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MANUEL ORTEGA MUÑOZ, inmate, Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida, after acknowledging the identity of the interviewers and the nature of the inquiry by SA SINCICIO GUTIERREZ, was advised of his rights in Spanish by SA GUTIERREZ as shown on an executed standard Spanish language Rights and Waiver form. ORTEGA read his rights and executed the waiver after advising that he understood his rights.

ORTEGA was interviewed in the office of Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) R. JEROME SANFORD. Present during interview were AUSA SANFORD, SA GUTIERREZ, Detective EDWARD REEDERS, Organized Crime Bureau, Dade County Public Safety Department, Miami, Florida, and Mr. ORTEGA.

MANUEL ORTEGA advised as follows:

About 2 years ago he met GUSTAVO CASTILLO through ORESTES RUIZ HERNANDEZ, a friend of about 3 years or so. He has given statements to State of Florida authorities concerning a bombing at the University of Miami (U of M) on April 3, 1976, in which RUIZ HERNANDEZ and CASTILLO participated. He has been given immunity by the State in exchange for his cooperation in this matter. Prior to the U of M bombing he did not know that RUIZ HERNANDEZ was a member of any particular anti-Castro group. He knew that CASTILLO was a member of the Frente de Liberacion Nacional de Cuba (FLNC). He knew this because CASTILLO said so himself.

During 1975, ORTEGA was a member of a group headed by ROLANDO MASFERRER. In this group were RAFAEL TORRES JIMENEZ, a person named DIAZ, MASFERRER's nephew "ROJITAS", JAVIER SOLIZ, ALBERTO ESTINEZ and others. The group had guerrilla war practices every week or so. Each member bought a uniform. The purpose was not to carry out operations in the United States, but to carry out operations within Cuba from a Costa Rica base of operations. MASFERRER was supposed to have had contacts in Costa Rica who were to make land available for the base. In 1974, ORTEGA realized that MASFERRER had been deceiving them,

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he had no contacts and he did not intend to finalize any operation. ORTEGA had been told by MASFERRER that he had a cache of weapons in a church. ORTEGA broke into and entered the church and found no weapons.

Although loosely, the group remained together. They shared the same ideas, aspirations and "patriotic" goals. Then ORESTES RUIZ HERNANDEZ presented GUSTAVO CASTILLO with an observation that the Cuban youth needed anti-Castro direction. CASTILLO's family appeared to be very close to the RUIZ HERNANDEZ family.

Later ORTEGA met MARIO SOLANO. This was about 6 months prior to ORTEGA being convicted in the State of Florida and sent to State Prison. SOLANO was also convicted of a crime and sent to State prison. In mid 1975 he and SOLANO escaped and remained fugitives until about June, 1976. SOLANO was never a member of any organization although SOLANO was frequently contacted by Reverend MANUEL ESPINOSA, a person of dubious character that favors relations with Cuba.

Shortly after his escape, he became affiliated with the Ejercito Libertador de Cuba (Liberation Army of Cuba) with ORESTES RUIZ HERNANDEZ. This organization ceased soon after it became the Ejercito Secreto de Cuba (Secret Army of Cuba) (ESC). The ESC was headed by ANTONIO "TONY" CALATAYUD and JOSE PEREZ LINARES. Others in the ESC were GABRIEL "EL MORO" ABAY and LUIS RIVERA. The name Omega-7 has been used by the ESC to claim credit for anti-Castro acts such as the bombing of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations (CMUN) in New York on June 6, 1976. He did not participate in this bombing and does not know who did it.

During 1975 and the first part of 1976, he, MARIO SOLANO and ORESTES RUIZ HERNANDEZ went to New York and remained there for periods of time gathering intelligence for a "mission" against Cuban Ambassador RICARDO ALARCON and First Secretary TEOFILO ACOSTA of the Cuban Mission to the United Nations. Their first intelligence which had been provided by GUSTAVO CASTILLO was that TEOFILO ACOSTA lived in apartment on 72nd Street. However, the apartment turned out to belong to a black man unrelated to ACOSTA. This bad information had upset ORTEGA.

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Nevertheless, the plan continued. TONY CALATAYUD provided them with a German made machine gun, a shotgun, explosives, safety fuse, detonators, blasting caps and 2 handguns. When everything was ready to execute the plan, PEPE LINARES called off the mission. This further upset ORTEGA.

By this time ORTEGA had found out that RAFAEL TORRES JIMENEZ was also a member of the FLNC with GUSTAVO CASTILLO and these two, especially CASTILLO, supplied the liaison between ORTEGA's cell and the FLNC.

Prior to April, 1976, ORTEGA learned through GUSTAVO CASTILLO that there were other targets in the anti-Castro fight. These "other" targets in Miami, Florida, included:

1. EMILIO MILIAN, WQBA Radio Announcer.
2. JESUS GONZALEZ CARTA "EL ESTRANO"
3. University of Miami where Communist ANGELA DAVIS was to speak.

The reason that EMILIO MILIAN was a "target" was because he had been "bad mouthing" FLNC members HUMBERTO LOPEZ, JR. and LUIS CRESPO (injured when bomb they were constructing exploded and are now in State Penitentiary), and speaking against terrorism. MILIAN was severely injured by a bomb placed in his automobile on April 30, 1976, and GONZALEZ CARTA was subsequently murdered. A bomb was also placed at the University of Miami. ORTEGA felt bad concerning EMILIO MILIAN because he liked him and because he felt that terrorism should have been against Cuba and communists and not at persons such as MILIAN.

After the University of Miami bombing, ORTEGA went to the home of FELIX BARRIOS, age 46, on S.W. 12th Avenue and 12th Street, Miami. He obtained from BARRIOS explosives and blasting caps which were to be used against Channel 23 TV Station, Miami, Master Charge Bank or office, Miami, and Pepsi-Cola. Pepsi Cola has some trade with Cuba and Master Charge allows Cuban excursions to be charged.

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After the bombing of the University of Miami he saw GUSTAVO CASTILLO and MARIO SOLANO at RUIZ HERNANDEZ's home. He learned that a mission which was to be carried out somewhere abroad was still "on". He was asked by CASTILLO if he wanted to go. He said he would but wanted to know more about it and why "it" was being carried out.

Later he found out from MARIO SOLANO that a Cuban who is associated with a flower shop in Miami helped train RUIZ, SOLANO and CASTILLO for a mission in Mexico. The flower man gave them shooting instructions as well as kidnapping training.

ORTEGA advised that he knows that GUSTAVO CASTILLO knows the exact cell or participants of the attack against the Cuban fishing vessel "Ferro Cemento 119" on April 6, 1976, in the Cay Sal Bank. He knows this because a Miami Cuban named JAVIER DE LA VEGA had told him that he owned land in Costa Rica which could be used for anti-Castro missions. ORTEGA told this to GUSTAVO CASTILLO. CASTILLO responded that this is something that is needed, that is, the team that attacked the "Ferro Cemento 119" could have returned to Costa Rica and not to the United States for added security of the mission.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to: 2 - United States Attorney, Miami, Florida
(Attention: Assistant U.S. Attorney MICHAEL P. SULLIVAN)

Report of: OCT 19 1976 MC FINE, JR. Office: Miami, Florida
Date:

Field Office File #: 174-986 Bureau File #: 174-5850

Title: GUSTAVO CASTILLO;
MANUEL ORTEGA-ALONSO;
CRISTOPHER RUIZ-HERNANDEZ

Character: EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARY DEVICES

Synopsis:

On 8/26/76, information received from Dade County Public Safety Department (DPSD) that a confidential source had provided a statement that an O. STEPHEN and a GUSTAVO CASTILLO were responsible for the 4/7/76 bombing on the University of Miami campus. On 9/1/76, DPSD advised a warrant was to be issued charging CASTILLO locally with the crime. On 9/15/76, the facts were presented to the United States Attorney's Office, Miami, who held prosecutive opinion in abeyance pending outcome of local prosecution.

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DETAILS:

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On August 26, 1976, Detective EDWARD MADERAS, Organized Crime Bureau, Dade County Public Safety Department (DCPSD), furnished the following statement taken on July 17, 1976. The statement was taken from a defendant in an offense against the State of Florida, who is also a confidential informant of the DCPSD and, therefore, areas which would identify this individual and interviewing officers have been lined out.

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Interviewed on 8/26/76 at Miami, Florida File # MM 174-926

SAS JOHN B. MC PHEE, JR., and
by SINICIO GUTIERREZ; JEM:rad Date dictated 8/30/76

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DADE

FELONY COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT AND ALL RELATED CHARGES RESIDENT OF: FLORIDA

Dade County Other

I swear this statement is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority this _____ day of _____ 19 _____

Arresting Agency _____ 30 (Numeric Code)

Officer's Signature _____
Ct. ID No. _____
Dept. _____

Deputy of the Court or Notary Public _____

OFFICER'S COPY

Hold for Magistrate's Hearing.
 Do Not Bond Out. (Officer Must Appear)
 OUT OF COUNTY/STATE WARRANT

114-02-142 REV. JAN. 1974 DETACH IF OTHER THAN ADULT FELONY OFFENDER Police Case No. _____

I.D.S. No. _____ Jail No. _____ Police Case No. 22959-X

P.S.D. Records I.D. No. _____ Municipal P.D.I.D. No. _____

Defendant's Name ORTEGA MANUEL Date of Birth SEPT 7 46
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Month, Day, Year)

Alias _____ Local Address 2325 N.W. 45 ST MIA, FL Sex M Race W
(City) (State) (Zip)

Permanent Address 2325 N.W. 45 ST. Phone _____ Hgt. 5'7" Wt. 130
(City) (State) (Zip)

Business Address NONE Taken to County Station _____ Eyes _____ Hair _____

Soc. Sec. No. 156-48-0194 Occ. CONSTRUCTION WORKER POB: Habana, Cuba Scars-Tattoos LEFT JAW

Arrest Date JAN 28 77 Time 12:10 PM Location DADE COUNTY JAIL / SAO
(Month, Day, Year) (Place of Arrest)

Co-Defendant's Name _____ STATUS AT LARGE IN CUSTODY
(Last) (First) (Middle) FELONY MISDEMEANOR JUVENILE

Co-Defendant's Name _____ STATUS AT LARGE IN CUSTODY
(Last) (First) (Middle) FELONY MISDEMEANOR JUVENILE

C1. CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A FELONY In Viol. of F.S. 777.04 CAPIAS/CIT. # 77-727

H 2. _____ In Viol. of F.S. _____ CAPIAS/CIT. # _____

R 3. _____ In Viol. of F.S. _____ CAPIAS/CIT. # _____

G 4. _____ In Viol. of F.S. _____ CAPIAS/CIT. # _____

E 5. _____ In Viol. of F.S. _____ CAPIAS/CIT. # _____

WITNESSES AGAINST DEFENDANT: see reverse side for additional witnesses In Viol. of Sec. _____ of the code of _____

1. Name Mederos, Edward Address: PSD-OCB-TIS Phone 547-

2. Name BENITEZ, D. Address: PSD-OCB-TIS Phone 547-

Arresting Officers _____ Ct. ID No. _____ Dept. _____
The undersigned certifies and swears that he has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named Defendant
On the 28th day of JANUARY, 1977, At 12:10 PM DADE COUNTY JAIL
(Time) (Location)

committed the following violation of law: Narrative; (Be specific)
AS PER CAPIAS 77-727

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CHARGE CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A FELONY

TO: THE DADE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Municipal Police Case Number _____
Defendant TO BE ARRESTED

MANUEL ORTEGA

Name of Defendant

Address _____ Phone _____

Business Address _____ Phone _____

Occupation or Business

4-3-76 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
Date of Offense Location of Offense

REMARKS: DEFENDANT IS PRESENTLY IN
DADE COUNTY JAIL

Race WHITE Sex MALE D.O.B. _____

Height 5'8" Weight 130

Hair _____ Eyes _____

Complexion _____

Marks or Features _____

Comments _____

Complainant(s) (Note: If filed by an officer, both the name of the victim and of the department are shown below.)

Officer D. Benitez #1176	Public Safety Department	
Officer Eddie Mederos #1486	Public Safety Department	
Name	Address	Phone

ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY: GEORGE YOSS:lw

NO PRELIMINARY HEARING, CLERK OF
CIRCUIT COURT WILL SET FOR ARRAIGNMENT.

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

CAPIAS

TO ALL AND SINGULAR THE SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, GREETINGS:

You are Hereby Commanded to take MANUEL ORTEGA

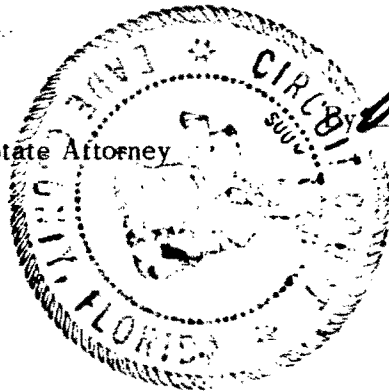
if he be found in your County, and him safely keep so that you have his body before the Judge of our Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida and for the County of Dade and State of Florida in Miami, instantler, to answer unto the State of Florida on an information filed against him by the State Attorney for

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A FELONY

And have you then and there this writ
WITNESS, RICHARD P. BRINKER, Clerk of said Court, and the seal of our said Court, in Miami aforesaid, this 28 day of JANUARY, A. D. 1977

RICHARD P. BRINKER, Clerk

RICHARD E. GERSTEIN, State Attorney



D. S. Ingebrigtson
Deputy Clerk

Received this Capias the 28th day of January, A.D. 1977,
and executed it on the 28th day of January, A.D. 1977,
by arresting the within named Manuel Ortega
and having him now before the Court this _____ day of _____,
A.D. 19____.

Appearance Bond fixed at \$ _____
this _____ day of _____, 19____
By _____ Deputy Sheriff

Judge.

OTHER

OFFENSE - INCIDENT REPORT

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1 Nature of Offense - Incident CONSPIRACY To Commit A Felony		Unit No. 143	Date of Report 1/28/77	Dispatch 10:00 AM	Arrival 10:00 AM	In Service 3:00 PM	Address of Dispatch DADE COUNTY JAIL	Will Victim prefer charges <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address of Occurrence (Incl. Name of Business or Type of Premises) DADE COUNTY JAIL			Vice Violation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Date - Day - Time of Occurrence 1/28/77-FRI-12:00AM		Contact Information REENTER 7AM-5PM		Juvenile Subject <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Missing Person <input type="checkbox"/> Runaway		Age	Res. Phone	Person/Unit Notified		Time		7 Missing Person Info.	
Name: STATE OF FLORIDA		Race N	Bus. Phone	4 Property Taken (Type)		Address		Phone	
Address		Sex	A	Value		Recov. Value		Property Receipt	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reporter <input type="checkbox"/> Discoverer		Age 30	Res. Phone	Property Recovered (Type)		Last Seen By		Phone	
Name MEDEROS, E		Race W	Bus. Phone	Property Recovered (Type)		Location Last Seen		Previous Case No.	
Address PSD		Sex M	547-7546	5 Modus Operandi		Prop./ID Carried			
Ow. Name		Age	Res. Phone	Tool/Weapon		How Used		Mental/Physical Condition	
Address N/A		Race	Bus. Phone	How Offenders - App/Fled.		No. Offenders		Reporter's Signature	
Witness Name		Age	Res. Phone	What did Offenders Say		8 Bank - Credit Card		Acct. No.	
Address N/A		Race	Bus. Phone	Exact Location of Victim/Prop.		Payable To		Document No.	
Sex		A		6 Vehicle: <input type="checkbox"/> Subject <input type="checkbox"/> Victim <input type="checkbox"/> Stolen		Amt. of Chk;		Amt. Loss	
3 Subject <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/>		Age 30	Res. Phone	Year & Make		Date of Doc.		Can Subj. Be ID'd	
Name: ORTEGA, MANUEL		Race W	Bus. Phone	Model - Color		Condition		Signature on Face	
Address 2325 N.W. 45 ST.		Sex M		Tag No.		Reason Not Honored		ID Used	
Incarcerated <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		D.O.B.	Occupation	VIN No.		Value		Recov. Value	
Where: DC JAIL		9/7/46	CONSTRUCTION	Doors Locked		Keys in Ign.		9 Hospital	
Juvenile's Parents		Res. Phone	Notified	Teletype Operator:		Time:		Physician	
Address N/A		Bus. Phone	By Whom	Nature Of Injury - Location On Body					
Action Taken: <input type="checkbox"/> W/D <input type="checkbox"/> Intake <input type="checkbox"/> Jud. Attn.		School	Parent's Attitude	Articles in Veh.		Veh. Stored at		Condition	
10 Remarks								Next of Kin Notified	
The above subject was arrested as ordered by capias 77-727 and booked in Dade County Jail on the above charges								<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

11 Reporting Officer's Name (Print)		Badge No.	District	Approved By	Assigned To		12 <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Matter - Advised	
E. MEDEROS		1486	OCB		E. MEDEROS		<input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor Dispute <input type="checkbox"/> NPA	
1.		Badge No.	Grid	Disposition	Referred To		<input type="checkbox"/> Tenant - Landlord <input type="checkbox"/> Scene Secured	
2.				<input type="checkbox"/> Unf. <input type="checkbox"/> Ex. Cl. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrest	Supervisor		<input type="checkbox"/> Faulty/False Alarm <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
							<input type="checkbox"/> All Parties GOA	

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