IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CRIMINAL DIVISION

CASE NO. 81-17247

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PART II

ALFREDO ARIAS, et al,

Defendants.

State Attorney's Office
9th Floor
Metropolitan Justice Building
1351 Northwest 12th Street
Miami, Florida
April 5, 1982
10:10 o'clock a.m.

DEPOSITION OF RICARDO MORALES NAVARETTE

Taken before Joycee Wax, Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large, pursuant to Notice of Taking Deposition filed in the above cause.

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Thereupon:

RICARDO MORALES NAVARETTE

called as a witness on behalf of the Defendants having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified on his oath as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WILLIAMS:

- Q Identify yourself, for the record, please?
- A My name is Ricardo Morales Navarette.
- Q Are you the same person whose deposition commenced here on Friday before Ms. Cohan and me with Mr. Carhart present?
 - A Yes.
- Q Are you the one whom they sometimes call "The Monkey"?
 - A Yes.
- Q Have you had an opportunity to think about or go over, in your mind, any of the questions that I asked you on Friday, and any of the answers that you gave to the extent that there is anything that you feel you need to change now in the interest of accuracy?
- A I raise out of my mind whatever I talked to you the other day due to preceding events.
 - Q Is there anything that you now feel you

of time by which, at the end of that extended period of time, I really don't know what you are asking.

- Q Okay. Then, if that happens today and you don't understand the question because of that, tell me that.
 - A That is what I am telling you.
- Q If I ask you a question to which you don't know the answer, tell me that you don't know the answer because you are, of course, testifying under oath?
 - A Of course.
- Q (Continuing) -- and responsible for any inaccuracy.
 - A Right.
- Q If it's necessary for you to approximate in giving me an answer either with regard to dates or distances or times or anything similar of a quantative nature like that, tell us, for the record, that you are approximating, so that it doesn't appear on the record that you are making an absolute statement.
 - A On or about would be fair to you?
- Q If I ask you, for example, a question that requires either to give me an answer that involves distances in feet or in miles or weight of something or time of day and you are approximating, tell us that.

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If you are able to give precise, exact testimony, tell us that.

MR. OUTERBRIDGE: Excuse me, could you just indulge me for just one minute for an off the record conversation? I need to have a brief conversation with Rina.

(Off the record.)

BY MR. WILLIAMS:

Q And finally, Ricky, if I ask you a question that can be answered with a yes or not answer and that requires a yes or no answer, if you can answer the question at all that way, do it that way to start with, and then, if you need to give an explanation, but first, address the question precisely or head on; okay?

A I will try to do my best according to your question.

Q Do you recall that, on Friday, I had been asking you questions concerning sources of income that you had had or work that you have been doing over the past several years for which you have been receiving pay? Do you recall that?

- A Something along those lines.
- Q Basically?
- A Basically.

Q Do you recall that your answers and my questions took us to the spot where you had told me that you had been paid by the Federal Bureau of Investigations until July of 1975, at which time, you resigned your position as a paid informant?

A That is correct, July the 31st.

Q And you had told us that you had worked in addition to working for the United States and the Republic of Venezuela, for the Republic of Cuba in 1959 and 1960, and that those were the only three governmental agencies -- I'm sorry -- the only three sovereign governments for whom you have worked -- United States, Venezuela, and Cuba? Do you recall that?

A That is right.

Q You had told us that you were a contract agent for the C.I.A. attached to something called the 5th Mercenary Brigade when you were in the Belgium Congo. Do you recall that?

A Yes.

Q You had previously stated that was sometime during 1964?

A When I arrived in the Congo.

Q That's my next question to you: When did you arrive in the Congo?

1	A In 1964.
2	Q How long were you
3	A I came back on or about the beginning of
4	1965.
5	Q You told us that you were a contract agent
6	for the Central Intelligence Agency.
7	My understanding is that a contract agent
8	is somebody who is, in effect, hired for a particular
9	purpose owing to that person's unique skills or
10	expertise; is that correct, as opposed to being a
11	full-time employee?
12	A Not exactly, Douglas, because I was already
13	in the C.I.A. when I had handpicked to perform that
14	mission over there in the Congo.
15	Q What do you mean when you say youwere in
16	the C.I.A.?
17	A Yes, I had already spent some time with
18	them, about a year of training.
19	Q Were you a full-time Central Intelligence
20	Agency employee?
21	A At one point, yes.
22	Q Wereyou, at the point in time that you went
23	to the Congo, a full-time C.I.A. employee?
24	A I was fired two weeks before.
25	O Why?

Is it more commonly that?

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I don't know that.

Q In your experience given the other people that you have known and have had contacts with the Central Intelligence Agency over the years, is it more likely that a contract agent is hired toward one particular end in connection with one particular case or situation?

- A Not necessarily.
- Q But, it could be?
- A Not necessarily.
- Q What I am trying to have you do is to tell me the distinctions between a regular agent and a contract agent?
- A I cannot answer that question, because I have never been a staff agent.
- Q Is that the term that is used -- "staff agent"?

A Yes.

new law that I don't -- when it is going to be, you know, into effect, with regard to the disclosures and things with regard about names and things like that, and I hope that you will not be, you know, push me into, up into the wall about disclosing names of.

C.I.A. agents or anything like that along those lines,

because I will be breaking the law, which I am not intending to do.

I want to point out to you that there is a law going into effect. I don't know when or where.

It's all over the papers. You should know that. Everybody knows that; okay?

Q For your own edification, there is no such law presently in effect, and if it is passed by the Congress, it will apply only to public disclosure in any mass medium, which is to say, in the newspaper or a television or in a radio broadcast. This is not public disclosure, but in any event, there is no such law, and I don't even know if it will become pertinent.

MS. COHAN: In any event, I will object to the privilege if it comes to pass.

MR. CARHART: Privilege of what?

MS. COHAN: National security.

MR.WILLIAMS: Executive privilege. It doesn't work for the president, but it may work for the State Attorney in Dade County.

BY MR. WILLIAMS:

Q When you signed on as a contract agent for this affair or undertaking in the Belgium Congo, for how long was your contract?

A Duration of the war.

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I was -- it would have last forever.

Q During that period of time, were you being paid directly by the Central Intelligence Agency, or were you being paid through some Conduit or front that they had established?

A The money was deposited at a savings account that it was open by the support agents down here in Miami under the name of my first wife.

Q Was the money with the deposits being made in the form of checks drawn on the Treasury of the United States or --

A That, I don't know. Reflected in her savings account book or whatever it was.

Mr. Morales, and it's a convenient spot at which to do it -- you have come to be aware; have you not, sir, of certain incidents that have recently taken place involving people who are defendants or who were defendants in this case; specifically, one Rafael Villaverde? Have you recently come to be aware of a situation that occurred involving Rafael Villaverde?

A Yes, of course.

Q Have you heard that Mr. Villaverde is lost and apparently presumed dead at sea as a result of a boating accident?

MS. COHAN: Objection. Hearsay. 1 You may answer. 2 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 3 Have you heard that? It's all over the papers. 5 Is that a yes? 6 MS. COHAN: I believe so. 7 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 8 Have you spoken directly with any of the 9 defendants in this case or any relatives of any of the 10 defendants in this case or any relatives of people who, 11 up until the time of their death, had been defendants 12 in this case about or concerning Rafael Villaverde and 13 his apparent loss at sea? Have you spoken to anyone 14 about that? 15 Objection. Compound question. MS. COHAN: 16 Please rephrase as to each individual 17 18 category. 19 BY MR. WILLIAMS: Do you understand the question, Ricky? 20 It's so lengthy that, as I pointed out to 21 you before, you break it down, and I will give you yes 22 23 or no. Let me break it down. 24

Have you spoken with any of the defendants

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in this case any time since Friday morning, let's say, 9:00 o'clock on April the 2nd about or in any way concerning Rafael Villaverde's disappearance and death?

A Negative.

Q Have you spoken with any of the defendants in this case at all since the fact of Mr. Villaverde's apparent disappearance and death was first discovered or made know about that fact or anything related to it?

A Negative.

Q Have you spoken with any of the relatives of any of the defendants in this case, which is to say, the husband or wife, as the case may be, of any defendant, the children of any defendant, the parents of any defendant, the brothers, sisters, any relatives of any defendants?

A Negative.

Q (Continuing) -- about the fact of

Rafael Villaverde's disappearance or anything related
to it?

A Negative.

Q Have you spoken to any such people about anything at all since Wednesday of last week?

A To whom?

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1	Q Any relative or any defendant?
2	A Negative.
3	Q Have you spoken to any member of Rafael
4	Villaverde's family at all since Wednesday of last
5	week?
6	A I already answered that question.
7	Q No, I am asking specifically
8	MS. COHAN: Wednesday of last week?
9	THE WITNESS: Negative.
10	BY MR. WILLIAMS:
11	Q I am asking you specifically if you spoke
12	to any
13	A Negative.
14	Q Shush.
15	A Don't shush me, Douglas. Then, we will
16	start arguing against each other.
17	I am in a very good mood today, Douglas.
18	Don't shush me.
19	Q We have to have a full question in the
20	record before you answer, so will you let me finish my
21	question before you answer?
22	A Then, you will let me finish my answers?
23	Q If it's appropriate.
24	A It's appropriate.
25	Q The question is, have you spoken with any

1	member of Rafael Villaverde's family specifically
2	since Wednesday of last week?
3	A Negative.
4	Q Mr. Morales, how long have you known any
5	of the Villaverde brothers?
6	A The whole family?
7	Q Yes.
8	A We were from the same neighborhood.
9	Q In Cuba, in Havana?
10	A Uh huh, Havana.
11	Q Which members of the Villaverde family
12	have you known personally over the years since living
13	near them in Cuba?
14	A Since when?
15	Q From whenever you began to know them?
16	MR. CARHART: Let's put a date into that.
17	When you say you are from the same
18	neighborhood, do you mean you've known them since
19	childhood at least some of the members of the
20	Villaverde family?
21	THE WITNESS: The household, when you
22	grow up in a neighborhood
23	MR. WILLIAMS: Since your childhood?
24	THE WITNESS: Yes.
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BY MR. WILLIAMS: 1 Whom have you known in that fashion --2 which of the members of the family? 3 A Well, the priest. 0 What's his name? 5 Well, Father Villaverde. A At one point, it was my confessor. Do you know his first name? Q Father Villaverde. A 9 Well, do you know his Christian name, 10 his given name? 11 No, sir, Father Villaverde. A 12. Raul, Rafael, Jorge, and I believe that I 13 was aware that there was a sister. 14 But, in any event, you have known them all, Q 15 the ones whom you have mentioned, since your childhood 16 in Havana? 17 Α El Vedado. 18 Q So, you've known them all since childhood 19 there? 20 I was aware, and they were there. 21 22 Here's what I need to know, Ricky, I mean, 23 it's one thing to be aware of the existence of somebody 24 else, and it's another thing to have an ongoing 25 acquaintanceship or friendship with them.

1	A Yes, you say hello to the kids, you know,
2	driving your bicycle by. I had a normal childhood.
3	I believe in Santa Claus.
4	Q Were you friendly with any of the Villaverde
5	brothers during childhood, or did you just have an
6	acquaintanceship with them?
7	A Sort of acquaintanceship.
8	Q Has there ever been a time when you would
9	describe your relationship with any one or more of
10	the Villaverde family as being antagonistic or
11	hostile?
12	A Yes and no. It's the ups and down in
13	life.
14	Q So, there have been sometimes
15	A After we were grownups. Not to the point
16	of, you know, cutting throats or anything like that.
17	Q Of the various members of the Villaverde
18	family whom you have known, with whom did you ever have
19	now and again or from time to time, a hostile relation
20	ship or an unfriendly relationship?
21	A With none of them.
22	Q I just asked you a minute ago whether
23	there were times when you had an unfriendly relation-
24	ship, and you said yes or no from time to time?
25	A From time to time, friends, you know, tend

to disagree into something or stop, you know, stop talking to each other for, you know, maybe two, three weeks, you know.

"I don't want to talk to you today. I disagree on this and that with everybody".

It's not a seriousness that you are trying to convey into my mouth. It never happened.

Q Was there ever a time when you took some affirmative step or purposeful action toward harming or disadvantaging any member of the Villaverde family or trying to do something that will hurt, not necessarily physically, but hurt, in any way, hurt the interests of any member of the Villaverde family?

A No.

Q At the time of the Castro revolution in Cuba, did you hold any kind of employment either immediately prior to the revolution or immediately after the revolution with the Fidel Castro organization?

- A I already answered to you that question.
- Q What was your answer?

 MS. COHAN: Objection.

Can you read back the question, Joycee?

(Whereupon, the question referred to was read into the record by the court reporter.)

MR. WILLIAMS: I suppose the record should

reflect that the witness has gotten up and walked out 1 2 of the room. 3 MS. COHAN: And will return. MR. WILLIAMS: I assume that he will. MS. COHAN: And we will take this oppor-5 tunity for a brief recess. 6 7 MR. CARHART: What is the purpose of the 8 witness leaving the room -- to confer with you? 9 MS. COHAN: I assume the same as me. 10 have to go to the restroom. 11 (Off the record.) 12 MS. COHAN: You may answer. 13 THE WITNESS: 14 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 15 What was that employment, please? 0 16 I was a member of the Military Intelligence, 17 Special Agent. 18 MR. CARHART: From what date to what date? 19 MS. COHAN: Objection. 20 MR. CARHART: If Mr. Williams doesn't cover 21 that, then, I have no objections to you coming in, 22 but I don't want any double double teaming. 23 MR. CARHART: You don't want him double 24 teamed? Okay. 25 Ask the date from what date to what date,

Douglas. 1 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 2 What were the dates of your employment, Q 3 please? September, 1959 until, let's say, that I 5 went underground in the summer of 1960, on or about July. 7 Did you go underground by breaking your 8 ties with the Castro government? 9 Of course. 10 How did you do that? 11 To go underground? A 12 Did you stay in Cuba? Yes. Q 13 From one place to another. Safe houses. 14 A They were chasing me all over Havana. 15 Was the agency or department in which you 16 were employed the one called G2? 17 It was called the D.I.E.R. first. A Then, 18 they switched names to G2. 19 What do the letters D.I.E.R. specify? 20 Departmento de Inteligencia del Ejercito 21 22 Rebelde. 23 What was the business or the function of D.I.E.R. or G2 -- whichever? That was the purpose? 24 25 It's a political police.

1	Q What specifically was it aimed or targeted
2	at doing?
3	A The opposition.
4	Q To do what to them?
5	A To the opposition to the government.
6	Q What was it supposed to do to the opposition?
7	Did it find them or exterminate them or what?
8	A My position was to uncover subversive organi-
9	zations at the beginning, especially the members of
10	the already overthrown dictatorship of General
11	Batista.
12	Q How did you come to first hold the position
13	in whatever the forerunner of D.I.E.R. was before
14	Castro came to power?
15	A There was no information runner to D.I.E.R.
16	The G2 came afterwards.
17	Q Then, your employment with that agency
18	began after Castro had seized power of Cuba?
19	A That is right.
20	Q There was a court system of some kind set
21	up in Cuba after the revolution; wasn't there?
22	A (No response.)
23	Q Shortly after the revolution?
24	A Sure.
25	Q As I recall, the court system consisted of

what would be called military tribunals? 1 That is right. 2 Α And the Courts would convene for the purpose 3 of trying such as it was the charges that were 5 lodged against people who were accused of being disloyal to the incoming revolutionary establishment; 6 is that correct? 7 8 A It's incorrect about the disloyalty. It is correct about whoever was opposing them. 9 10 If I substitute the word "opposition" for 11 "disloyalty," would that make it correct, then? 12 Α Yes, sir. 13 In other words, people who were accused Q 14 of doing acts or engaging in conduct that was in 15 opposition to the revolution; is that correct? 16 Α That is correct. 17 Were the courts that were established 18 immediately following the revolution courts that 19 depended upon the testimony of live witnesses in order 20 to present and decide the charges against individuals 21 who were accused? 22 Yes, sir, because the military tribunals 23 were the ones deciding what kind of charges would be 24 brought up against whoever was being accused or whoever

had been caught during the commission of overt acts

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charges that were ever filed against any member of

the Villaverde family?

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Α No, sir. 1 Did you ever participate, in any way, 2 either directly or indirectly in any phase of a 3 prosecution against any member of the Villaverde family in which that person was charged with any kind of conduct against or contrary to the interests of the Castro organization? Α Negative. Are you able to remember the two trials 0 10 or proceedings in which you did testify? Fairly. 11 A 12 Are you able to remember the names of the Q 13 persons who were the accused in those proceedings? 14 The first proceedings, there was a A 15 former sergeant from the Intelligence Department. 16 0 What was his name? 17 Last name, the best that I can remember, Α 18 was Tasis. 19 What was that person charged with? Q 20 Subversive activities, intent to hijacking. A 21 Was he convicted? Q 22 Oh, yes. A 23 Q What became of him? 24 He served his time, and eventually, he came A

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over to the United States.

- Q What part did you play in his prosecution?
- A I was a witness to the government.
- Q Had you also participated in the gathering of evidence against him prior to the convening of the tribunal?
 - A Some of it.
- Q Who was, or who were the accused in the other proceeding that you can recall if you are able to recall?
- A In the other proceeding, there was a bunch of employees of Cubana Aviacion.
 - Q Do you remember who they were, particularly?
- A They were so many. It was a mass operation that took place at Havana Airport, which where I was stationed at the time, and there was mass defection of pilots and sabotages spread out throughout the aircraft and of the airport facilities, and I participated in the investigation and collection of evidence in the arrests.
- Q Do you remember the names, specifically, of any people who were charged in connection with this general situation?
- A Let me jog my memory for a while, so I might come up with a few names.

Not offhand now, Douglas. You know --

Q Are you aware of the fact that the Villaverde brother named Jorge eventually was prosecuted and convicted of some offense against the Castro government resulting in his having been imprisoned for approximately eighteen years?

A Yes, I do.

Q Did you have any part or participation in any aspect of any part of the process as a result of which Jorge Villaverde was investigated, arrested, prosecuted, convicted, or imprisoned -- any part?

A No is the answer to the investigation.

No is the answer to the arrest because by the time that he was arrested, I was already in the Brazilian Embassy, and whatever happened afterwards, I wasn't there.

Q So, you had no participation in any of that?

A Not at all.

I recall something. I never testified because I mentioned before that I testified twice when there was an Intelligence agent down there, and I want to correct myself because by the time that the airline, the Cuban airline case came up for trial, I was already in the Brazilian Embassy or in the United States by the time that they faced the military

tribunal to -- I want to correct myself. 1 So, you did not testify there? Ω 2 No, I never testified there. Α 3 Some of the people testified -- you know, O whoever they were, you know, but I was not there. 5 You said you were already in the Brazilian 6 Embassy or already in the United States? 7 Α Whatever. 8 One of the two? 9 Whatever comes first. 10 Best of my ability to jog my memory now, 11 when they come up to trial, I believe that I was 12 already here in the States. 13 MR. CARHART: Douglas, you asked, but he 14 did not really answer as to how he came to be a 15 member of the D.I.E.R., also known as G2. 16 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, I had asked him that, 17 we hadn't covered it completely. 18 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 19 How did you come to be a member of an 20 agent of the D.I.E.R.? 21 22 Based upon a letter of recommendation of a personal friend of mine who was a major and who was 23 the head of the Intelligence Department of the 24 national, Cuban National Police, and instead of he 25

Angola to fight; is that correct? 1 It's obvious. 2 I just needed to be stated for the record, 3 anyway. It's obvious. Α 5 Is that correct, sir? Q That is correct. A 7 Are there any persons whom you know or 8 believe to be relatives of Diaz Arguiles who presently 9 live in the United States? 10 Not to my knowledge. 11 What kind of training did you get, 12 13 Mr. Morales, when you first signed on with D.I.E.R.? At the beginning, none. 14 15 Just, "Here's a badge, here's a gun, Q 16 go out and do it"? 17 That is right. 18 So, you were kind of self-taught from the beginning; is that it? 19 20 Street wise. I learned, you know. 21 Nobody was really capable of performing 22 that kind of profession in the sense of having received 23 a formal training before getting into that kind of a 24 situation, so I have to learn over the road, on the

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1	Q What kind of training had you gotten
2	before just
3	A Before what?
4	O I thought you said that you had gotten
5	some kind of training before?
6	A Before what?
7	Q Joining D.I.E.R.?
8	A Never.
9	No, no, no. Douglas, Douglas, I answered
10	no, so why you have to go backtrack again with the
,11 ,	same question?
12	Q Because I thought you said something
13	contrary.
14	A Oh, you thought?
15	Q Now, here's the question: When you were
16	living in Havana before the revolution during your
17	early, middle teen years, was your family what would
18	be described as affluent or not affluent?
19 20	A My father was a judge for forty years,
20	and he died on the Bench, and my grandfather was
22	a Chief Justice of the Provence of Havana.
23	Q So, when you joined D.I.E.R., G2, you were
24	just starting from scratch and learning as you went?
25	A That is correct.

Q Did the time come when you got any kind of

formal training?

A Yes, we were sent to school in the outskirts of Havana where we were taught the basics, you know, of investigation, procedures, and very few things. Not that many compared with the perspective of the training that I got afterwards.

Q Did you have any contact with the Villaverde family either immediately prior to the revolution or subsequently to the revolution until you left Havana and came to the United States?

A A few occasions saying hello to them in the neighborhood.

- Q Who of them would you see?
- A All of them.

I used to hang out at the Woolworth, the 5 and 10 store, that it was a gathering place for all the kids in the neighborhood, and they lived a half a block away from there, and every time that said -- hello, hello, hello, and that's it.

Q So, you continued to see them after the revolution?

A I saw them on several occasions and the father -- I mean, not the father, the one who is a priest.

I was involved in an accident while I was

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riding one of the G2 patrol cars. You know, it was a complete mess, and I broke my pelvis, you know, and things like that, and when I was transported to a hospital close to the airport, and I came back to my senses again, there was him there, you know, and since I thought that I was going to die, he was my confessor, and he kept visiting me after I was in the proceeding.

MR. CARHART: I am listening to you,
Mr. Morales.

MR. WILLIAMS: I am listening to everything you are saying.

MR. CARHART: The court reporter is taking it.

THE WITNESS: And afterwards, when I went to the Brazilian Embassy, Father Villaverde visited me there on several occasions, and he was taking my confession.

BY MR. WILLIAMS:

Q Since coming to the United States, have you had any encounters of any sort, whether in person or over the telephone, with any member of the Villaverde family that was a negative or hostile or antagonist sort?

1	Q	Do you know a man by the name of Carlos
2	Lopez Ona?	
3	A	Of course.
4	Q	Who and what is he?
5	A	Oh, I used to enjoy him so much for fifteen
6	years, you	know. Several times we have been even
7	roommates.	
8	Q	Where does he live presently?
9	A	In Foutainbleau Boulevard, Fountainbleau
10	Park.	
11	Q	Oh, here in Miami?
12	A	Yes.
13	Q	Do you know how old he is approximately,
14	now?	
15	A	Oh, Carlos is over fifty.
16	Q	Do you know what he does for a living?
17	A	He has a pest control.
18	Q	Have you, in the past year, had any arguments
19	or disagree	ements with Mr. Lopez Ona?
20		MS. COHAN: Objection as to the relevance
21	and materia	ality to this case.
22		You may answer it.
23		MR. WILLIAMS: Lawyers put legal objections
24	in the rece	ord quite frequently that have nothing to
25	do with you	1

What shall I do now? THE WITNESS: 1 MS. COHAN: Answer. 2 MR. WILLIAMS: Answer. 3 BY MR. WILLIAMS: Have you had any fight or argument or 5 disagreement with Carlos Lopez Ona within the past 6 year? 7 Carlos is my friend. I am his friend. Α 8 Is that a yes or no, Mr. Morales? 0 That is a no. 10 Have you ever had any conversations with Q 11 Lopez Ona pertaining to any member of the Villaverde 12 family in the course of which you made any statements 13 indicating an intention to do harm to any Villaverde? 14 A Bodily harm? 15 Any kind of harm? Q 16 Bodily harm? That's the only harm that I, Α 17 you know, can understand from you. 18 Well, Mr. Morales --Q 19 Α Because a raspberry is a mental harm. 20 -All depends on how you pick it. 21 If somebody blows up your car, even if you 22 23 aren't the one in it, then, that's a kind of harm; isn't it? You don't regard that as being harmful? 24 25 Α Having your car broken up? Yes, that was

harmful to me, but I can never make any kind --

Q You are asking me now if I meant bodily harm, and I am saying, any kind of harm whether bodily or not.

Have you ever engaged in conversations with Lopez Ona in the course of which you discussed the doing of any harm to any member of the Villaverde family?

A No, sir.

CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION
BY MR. CARHART:

Q Earlier, Mr. Williams asked you about whether you had conversations with anyone since Wednesday.

Have you left any phone messages for anyone regarding the Villaverdes regarding this case?

A With regard to Carlos Lopez Ona, yes, I called over his, you know, tape recording machine, and I made some sort of a statement with regard that, you know, whatever disagreements, you know, I might have with him, you know, with them, that I really felt, you know, shocked, or you know, disappointment.

You might say that I really have feelings about him not being around, that I --

Q Who not being around?

people getting disenchanted with the communist movement.

MS. COHAN: Sure (handing to the witness).

1 THE WITNESS: You want a rundown of 2 everyone? Okay. 3 Roberto Ortega, the Villaverdes --4 BY MR. CARHART: 5 Excuse me. Let's go one at a time. You knew Roberto Ortega in Cuba? 6 7 We were classmates. Α 8 At what level, what school, for example? 9 Classmates. 10 I understand that, but you went to more 11 than one school; didn't you? 12 A Huh? 13 You went to more than one school; didn't 14 you? 15 Of course, in La Salle School. A 16 At what level are we talking about -- primary 17 school? Are we talking about high school? 18 Primary, grammer, and at least one year in 19 high school, I believe. 20 So, you've known him most of your life? Q 21 Most of my childhood. Α 22 Who else? Q 23 As far as I can see here, nobody else 24 besides the Villaverdes and Roberto. 25 MS. COHAN: For the record, he is currently

looking at the cover sheet on the new Information, which is not inclusive of those defendants who were 2 on the old Information, which I will now get. 3 BY MR. CARHART: Of the four Villaverde brothers, which one 5 were you closest to, would you say? 6 7 In what span of time? Α 8 Well, let's start out in Havana. No, no. A 10 Well, in Havana, the priest. 11 Since, you know, I made my confession to 12 him, you might say that I was closer to him than to 13 the other ones. 14 Aside from the fact that he assisted you 15 in the performance of his clerical duties, which 16 brother would you say you were closest to? 17 To none. A 18 You were only casually acquainted with all 19 of them? 20 You might say that. A 21 Pardon? 22 Yes. 23 After coming to the United States, which one were you closest to? 25 Α Rafael.

1	Q Did you see Jorge anytime while he was
2	in the custody of the Cuban government?
3	A No.
4	Q Did you have any communication with him?
5	A No.
6	MS. COHAN: Ricardo, I have files over
7	here with names. I don't know where my list is.
8	MR. CARHART: Do you want to show him the
9	box?
10	MS. COHAN: Yes.
11	Victor Angulo, Juan Abuchaibe, Vernon
12	Appleby, Alfredo Arias, Joseph M. Bernal, Porfirio
13	Bonet, David Butler, Louis Caporaso
14	MR. WILLIAMS: Slow down, Rina.
15	MS. COHAN: I assume he will stop
16	Alejandro Ceballos, Frank Condom-Gil
17	THE WITNESS: Oh, Frank well, not Frank.
18	I am sorry. Not Frank.
19	I was aware of Frank's presence, but I
20	knew Ronnie, his brother. He worked at the same spot
21	that I was working in Cuba.
22	BY MR. CARHART:
23	Q Where was that?
24	A Havana International Airport. He was
25	a Customs agent there at the time that I was a G2

1 agent there. 2 Okay, but --But his name is not in the first list. 3 I understand that. That's why we are supplementing that list. 5 MS. COHAN: Julio Cornell, Rene De La Paz, 6 Osvaldo De La Vega, Raul Diaz -- different one --7 8 Eduardo, a/k/a Pedro, Jose A. Fernandez, Juan B. 9 Fernandez, Miguel Fernandez, Nereida Fernandez, 10 Roger Fernandez --11 THE WITNESS: Oh, Roger Fernandez, yes. 12 BY MR. CARHART: 13 How do you know him? Q 14 Α Rogito? He was part of the neighborhood. 15 So, you knew him from your childhood? 16 Oh, yes, very well. 17 All right. 18 MS. COHAN: Alberto Garcia, Bernardo 19 Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Eloy Garcia, Lucila Garcia, 20 Walfrido Gill, Esther Hernandez, James Hunter, David 21 Johnson, Carlos Luis, Jairo Londono, Jose Marcos, 22 Manuel Perez, Ramon Puentes -- that's it -- Carlos 23 Ouesada. 24 BY MR. CARHART:

Q So, you have told us all the people you

1 in June of --2 Well, it was not D.I.E.R. It was G2 by A 3 that time. 4 0 Okay. You left G2 when? 5 Α July, on or about July. 6 Of what year? Q 7 Α 1960. 8 Where did you go, then? Q 9 Α Safe houses. 10 In Havana? 11 In Havana, and eventually, in September, Α 12 I was able to obtain political asylum at the Brazilian 13 Embassy. 14 Where did that lead you to? 15 That led me to 82 days of nightmare, and 16 eventually, to a flight in Pan American to Miami, 17 Pan American Airlines to Miami. 18 What do you mean by "82 days of nightmare"? Q 19 Do you mean you spent that time in the Brazilian 20 Embassy? 21 A That is correct, sir. 22 Q Trying to get out of Cuba? 23 Α Waiting for a safe conduct. 24 Q What was nightmarish about it other than 25 the stress, perhaps, of waiting to succeed in

removing yourself from the country? Were you 1 accused there, for example? 2 There were the milicia people marching Α 3 around the embassy compound screaming, you know, "Paredon. Paredon ". That means, the fighting, 5 traitors, and things like that on a daily basis. 6 BY MR. CARHART: 7 Were you interrogated or in any way 8 0 9 accused in the Brazilian Embassy while you were there? A No. 10 Are you armed at this time? 11 No, sir (indicating). 12 Α 13 MS. COHAN: Sit down, Ricardo. 14 MR. CARHART: All you have to do is 15 answer that question. BY MR. CARHART: 16 17 Have you had any conversations with any 18 member of the State Attorney's Office or the Miami 19 Police Department or any other police agency since 20 your deposition ended on Friday afternoon? 21 I have been in touch with Diosdado Diaz. 22 Q Anyone else? 23 Raul Diaz. Α 24 Is that the gentleman with the Public 25 Safety Department?

1	A Lieutenant Raul Diaz.
2	Q With the Public Safety Department?
3	A Homicide.
4	Q Who else?
5	A Puig, Raul Puig.
6	Q He's a Miami Police Officer?
7	A Over there (indicating).
8	MR. WILLIAMS: The record should reflect,
9	by the way, that investigator Raul Puig is sitting
10	just beyond the next door in the adjacent room.
11	MR. CARHART: Within earshot.
12	MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.
13	BY MR. CARHART:
14	Q Okay. Anyone else?
15	A After the deposition?
16	Q On Friday, yes, sir.
17	A On Friday, Ms. Cohan.
18	Q Anyone else?
19	A Puig, Diosdado, Raul, Rina.
20	I believe that covers it.
21	Q Did you have any discussions about this
22	case or your testimony or the facts of this case?
23	A The main discussion that it was.
24	Q If you will, if you will answer that yes
25	or no. and then, if you want to explain. I will be

1	happy to let you.
2	A No, sir.
3.	Q Okay.
4	You had no discussion regarding the case
5	or its facts?
6	A No.
7	Q When did your deposition start?
8	A When did the deposition start? Two days
9	ago. You mean
10	Q Thursday morning?
11	A Thursday morning, I believe it was.
12	Q Since the start of the deposition, have
13	you had any discussions or conversations with any
14	member of the State Attorney's Office or the
15	Miami Police Department or any other law enforcement
16	agency regarding the case, your testimony, or the
17	facts in the case?
18	A No, sir.
19	Q What was the nature of your conversation
20	with Raul Diaz?
21	A Raul Diaz show up, with the nature, the
22	main conversation was about the so-called disappearance
23	of Rafael Villaverde.
24	That was a big conference, conversation,

of course, for the past four days.

.	Q	Have you reviewed any documents or papers
2	or photogra	phs since you commenced your deposition?
3	A	Yes.
4	Q	Where was that done?
5	A	Huh?
6	Q	Where was that done?
7	A	Well, first, I just reviewed one right
8	now.	
9	Q	You mean, by looking at the Information
10	Face Sheet?	
11	A	Right, right.
12	Q	Anything else?
13	A	No, nothing else.
14	Q	Do you have any notes or any records
15	containing	your own notes or your own statements
16	pertaining	to this case?
17	A	The one that I made at the last day was
18	legal yo	ou know, like this one (indicating).
19		After I walked out of the office, I
20	destroyed :	Lt.
21	Q	You are referring to a legal pad?
22	A	Yes, I am referring to the legal pad.
23	Q	Notes that you took during questions in
24	the deposi-	tion?
25	1	What is right. The way that I am doing

1 today. 2 All right. 0 3 Any other documents or notes or reports 4 or records pertaining to the tape that you have in 5 your possession? 6 A Yes. 7 Can you describe them for me? 8 Α Is the -- how you call those forms that 9 pertain to my depositions of my testimony with Ms. 10 Cohan and Officer Diaz and --11 Do you have transcripts or copies of those Q 12 statements that you gave? 13 Yes, I have copies. Α 14 0 Copies of what -- transcripts or tapes or 15 what? 16 No, No tapes. I don't have any tapes in Α 17 my possession. 18 What I have is the same papers that you 19 guys -you know, you got. 20 Q Well, I have a lot of papers. 21 MS. COHAN: Referring to a sworn statement 22 taken on December 16th. 23 BY MR. CARHART: 24 You have a transcript of your sworn 25 statement that you gave to Ms. Cohan?

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MR. CARHART: Okay.

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A Yes and no. 1 Can you explain that to me? 0 2 Yes and no. A 3 Q Okay. Α Let's say that you stuck me with one 5 subject, and then, you go into another subject. 6 That doesn't mean it's necessarily that has anything 7 to do with the first subject. 8 No, I wasn't asking you whether there was Q 9 an affinity between the subjects. I was asking you 10 if there was affinity in the time. 11 Did you give the information upon which 12 you were interrogated in the second polygraph at 13 approximately the same time you gave the information 14 which was the subject of interrogation on the first 15 polygraph? 16 Well, again, yes and no. A In regards to 17 the space and time, yes, sir, and no. 18 My understanding is the information that 19 was the subject of interrogation and the first 20 polygraph was given by you in November and December 21 of 1980 and January of 1981; is that correct? 22 23 A It's fairly correct. The information you were interrogated 24 Q

on in the second polygraph, when did you give that?

In the course of those three months that 1 you already mentioned. 2 I believe that I answered your question, 3 Mr. Carhart. 4 Well, of course, the record will reflect 5 whether you did or not. I wasn't aware that you had. 6 Did you give any other information 7 regarding -- well, let me set the question up, so you 8 will understand what I am saying. 9 Is it your contention that the information 10 you were interrogated on in a second polygraph, 11 although given during the same time period, did not 12 relate to the information concerning Ortega, Quesada, 13 the Villaverdes, and whatnot; is that your contention? 14 15 As far as I've been instructed by the State Α Attorney's Office, that is correct. 16 17 I am not interested in their instruction. 18 I am asking you as to your knowledge. 19 Α Yes. 20 Did you give them any other information 21 concerning other "unrelated areas" during the same 22 period of time? 23 Yes. Α 24 Were you polygraphed as to those? 25 No, I was polygraphed --Α

Mr. Carhart, that you no make it --

Well, the problem with that is because you

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are withholding information from me.

A So, I am no withholding information from you. I am just telling you that I never count how many matters, or you know, what the matter applies to or what.

MR. WILLIAMS: Ricky, as you sit here now THE WITNESS: Now, if, you know -- wait,
wait, wait.

MS. COHAN: Mr. Williams, I will object.
Mr. Carhart is doing this line of questioning.

MR. WILLIAMS: Let me just see if we can straighten this area out.

As you sit here now, can you think back in your head and segment or separate the different specific episodes or situations that were the subject of that second polygraph examination?

THE WITNESS: I can't, Douglas. I can't.

BY MR. CARHART:

Q Were you given any other polygraphs at the request of the State Attorney's Office during this period of time -- I'm talking about November of 1980 through, let's say, February of 1981, other than the two we have discussed here this morning?

- A No, Mr. Carhart.
- Q Had you ever taken a polygraph examination

1	before you	took one at the request of the State
2	Attorney's	Office in this time period?
3	A	Oh, yes.
4	Q	When is the first time you ever took
5	a polygraph	n examination?
6	A,	C.I.A., I believe.
7	Q	Pardon me?
8	A	The C.I.A.
9	Q	When?
10	A	Maybe 1963, 1962, 1963.
11	Q	Before you gave the or submitted to the
12	two polygra	aph examinations, what was that December
13	of 1980 wa	s the first one?
14	A	Whenever it was. One or about.
15	~ Q	The one with Mr. Dixon?
16	A	Yes, Mr. Dixon.
17	Q	How many times would you say you've
18	been polyg	raphed before that?
19	A	I would say at least on a couple of
20	occasions.	
21	Q	When you say a couple, are you meaning two
22	A	Yes, I'm meaning two.
23	Q	Had you ever submitted to any polygraph
24	examinatio	ns at the request of the representatives
25	of the Uni	ted States Government?

Α Yes. 1 For example, you're familiar with an 2 investigation in 1978-1979 in which Mr. Quesada started 3 out as the principal of the -- one of the principal targets; is that correct? 5 That is right. 6 Did you submit to any polygraph examinations 7 during the course of that investigation? 8 Α No, sir. 9 Have you ever received any training in 10 administering polygraph examinations? 11 Not exactly, but I have been present while Α 12 polygraph examinations have been administered several 13 occasions. 14 15 In the course of what duties -- duties with the Venezuelan government, duties with the 16 17 United States government, duties with the Cuban 18 government? 19 Duties with the Venezuelan government. 20 To go back to my question, have you 21 actually received any formal training in the art 22 of polygraph?

A Not the formal training.

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Q Informal training, which somebody outlined for you the principles and techniques used?

A Of course.

Q When and where did you receive that type of informal training?

A It's not informal training.

You cannot -- I'm sorry, Mr. Carhart, you know, don't put words in my mouth.

That was not considered and is not considered an informal training. It's just that there were persons who are qualified polygraph technicians who were administering polygraph tests to individuals, and I was there, and since I was there, I took the interest in asking questions to the individual how you do this, how you do that, how this works, you know, things like that.

Q What individual are you speaking of?

A Oh, I am speaking about an Israeli agent, and I am speaking about an American polygraph technician.

Q When did you get this information from the Israeli technician?

A During the course of the examination of one of the hijackers of an Air France Airliner that belonged to the F.L.P.L. Organization of Dr. George Habash.

MR. WILLIAMS: George Habash?

THE WITNESS: You don't know who George Habash is?

MR. WILLIAMS: Spell it to her, please.

THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. You should know how to spell.

MR. WILLIAMS: Spell your word for the record, please.

THE WITNESS: Okay. H-a-b-a-s-h.

H-a-b-a-s-h, Dr. George, so this individual, he was one of a member of that radical group from the P.L.O., and he participated in some sort of a massacre at the Oralee Airport in Paris in 1975, and he was caught in Venezuela by DISIP, and an Israeli agent was sent down there to interrogate this individual, and part of the interrogation was the transmission of a polygraph test.

BY MR. CARHART:

Q Can you name some other occasions where you had the opportunity to witness or participate in polygraph examinations?

A Yes. During the course of the Niehaus kidnapping, it was the first time that I actually, I do believe, that that kind of technique was employed since the nature of the kidnapping of this

industrialist down there, so, it was administered 1 to the employees of the Owens-Illinois Corporation 2 in Venezuela. 3 Would you give me a date on that? Q 4 Niehaus was kidnapped in February, so I Α 5 don't know -- early 1970's. 1976, too. 6 Any other occasions? O 7 No, sir. Α 8 Have you done any reading on your own in 9 the literature of polygraph? 10 No. sir. 11 Any of these training schools that you went 12 to in the course of your life where a portion of the 13 training school was devoted to interrogation 14 techniques including polygraph exams? 15 I have to answer that question in two 16 parts, because I have received training in interroga-17 tion techniques, but I never received any kind of a 18 19 training in polygraph. Q So, the answer is no? 20 To the polygraph. _ 21 22 Q For the polygraph, and on the two occasions 23 that you say you participated in people being interrogated by polygraph, did you find the results 24 to be satisfactory? Did you find them to be an 25

effective means of interrogation?

A The results of the Israelis -- I was not privileged to that.

Did I say anything funny? Just to join you?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, I was thinking about
the way in which the Israeli agent probably conducted
his interrogation of this fellow.

THE WITNESS: I join. I join in that.

BY MR. CARHART:

- Q Well, did he use other techniques other than polygraph?
 - A Who?
 - Q The Israeli agent?

A No, and the results of the Owens-Illinois employees -- those were privileged of the corporation down there, and the DISIP was informed. Well, actually, we never got the results because there was a development in the case that cleared up any participation by employees of the corporation in the kidnapping, so what I am trying to explain to you is that at the same time that the polygraph was going on, we picked up, you know, the proper lead to the kidnappers.

Q Other developments made it unnecessary for you to rely upon the polygraph examination; is that

correct? 1 Α Huh? 2 Q Other factors made it unnecessary for you 3 to rely upon the results of the polygraph examination? That is correct. Nevertheless, did you form any opinion as 6 to the efficacies of such an examination? 7 Oh, I do have made my mind up, my mind about 8 polygraph tests throughout the years. 9 What is your opinion of them? 10 A They are very, very effective. 11 Q Any qualifications on that? 12 Qualifications on that? A 13 Yes. Q 14 I am not -- what do you mean? Hold on a 15 What do you mean -- "qualifications"? second. 16 I am asking for your views. 17 Q My views? 18 Α Yes, sir. 19 Q 20 My opinion is that they are effective. Period? 21 22 Period. Α 23 MR. WILLIAMS: What Mr. Carhart was asking 24 you, when you said qualifications, do you mean to

say that all the time, under any circumstance,

polygraph is effective, or do you think they are generally effective, but there are some situations in which they are not quite as good or some cases or some people -- something like that?

THE WITNESS: As far as I am concerned, they are effective. It is my opinion.

MR. WILLIAMS: Across the board?

THE WITNESS: Right across the board.

BY MR. CARHART:

- Q When Mr. Dixon gave you the first polygraph examination, did he indicate to you he thought you were being untruthful in any of your answers?
 - A Say that again, sir, if you don't mind?
- Q When Mr. Dixon gave you the first polygraph examination that he administered to you, did he tell you that he thought you were being untruthful as to any of the questions you were asked?
- A The results of the polygraph were never indicated to me by Mr. Dixon on or at any time during the course of his techniques.

You know, he indicated to me anything with regard to your question.

Q How about after the test was concluded? Di he advise you that he thought you had given deceptive answers to any of the questions that you were asked

·	during the exam:
2	A Not that I recall.
3	Q Did anyone else relate to you that Mr. Dixon
•	was of the opinion that you had given deceptive answers
5	to any of the questions asked during the first polygraph
6	examination that Dixon administered?
7	A Not until he made his report.
8	Q Then, did someone tell you that Dixon
9	believed you to be untruthful in some of your answers?
0	A That Dixon's reports what I was told,
1	it was his conclusions of the polygraph?
2	Q Right. When you received that report of
3	the contents of that report, was there a statement or
4	an indication by Mr. Dixon that he found you to be
5	untruthful as to some of the questions asked of you?
6	A Not to my knowledge.
7	Q No one has ever told you that Mr. Dixon
8	found you to be untruthful in any area?
9	A Not to my knowledge.
20	Q Who did you speak with regarding Mr. Dixon's
21	report?
22	A It's been common conversation among Rina,
23	D.C. Diaz, Raul Puig, and whatever law enforcement
24	people has been surrounding me in this kind of a
25	attuation

None of those persons told you that Dixon 0 1 found you to be untruthful in some of your responses? 2 Not to my knowledge. Α How about the second exam you were given? Q Were you told that any of your answers there were 5 deceptive in the opinion of Mr. Dixon? Not to my knowledge. 7 Did Mr. Dixon tell you he found your answers Q 8 or any of your answers to be deceptive in the second exam he administered to you? 10 He never discussed with me the results. Α 11 While Mr. Dixon was administering the exam 12 O 13 to you, he never related to you his opinions as to whether or not you were telling the truth? 14 No, sir. 15 Did Mr. Dixon record the exam; that is, his 16 questions asked of you and the answers given on a 17 18 tape recorder? 19 A Of course. Yes. 20 Q Did he record the interview you had with 21 him before you administered the exam? 22 I don't know that. A 23 0 Well, did you see a tape recorder? 24 A Oh, yes. 25 Q At some point, he turned on the tape

recorder; is that correct? 1 To change the cassettes and things like 2 that. 3 You know for at least a portion of the Q 4 examination, you were recorded? 5 I do believe that throughout the whole 6 examination, I was being recorded. 7 Did that include the interview prior to the 8 actual administration of the exam? 9 I will assume, yes. 10 Have you ever had the opportunity to listen 11 to those recordings? 12 Yes, I had. Α 13 When is the last time? 14 Let me finish. A 15 Sure. 0 16 Yes, I had the opportunity, but I didn't 17 do it. 18 Before Mr. Dixon administered the examination 0 19 to you, let's say, in December of 1980 --20 Whatever it was. 21 Right, pertaining to the Quesada or Ortega 22 matters, had you ever been asked by any other agency, 23 by any agency, to take a polygraph exam? 24 Prior to --Α 25

- Q Mr. Dixon administering one to you?
- A A request, official request?
- O Or informal?

A Or informal, yes, there was a time when the developing of this information that I was told that certain Mr. Richey would like to polygraph me with regard to the upcoming information.

- Q Who told you that?
- A Raul Diaz and Rina Cohan.
- Q Do you recall the date of that first request?
- A It was a week before -- actually, I met with Ms. Cohan at the Holiday Inn.
- Q Did you agree to take a polygraph exam the first time you were requested to take one?
- A Well, I agreed to take it, but I did not agree with the local polygraph people.

I didn't want any of the locals to be part of that examination, and I also made a remark about why they never polygraph, you know, some other witnesses. In my case, that they were never polygraphed before, given the information, and I was told that the guidelines now apply that anyone giving up any kind of information will have to be polygraphed.

Q So I understand you correctly, are you 1 saying that, initially, when requested by the State 2 Attorney's Office through Raul Diaz, you refused to 3 submit to a polygraph examination? No, sir, that is not true. That is 5 incorrect. 6 All right. 7 What I refused was to be polygraphed, as I 8 said before, and it's in the record, to be polygraphed 9 by the local people. 10 While you were refusing to be polygraphed 11 by the local people and making those observations 12 13 about other persons having been witnesses without 14 being polygraphed, did you agree that you would 15 submit to a polygraph examination? 16 A Oh, yes. 17 If the operator was the proper person? 18 Yes. Α 19 So, you never actually refused to submit Q 20 to a polygraph examination? 21 No, no, no. Never. 22 It was only the terms and conditions that 23 you had some disagreement about? 24 No, I never -- the only terms that I said

it was an outsider from the local polygraph community

1	down here, and I only make the remarks, as I mentioned
2	it before, that why they never did this to Fausto
3	Villar?
4	Q Do you know a man by the name of Carlos
5	Quesada?
6	A Of course.
7	Q When did you first meet Mr. Quesada?
8	A Mr. Quesada the first time?
9	MS. COHAN: Objection. Repetitious.
10	MR. WILLIAMS: No, we haven't done that.
11	THE WITNESS: Oh, yes we did.
12	MR. WILLIAMS: I don't recall that we have
13	done it, but in any event, it's absolutely harmless to
14	ask it again to set up the next line of questioning.
15	MS. COHAN: Go ahead and answer it.
16	THE WITNESS: Can I take a short break?
17	MS. COHAN: Sure. We can all take a short
18	break.
19	(Whereupon, a short recess was taken after
20	which the following proceedings were had:)
21	(The witness was sworn.)
22	CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION
23	BY MR. WILLIAMS:
24	Q Mr. Morales, I need to ask you a few more

questions about some of the things that have occurred

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in the past several years to which you have been a party before we get around to Mr. Quesada and Mr. Ortega at this time.

Do you remember all of the suggestions I made to you this morning concerning the way in which you might want to answer questions -- to tell me if there is anything that confuses you, and to tell --

- I will in the course of your questioning.
- Have you thought of anything that was taken from you in the way of testimony this morning which, upon reflection, you now think you have been inaccurate?
 - No, because I have not reflected. Α
- Well, I specifically invite you, at the Q beginning of every session, to take the opportunity to tell us if there is anything that you have rethought at any time with regard to which you want to make any corrections, and in default of your doing that, we will just let the record stand in its own condition.

How many times have you been arrested, please, sir?

- Four times.
- Would you please tell me the date of each and the place, sir, and then, we will get some more information about each one?

City of Miami Police Department. Α 1 With what were you charged, please, sir? Q 2 Possession of marijuana. A 3 By whom in 1979, please, sir? Q City of Miami Police Department. A 5 With what were you charged? Q Carrying a concealed firearm, weapon, or A 7 whatever. 8 0 Which? 9 CCF, I believe, or CCW. Α 10 Tell me, please, sir, in 1968, who was 11 the officer, or who were the officers who arrested 12 you? 13 Sergeant McCracken. A 14 That was Gene McCracken? 15 At the time, he was sergeant. Eugene, 16 I believe, Eugene McCracken. 17 In 1973, who was the arresting officer? Q 18 Actually, it was Gene McCracken again 19 Α because I was at his office again at the time. 20 Who was the lead investigator in that case, 21 Q the homicide case? 22 At the end, it was this fellow Martinez. 23 Α Walter Martinez? 24 Q Walter, uh huh, that is right. 25 Α

1	Ω Who was the arresting officer in April of
2	1978?
3	A Well, I was arrested by over a dozen P.S.D
4	Uniform guys.
5	Q Who was the lead investigator?
6	A In that case?
7	Q Yes.
8	A Sergeant Raul Martinez, and Customs Agent
9	Edward Mederos.
10	Q In 1979, please, sir?
11	A Officer by the last name, Uniform officer
12	by the name of Parra, P-a-r-r-a.
13	Q From the City of Miami, you said?
14	A Yes.
15	Q What was the factual basis of the 1968 bom
16	charge? What factually was the accusation made
17	against you?
18	A A bombing charge as far as I am concerned.
19	Q Yes, sir.
20	Were you charged with having placed an
21	explosive device someplace?
22	A Yes.
23	Q Where were you charged with having placed
24	the device?
25	A One of those little places that started

doing trade with the enemy, with Cuba, with the Cuban 1 government. 2 Which one? Located at West Flagler Street and 35th Avenue, I believe. It was either between 35th and 5 34th -- around that area there. 6 Do you remember the name of the establish-7 ment? 8 Has stayed out of my memory. 9 Do you remember the name of the owner or 10 owners of the establishment who obviously were the 11 target of the bomb; weren't they? I mean, they were 12 13 the ones who were trading? You are wrong in your assumption. You are 14 15 putting words in my mouth. 16 Okay. I don't want to put anything in 17 your mouth, Ricky. 18 Yes, you are, because they were not the 19 targets. I mean, the target was the office, the 20 space -- you know, the building, or whatever it was. 21 The bomb was intended to interfere with 22 the business of humans, I take it, who were trading 23 with Cuba; is that correct? 24 Ά Yes. 25 Who were those humans -- that's what I want

1 to know? 2 A. I don't know who were those humans. 3 Oh, you don't know who the people were who 4 were operating the business? 5 Α No. Did you do that on your own, or were you 6 7 acting kind of for hire in that capacity? 8 MS. COHAN: Objection. He has not testified 9 that he committed any placement. 10 MR. WILLIAMS: Well, we are getting to it, 11 so just leave the witness alone until he has a 12 problem. He does not need to be coached. 13 MS. COHAN: Mr. Williams, I will state 14 lawful objections as I see fit. 15 MR. WILLIAMS: I will tell you what. 16 will agree with you, Ms. Cohan, that all objections 17 go to relevance and competence and form are reserved; 18 all right? That way, none of us has to interject 19 so as to taint the witness' ability to recall or 20 testify. 21 MS. COHAN: Objection. Assuming facts 22 not in evidence. 23 MR. WILLIAMS: Are you rejecting my 24 stipulation?

MS. COHAN: You may answer.

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MR. WILLIAMS: I didn't hear you. Are you rejecting my stipulation? 2 MS. COHAN: Yes. 3 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. 4 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 5 The question is, were you acting on your 6 own, or were you acting kind of on a mercenary or 7 for hire basis there? 8 MS. COHAN: Objection. Assuming facts not 9 in evidence. 10 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, I know. You have 11 . 12 already stated your objection, and it's exactly the same question. Now, if we leave the witness alone, 13 you don't have to look back and forth. 14 15 THE WITNESS: You want me blindfold? That would be --16 MR. WILLIAMS: I would rather that you not 17 look anyplace. 18 19 THE WITNESS: Then, I will be blindfold. 20 I will make it easy for everybody. If I cannot do 21 anyplace, I will not looking for advice. I am just 22 wandering my eyes because I don't understand a thing 23 about what you are saying, or she is saying about 24 legal procedures.

MR. WILLIAMS: And you're not supposed to.

We are just doing lawyer talk back and forth. 1 THE WITNESS: Let me look at her face, 2 and her face, and Mr. Carhart's face. 3 MR. CARHART: It's very benign. BY MR. WILLIAMS: 5 Do you have the question, Mr. Morales? Q 6 You are the one asking the question. A 0 Do you understand what the question is? 8 A Yes. 9 May I have the answer, please, sir? Q 10 To what because she's objecting, and you Α 11 are bickering with her, and at this point, I don't know 12 exactly what is going on. 13 Here's the question, Mr. Morales --14 A Okay. 15 Was the placing of the bomb something that 16 was done as the result of your own feelings or your 17 own determination, or was it something that you did 18 because somebody else asked or paid you to do it? 19 No, it was my feelings and my convictions 20 against whoever is trading with the enemy. 21 What kind of a bomb was it? 0 22 Α Mr. Williams, let me tell you something. 23 How about answering my question? 0 24

That is the way I am going to answer it to

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Q Okay. All right.

A That is the way I am going to answer it to you.

That night, I placed an envelope with Composition 4 and a time delay pencil with a J-1 type blasting cap.

Right after I did that, some other group, because at the time, there were so many groups bombing the hell out of those places that were trading with the enemy, show up there and place a stick of dynamite, because I threw the envelope through the mail slot of the building. You know, it was a ground level building, and it happens once in a million, but it happened to me, and then, there comes this guy put a bomb, you know, blew the main entrance of the place, ripped apart the envelope.

The C4 was spread all over the place, and the pencil and the black cap was somewhere laying around there.

The envelope was somewhere laying around there.

Then, the police arrived there, and while they were inside the place, of course, the time pencil ignited, the blasting cap, the J-1, and Sergeant

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Well, I've heard all the stories, Ricky, but I can't assume any of that, so I have to have you tell me about it. You know, a chance to meet a living legend, you know, so I am going to ask you to tell me.

Prior to 1968, where else had you placed an explosive device?

Let me ask you this, first, Ricky, just, you know, what the lawyers call a technicality.

When you placed the explosive device in the place at Flagler and 34th or 35th back in 1968, you knew at the time that you were violating one of the laws of the State of Florida; didn't you?

- That's a matter of semantics.
- Did you know that you were committing an illegal act, Ricky?
 - That's a matter of semantics.
- Well, given our need to utilize the semantics that are normally employed in the day to day lives of normal humans, if you would indulge us by using those same semantics, didn't you know at the time that you did it that you were doing an act that the law prohibited?
 - Α That's another matter of semantics.
 - Q Well, just do the best you can.
 - Α Douglas, I was not committing a crime.

Well, let's do it this way: I invite you

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you placed some bomb or explosive device? 1 Well, Mr. Williams, I went to a full 2 demolition course where they did a lot of work on that, 3 and that's where I learned my expertise. When did you have that course, please? Q 5 1963, 1964, I believe. 6 Was that the first, if you will pardon 7 the expression, contact that you had with demolitions, 8 or had you kind of dabbled in it as an amateur before 9 then? 10 No, amateurs usually make mistakes, and 11 you are only allowed one mistake in demolition. 12 Just exactly so. 0 13 So, I was introduced to the wonderful 14 world of C4 by the means of my demolition training. 15 Q From whom did you receive that training, 16 please, sir? 17 The Central Intelligence Agency. Α 18 In this country or outside of the United Q 19 States? 20 Α To the best of my knowledge, it was in this 21 country. 22 0 Now --23 I don't see anything funny about it. A 24

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2	Q It has provided me with some of the most
3	entertaining moments of my life.
4	A Okay, because I don't like people, you know
5	making jokes about them.
6	Q I need to know this, Mr. Morales: The
7	way in which you answered that last question suggests
8	that you don't possess absolute certainty as to where
9	this demolitions course was given you. Is that
10	because your awareness was impeded in some way, or is
11	it because the C.I.A. took steps to try and keep you
12	and the others from knowing where you were?
13	A That is right, that is correct, to the
14	last part of your question.
15	Q The C.I.A. tried to keep you from knowing
16	where you were?
17	A Yes, that is correct.
18	Q Let me guess. You were blindfolded and
19	put in an airplane?
20	A No, actually the airplane was the one that
21	was blindfolded.
22	Q You were put in an airplane with the
23	windows blocked out?
24	A That is correct.
25	Q And flown someplace?

You don't like the C.I.A.?

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1	A An airplane someplace.
2	Q And you were airborne long enough so that
3	you could be conceivably in another country?
4	A Or we could have been circling around
5	Miami, right, and circle around into the wild
6	blue yonder, or whatever, you know.
7	Q Well, now, let me guess.
8	When the airplane landed, was the pilot
9	killed, or was his tongue cut out, so he couldn't
10	tell anybody where he had taken you?
11	A No, we were separated from them. We never
12	saw the pilots, and the pilots never saw us.
13	By this time, you should be aware of that.
14	If you want to waste a lot of paper there, you know,
15	we can keep going on, but that's the only answer I
16	can give you.
17	Q Is that a standard intelligence technique?
18	A Yes, that's part of the compartmentiliza-
19	tion part.
20	Q How does the principle of compartmentiliza-
21	tion
22	A There are only two kinds of compartmentilization
23	tion horizontal and vertical.
24	Q Please explain them to me?
25	7 This a word to long book on T didnik

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have the need to know who the pilots were or the pilots' need to know who I was.

Q If I understand you correctly, Ricky, what you are telling me is that the theory of compartmentilization is that different people involved in the same operations or series of acts who have different functions to play are kept separately and apart from each other, so that no one person knows what any of the others is doing; is that essentially it?

A Essentially. It is correct.

Q Is that a technique that you have utilized over the years during your career as an Intelligence agent or operative?

A It is part of daily life. You know, it's part of the job.

Q So, for example, was that a technique that you applied when you were DISIP in Venezuela?

A It goes along with the profession.

Q Ricky, I need a yes or no, and then, a comment?

A Yes.

Q See, you and I know, as we sit here and talk by facial expressions what one another means, but two weeks from now, when I go to read this deposition, the record is just going to have black and

white words. That's why we have to clarify it. 1 Yes, that is terrible, Douglas. I under-2 stand. 3 I am going to try to help you out on that because that's terrible. Yes, of course. The cold 5 of black and white is terrible. 6 So, you were trained by the C.I.A. at the 0 7 very least someplace on the surface of the earth? 8 That is right. A Where there wasn't snow? 0 10 Α Yes and no. 11 Okay. It doesn't matter. 0 12 -For a time, there was snow and cold, and Α 13 then, there was warm. 14 Q How long did the course last? 15 Α What course? 16 The demolitions course that you took? 17 Demolition lasted two separate weeks. 18 Α 19 I gather, then, that the inference to be 20 drawn from what you just said is that you were receiving 21 your demolitions training along with other basic C.I.A. 22 training; is that correct? 23 Α Not along. 24 Q As part of? 25 A As part of.

So that you weren't taken away just speci-Q 1 fically for the purpose of demolitions training, but 2 for all of the training that the C.I.A. was giving 3 its agents, then? That is correct. 5 As long as we're here, Ricky, without going 6 into the kind of details that would be regarded as 7 sensitive or privileged or confidential or anything 8 like that, tell me what the rest of your C.I.A. training 9 was in general terms? 10 It covered, Williams, everything. 11 received the best training available. 12 Break it down for me, as neatly as you can, 13 14 Ricky, and we don't have to spend a lot of time on it. 15 16 Mapping, patrol, raids, jump school, communications and demolitions, counter insurgency, 17 insurgency, clandestine movement, inclandestine 18 movement, covert actions, survival. 19 20 ⊕ - Self-defense?_ 21 Self-defense. A 22 Q Any psychology taught? 23 Weapons, psychological warfare. Α 24 Q Can you think of anything else?

There must have been a lot more.

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How long did the training last, Ricky? Q 1 For me and my team? 2 Α Yes. Q 3 Α It lasted ten months. Now, we talked a while ago about the Q 5 difference between a contract agent and a regular --6 what was the term you used -- the other kind of agent? 7 Staff. Α 8 A staff agent. 9 I assume the training that you got was the 10 highest level of training that the C.I.A. was giving 11 regardless of what one called their employees at that 12 time; is that correct? 13 That is correct. 14 15 Is it also fair to assume that as far as you can tell and based upon what you have been able to 16 learn over the rest of your career in intelligence 17 work, that you were getting the best that was avail-18 19 able to be given at the time? 20 That is what they told me. Α 21 Q_{r} Do you have any reason to disbelieve it 22 looking back? 23 Α Nope. 24 I mean, techniques may have changed, but

still, at the time, it was the best there was?

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A That is right.

Q And you completed it?

A A fine course.

Q After that, when did you perform your first actual piece of demolitions work? When did you first blow something up or plant a bomb or anything like that?

A After the training?

O Yes.

A In the Congo.

Q As part of its training back then, was the C.I.A. giving different people specialized or concentrated training in some areas to the exclusion of others like, for example, would one person be picked out to get the regular demolitions training, and then, go on to be given more specialized training to become even more expert as a specialist in demolitions, and another one on orthography and another one on cartography? Was that being done?

A I heard of things along those lines, but I took the whole course. I never went into, you know, that kind of piecemeal instruction.

Q In other words, you were never singled out for any more intensive instruction other than that was given during the regular course?

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- That was intensive. Α
- I understand that. I'm sure it was, but what I want to know is whether you got any demolitions training that went past what the general group of C.I.A. trainees would get?

No, no. That was it. Α

There were people who got less, but what I got -- it was the real McCoy.

- So, you went to the Congo, then, and you told us, on Friday, that you went on a Mad Mike Hoare course?
 - A Attack.
- When you were in the Congo, Ricky, on how many different occasions, could you tell us now with some degree of accuracy, did you either fabricate or put in place explosive devices?
- Douglas, to start with, a hand grenade is an explosive device, you know, and at night, I used to wake up everybody, you know, with a couple of hand grenades, because that was common practical jokes, so you have to understand that.
 - Well, I agree with you that it beats the hell of an alarm clock.
 - And since they were already fabricated in the form that they, you know, whatever they were in

1	the crates, you know, to be used, and it's a question
2	that I
3	Q Well, let me make a distinction then
4	between munitions, on the one hand, and demolitions
5	material on the other; okay?
6	A Well, munitions can be detonated, too,
7	and then, it becomes were you in the Service
8	by any chance just to try to help you out? Were you
9	in the Service?
10	Q Listen. Assume that I have some working
11	familiarity with it.
12	A No, Service. I mean, did you serve your
13	country?
14	Q Assume that I have some working knowledge
15	of it.
16	A Well, then, I have to reverse to previous
17	situation.
18	MS. COHAN: I wasn't in the Service.
19	Start from the beginning.
20	THE WITNESS: Because I cannot assume, you
21	know. I am not in an assuming position.
22	BY MR. WILLIAMS:
23	Q Let's assume, then, that neither I nor the
24	prosecutor was, and start from point 1.
25	A Scratch?

Q Scratch.

A So, munitions, you know, ammo, it can be used also as an explosive device.

- Q Well, let's define "munitions"?
- A That's ordnance.
- Q That's ordinance without the "i" with the understanding that we are talking about something that is made to be used and is used in weapons as opposed to expressly for the purpose of demolition; all right? Now, apart from the use of munitions in the Congo, did you also have to fabricate and make use of demolition material like C4, or plastic explosive, or with time delay fuses, and that kind of stuff? Did you do that as well?
 - A It was there. It was part of the supply.
- Q So, then, you used both ammunition or ordnance, on the one hand, and demolitions material on the other; is that correct?
- A Well, all depends if I was fighting with a machine gun, you know, I cannot throw a hand grenade at the same time.
- Q But, you used them both when you were in the Congo?
 - A Oh, yes.
 - Q On how many occasions, if at all while you

were in the Congo, did you either detonate or put into place for detonation some demolitions material as opposed to shooting off a round of something that would be classified as ordnance?

A On several occasions, numerous occasions, on thousands of occasions, every time that there was a fire fight or a practical joke going on.

- Q Did you actually use and detonate demolitions material in the Congo?
 - A Yes.
 - Q On more than a dozen occasions?
 - A Yes.
- Q Were they antipersonal devices as well as devices intended to destroy property or buildings or clear land or something else?
 - A Of course.
- Q On how many occasions would you say you used or assisted in the use of any personal explosive devices?
- A First of all, there is what you characterize what antipersonal device is?
- Q How do you understand the term? What does the term mean -- that's what I should ask you?
- A Well, that could apply to land mines, that could apply to booby traps, that could apply to

1	hand grenades.
2	Q All right. Something that is intended to
3	kill or injure a human as opposed to blow up a
4	building; okay?
5	A I am going to correct my answer according
6	to the words that you are trying to put in my mouth
7	that it was for the purpose of inflicting casualties
8	to the enemy.
9	Q I understand that.
10	A You understand? Right.
11	Q That's the synonym or the euphemism that
12	you showed on Friday?
13	A No, this is a military terminology.
14	Q Well
15	A Of all the armies in all the world.
16	That's what war is all about.
17	MR. WILLIAMS: Prosecutor, do you understand
18	that answer to comtemplate the use of synonym or
19	euphemism that the witness chose on Friday?
20	MS. COHAN: Yes.
21	BY MR. WILLIAMS:
22	Q Can you tell me on how many occasions
23	you did make use of demolitions or explosives for
24	antipersonal purposes?
25	A I threw about a whole case of hand grenades

on one occasion.

- Q How many is that?
- A Twenty-four.
- Q I assume, certainly, that there were more occasions than one on which you threw hand grenades?
- A And many occasions that I couldn't even recall, you know, under the pressure.
- Q Then, it would just be accurate to say that during the period of time that you were in the Belgium Congo, that you made extensive use of demolitions for antipersonal purposes?
 - A No, it is incorrect.
 - Q What would be correct?
 - A Extensive use of an automatic rifle.
- Q Did you also make extensive use of explosives for antipersonal purposes while you were in the Belgium Congo? Remember, if you can, yes or no, and then, explain?
 - A Yes.
- Q Did you ever perceive as a matter of fact, at least within reasonable limits and a reasonable act, to form such perception that your use of any antipersonal explosives had been successful, as you would say, inflicting casualties, and as I would say, killing somebody? Did you ever perceive that that had

also been accomplished? 1 A I wasn't in the business. 2 Without regard to how many there were? Q 3 I don't know. Α I'm not asking you how many. I'm asking 5 you whether --6 I don't know. If you throw a hand 7 grenade, you don't know what's going on on the other 8 side. You move out from your position, because when 9 10 a hand grenade goes off from your side, there goes a clink of the spoon. 11 Then, you are giving up your position. 12 13 Then, you roll back -- come on, Douglas. What kind of question is that? 14 15 Do I understand you to be telling me, then, Mr. Morales, that for so long as you were in the 16 17 Belgium Congo in the 1960's, you have no idea whether 18 you inflicted even the first casualty on a human 19 being as a result of your use of explosives? You 20 don't know? 21 Α Oh, I do know. 22 0 Did you? 23 About casualties? Α 24 Yes, did you inflict casualties? Q 25

Oh, I saw a lot of people dead on both

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sides.

Q Under circumstances that would cause you to feel that some of the people whom you regarded as your enemy died as a result of your use of explosives or demolitions?

- A I never run ballistics on them.
- Q I said, your demolitions or explosives?
- A I don't know. I never ran ballistics on them.

What if there are 150 guys doing the same thing you are doing? Who is going to get the credit?

- Q Mr. Morales, if you went to a specified location and planted an explosive device and left the area and detonated it or allowed it to detonate, depending upon what it was, and then, you returned to the area and saw bodies lying around, would you reasonably assume that your explosion had been responsible for the results that you saw?
 - A But, that was not the case.
 - Q I am asking you, would you?
 - A Of course.
- Q Did that ever happen during the entire period of time that you were in the Belgium Congo?
- A Well, I never placed it myself. I mean, with regard to booby traps and land mines and things.

Q Any kind of demolition?

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I will inflict it to the enemy.

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If you want a piece of an arm for you, or you want the head of the guy for you, or the feet -- whatever you split it.

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Q However you chose to segment it or apportion responsibility, that is fine with me. I don't suppose it makes much difference.

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A The guy who dropped the bomb, he is in Russia, or the guy who built the bomb back there in the Alamo -- wherever they were. Come on, Douglas.

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as long as you were in the Belgium Congo, did you

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ever become aware of that, or did you serve all of

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your time in the Congo without knowing whether you

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A Actually, you can't tell from explosives
because if you fire a mortar; all right, you don't know
if there are more mortars going on at the same time.
You don't know if the one that you dropped -- what
about if you are holding the tube? Then, who is
responsible -- the guy who dropped the shell, or the
one who holds the tube?

In my opinion, the one who is responsible is the one who done run around the place and gets hit.

Q Then, your testimony is that, as you sit
here now, you don't know whether, during the entire
period of time you were in the Belgium Congo working
for or with the C.I.A. during the 60's, you were
responsible for the first death or casualty of anybody
through the use of explosives? You don't know that?

- A Explosives -- it's impossible, Douglas.
- Q You don't know it?
- A It is impossible. It is quite impossible to determine it.

There were a lot of them, but I cannot determine, you know, if they were mine or the guy next to me or themself or somebody else.

We were not the only ones there. I was not the only one there.

It was clearly your effort and your intention

to have the demolitions that you placed or fabricated 1 or threw or whatever result in death or casualty, 2 wasn't it your intention? 3 Inflicting casulties to the enemy and Α survival. 5 0 Would you give me a yes or no, please, sir? 6 Α Yes. 7 So that if your particular explosive had 8 the effect that was desired and intended, it would be 9 something that you specifically intended to do; 10 correct? 11 Α Say that again? 12 If a particular explosive device that you 13 14 placed or that you fabricated did what it was supposed to do, that would be something that you had 15 intended that it do; isn't that correct? 16 17 Yes, because you don't only use demolition 18 to destroy human life or beings. You use it to 19 demolish a bridge or to cut down a highway, you know, 20 railroad lines and airliners, and things like that; 21 right? 22 How long were you in the Congo, by the way? 23 Α Over six months. 24 That's how far the whole war lasted. 25 We were -- we sped up the end. It had last

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Q Have you ever now that you mention it, either fabricated or assisted in the fabrication of an explosive or placed or assisted in the placement of an explosive that blew up an airliner? Have you ever done that?

- A Say that again?
- Q Have you ever --
- A I'm going to cut it short for you. Yes.
- Q On how many different occasions?
- A One.
- Q When and where?
- A Barbados.
- Q When, please, sir?
- A 1976.

Let me correct myself, so I won't have to do it tomorrow.

The craft involved was a communist Air Force plane from the Republic of Cuba.

- Q How many people were on board?
- A There were, including North Korean spies,

 Gwyenas, Cadres, DGI personnel, and Air Force officers

 of the Cuban Air Force, and assorted members of the

 Cuban Communist Party.

There is a big discrepancy, which I believe

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1	that the government of Cuba is the only one who can
2	come up with the exact figure.
3	Q What is the best information you have?
4	A According to the Press, which is, to the
5	best of my knowledge, is wrong, 73.
6	Q Did you place that explosive device on the
7	aircraft, or did you fabricate it?
8	A No, I did not place it, and I did not
9	fabricate it.
10	Q What part did you have in that incident?
11	A In that incident?
12	Q Yes, what did you do?
13	A Oh, I was part of the conspirators.
14	Q What specific part did you play that resulted
15	in the blowing up of that airplane?
16	A Oh, surveillance of the regular flights of
17	that Cuban Air Force plane, providing by a third
18	party the explosives.
19	Q Is that to say that you made available the
20	explosives to the people who actually did the manual
21	work through a third person as intermediary?
22	A Yes.
23	Q What was the part in that incident or
24	episode so far as you know played by Dr. Bosch?
25	A None whatsoever.

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You have heard that he has been implicated Q 1 in it or accused of it; haven't you? 2 Oh, in fact, I arrested him. 3 Is it your testimony -- did you arrest him for that episode? 5 I was ordered to arrest Dr. Orlando 6 Bosch and produce him to my immediate superior, 7 Deputy Dr. Rafael Rivas Vasquez. 8 This is then while you were with DISIP? 10 That was at the time that I was commissar in charge of Division 54. 11 12 Q So, did you actually arrest Dr. Bosch and deliver him over? 13 I went out of the headquarters along with 14 15 one of my inspectors to the location that was provided to me by my immediate superior, and I went into the 16 17 house, and since Orlando Bosch has been already 18 informed that I was on my way down there to pick him 19 up, he was waiting for me, and after having lunch, 20 at that house, I proceeded to return Dr. Orlando Bosch 21 to the main building of the DISIP in Caracas. 22 Is it your testimony, as you sit here now, 23 Mr. Morales, that to your knowledge, regardless of the

source of your knowledge, wherever it came from,

Orlando Bosch had no connection either directly or

indirectly with the demolition of that airplane?

- A He has no guilty whatsoever.
- Q Well, let's not confuse ourselves with evaluated concepts.
 - A Let's not confuse myself.
- Q Let's not get involved -- I'm asking you about the realities of it?
 - A He has nothing to do with it at all.
- Q At the time that you furnished the explosives, did you know that they were going to be used to sabotage or blow up that airplane?
- A Not at the beginning, and the source of explosive, Mr. Williams, was a result of the search that was executed by agents of my division in a house that was suspected of being used by foreign intelligence enemies, and there was a lot of material that was seized there, and there was some explosives that they were found there, which were, of course, turned over to the Explosive end and Disposal Division of the DISIP, and that's where -- that's from where, later on, the explosives found their way into this Cuban Air Force plane.
- Q Were you responsible either directly or indirectly for the explosives finding their way eventually into the airplane?

1	A I share.
2	Q Did you know at the time that you
3	A I share the responsibility.
4	Q I understand.
5	Did you know at the time that you took
6	whatever steps were necessary in order for the
7	explosives to be put on their path that eventually
8	wound up inside the airplane?
9	A Of course.
0	Q Did you know that they were going to be
11	used to explode the airplane?
12	A Of course.
13	Q Dr. Bosch was specifically charged with
14	either perpetrating that incident, himself, or having
15	assisted in putting it together; wasn't he?
16	Wasn't he charged with that in Venezuela?
17	A He is still in jail.
18	Q My question to you, sir, is whether he was
19	charged with responsibility for that incident?
20	A That is why he is still in jail.
21	Q May I take that as a yes?
22	MS. COHAN: Yes.
23	BY MR. WILLIAMS:
24	Q Did you assist in the prosecution, in any
25	way?

1	A Nope.
2	Q Did you provide the Venezuelan government
3	with any evidence that was used against him?
4	A No.
5	Q Have you, at any time, attempted to inform
6	any authorities of your knowledge or belief, whatever
7	it is, that Dr. Bosch had no part in the incident?
8	A Yes.
9	Q When?
10	A To the media and to his attorney.
11	Q How recently?
12	A Last year. December and January.
13	Q What happened to those efforts on your
14	part, Ricky, to let them know that Bosch was innocent?
15	A I have no knowledge, whatsoever, of the
16	situation over there after.
17	Q But, he still is in jail?
18	A Let me finish, Douglas.
19	Q I'm sorry, Ricky.
20	A I'm sorry, Douglas, but let me finish. I
21	am not finished yet.
22	Q Please go ahead.
23	A I have no knowledge, whatsoever, of what
24	has become of my disclosures to the media there, and
25	my disclosures to Orlando Bosch's attorney, but as far

as I know, for all I know in this world, which is very uncertain, the future of -- he is still in San Carlos Military Prison in Caracas.

He might have escaped yesterday, you know.

He might have passed away at the same time that we are talking now.

You don't know. That happens to living people.

Q At the time that you told Dr. Bosch's lawyer and the media of his innocence, did you also, in effect, accept responsibility or confess involving to the extent that you had it in that episode?

A Don't put the word confess. I didn't confess. I confess to a priest; okay?

Q You know what I am saying, though.

Did you disclose your involvement and say, "I know he wasn't involved in it because I was, and he wasn't there"?

A Well, I disclosed the conspiracy. I disclosed the actual, you know, operation, and I disclosed the facts of the coverup.

- Q I'm sorry. Go ahead. Were you finished?
- A Go ahead.
- Q Did you disclose publicly your involvement in the episode?

Watch my face. Α 1 Is that a yes, sir? 2 Α Yes. 3 Why wasn't Dr. Bosch let out of jail; do 4 you know? 5 That answer -- that has to be referred to A 6 the Venezuelans. 7 (Off the record.) 8 THE WITNESS: Let me get one thing straight 9 in my mind is that supposedly every word that I speak 10 here is being taken down by the court reporter; right? 11 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 12 Everything that has pertinence to the case, 13 yes. 14 Okay. So, you know, I have detected that 15 the court reporter, on the cases that I have been 16 talking or referring to incidents that has been put 17 up by counsel, you know, have not been taken down by 18 her. 19 No, that is not correct. Q 20 That is correct, and I don't want to get A 21 into the procedure to be keeping an eye on her. 22 Q You don't have to worry about that. 23

Oh, yes, I do.

Now, let's make sure that the record is

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Number one, if you see the court reporter with her hands not moving at a particular time --

A And I'm not talking, and she is not moving her hands, that means that she is not taking down whatever I am saying?

Q No, not at all, but I have seen her moving all the time that you talk.

Now, you made your statement, and I am not inviting you to argue with me. The record speaks for itself, obviously.

MS. COHAN: When it does speak.
BY MR. WILLIAMS:

Q When you see the court reporter's hands not moving from time to time, it's because of her technique and her timing.

I assure you that if the prosecutor ever thought the testimony of yours were being omitted from recordation, and therefore, transcription, the prosecutor would make it known, and do whatever she thought was appropriate about it in matters that are known to us as lawyers.

A What do I care is that every time that I talk, I want to see her hands.

Q Well, Mr. Morales --

Banging that machine. Α

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Well, I really don't much care what you want. She is going to take the deposition.

But, I do care. I do care. I don't care if Α you don't care, but I do care.

She is going to take the deposition in the

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fashion that she sees fit, and if you think that anything that you have said so far has been omitted

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prosecutor, so that the prosecutor can come back and tell us, on the record, the particular areas that you

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feel some testimony of yours has been omitted, and if

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the prosecutor makes an appropriate objection, then,

we will go down before the Judge right now and have

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the tapes examined to determine whether they are

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19 and I are going to leave the room now until you tell

of any of Mr. Morales' testimony.

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us, Ms. Cohan, you are ready for us to resume, so

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Mr. Morales can tell us all the particulars in which

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you think the court reporter has omitted the reporting

leaving, that there have been occasions throughout the

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MS. COHAN: I would indicate prior to your

Mr. Carhart and Mr. Arias and Mr. Quesada

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past two and a half days when counsel and Mr. Morales have engaged in bickering during which the court reporter was not taking down the bickering. I do not consider those matters evidentiary, and those are the only matters that I know of that have not been transcribed.

MR. WILLIAMS: All right, but I don't want this deposition to go forward with there being any doubt appearing of record as to the accuracy of the tapes that are being made, and therefore, the transcript that they will eventually produce, so I invite the witness, once again, to confer with you out of our hearing, so that when we resume this deposition in five minutes, it appears unequivocally that there have been no omissions of any testimony at all to eliminate the spector of that, and if you are of the feeling that any testimonial statements have been eliminated, Ms. Cohan, then put of record what you think to have been eliminated.

MR. CARHART: She has already made her statement as to her position, and if Mr. Morales has an objection to the procedure, let him state his objection.

Ms. Cohan is a competent lawyer. She is representing the State. If something needs correcting,

I am sure she can do it. 1 THE WITNESS: I second Mr. Carhart. MR. CARHART: So, let's go forward. 3 This is my time, and it's valuable, so 4 let's go forward. 5 THE WITNESS: Let's go forward. 6 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 7 Do you want the opportunity, Mr. Morales, Q 8 to confer privately with the prosecutor? 9 I already agreed with Mr. Carhart. 10 Α 11 I take that as a no, then. 0 Now, Ms. Court Reporter, where were we? 12 13 (Whereupon, the last question and answer 14 were read into the record.) 15 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 16 Do you know for a fact, Mr. Morales, that Q 17 the information that you attempted to impart 18 concerning Dr. Bosch's noninvolvement in that episode 19 was, in fact, received by people in authority in 20 Venezuela? 21 As far as I am concerned, it was given to 22 Dr. Bosch's attorney, and it was disseminated to the 23 whole Venezuelan citizens through the media. 24 0 Well, then, what, to your knowledge, is or

could be the reason or reasons for his still being

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incarcerated for a crime that you say he didn't commit?

A I don't know.

Q Do you believe that you are presently a person who does not have credibility with the Venezuelan governmental establishment?

A I don't know.

Q Do you have that feeling?

A No.

O Do you feel that your stature in their eyes is such that they would be inclined to believe anything that you tell them?

A Yes.

Q Is there any other possible explanation that you can venture, then, for the reason that apparently, even though you have proclaimed Dr. Bosch's innocence, he is still being held prisoner for a crime that you say he didn't commit?

A To start with, Mr. Williams, Dr. Bosch was acquited by a lower military court, and there is another court on top of that lower military court that will have to determine if the findings of the lower court are going to stand, because he is not under civilian indictment or judicial assistance -- whatever you want to call it. He is in the hands of the military.

There is a lower military court that has exonerated Orlando Bosch of any responsibility with regard to the bombing of the Cuban Air Force plane, and it's up to a superior military tribunal to upheld, or whatever, you know.

Q Reverse?

A Reverse, you know, the decision of that lower military court.

Q Did you ever come to have knowledge of the published passenger manifest indicating the people who, according to the public media, were passengers on that airplane?

A Yes.

Q Didn't you learn that there were on board several women who ostensibly were traveling as spouses or mates or partners to some of the men on board?

A They fall in the category of assorted communist party members.

- Q Give me a yes or no? Yes, you did, but --
- A That there were women aboard?
- Q Yes.
- A Yes.
- Q Did you also learn, sir, that there were children under the age of eighteen on board that

airplane?

A I didn't know that there were any children on board.

- Q You haven't learned that?
- A No, I haven't learned that.
- Q If, in fact, there were children under the age of eighteen on board that airplane, would you still regard them as being communist sympathizers under any circumstances?

A I will consider them -- that is preposterous because I have no knowledge about that, but that is preposterous, but to please you, Williams, I will say that they will belong to the Youth Communist Organization, and in due time, they will become full-fledged communists.

- Q Not anymore.
- A Well, not anymore in their cases.
- Q After the Congo, but before the airline bombing in 1976, the airplane bombing in 1976, would you tell me of any other incidents in which you have participated either directly or indirectly in the use of demolitions?
 - A Training. I have trained people.
- Q No, I am talking about the use of demolitions in an offensive way or with the intent that

Who was he, please, sir? Q 1 Ramon Cubenas Conde. Α 2 Say the last name, please? Ũ 3 Cubenas, C-u-b-e-n-a-s. Α What is the matronimic last name? Q 5 Conde, C-o-n-d-e. A 6 What kind of explosive was used? Q 7 Pentolite. A 8 Was anybody physically injured? Q Α Nope. 10 Just property destruction? Q 11 Α Yes. 12 Subsequently to your return or departure 13 from the Congo, after the Rodriguez' Market, what was 14 the next incident of your participation in any way at 15 all of any demolition or preparation of explosives? 16 Α 1966. There were about five or six more 17 bombings. 18 Where, please, sir? 19 Q Α In the Miami area. 20 21 Q What was the nature of your participation in them? 22 23 A 1966, 1967. Some of them, I put the explosives together, and some of them were placed by 24

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me.

There was a time when they started trading with the enemy, and they became part of a hit list.

Whoever was trading with the Castro government was being bombed.

It's part of, you know, Miami history.

- Q Can you remember any specific places that were bombed in which you had the participation that you just described?
 - A Bacu -- something like that.
 - $0 \quad B-a-c-u$?
 - A Something along those lines.
 - Q What was that?
- A I believe that that was located in Coral Way.
 - Q What kind of a place was it?
- A Well, you see, I'm wrong on that, because that was 1968, because the day that, you know, that my little job there in Flagler was foiled, you know, by a second group, that night, I believe that we hit about four different places, which don't even ask me the names of the places, because they are forgotten.
- Q But, they were all places where you placed or detonated explosive devices?
- A Or drive and somebody will step out of the car, you know, and place it. Usually, I was the one,

four pounds of grass.

1 ESA? 2 Α That is right. Then, insofar as the Ore Verde was concerned --3 Q The Ore Verde was not -- it was a helping A hand that we lent to somebody, and I built up the 5 6 bomb, you know, and gave it to them. 7 It's part of the museum here. It was a 8 masterpiece. 9 Who was the people to whom you gave it? Q 10 Α To this guy Alanis. 11 With whom was he working? 0 12 Α Another group. There were ninety different 13 groups. 14 0 Do you know the name of the group? 15 A Some kind of anticommunist legion, or 16 something like that. 17 Groups escape my mind, Williams. 18 Q All right, Mr. Morales. 19 You told us about the Rodriguez' Market and 20 the five or six during 1966. 21 Oh, Cab Calloway's house -- what was his 22 The last was -- it was funny, because after, 23 you know, the house was bombed, and the Fire 24 Department got there, they found, I believe, twenty-

There was a big spread in the news next day. 1 0 Not burned, I hope? 2 Α No, it was in some other place in the house. 3 MR. CARHART: It was drying in the back yard. 5 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 6 Who was the owner of the house at the time? 0 7 Cab Calloway. Α Oh, he, himself, was? 0 9 Oh, yes, he, himself, was. Α 10 I'm trying to recall his last name. 11 Q Why was the house bombed? 12 Some antagonistic reasons between somebody Α 13 and somebody. 14 Well, I gather that there was some 15 antagonism there because folks just don't go around 16 bombing the houses of people for whom they feel enduring 17 love. 18 Well, was it for some political reason, 19 Q Mr. Morales, or was it more to do with business or 20 narcotics or commerce or --21 No, no narcotics was 150 miles away from 22 anybody's you know, mind, in those days. 23 24 Back in those days, everybody wasn't --

MS. COHAN: Of narcotics charges.

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Q I meant in the kind of more dramatic sense, you know, than the literary sense.

Why was Cab Calloway's house bombed?

A He made some derrogatory remarks, got into some brawl with another common friend, and we just went by there and put a bomb to the house, and that was the end of it, you know, and it was a surprise to everybody that there was grass inside the house.

Q Well, now, I know, for example, if I want to give my friend Carhart a party and really surprise him, I will go out and spend a hundred bucks for one of those big cakes with a pretty lady inside delivered.

I get the impression that somebody must have disliked Cab Calloway an awful lot?

- A Oh, I did for sure.
- Q (Continuing) -- to spend that kind of money.

 What does something like that cost, or

 what did it cost back then?
 - A What?
 - Q To have his house bombed?
 - A What do you mean "cost"?
- Q To pay the people to do it and buy the materials and that kind of stuff?
- A No, the material was free around town. It

was floating. There were pounds and pounds and pounds 1 2 of C4 and dynamite and blasting caps. 3 Miami was a powder keg. In terms of money, 4 cost nothing. I mean, anybody could, you know, 5 give you -- "You've got any C4?" "Yes, I've got 6 fifty pounds." "Okay. Let me have ten pounds." 7 Kind of like fronting somebody some dope 8 later on? 9 A Huh? 10 Q Kind of like of fronting somebody some 11 dope? 12 Α I disagree with you. There is a misture 13 there that does not apply to whatever you are trying 14 to imply. 15 You are right. It's not an accurate Q 16 analogy. 17 Did you do it for free, or were you paid 18 for it? 19 Α That was for the fun of it. 20 Q Who else did it with you? Who else was 21 with you? 22 Oh, Francisco Rodriguez Tamayo, also known A 23 as Panchita Jabon Candado. 24 (Benedict Kuehne, Esq., entered the room.) 25 (Off the record.)

BY MR. WILLIAMS:

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Q You told me that you bombed Mr. Calloway's house for free?

A Yes, that was a free ride.

Actually, I was driving. Panchita is the one who stepped out of the car for the first time.

MR. CARHART: Where was the bomb placed?

THE WITNESS: By the air conditioner.

Q Tell me of any episodes that you recall of either planting a bomb or fabricating one?

A Oh, there was so many groups at the time that we reload practice hand grenades, and there were about three or four different bomb factories going on in Miami, and we were giving a helping hand to whatever group, you know, wants to get and assemble bombs and things like that.

In later years, Alpha 66 suffered intensively from a series of attacks with incendiary devices and things like that banging in the night, and they were moving from one place to another.

- Q Were you involved in any of those attacks?
- A No, not at all in the attacks, you know.

 I was in the neighborhood.
 - Q Doing what?

A Supervising the attacks.

You have to understand, there were about ninety different groups in Miami, and everybody was quarreling among each other.

Q At the time, Ricky, were you also maintaining any official or semiofficial contact with any governmental agency?

A No, I was parking cars.

The first time that I got into the payroll again was in 1968 when I agreed to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and they placed me in the category of being a paid informant.

- Q Where were you parking cars?
- A Oh, I parked cars at the Americana Hotel.
- Q Were you gathering any Intelligence information while you were working there?
 - A Where?
 - O At the Americana?
- A No, I was gathering quarters. Quarters and quarters and quarters.

I had a wife and three kids at the time.

- Q Can you remember any more bombings in which you participated between the time you left the Congo and the time of the Cuban Airliner incident?
 - A Do I have to rack my brains now for that, or

1 can we do it --

Q I really would appreciate it if you would, Ricky. I absolutely must ask you to rack all of your brains.

A To rack all of my brains? Okay.

Let's say -- the Ore Verde -- well,

because the Ore Verde is like a turning point, you know.

Q How so?

A How so? Because the alliance that we have with, you know, two to four different groups was broke there because there was no excuse why the time device pencils, you know, there was an acid cap -- they were not crushed, and that's the reason why the bomb was discovered, and the motivation that we found out for attacking that freighter was unreasonable.

The freighter was not going any kind of business with the Cuban government, so, you know, that stirred a lot more bickering, you know, and things like that.

Q Wasn't that checked out beforehand? I mean, why was the Ore Verde taken?

A Well, you have to believe sometimes in the word of somebody, you know, and --

Q So, you got bad information?

A Yes.

Q And the detonating device malfunction, was that the fault of the kid Alanis who put it on the boat?

A That's been up into speculation for years. Either he chickened out, or he did it on purpose, or whatever the thing is that he never crushed the capsule.

Q Well, now, let me see.

There have been other times when you have given the appearance of being involved with or in league with a bomber when he thought that you were giving him legitimate explosives, but you really weren't; isn't that correct?

- A That is the Orlando Bosch case.
- Q Okay, so although we will talk about that more later on, what happened with Dr. Bosch here was that you were deliverying large quantities of what he thought was legitimate dynamite to him, but it was actually dummy dynamite?

A Under orders from the F.B.I. I was carrying orders from the F.B.I.

- Q You were giving him dummy explosives?
- A Yes.
- Q Did you do that in the Ore Verde case?

1	A No, the Ore Verde was pentolite.
2	It's at the bomb museum there.
3	Q My question to you is whether you, yourself
4	had something to do with the malfunction of the
5	detonator?
6	A No, it was not that.
7	Q You intended the bomb to go off?
8	A No of course, when I built it up, that
9	was the intention, of course.
0	Q Can you remember any other incident or
1	episode in which you have participated in bombings
12	or the placing of bombs either directly or indirectly
13	A The Mexican Consulate.
14	Q Recently?
15	A No.
16	The Mexican Consulate moved at the time out
17	of town. He was bombed so many times, you know,
18	that it was incredible.
19	Q The guy was just blown up about four months
20	ago or so, and it blew up a lot of my books and
21	rugs and things. You better not have had anything to
22	do with that Mexican Consulate bombing.
23	A I wish he could get bombed again. I am
24	in complete disagreement with the Mexican policies
25	in regard to my country.

(Off the record.) 1 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 2 When did you participate in the bombing 0 3 of the Mexican Consulate, and where was it located at the time? 5 There was the Mexican Consulate, and there was the Mexican Tourist Office, and as far as I can 7 recall, one of the buildings where they were housed 8 was on Biscayne Boulevard. 9 Q Approximately when? 10 Α Approximately what? 11 Approximately when, please, sir? 12 During that bombing campaign in 1966-1967, 13 beginning of 1968, could be. 14 Again, was there any physical harm done to 15 anybody, any personal injury? 16 No, no. Nobody ever got hurt. There were 17 no human casualties, whatsoever. 18 19 Why was that? 0 20 Because of, you know, the time that the 21 devices were being set up, you know, and luck and God 22 was on our side, but we never have to regret in those 23 days that any innocent bystander was getting hit. 24 Besides that, the amount of explosives that 25 was used was intended only to cause the purpose of,

you know, a certain limit of damage.

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Q Continue to tell me, then, of any other incidents or episodes you can recall in which you were involved either directly or indirectly in a bombing or the fabrication of a bomb?

A Douglas, at the time, you were running from one house to another, from one organization to another, was doing their little bombings, yourself, you know, and that doesn't mean necessarily that I have anything to do with them. Even you have to understand.

Q Yes, I agree. I would only want for you to tell me about --

A It was a very confusing period, and the best of my recollection right now, to the best of my recollection, racking my brains, that's about it.

Q Well, I wouldn't want you to tell me about just kind of, you know, any distance or remote involvement that you had if you gave a blasting cap to somebody who gave it to somebody else who came to tell you that they were going to go out three days later and blow up a pig farm. I don't care about that.

I only care about things in which you were directly involved either by placing a device, fabricating it, knowing specifically when and where it was going to be placed?

A So far, the ones I mentioned to you, and in 1968, I have this disaster, you have to understand that, and the bombs, the bombing campaign was the 8th of January, 1968, and February the 14th, I was arrested.

That was a disaster. I wound up in jail for an extensive amount of time.

Q That's the disaster for which you refer to your having been arrested?

A Right. That was a disaster.

A bombing campaign was going on. At the same time that I was in the County Jail, bombs were going off all over the City, and if I had been out, people might have been thinking, or actually, might have been aware of them, or been instrumental of them, which I was not.

For instance, two days afterwards, I come out with a bond, Les Violins --

O The restaurant?

A That could have been around, I went into the County Jail in February, and I came out, I believe, the 1st of March.

Q How high was your bond, by the way? Do you remember?

A Hold it. Hold it.

Four million dollars? Q 1 The what? Α 2 Your bond? 3 [y bond -- four million dollars? A 0 How high was it? 5 No, 25,000. It amounted to four million A 6 to me in 1968. 7 So, the disaster you refer to was your Q 8 being arrested? 9 A Right. 10 With what bombing were you specifically 11 charged? 12 With the one that I mentioned to you 13 before in West Flagler -- the one of the double 14 bombing, so I was \$25,000 -- the amount of the bond, 15 and by this time, I think there was so many bombs 16 going off in Miami, I became a suspect for every one 17 of them. 18 You know, like there is a rash of burglaries, 19 and they got one guy, he's supposedly responsible with 20 21 everything else, so a couple of days or three days 22 after, you know, I was released on bond. 23 I had previous knowledge that a bomb was going to be placed at the fountain, that is, you know, 24

outside of Les Violins on Biscayne Boulevard, which

was done by another group. 1 I have no assistance, but I had knowledge, 2 you know, so you know, the bomb went off, too, but 3 by this time, you know, I had the F.B.I. on top of me, and I agreed with them to infiltrate the Cuban 5 power organization of Dr. Orlando Bosch. Well, you really didn't have too much 7 infiltrating to do; did you? I mean, everybody knew 8 you; it was just a question of walking up and saying, 9 "Hi, it's me, Ricky, and now, I'm going to spend 10 some time with you"; isn't that about it? 11 More or less. Α 12 I mean, Jesus, Ricky, everybody on the 13 street knew you? 14 Α Right. 15 I assume that you knew you didn't have to 16 put on a trench coat and a hat and a cape? 17 18 A No, nothing like that. 19 Q Sneak around and wear disguises? 20 No, nothing like that. I was moving Α 21 freely. 22 It was just making yourself available to Q him; isn't that what it amounts to? 24 Α To whom? 25 To the folks whom at the F.B.I. wanted you

infiltrate?

A Actually, coming down to the point, if I recollect correctly, I made myself visible, available to them, and the doctor just came up to me.

Q Sure. I mean, all you had to do is like putting --

A Standing on a street corner, and that's it.

Q Putting a piece of bloody meat in front of a shark; right, you know, it's going to come. Is that about it?

A Those are your words.

Q All right. So, you put yourself out there and made it known that you were available if Dr. Bosch wanted to have the benefit of your experience and services, and he came running right on to it; huh?

A That's about it.

Q Now, we'll come back to that in a while, but I'd like to finish cateloging any other bombing episodes or incidents in which you participated one way or the other, so let's come forward now after the 60's period, and the period of anti-Castro activity that you have described here in Miami, and let's have you tell me whether there are yet other incidents of bombing in which you participated either directly or

indirectly? 1 Okay. Now, we are getting to the 70's? Α 2 0 Yes. 3 Let me rack my memory again. I will rack my A memory again, you know, in the course of the rest of 5 the nighttime about the 60's just in case you want 6 to go over again that, you know, whatever. 7 I am going to try to do my best now 8 racking my head. 9 In the 70's, I supplied hand grenades to 10 a fellow by the name of Roberto Parsons that he used 11 it against a household of an individual by the name 12 of Leon. They have a personal bickering, or whatever it 13 was, so --14 What was Mr. Leon's first name? 15 I don't know. His nickname is Puyi, A 16 17 so I gave Roberto a hand grenade. Where did you get the grenade from? 18 From the streets. There were hundreds and 19 20 thousands of them. You know, it was not that --21 anybody from anybody specifically. 22 Were they of American manufacturer origin? 23 Α Yes, it was an M26. 24 So, what you are telling me, in the early 25

70's in Miami, anybody who ever began to know the

right folks could go out and get hand grenades, C4's, anything? 2 Anything. That's Miami's life story. 3 cannot deny it. It's been that way since the 50's. Was the disaffection between Mr. Parsons and the one called Leon political, or was it just personal? 7 Personal. Α 8 How did you know the one called Parsons? Roberto, since the time that we worked 10 11 together in the Free Commandos Organization in the early 60's. 12 What is that? 13 Another organization. There were about 14 15 ninety of them. 16 So, as far as Parons was concerned, as I 17 said before, to the extent that anybody who knew the 18 right people could go anyplace in Miami and get any-19 thing, to Parsons, you were the right person; huh? 20 Maybe he talked to somebody else, but Α 21 finally, he wind up with me. 22 Did you have any more active participation 23 in the bombing of the Leon residence than just giving 24 the grenade to Parsons? 25 A That was it.

1	Q Did you plant it or
2	A No.
3	Q Or stage it, or anything like that?
4	A No.
5	Q Are there any others?
6	A Alpha 66 again.
7	Q When, this time?
8	A 1972. I believe it was 1972. There were
9	so many. There were some other people bombing Alpha.
10	Q It sounds to me, if you didn't have
11	anything better to do, you just go out and bomb
12	Alpha 66 just for the hell of it to keep in practice
13	almost?
14	MS. COHAN: He was parking cars.
15	THE WITNESS: And in 1973
16	BY MR. WILLIAMS:
17	Q Let me just ask you about the 1972 Alpha
18	66 bombing.
19	What was your participation in it?
20	A I told the bomber, "Go and bomb them, so
21	they will have to move from 12th Avenue and 6th
22	Street."
23	Q So, that was one that you, in effect, arranged
24	and staged rather than one that you physically did
25	yourself?

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being very knowledgeable pertaining to explosives; is that correct?

Obviously, you got a reputation as well for being a person who could put his hands on a wide assortment of explosives virtually at will; is

That is correct.

You had also come to be known as a very zealous anticommunist; is that correct?

Correct.

And I gather that you had come to be known as somebody who was more or less fearless; I mean, somebody who wasn't afraid to go out and get mixed up in the thick of it; correct?

Correct.

So, you were, by that time, regarded as being somewhat of a leader of certain segments of the Latin community who has interests similar to yours?

That is correct.

Obviously, to the extent that the time had come when you really didn't have any problem in getting people who shared interests, to yours to participate with you in doing things that they thought were proper or required under the circumstances

in which you had a common interest; is that it? That is right. 2 And you were looked upon as a leader of 3 sorts; huh? 4 If you want to put it that way. Α 5 So, then, it was something that was kind of 6 natural evolution of things where you got to the spot 7 where you were in a position where now people were 8 9 looking to you to be told what to do, and when you 10 thought it appropriate, you told them? 11 Not in that context. 12 Q Well, in the context that we have been discussing? 13 14 Α That is right. Does that make it accurate? 15 0 Fairly. 16 Α 17 How would you change it? I mean, what I 18 am trying to do, Ricky, I'm trying to get an idea of 19 how your posture would have changed during that period 20 of time to kind of get you, say, in a position to 21 walk into the country of Venezuela and say, "Here, 22 I am," and have them hand you a little bit of time? 23 Α That's not the way it happened, Mr. Williams, 24 and we discussed that before, and if you want to go 25 into that, you know, I am very willing to do so, but

it is not that -- "Here's Ricardo Morales and all the doors start opening." That is not the way. No, not quite, but is it correct to say 3 that by that time, you had acquired not only a stature but a kind of a mystique, at least locally, 5 in the Miami community? 6 Propaganda, you know, starts developing. Α 7 Don't be modest now. I mean, now is the 0 8 time for you to tell me the truth, even if your 9 modestly otherwise would keep you from talking about 10 it. 11 (Off the record.) 12 MR. CARHART: We are about to discuss how 13 all the doors flew open in Venezuela. 14 MR. WILLIAMS: I know just where I am. 15 (Off the record.) 16 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 17 What I am trying to find out, Ricky, is 18 this --19 20 Α 1972? 21 Yes, in order for me to get kind of a full 22 awareness of how things were progressing and what you. 23 were doing and how it all comes together, I was just 24 trying to find out whether the appearance that has 25 been created is accurate and that had gotten to the spot

where you could move easily among the community here 1 2 in the Miami area? 3 Α Right, yes. For the most part, get about anything done that you wanted to get done? 5 I had developed quite a bit of informants 6 7 or sources -- whatever -- which were supplying me the bulk of information. 8 I have already testified in two drug cases 9 10 for D.E.A. 11 When you say "informants", you mean it in 12 the literal source? 13 I was an informant, so I have the sources. 14 And? Q 15 I have --A 16 Go ahead. 17 I have established a relationship with 18 D.E.A. 19 I have made two major drug cases with them, 20 which resulted in a lot of convictions. 21 I have established again a relationship 22 with the Counterintelligence Office of the C.I.A. 23 down here in Miami, and I was being provided funds 24 which were a rented car and extra -- you know, 25 allowance.

to kidnap or to assasinate or whatever -- he threat 1 the family of -- what's the name of this -- of 2 Rafael Garcia, who was the top guy in Gramco --3 whatever his position there in Gramco, and he is security people, you know, and the security people 5 were very disturbed about what Mr. Trueba was doing, 6 and Mr. Trueba published a letter, you know, uncovering 7 certain use of Gramco facilities by the Central R Intelligence Agency. Q Now that you mention that name --10 Α Of course, he explained here to the State 11 Attorney's Office about me -- things like that. 12 I got a call from Spain -- I believe it was 13 from Spain -- you know, and I was ordered to, you know, 14 throw a hand grenade over his place, which I did. 15 Who told you to do that? 16 A The security chief of Rafael Garcia. 17 At his home? 18 Q Huh? 19 Α At Trueba's home? 20 21 A Yes. 22 Q Where was that? 23 A I believe it was in May of 1973. 24 What part of town was that? Q

Northwest section.

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incidents in which you participated in a bombing?

I'm the victim.

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By that time, you were in place in DISIP

in Venezuela?

A No, no, not yet. I was creating my sources, my, you know, relationships there, and I already had recruited Orlando Garcia for the C.I.A., which was the primary objective of my first, very first trips down to Venezuela.

Q So, you were still using your own situation for your use rather than having gone into the active service of another government?

A Not for my use. I was just receiving orders and carrying out orders.

Q C.I.A. orders?

A C.I.A. orders.

Q We will continue to talk about the bombings in a second, but let me ask you this kind of on the side.

Are you presently an agent for the C.I.A.?

A No.

Q Are you presently an agent for any agency or division or branch or bureau of the United States government?

A No, sir.

MS. COHAN: Objection. Asked and answered. BY MR. WILLIAMS:

Q When is the next time, if at all, that you

did participate in another episode of bombing either 1 by fabricating or placing an explosive device? 2 The Cuban Air Force plane. Α 3 We've already covered that in depth? MS. COHAN: Not really, but --5 THE WITNESS: Not in depth. 6 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 7 Where was the aircraft when the bomb was 0 8 placed on board it? 9 When was it? Α 10 Where was the aircraft when the bomb was Q 11 placed on it? 12 A Between -- the exact place? 13 No, when the bomb was placed on it to begin Q 14 with, not when it exploded, but when was it first put 15 on board? 16 Α Oh, between Trinidad and Barbados. 17 18 A passenger on board placed the bomb? 0 19 Yes, apparently. A 20 Who did that? 0 21 According to his own confession, a A 22 Venezuelan by the name of Hernan Ricardo. 23 Q Had you known the man before that episode? 24 Α Yes. 25 Q Did he actually place the bomb, putting

aside what he said, Ricky? I mean, whatever might 1 have been done for media benefit or whatever? 2 Yes, I believe so. 3 Had you known him before? 4 He was a source of my division, and he Α 5 carried an I.D. from DISIP. 6 0 Who was his control in DISIP, Ricky? 7 Α Huh? 8 Who was his control in DISIP? 0 9 I was his control. A 10 Let's go forward from there. Q 11 After that, was there yet another episode 12 in which you were involved in the placing or detonating 13 of an explosive device? 14 Α After the Cuban Air Force plane? 15 Q Yes. 16 (Nodding in the negative.) A 17 Q Not from that date to this? 18 (Nodding in the negative.) 19 You have to give me a verbal for the 20 record, Ricky. 21 A Nope. 22 23 I had intentions, at one point, but I was not able to carry on with it. 24 25 Who or what was the object of those

	intentions	?
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- A Mr. Julio Faez.
- Q Why was that? Why could you not carry it out?
 - A Because I couldn't find explosives.
- Q Was that something that arose at a time when you and Quesada were spending a lot of time together?
 - A Yes.
- Q What had taken place that made you want to bomb Julio Faez?
- A He has taken a lot of money from the proceedings of the drug business, and he has conned Mr. Quesada into giving him money, he has conned Mr. Arias into giving him money, and I found out that he was planning to disappear, and I was doing some stationary surveillance of his home, and I detect all the obvious movements about somebody who is planning to take along vacation.
 - Q Go ahead, sir.
- A And I got feeling about, you know, demolishing his cars and the front part of his house in the middle of his movements for his deeds.
- Q Sure would have been a clear message, I guess?

Not a message. It would have been some Α 1 sort of punishment for him. 2 He will have to have a lot of explanation 3 to do about it when everybody will have to be there asking why you got bombed. 5 When the smoke cleared; huh? 6 Α Of course. 7 We are now in --0 8 No, that happened in 1980. 9 In 1980 around the Summer or early Fall? 10 The Summer, Summer of 1981. Α 11 0 How had you learned that he had taken 12 money from Quesada or Arias? 13 From their own statements. 14 How much money was involved? 15 A How much money was involved? 16 17 Yes. Over 50,000. Maybe 80,000. Maybe 100,000. 18 All depends who you want to believe, because he ain't 19 20 took no money from me. 21 But, in any event, because of your closeness 22 with Quesada at the time, you decided that Faez 23 both had been stopped and had to be a little bit 24 embarrassed or compromised, and the way to do it was

to blow up his car and his house?

- A Say that again?
- Q Because of your closeness with Quesada at the time, you decided that Faez had to be stopped, and he had to be embarrassed or put in a compromising position, and you assumed that the way to do it was to blow up his car or part of his house or both?
 - A That was my gut feeling at the time.
 - Q Why couldn't you get the materials, Ricky?
- A Well, you know, I just asked, you know, a couple of fellows about it, and they said, "We don't have it."
- Q I mean, talk about the cobbler's children going barefoot.
- A Unfortunately, Douglas, that is what happened.

Unfortunately or fortunately, or whatever, you know, the way you want to put it. I was not able to get ahold of blasting caps, time fuses, and explosives.

In fact, the people that I asked for, they denied to me. They don't want to get involved.

- Q You mean, so far as you could tell, they had it, but they held it back?
- A Well, I thought that they had it. I don't know for sure if they had it or not, but the same

way that, in the past, people will approach me and say, "Ricky, do you have a hand grenade," and I will say, "Yes," and take it.

I thought that maybe so and so will have nothing, and I approach them, and they deny having anything, refusing to give me.

Q Sure lets you know who your friends are; doesn't it?

A (No response.)

Q Well, it really isn't of major importance, but weren't there other sources to whom you could have turned or to which you could have turned had the need been more pressing -- sources out of the country or sources, perhaps even connected with some --

A Well, by this time that I couldn't, you know, get them from the ones that I chose to ask,
Mr. Faez had already gone, so there was no purpose to carry on preposterous thinking.

Q Can you remember any more episodes or incidents of bombing or firing, you know, incendiary bombs or anything like that that you have done aside from those that you have related to us?

A I am going to rack my brains, you know.

You have to remember, Mr. Williams, that
you know, there were hectic years in the community,

and there was so much involved, you know, and what 1 can I tell you? 2 MR. CARHART: How about any of the bombings 3 at Replica? 4 THE WITNESS: No, I never had anything to 5 do with those. 6 MR. WILLIAMS: Max Lesnick was --7 THE WITNESS: He was recently bombed, also. 8 9 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 10 Q Again? 11 A Again, yes. 12 No, Max and myself, even though we have 13 certain, you know, disagreements in the early 70's, 14 you know, I patch up my relationship with him, which 15 are the best nature afterwards, and I have not anything 16 to do with them. 17 What about a fellow by the name of De Los 18 Santos? Did you ever participate --19 What's the name? 20 Q De Los Santos? Did you ever partipate in -21 A De Los what? 22 Q Santos, S-a-n-t-o-s? 23 Α Do you have a specific date? 24 No, I am asking you if you can respond to 25 that name. Did you ever participate to putting any

kind --1 Could it be a construction guy? De Los 2 Santos -- that was not me. That was Pepe Suarez. 3 How did Pepe Suarez figure into it? Q 4 What do you mean? 5 Well, what was Suarez' connection with 0 6 De Los Santos? 7 Α I don't know. 8 How do you know it was Suarez who did it? 9 Douglas, at that time, every time that a 10 bomb goes off, right at those times, since I know 11 Pepe Suarez quite well -- oh, wait, wait, wait. 12 I gave him the explosives. 13 Wait, wait, wait. I gave him the 14 explosives. 15 No, no, no. Oh, yes, I know. 16 confused with another Suarez. 17 No, no, no. You are right. You me off 18 track with a different Suarez. No, that is Pepe 19 Bombo. 20 B-o-m-b-o?21 Well, that's the way he called him the 22 day afterwards. 23 Pepe the bomb? 24

Pepe the bomber.

Ö What was his real name? 1 A Jose Suarez. 2 Now that you mention him, I also gave him 3 the explosives to -- they did a number on this guy Pulido, Guiberto Pulido, they did a number on him. 5 Well, actually, it was not me the one who gave the explosives. You know, I refer -- I make a referral 7 to -- I made a referral, you know, because I thought that the source was -- you know, the customer, the 9 one asking for it, didn't have too much confidence 10 in him, and so, I told him, you know, go to see 11 somebody else. 12 This was on De Los Santos or Pulido? 0 13 Α On Pulido. 14 Was Pulido the Venezuelan? Q 15 No the Cuban. Ironside. He's in a Α 16 wheelchair. 17 (Off the record.) 18 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 19 Insofar as the Jose Suarez-De Los Santos Q 20 incident was concerned, you gave Suarez the 21 explosives? 22 Α Yes. 23 Q What was that? 24 A What was what? 25

What kind of explosives? Q 1 MS. COHAN: What are we talking about? 2 MR. WILLIAMS: Let's put a date on it. 3 THE WITNESS: Geladin. 4 BY MR. WILLIAMS: 5 Give me an approximate point in time; can 6 you, Ricky? 7 Α No. 8 In the 70's? 9 Yes, 70's. A 10 1977, 1978, 1979? 11 No, no, no. That was about the time that 12 I was living by the Yellow Birds in Suarez and living 13 close by, so that was to be after my second divorce, 14 which we could set it around 1973. 15 Why was De Los Santos --16 No, no, no. I'm not sure about that. 17 Forget about 1973. It was 1972 because I did move 18 to the Yellow Birds until the end of --19 MS. COHAN: Are you saying Jail Birds or 20 Yellow? 21 THE WITNESS: Yellow Birds. It's two 22 towers. They are yellow -- they are not yellow now. 23 They are chocolate. 24

BY MR. WILLIAMS: Where? What are you talking about? 2 A 7th and 45th Avenue. 3 Why was De Los Santos selected for --0 Beats me. Α 5 Selected for explosion? Q 6 7 Beats me. Later on, I met the wife -- many years 8 afterwards, and there was somebody jumping the fence 9 to see the wife, or whatever, you know. It's not my 10 That's a problem. 11 concern. Were you paid for that, Ricky? 12 13 Α Who? 14 Were you paid for the explosives in the 15 De Los Santos thing? I bought the explosives. 16 17 And donated them to Suarez? 18 No, I charge for explosives because No. Α 19 I have to pay for the explosives. 20 Q Let me ask you about one other quick 21 incident, and then, we will recess for the evening, 22 because it's shortly before 5:00. 23 There was an episode in which you started 24 to either fabricate or place an explosive device that

was to go into a home, and it turned out that, at the

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time that the device was to be detonated or was to 1 have been set for detonation, that there was a woman inside the house or building, as the case may be, who 3 turned out to be Raul Diaz' mother. Do you remember that? 5 Α Say that again? 6 Raul Diaz' mother, the policeman Raul Q 7 Diaz? 8 Α Yes. Within a place or home or a building of 10 some sort about which you had started or had intended 11 to introduce an explosive device? 12 13 Well, I didn't know that it was Raul Diaz' 14 mother was there. I found out years later was there -- now. 15 Q Which one are you talking about? 16 17 The John Clarence Cook bombing. 18 Actually, was not one bombing. It was two 19 bombings. 20 MS. COHAN: Can we quit for the evening 21 on that name? 22 MR. WILLIAMS: No, we'll just tie this one 23 up. 24 THE WITNESS: It was two bombings to

correct yourself. It was two bombings.

one bombing.

for a wind to the analysis of the factors.

MR. WILLIAMS: We'll start with this tomorrow because the court reporter has to change paper anyway, so we will start with the John Clarence Cook bombings in the morning; okay?

(Whereupon, the deposition was recessed until Tuesday, April 6th, 1982 at 10:30 o'clock a.m.)

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