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Wednesday, 26th October, 1976.

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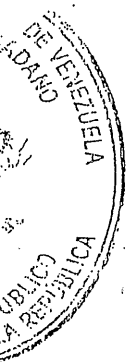
I am a Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service. On Thursday, 7th October, 1976, two (2) men giving their names as JOSE VASQUEZ GARCIA and FREDDY LUGO were brought to Police Headquarters by Assistant Commissioner BIERKOWSKI and a party of Police Officers. Assistant Commissioner BIERKOWSKI reported to me. As a consequence of what Mr. BIERKOWSKI told me, at 8.30 p.m. on Friday, 8th October, 1976, I interviewed a man who called himself JOSE VASQUEZ GARCIA in the presence of Senior Superintendent GORDON WATERMAN, Head of the Criminal Investigation Department; No. 6823 Corporal OSCAR KING of the Special Branch and Miss JOY KELSHALL who acted as Interpreters.

Through the interpreters, I informed JOSE GARCIA who I was and that I was in charge of the enquiries regarding the crash of Cubana Aircraft Flight CU-455 which occurred off the North Coast of Barbados on the 6th October, 1976. I told him that he and FREDDY LUGO were detained as it was alleged that they both knew something about the crash as they had travelled from Trinidad to Barbados on the said plane. I told him that I knew that he and LUGO had travelled from Barbados to Trinidad after the crash on a B.W.I.A. Plane Flight 400, leaving without luggage and later booked in at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Port-of-Spain, under the name of GUSTAVO GARCIA of Bogota, Colombia. I further told him that when they were brought to Headquarters and asked about their luggage by Corporal KING, he (GARCIA) said that his luggage was stolen from a taxi in Barbados. I showed him several documents and other articles which were found on him at the time he was detained, among which was a key No. 61 for a room at the Village Beach Hotel in Barbados. I told him that I wished him to tell me what he knew about this matter and requested a statement of him. He gave me a statement which is appended and marked 'D.R. 1' for identification. This statement is dated 9th October, 1976. In this statement, JOSE VASQUEZ GARCIA told me that his correct name was HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO, Cedula No. 3821507, that everything else in his passport was false except for his photograph.

On Saturday 9th October, 1976, I interviewed FREDDY LUGO. I told him who I was and that I was investigating the crash of Cubana Flight CU-455 which occurred around 5.00 p.m. on 6th October, 1976, off the North Coast of Barbados. I told him in the presence of Senior Superintendent WATERMAN, Miss JOY KELSHALL and No. 6832 Corporal OSCAR KING, Interpreters, that he and HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO had, on the 6th October, 1976, travelled by Cubana Airline CU-455 from Trinidad to Barbados; that that plane after taking off from Barbados had crashed; that RICARDO himself had returned from Barbados to Trinidad sometime around 9.00 p.m. on the 6th October, 1976, by B.W.I.A. Flight 400 without baggage; that they registered at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Port-of-Spain, later on that evening in the name of GUSTAVO GARCIA of Bogota, Colombia. I told him that I wished him to tell me

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he knew. He gave me a statement, through the interpreters, which was recorded in writing, marked 'D.R. 2' for identification. This statement is dated 9th October, 1976. In this statement, LUGO denied knowledge of the crash.

At 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 9th October, 1976, I saw the local representative of the Cubana Airline, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mr. PACIFIQUE, Manager of Cubana Airlines here. Mr. GOMEZ showed me two (2) airline tickets. I examined these tickets and saw that one ticket was a LAV ticket in the name of FREDDY LUGO, No. 0462 3196735 for a flight from Caracas/Port-of-Spain/Cubana Airlines Port-of-Spain/Barbados. This ticket was later handed to me by the Manager of Cubana Airlines and is enclosed as 'D.R. 3' for identification. I was also shown LAV airline ticket No. 8462 3284913 in the name of JOSE VASQUEZ in respect of a flight Caracas/Port-of-Spain Port-of-Spain/Barbados Cubana Airlines. Both tickets were purchased in Caracas on the 5th October, 1976. This ticket was given me by Mr. GOMEZ and is appended and marked 'D.R. 4' for identification.

On Sunday, 10th October, 1976, at 6.05 p.m., I interviewed HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO. I showed him a notebook, a diary, the front of which showed 'Octubre 1975' and two (2) B.I.A. airline tickets No. 1062 915100 in the name of JOSE VASQUEZ in respect of flight Barbados/Port-of-Spain/Caracas dated 6th October, 1976, purchased in Venezuela and ticket No. 0462 3284914 dated 5th October, 1976, in respect of a flight Barbados/Caracas. He told me that the tickets shown to him were his and that the notebook and diary were also his. I asked him whether he could assist me any further with respect to the airline tickets and the notebook which contained several names and telephone numbers and a calendar in which there was recorded a name 'Mr. ORLANDO Telephone No. 713916.' I asked him whether the handwriting which appeared in both books were his and he told me yes. He then said that he would give a statement. This was recorded in writing through the interpreters and appended as 'D.R. 5' for identification.

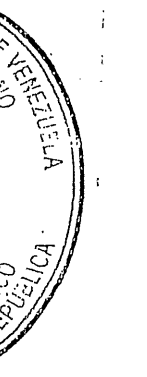
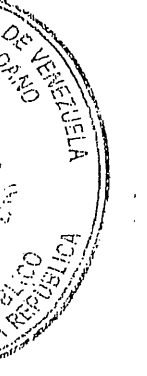
As a result of certain information received, I left Trinidad at 8.00 a.m. on Monday, 11th October, 1976, in Coast Guard plane TTDF 1 and arrived at Miquelita Airport at 10.15 a.m. In company with the Trinidad and Tobago Ambassador to Caracas, His Excellency Mr. Wilfred Naimool. I spoke with the Deputy Foreign Minister, Dr. JORGE GOMEZ MANTELLINI and two (2) officials of D.I.S.I.P. (DIRECCION SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACION Y PREVENCION). As a result of our talks, I interviewed the following persons at the Headquarters of D.I.S.I.P.:-

- (a) General RAOUL JIMENEZ GAINZA,
- (b) Dr. RAFAEL RIVAS VASQUEZ,
- (c) Dr. ORLANDO GARCIA VASQUEZ,
- (d) Dr. RAMON JOSE VALASQUEZ (Director de Identificacion y Inmigracion).

As a result of this discussion, I received a declaration dated 11th October, 1976, signed by RAMON IGNACIO VALASQUEZ (National Director of Identification and Immigration) marked 'D.R. 6' for identification. This document discloses that the

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passport in the name of JOSÉ VÁSQUEZ GARCIA dated 6th June, 1976, which was found in the possession of HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO at the time of detention on 7th October, 1976, was taken away (stolen) from Cabima in the State of Zulia and that the said passport was false.

I returned to Trinidad at 10.15 a.m. on Tuesday, 12th October, 1976, from Caracas.

On Tuesday, 12th October, 1976, I interviewed FREDDY LUGO in the presence of Snr. Superintendent GORDON WATERMAN, Corporal OSCAR KING and Snr. Superintendent DURANT. Through interpreter Corporal KING, LUGO gave me a further statement marked 'D.R. 7' for identification. In this statement, LUGO told me that RICARDO had told him on the flight between Caracas and Port-of-Spain that he was travelling with a false passport.

At 5.15 p.m. on Friday, 15th October, 1976, FREDDY LUGO requested to see me and told me that he wished to make a further statement which was recorded through the interpreters in writing. In this statement, he said that RICARDO told him on the flight between Caracas and Trinidad that ORLANDO BOSCH and LUIS POSADA must be worried about him (RICARDO), and that after twenty (20) minutes of flight on the Cubana Airline between Trinidad and Barbados, RICARDO became very nervous, was sweating, went to the bathroom, returned from the bathroom even more nervous and sweating heavily. Statement marked 'D.R. 8' for identification. This statement is dated 15th October, 1976.

At 3.15 p.m. on Saturday, 16th October, 1976, FREDDY LUGO requested to see me in the presence of Snr. Superintendent GORDON WATERMAN; Sergeant Anthony JACK, No. 5133; Corporal Oscar KING, No. 6823 and Miss JOY KESHALL. I saw LUGO in my office. He told me that he had thought the whole matter over and that he wished to tell the truth about the Cubana Aircraft crash. I cautioned him in accordance with the Judges' Rules of Trinidad and Tobago and he made a statement which was recorded in writing. Statement marked 'D.R. 9' for identification. This statement is dated 16th October, 1976. In this cautioned statement, LUGO told me that he was convinced that HERNAN RICARDO was the one who placed the bomb on the aircraft. He told me that RICARDO had told him on the flight from Caracas to Trinidad that he (RICARDO) was going to blow up a Cubana aircraft. In the same statement, he said that while en route in a taxi from the Holiday Inn Hotel to the Piarco Airport, Trinidad, RICARDO again told him with great determination that he was going to blow up a Cubana aircraft.

On Sunday, 17th October, 1976, at about 6.30 p.m., RICARDO asked to see me. At the time, I was in company with Senior Superintendent WATERMAN, Inspector HEADLEY, Sergeant JACK, Corporal KING and Miss JOY KESHALL. He told me that he wished to speak to me in confidence and asked that Snr. Superintendent WATERMAN, Inspector HEADLEY and Sergeant JACK leave the office. These gentlemen left the office. He told me:-

- (a) that he was a member of the C.I.A. (Central Intelligence Agency);
- (b) that he was recruited by the C.I.A. in Venezuela between 1970 and 1971;

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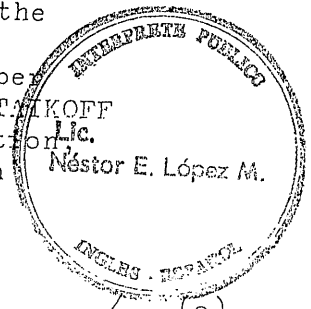
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- (c) that he was trained in Venezuela and Panama in Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence;
- (d) that he was also trained in handling bombs, arms, arms with silencers and photographic equipment;
- (e) that the name "EL CONDOR" is a front for a group called "EL COROU" which is the abbreviation for Commander of Revolutionary Organisation Unit;
- (f) that the head of EL COROU is ORLANDO BOSCH also known as Mr. ORLANDO and sometimes as Mr. PANYAGUA;
- (g) that LOUIS POSADA PARRILES is the head of a firm known as Industrial and Commercial Investigations Agency;
- (h) that LOUIS POSADA is his employer and the head of that Agency;
- (i) that LOUIS POSADA was at one time employed in the Caldera Government as head of the Counter Intelligence Division of the Organisation called 'D.I.S.I.P.';
- (j) that he (LOZANO) was in possession of three (3) passports, namely, a U.S. passport, a forged passport with which he was found in possession in Trinidad and a genuine Venezuelan passport in his own name;
- (k) that he and LUGO were in Barbados from 9th to 12th July, 1976, when the B.W.I.A. Office was blown up there. He said that the office was blown up at 10.30 p.m. on the 10th July, 1976, and that the bomb was placed there by a Panamanian who is a naturalised Venezuelan and who now resides in Barbados;
- (l) that he (LOZANO) was in Trinidad with a man by the name of OLEG GUITON RODRIGUEZ DE LA SIERRA TRATAKOFF from 29th August to 1st September, 1976, and they stayed at the Trinidad Hilton Hotel leaving Trinidad for Caracas at 12 noon on 1st September;
- (m) that RODRIGUEZ is a member of his (LOZANO'S) organization;
- (n) that the bomb which was placed in the Guyanese Consulate in Trinidad was placed at 10.00 a.m. on 1st September by OLEG RODRIGUEZ DE LA SIERRA TRATAKOFF and another member of the Organisation; and that both these men were now in Venezuela;

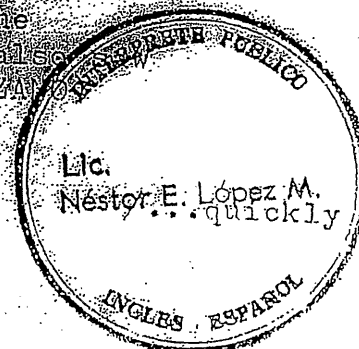


- (o) that the bomb placed at the Guyanese Consulate in Trinidad was a C4 (composition 4) 1 lb. in weight and brought into Trinidad in a suitcase made for the purpose in Virginia, U.S.A;
- (p) that the black belt he was found wearing upon detention at the Holiday Inn on October 7th which is hollow and carries a zip on the inside is used by him to secrete transmitters;
- (q) that he would like to stay in Trinidad as he knows wherever he went in the world he would be killed. He told me that he was violently against the Castro Government because he knew that Castro has been responsible for the killing of innocent poor people;
- (r) that he had evidence that before Castro ordered people killed, he would first withdraw blood from them and then they were shot;
- (s) that in Angola, Castro has incited the blacks against the whites and that Castro's involvement in massacres around the world had hardened him against the Castro Government.

I requested him to put this in writing and he told me that he would consider it and let me know the following day.

On Monday, 18th October, 1976, at 8.45 p.m., in the presence of Mr. Superintendent GORDON WATERMAN, Corporal OSCAR KING and Miss JOY KILSHALL, I saw RICARDO in my office at his instance. He told me that he wished to say something further with me. I immediately served him a copy of the captioned statement given me by FREDDY LUGO dated 16th October, 1976, and marked 'D.R.' for identification. He read it and made no reply.

On Tuesday, 19th October, 1976, at 6.00 p.m., FREDDY LUGO requested to see me. He told me that he had remembered some facts the night before and he wished to give a further statement. In the presence of Mr. Superintendent GORDON WATERMAN, Corporal OSCAR KING and Miss JOY KILSHALL, he made a statement which was recorded in writing and marked 'D.R.' for identification. In this statement, LUGO said that while RICARDO and he were awaiting the Cuban attachment out of Trinidad on the 6th October, 1976, they went to the restaurant to have something to drink. He (LUGO) at a certain time went to the bathroom, and on his return, he saw RICARDO kneading a handful of something which looked like dough, and as he tapped him on the shoulder on his return, RICARDO plattered the substance and placed it in his jacket pocket. He also had a tube of Colgate toothpaste which he



quickly tucked into his shirt pocket. He also remembered that while they were on the plane RICARDO took out the tube of toothpaste. He made other disclosures.



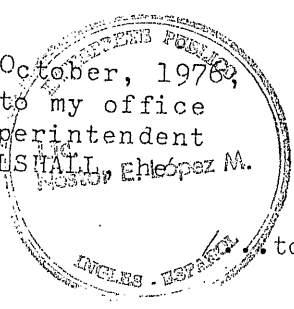
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At 8.30 p.m. on 19th October, 1976, the same day RICARDO LOZANO requested to see me. He told me in the presence of Snr. Superintendent GORDON WATERMAN, and Corporal OSCAR KING that he had thought the matter over and he wished to speak to me in the greatest confidence. He told me that he was a member of the C.I.A. in Venezuela and that FREDDY LUGO was also a member of the C.I.A. recruited by him (LOZANO), that he received his pay through him (LOZANO) and LUGO was assigned to him. He said that LUGO was graded class D. He went on to say that he and LUGO had left Caracas on October 5th 1976 to do some intelligence work on a Cubana aircraft between Trinidad and Barbados. He told me that LUGO carried two (2) cameras - one strung around his neck and the other in his shoulder bag, and these were taken aboard the Cubana aircraft in Trinidad on 6th October, 1976. He said that he (LOZANO) checked his luggage into the hold of the plane. He went on to say that he knew who blew up the plane, that the persons were Venezuelans and that they were at present in Trinidad. At this stage, I cautioned him as follows:-

"You are not obliged to say anything but anything you say may be given in evidence."

He continued and told me that if I use my police brain it would be clear to me who bombed the plane. I told him I believed I knew who committed the crime. He hesitated for a while and then told me, saying that it was in the greatest confidence, that LUGO and himself bombed the plane. He asked me for a sheet of paper and in his own handwriting recorded the steps to be taken before a bomb was placed in an aircraft and how a plastic bomb is detonated. This document is marked 'D.R. 12' for identification. On the obverse side of the document, he drew a sketch of the bomb and detonator and described the detonator as a pencil-type with chemicals which could be timed for 8 minutes, 45 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours, 3 hours, 8 hours, 12 hours and 24 hours. He said that these pencil-type detonators were of various colours depending on the time at which the bomb was to be detonated. He took a pencil from my desk and told me that that pencil resembled one of the detonators he had described. He said that a certain chemical is filled in a tube of colgate toothpaste after the toothpaste is extracted. This pencil is in my possession. He went on to tell me that he knew everything about the Organisation 'CORCU'. He requested another sheet of paper and on this sheet of paper he drew the organisational chart of the Organisation. This document is marked 'D.R. 13' for identification. He told me that he called ORLANDO BOSCH from Barbados after the plane had crashed and BOSCH told him "friend we have problems here in Caracas you never blow up a plane while it is in the air." I asked him whether he was prepared to put this in writing and he told me that he would think about it that night and let me know the next morning.

At 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 20th October, 1976, RICARDO requested to see me. He was brought to my office at 11.10 a.m., and in the presence of Snr. Superintendent WATERMAN, Corporal OSCAR KING and Miss JOY KILSHALL, *Chévez M.*



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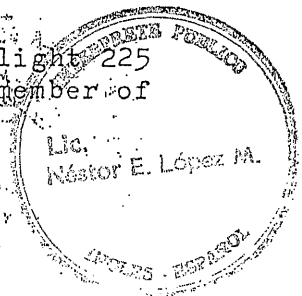
told me that he had thought the matter over, the night before and was prepared to make a written statement and that he wished Miss KELSALL to record it. I cautioned him in accordance with the Judges' Rules of Trinidad and Tobago and he made a statement which was recorded in writing. Statement marked 'D.R. 14' for identification. This statement is dated 20th October, 1976. Among the things he said in the statement was that FREDDY LUGO had two (2) cameras, one in his travelling bag and the other around his neck. He said that one camera was left on the plane and he was almost sure that a bomb must have been in that camera left by LUGO on the aircraft.

On Wednesday, 20th October, 1976, a meeting chaired by the Honourable Attorney General and Minister for Legal Affairs, Senator RICHARDSON, called by the Trinidad Government at which representatives of the Guyanese, Barbados, Cuba, was convened at the Ministry of National Security in Port-of-Spain at 2.30 p.m. At about 3.45 p.m. during the discussion, certain disclosures were made, as a result of which, the Acting Attorney General of Venezuela and Dr. CARLOS IRAZABAL, Ambassador for Venezuela in Trinidad and Tobago, made a request to interview RICARDO and LUGO. This request was granted by the Chairman, and Asst. Commissioner BURROUGHS and I accompanied the two (2) gentlemen to Police Headquarters where the detainees were interviewed in my presence. Corporal OSCAR KING was also present. The Acting Attorney General for Venezuela interviewed both suspects, and after the interview, the party returned to the Conference. The Acting Attorney General for Venezuela spoke with the Chairman and the Chairman announced to all present at the Conference that the two detainees had reported to him that they were well health-wise, that they were well treated by the Trinidad Police.

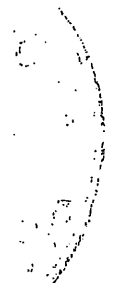
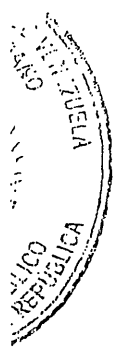
On Friday, 22nd October, 1976, a request was made to me by the Venezuelan Ambassador to allow the Acting Attorney General to interview LOZANO before he left for Venezuela. LOZANO was interviewed in the presence of Dr. CARLOS IRAZABAL and FRANCIS DAVILA of the Venezuelan Embassy here. I saw on LOZANO'S forearm a medical dressing. Dr. IRAZABAL told me in English in the presence and hearing of the Acting Attorney General for Venezuela and LOZANO that LOZANO had no complaints.

LOZANO and LUGO left Trinidad by LAV Flight 225 at 1.20 p.m. accompanied by Inspector JIMENEZ, a member of D.I.S.I.P.

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DENNIS ELLIOTT RAMDWAR,
Deputy Commissioner of Police.



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I, EUAN FOCH HAIG NUNEZ, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security in the country of Trinidad and Tobago do hereby certify that the signature Dennis Elliott Ramdwar appearing on the reverse side is that of DENNIS ELLIOTT RAMDWAR, Deputy Commissioner of Police in the said country of Trinidad and Tobago.

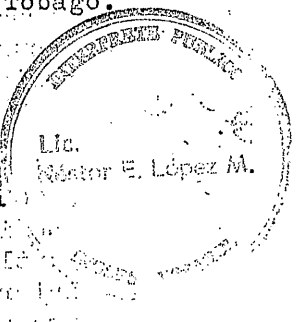
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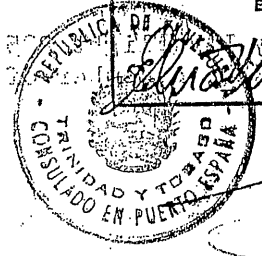
I, RABINDRANATH PERMANAND, Chief of Protocol, Ministry of External Affairs in the country of Trinidad and Tobago do hereby certify that the signature E.F.H. Nunez appearing above is that of EUAN FOCH HAIG NUNEZ, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security in the said country of Trinidad and Tobago.

Dated this... 28th... day of October, 1976

Rabindranath Permanand
Permanent Secretary
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