. 13th Avenue, Miami, Florida, home phones 858-6072 and 854-5313, office phone 856-7219, advised that he is the president of the Confederacion de Profesionales Universitarios en el Exilio. He stated that when Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH got out.

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of jail he was against terrorism and bombings within the United States although he advocated terrorism from outside of the United States directed against CASTRO and communist sympathizers.

BOSCH was released from jail in Costa Rica. He will travel to Chile where he plans to remain.

Dr. MAYO stated that he has had a disagreement with EMILIO OCHOA who became the president of the Dentistas which is a subordinate organization of the Profesionales. The argument stemmed from the fact that OCHOA ran for office unopposed. Dr. MAYO wanted his own man to run for the presidency of the Dentistas.

MM T-2 advised that on June 11 and June 12, 1976, a meeting was held in the Dominican Republic by heads of the following Cuban exile revolutionary organizations:

AC
FLNC
Cuban Nationalist Movement
Brigade 2506
The 17th of April Movement

It is noted that the Cuban Nationalist Movement is a small revolutionary organization with headquarters in Miami and headed by FELIPE RIVERO DIAZ.

Brigade 2506 is a Veterans organization of persons who participated in the April, 1961, invasion of Cuba.

The 17th of April Movement is a splinter group of Brigade 2506.

ORLANDO BOSCH was in the Dominican Republic and represented AC at this meeting. The different groups agreed that when military actions were carried out, the specific group would be given the credit, but the unity group consisting of all these organizations, would issue the press release. These groups agreed to jointly participate in the planning, financing and carrying out terrorist operations and attacks against Cuba. BOSCH stated that his group was

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concentrating its efforts against the Government of Cuba and its allies, such as the Governments of Colombia, Mexico and Panama. (X)(U)

At the meeting BOSCH said he had received \$10,000 for operations against these countries and was expecting \$5,000 more from Dr. (first name unknown) ECHEZARRETA, a Cuban exile doctor in Venezuela. BOSCH also proposed that a tribuno be set up for the purpose of trying possible traitors to the unity group who may give information to the FBI and CIA. (X)(U)

BOSCH also proposed that in case a member of the group is jailed in some country, the group should concentrate against that country, be it the United States or some other country. (X)(U)

They agreed that a diplomat should be kidnapped and offered for exchange of the unity group member who was arrested. This group felt that if an exchange was not made, the diplomat would be promptly executed. (X)(U)