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Re WTO airtel to Bureau, dated 12/1/78.

The referenced communication requested receiving offices to carefully analyse the contents of an enclosure; a transcript of a TV interview of IGNACIO NOVO SAMPOL by a Dutch journalist in November, 1978, for the purpose of giving NOVO and members of the Cuban Nationalist Movement consideration in any unsolved bombings in the respective divisions.

The following are two such bombings, currently unsolved in the Hiami Division:

At approximately 10:58 AM on 10/31/75, a powerful bomb destroyed a car at 6775 SW 27th Street, Miami, Florida, killing its occupants; ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, a prominent Cuban exile. MASFERRER was the editor and publisher of a Cuban newspaper which consistently contains inflamatory articles concerning other Cuban exiles, particularly business leaders in the Miami, Florida area. As a result, he had numerous enemies within the exile colony of Miami. MASFERRER was also reportedly an "executioner" during the BATISTA regime in Cuba. Investigation revealed that a powerful explosive, equivalent to six sticks of dynamite was apparently wired to the auto ignition and the explosion occurred as MASFERRER attempted to start his car.

On 4/30/76, a vehicle belonging to EMILIO MILIAN, a highly respected "anti-CASTRO" Cuban exile leader and news director for a Miami Spanish language radio station, was

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destroyed by an explosion. On that evening, MILIAN departed the radio station, entered his locked station wagon parked in the radio station's parking lot. Immediately upon activating the ignition, the explosion took place resulting in serious injuries to MILIAN and his subsequent loss of both lags. Very little evidence was found at the bomb scene since the vehicle burned following the explosion. Investigation revealed that the explosive device was probably dynamite and had been placed on the left side of the floorboard of MILIAN's auto. Found at the crime scene was a 'piece of electric wire with blue insulation, and a piece of electric wire with blue insulation, and a piece of electric wire with blue insulation driven into the brake drum on the inside of the right front wheel. A haywire twist was visible at the terminal end of the wire where it had been attached to another wire, possibly an electric blasting cap leg wire.

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EMILE FALLAUX Interview Of IGNACIO NOVO at Miami in November, 1976.

EMILE FALLAUX (EF): Some of the Cuban exile groups still try to go there from here.

IGNACIO NOVO(IN): Yes, they have once in a while...I don't know if it is from here or from Central or South America..., the Caribbean, they have carried out raids.

EF: Yeah. About six or seven this year, I think.

The Cuban nationalists don't think it is important to raid the country and infiltrate it now?

No. Because our logistics would not allow us to do it personally. I don't think we would have achieved enough with that. I don't think we can do much more damage. It costs a lot of money. I think we have done more damage to him, to the regime and CASTRO. Outside of Cuba, we call it a war throughout the world, four corners, we have hit them in Japan, in Europe, in South America, in Canada, in the United States. We have hurt his economy, we have damaged his economic interests outside of the United States, we have damaged his property. That's about all we can do.

EF: How have you hit him?

IN: There have been ships blown up, Cuban property blown up, Cuban trade missions blown up...That kind of action. Political attempts against his representatives outside of the island.

Assassination of Cuban Ambassadors and/or agents?

IN: Right.

EF: And you continue to do that?

IN: Oh, yeah. Yes, that is all we can do at the That is our only road, All other doors are moment. closed. We can't have a dialogue with them, they won't allow any opposition, so the only door that we have open is through the use of violence.

EF: Can you give me an account of your personal history? Some violence?...in some affects.

IN: I was arrested firstly on...we carried out a raid against the Cuban Consulate in New York when they had relations with Cuba, that was in the early 1960's, May. Then in '64 for a bazooka attack against the United Nations.

And in '67 I had a shoe store where some explosives were planted and I got arrested for that and I got two years probation out of it. I never served a sentence.

EF: How is it possible that while a lot of people apparently know that you, your group is a violent one, that you can operate here in the United States?

IN: How is it possible?

EF: Yeah.

IN: Uh.

EF: That the agencies don't crack down on you?

IN: Oh, yes, they have. of course they have. We have many men that lost their jobs because of persecutions by them...at least a half of dozen of them. We lost our business...But you still have to do what you feel obligated to do; what your conscience dictates you to do, when that happens, if you are convinced that you have to carry out that offensive, you find ways to do it.

EF: Yeah. And to conceal it, too?

IN: Yes. Sure. The human brain has many resources. As many as they have, we have.

EF: The car bombs, seem to be quite in vogue...

IN: Yeah.

EF: Why is that? Is it easy to get away with?

IN: Most likely because you can do it with a timer, you don't have to be there. It's not the same as if you would walk up to me with a gun and shoot me, you know... somebody might see you from a second story building somewhere. But if you do it with a car, then you do not have to be there. You can detonate it electronically or by a timing device.

EF: What kind of bomb do you use then, plastic, or...

IN: They use basically plastics, yes, C-3, C-4, mostly C-4... I would say.

EF: Is it easy to get here?

IN: No, it's not.

EF: It used to be readily available.

IN: That's about, yeah, when the CIA was involved in

a lot of things, in the 60's, they used to be almost around the corner, you co-ld almost buy it in the drug store. But today it is almost impossible.

EF: So you really have to search to find it?

IN: Yeah. Sometimes you can make your own if you know enough.

EF: Is your group doing that, that kind of thing?

IN: No.

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EF: You wouldn't say... How are your contacts with other terrorist organizations in the world?

IN: I reject the word "terrorist."

EF: Well,

IN: Revolutionary organizations.

EF: Revolutionary...

Very friendly, very friendly. Although we don't agree with some of their methods, we don't agree with the theory of ALPHA, although we help them if we are asked to... But we wouldn't get involved personally. We don't agree with the landing of four - five men in a boat. I think that is sending them to the guillotine, for nothing, they are sending them to a sure death. With the Marxists you can't have a successful guerilla warfare. Firstly because almost everybody is up in arms, you got a steady army for 150,000 men, plus the militia. Now he can concentrate 30-40,000 people to do big things - hit big when you can. Destroy his economy if you can, paralyze it if you can. plants, oil depots, eventually we get to that while we have enough money to do it. We have the manpower, we have the know-how, we don't have the cash to do it yet. But if he travels, we will be able to blow him up in the air. And he is still a one man regime. But if you do away with him, Cuba has a chance.