

SENSITIVE

CASE NO: 4-213

DATE: January 27, 1978

Background information on GASPAR EUGENIO JIMENEZ-ESCOBEDO. JIMENEZ' name appeared on a ZERO death list dated January 11, 1978.

SYNOPSIS:

The following is a profile of GASPAR JIMENEZ.

GASPAR EUGENIO JIMENEZ-ESCOBEDO
DOB: 10-6-35
INS #A11-260-264
DL #J552-85-35-366
LKA: 5250 S. W. 2 Street
Phone: 445-0993
Wife: MARIA DEL CARMEN-JIMENEZ
Employer: F.E.C. Railroad
Vehicles: 1973 Blue Volkswagen 2 door
Fla. tag 1D-27443

1973 Chevrolet Pickup
Fla. tag 1GK59250

DETAILS:

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

16 Jun 76 - Joe Dawson and Sy Gutierrez, FBI - A confidential informant stated that on June 12, 1976 and June 13, 1976 a meeting of Cuban revolutionary leaders allegedly involved in terrorist activities was held in the Dominican Republic. The following persons were present:

JOSE DIONISIO SUAREZ-ESQUIVEL "EL CEPILLO" (MNC)
ORLANDO BOSCH (ACCION CUBANA)
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 (ACCION CUBANA)
OSCAR ANGULO

A coalition of the groups allegedly resulted from the meetings.

5 Aug 76 - Interview of GASPAR JIMENEZ by the Mexican Police - After leaving Cuba JIMENEZ became a member of the anti-Castro group "JURE" and later joined "LA JUVENTUD DE UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIO" and also a member of "MRR", whose leader at that time was MANOLO RAY. This organization folded due to U. S. government pressure. JIMENEZ became a member of ACCION CUBANA two years ago and approximately nine months ago a meeting was held in San Jose, Costa Rica by several anti-Castro organizations. During this

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meeting CORU was formed, which is headed by ORLANDO BOSCH. The following persons attended the meeting:

BOSCH (ACCION CUBANA) ✓
FRANK CASTRO (FLNC) ✓
FELIPE RIVERO (MNC) ✓
RAMON RODRIGUEZ (JOVENES DE LA ESTRELLA) ✓

After the meeting RAMON (LNU) contacted JIMENEZ and informed him he had been chosen as one of the operatives to carry out the kidnapping and assassination plan directed toward the Cuban Consul in Merida, Mexico. JIMENEZ was also informed that two other individuals were selected to help carry out the action. JIMENEZ traveled to Merida on July 19, 1976 and on July 23, 1976 they carried out their plan, which culminated in the homicide of DIAZ and the apprehension of JIMENEZ and ORESTES RUIZ. ✓

5 Aug 76 - Interview of ORESTES RUIZ by the Mexican Police - On July 19, 1976, RUIZ, GUSTAVO CASTILLO and GASPAR JIMENEZ flew to Merida, Mexico. The next day they retrieved the weapons which had been secreted by MARIO SOLANO and RUIZ. The plan was to kidnap the Cuban Consul and attempt to trade his release for the release of ELOY GUTIERREZ-MENOYD and HUBERT MATOS from Cuba's prisons. They surveilled the Cuban Consulate on several occasions. On July 27, 1976 they followed Cuban Consul Daniel Ferrer and Artagan Diaz. They decided the kidnapping would not be feasible and instead they would abduct the Cuban Consul to a secluded spot where he would be killed and his body buried. A gunfight resulted with DIAZ being killed. The subjects fled to the hotel, packed their bags and proceeded to the airport where they separated. RUIZ was apprehended by the Mexican Police.

6 Aug 76 - Interview of GASPAR JIMENEZ - JIMENEZ stated that he had not committed the offense for which he was being charged by the Mexican authorities. JIMENEZ claimed that he was being framed by the Mexican authorities and that he had only signed the confession because he had been subjected to physical abuse. JIMENEZ further stated that he had never taken part in any terrorist activities within U. S. territory or outside U. S. territory. JIMENEZ also denied having attended any meeting of CORU.

6 Aug 76 - Confidential source - GASPAR JIMENEZ is a close associate of ORLANDO BOSCH and very active in collecting funds in Dade County for ACCION CUBANA.

9 Aug 76 - CI 0099 - JESUS GUERRA told the CI that GASPAR JIMENEZ was in charge of the operation in Mexico.

9 Aug 76 - CI 0112 - On August 6, 1976 a meeting was held at GASPAR JIMENEZ' residence, 5250 S. W. 2 Street. The following persons were observed at the meeting:

MIGUEL REYES ✓
PEDRO P. ROJAS "FICO" ✓
MARIA DEL CARMEN JIMENEZ ✓
JOSE CABRERA-RIESGO ✓

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10 Aug 76 - Investigative report - Six pounds of C-4 were recovered by Mexican Police during the arrest in Merida, Mexico, of ORESTES RUIZ and GASPAR JIMENEZ.

10 Aug 76 - MPD investigative report - The Dade County Task Force on Terrorism is investigating the following persons:

GASPAR JIMENEZ
ORESTES RUIZ
PABLO GUSTAVO CASTILLO
MARIO SOLANO
HECTOR CORNILLOT
GABRIEL GIL
ARMANDO LOPEZ-ESTRADA

11 Aug 76 - CI 0090 - Several unidentified anti-Castro organizations are attempting to raise money in order to attempt to bribe the Mexican officials which would in turn allow GASPAR JIMENEZ and ORESTES RUIZ to escape from jail. If the plan should fail, an alternate plan is to kidnap a high Soviet or Mexican official to offer in trade for JIMENEZ and RUIZ' release from jail.

26 Aug 76 - MPD intelligence report - CORU made a public announcement which stated as follows:

This military coordination has been contemplating the Mexican government's attitude toward our members, ORESTES RUIZ and GASPAR JIMENEZ.

These men did not go to Mexico to make an attempt against the life of any Mexican National.

We request from the Mexican government that RUIZ and JIMENEZ be put in liberty.

In case their lives be put in jeopardy or they be tortured or sentenced because they are anti-communist, CORU promises that the Mexican government will become the target of our international units.

This means that all of our efforts will be directed to attack Mexican installations anywhere in the world except the U. S.

Attempts will be carried out against all Mexican diplomatic personnel as well as airplanes belonging to Mexican firms.

We always meant what we say and very soon the Mexican Government will have a demonstration of what we mean.

ACCION CUBANA 2506 BRIGADE
FLNC F-14
MOVIMIENTO NACIONALISTA CRISTIANO

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3 Dec 76 - Sy Gutierrez, FBI - On August 14, 1975, an attempt was made on the life of the Cuban Ambassador to Argentina by an unknown person firing a machine gun from a speeding car. On August 14, 1975, after the shooting incident, GASPAR JIMENEZ left Argentina and traveled to Chile where he remained until August 16, 1975.

9 Dec 76 - CI 0112 - FELIPE GONZALEZ-SERRAIN observed GASPAR JIMENEZ and an unknown male departing the parking lot prior to the explosion of the bomb that injured EMILIO MILIAN. On May 6, 1976, GONZALEZ met with HUMBERTO LOPEZ, SR. and JIMENEZ, at which time the MILIAN bombing was discussed.

12 Feb 77 - Miami Herald - DANIEL FERRER-FERNANDEZ escaped injury; however, a Cuban Intelligence Officer with him, DARTANAN DIAZ-DIAZ, was killed with a gun which was traced back to a Miami gun shop. Two men who were captured after the incident, GASPAR JIMENEZ and ORESTES RUIZ-HERNANDEZ, gave statements implicating themselves, Mexican authorities say. They allege that ORLANDO BOSCH, along with other Miami based Cubans plotted the Mexican operation. GUSTAVO CASTILLO, who allegedly escaped from Mexico, has since been charged by Mexican authorities for participating in the attack.

15 Mar 77 - DEA intelligence report - ARMANDO LOPEZ-ESTRADA is listed as an associate of GASPAR JIMENEZ. JIMENEZ, at the time of his arrest, had a note signed by LOPEZ introducing JIMENEZ to MANUEL CAMARGO-SAAVEDRA. JIMENEZ is listed as an associate of CAMARGO, ORESTES RUIZ-HERNANDEZ, and GUSTAVO CASTILLO. On July 23, 1976 JIMENEZ was arrested in Merida, Mexico for the attempted kidnapping of Cuban Consul DANIEL FERRER-FERNANDEZ. JIMENEZ is associated with anti-Castro terrorist groups.

16 Mar 77 - Interview of EMILIO MILIAN - MILIAN received information that MAX LESNICK was supporting financially the family of GASPAR JIMENEZ by making contributions to JIMENEZ' wife as well as subsidizing all of her trips and expenses to Mexico.

17 Mar 77 - Miami Herald - ORESTES RUIZ-HERNANDEZ is being held in Mexico for a Merida murder and attempted kidnapping. GASPAR JIMENEZ of Miami is also being held there on those charges.

25 Mar 77 - John McPhee, FBI - A MPD confidential source stated that ROBERTO CARBALLO attempted to recruit a friend to fly a light plane into Mexico and retrieve GASPAR JIMENEZ, who recently escaped from jail there. CARBALLO may attempt to extort an unknown Cuban businessman in order to raise money to help JIMENEZ.

29 Mar 77 - Sy Gutierrez, FBI - RICARDO MORALES offered \$3,000 to FRANK CASTRO to be used to help GASPAR JIMENEZ escape from Mexico. CASTRO did not accept the money.

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4 Apr 77 - Sy Gutierrez, FBI - A confidential source stated that PABLO SARDUY traveled to Mexico in order to carry weapons and money to be used by GASPAR JIMENEZ after his escape from jail in Mexico.

11 Apr 77 - Sy Gutierrez, FBI - GASPAR JIMENEZ is presently staying in Guatemala.

12 Apr 77 - CI 0122 - WFC, which is owned by GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ-CARTAYA, is presently being asked for money by GASPAR JIMENEZ' sister to help JIMENEZ. JIMENEZ is presently experiencing trouble in fleeing Mexico and is demanding more money FROM WFC. The original \$50,000 used by JIMENEZ to escape was given by WFC in exchange for JIMENEZ to keep silent and not tell authorities about WFC's activities. Another person heavily involved with WFC and the JIMENEZ incident is SYLAS CUERVO, owner of the Chevron gas station at 57 Avenue and W. Flagler Street.

13 May 77 - Investigative report - GASPAR JIMENEZ testified before a Federal Grand Jury.

17 May 77 - Interview of GASPAR JIMENEZ - JIMENEZ stated that the Mexican authorities were probably glad to get him out of their hands because of the hot political situation. JIMENEZ also stated that ORESTES RUIZ engaged in smoking marijuana while in prison and had also shown some homosexual tendencies.

18 Jul 77 - Interview of ARMANDO LOPEZ-ESTRADA ✓ LOPEZ stated to Det. Mederos that he was seeking his cooperation in attempting to locate VICTOR MANUEL DE QUESADA, who at one time was a pilot in the Cuban Air Force and who defected to Portugal and later travelled to the U. S. where he was residing until July 6, 1977. QUESADA is a good friend of GASPAR JIMENEZ. LOPEZ was attempting to ascertain if QUESADA had been killed or returned to Cuba.

3 Aug 77 - Miami Herald - The FBI is investigating whether the U. S. Neutrality Act has been violated by a Cuban exile allegedly plotting terrorist activities against foreign governments in Miami. The FBI began investigating GASPAR JIMENEZ as a result of information received from Mexico where JIMENEZ is wanted on a charge of murder for the slaying of a Cuban Intelligence Officer. According to information, members of CORU plotted to execute a series of terrorist activities on a national scale and did some of their plotting in JIMENEZ' home. Mexican authorities have not initiated extradition procedures against JIMENEZ and he has not been arrested because U. S. authorities don't have sufficient evidence against him. The terrorist activities include the bombing of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico and Cubana Airline office and the hijacking of a Mexican passenger plane. In July of last year JIMENEZ was arrested in Mexico with ORESTES RUIZ for trying to kidnap Cuban Consul DANIEL FERRER and for killing DARTANAN DIAZ, a Cuban Intelligence Officer. JIMENEZ, member of ORLANDO BOSCH'S CUBAN ACTION, escaped from a Mexican jail in March 1977, after bribing a supervisor and guard. A month later he was back in

Miami a free man.

The below listed subjects are alleged associates of GASPAR JIMENEZ.

- MIGUEL REYES ✓
- PEDRO P. ROJAS "FICO" ✓
- JOSE CABRERA-RIESGO ✓
- ORESTES RUIZ-HERNANDEZ ✓
- ORLANDO BOSCH ✓
- JOSE DIONISIO SUAREZ-ESQUIVEL "EL CEPILLO" ✓
- FRANK CASTRO
- DR. JUAN B. PULIDO ✓
- GUSTAVO CASTILLO "TAVO" ✓
- ROBERTO CARBALLO ✓
- ARMANDO LOPEZ-ESTRADA ✓
- JUAN PEREZ-FRANCO ✓
- OSCAR ANGULO ✓
- MANOLO RAY ✓
- PABLO SARDUY ✓
- VICTOR MANUEL DE QUESADA ✓
- MANUEL CAMARGO-SAAVEDRA ✓
- FELIPE GONZALEZ-SERRAIN ✓
- HUMBERTO LOPEZ, SR. ✓

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