

CASE NO: 4-800, 3-91
(81833-V), (82143-V)

DATE: July 16, 1976

Continuing investigation into the alleged terrorist activities of ORESTES RUIZ and PABLO GUSTAVO CASTILLO aka TAVITO which occurred in Dade County on July 15, 1976.

SYNOPSIS:

Information provided by MANUEL ORTEGA on Thursday, July 15, 1976, concerning the alleged terrorist activities of PABLO GUSTAVO CASTILLO, ORESTES RUIZ, EJERCITO LIBERTADOR CUBANO (ELC) and JUVENTUD CUBANA EN ACCION (JCA).

DETAILS:

On Thursday, July 15, 1976, this writer and Det. Raul Diaz interviewed MANUEL ORTEGA, who provided the following information.

That ORESTES RUIZ was the man who placed the bomb at the University of Miami on 3 April 1976. (Case #82143-V)

ORTEGA stated that on April 2, 1976 RUIZ and CASTILLO went to the University of Miami campus to scout the area for a site to plant the bomb the next day.

ORTEGA further stated that on Saturday, 3 April 1976, at approximately 11:00 a.m. RUIZ picked him up at 2325 N. W. 35 Street in a white Olds bearing 1976 Florida license tag 1W-291888. From there they drove south on the Palmetto Expressway and exited at S. W. 40 Street, where they proceeded to drive eastbound.

At approximately 11:30 a.m. RUIZ and ORTEGA met GUSTAVO CASTILLO at a Cuban cafeteria that is located near the University of Miami (ORTEGA claims he cannot recall the name nor the address of the cafeteria). CASTILLO arrived in a 1966 red Chevrolet 2 door. RUIZ and ORTEGA then entered CASTILLO'S vehicle and all three subjects drove to an empty lot located at the rear of the cafeteria. It was there that CASTILLO showed RUIZ how to assemble the bomb once they arrived at the site. The bomb was placed inside a black briefcase and all three subjects drove back to the cafeteria parking lot where RUIZ and ORTEGA exited CASTILLO'S vehicle and drove to the University of Miami in RUIZ' vehicle.

At approximately 12:30 p.m. RUIZ and ORTEGA arrived at the University of Miami campus and they proceeded to park the vehicle at a parking lot located near the IBIS CAFETERIA. At this time RUIZ assembled the device and then both subjects alighted the vehicle and proceeded to check the area prior to placing the bomb. ORTEGA stated that he and RUIZ sat around the pool area for a short while and then they both went back to the vehicle where RUIZ picked up the device and went back to the placing site (a drain pipe exit hole located at the planter). ORTEGA stayed with the vehicle in case a fast getaway was necessary. ORTEGA claims that RUIZ, after returning from placing the device, stated to him that as he (RUIZ) placed the device inside the drain pipe he felt an

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electric shock, possibly due to some moisture contained inside the drain pipe.

ORTEGA also stated that while RUIZ and himself were sitting in the car at the IBIX CAFETERIA a white female approached them asking for directions. At that time RUIZ had the device partly concealed under a paper bag while he was in the process of assembling it.

ORTEGA, after making the above statements to these writers, stated that he would be willing to make a sworn statement pertaining to the above allegation. ORTEGA is also willing to undergo a polygraph examination and further stated that he would be willing to give testimony in open court against PABLO GUSTAVO CASTILLO on the above related events; however, he is somewhat reluctant to offer testimony against ORESTES RUIZ who he feels is a patriotically motivated person although badly misdirected by CASTILLO.

ORTEGA also stated that although he has no facts to back up his allegation, he personally believes that CASTILLO and RUIZ are possibly connected to the MILIAN bombing and the JESUS GONZALEZ-CARTA homicide.

On Saturday, July 17, 1976, MANUEL ORTEGA gave a sworn statement regarding the above related allegations. Afterwards ORTEGA, accompanied by this writer and Det. D. Benitez, visited the University of Miami where ORTEGA proceeded to point out the exact location where the bomb had been placed.

Investigation continues.

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CASE NO: 4-800; 3-91
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DATE: July 14, 1976

Continuing investigation into the alleged terrorist activities of ORESTES RUIZ and an unidentified Cuban male known as "TAVITO" which occurred in Dade County on July 13, 1976.

SYNOPSIS:

Information provided by MANUEL ORTEGA on Tuesday, July 13, 1976, concerning the alleged terrorist activities of TAVITO, ORESTES RUIZ, EJERCITO LIBERTADOR CUBANO (ELC) and JUVENTUD CUBANA EN ACCION (JCA).

DETAILS:

On Tuesday, July 13, 1976, this writer and Det. R. Diaz interviewed MANUEL ORTEGA, W/M, DOB 9/27/46, who provided the following information.

That the bombing that took place at the University of Miami on 3 April 1976 was carried out by members of the EJERCITO LIBERTADOR CUBANO (ELC). ORTEGA at this time refuses to name the person who actually placed the device even though he claims that he has personal knowledge of all aspects of the bombing. (It should be noted that ORTEGA feels some type of allegiance to the ELC and to some of its members.) However, he stated that the person who provided the explosives and built the device was an unidentified Cuban male whom he knows by the name of "TAVITO".

ORTEGA further stated that on the day prior to the bombing (April 2, 1976), TAVITO had visited the University of Miami campus in order to scout the area for a site to plant the bomb.

On April 3, 1976, the day of the bombing, "TAVITO" met ORTEGA and another Cuban male and he (TAVITO) then delivered the explosive device in a briefcase and proceeded to give instructions on how to assemble the detonator and explosive charge once the device was ready to be placed. ORTEGA stated that the components of the device were carried separately for safety reasons. ORTEGA then drove to the UM with the unidentified Cuban male and allegedly the device was placed by the other person at the site that had been previously chosen by "TAVITO". ORTEGA also stated that while en route to the UM he proposed to the other Cuban male that they should remove some of the explosives from the device in order to minimize the danger of injury to any person in the vicinity of the explosion. ORTEGA described the components of the explosive device as follows:

Unknown type of explosive contained in small plastic tubes
approximately 1/2 inch in diameter and 4 to 6 inches in length
Electric battery, possibly 6 volts
Electric blasting cap (copper finish)
Silver colored pocket watch
Black electrician's tape

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ORTEGA claims that he does not have any information concerning the other explosive device found underneath one of the police cars at the UM (this bombing attempt occurred on the same day as the previously mentioned bombing, case #81833-V) but that he believes TAVITO claimed credit for both bombings under the names of EJERCITO LIBERTADOR CUBANO and JUVENTUD CUBANA EN ACCION (JCA) in a phone call that he (TAVITO) made to the offices of LIBERTAD newspaper.

That ANTONIO CALATAYUD had provided him (ORTEGA) with two sub-machineguns (Schmeisser and another unknown make German submachine gun) and four handguns to be used in an assassination attempt on RICARDO ALARCON (head of the Cuban delegation to the United Nations) or TEOFILO ACOSTA (also a member of the Cuban delegation to the U.N. who is suspected of being a ranking member of the Cuban DGI). ORTEGA claims that he delivered the weapons to a person he refuses to name in New York but that the assassination attempt never materialized because RAFAEL TORRES-JIMENEZ did not give the order, claiming that there was not enough money in order to get other needed materials. ORTEGA alleges that ANTONIO (TONY) CALATAYUD also had in his possession more automatic weapons and at one time had volunteered to travel to Mexico to carry out an assassination attempt on the life of FIDEL CASTRO; however, CASTRO had canceled his trip to Mexico.

ORTEGA also stated that he feels that MARIO SOLANO, ORESTES RUIZ and TAVITO are connected to the JESUS GOLZALEZ-CARTA homicide because of comments that he has heard them make in regard to GONZALEZ after he (GONZALEZ) had allegedly refused to give TAVITO and RUIZ some explosives that they had asked for. ORTEGA also thinks that TAVITO and ORESTES RUIZ may have been involved in the MILIAN bombing; however, he states that he and SOLANO were in the New York area when the incident occurred.

ORTEGA further stated that he has observed two silencers at RUIZ' residence (771 N. E. 3 Place) and has also observed an M-16 rifle.

ORTEGA described TAVITO as a W/M, early 30's, approximately 5'6", 160 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, limbs noticeably. He further stated that TAVITO is a member of the GOLDEN FALCONS and is an associate of HUMBERTO LOPEZ, LUIS CRESPO, ORESTES RUIZ, RAMIRO DE LA FE, RAFAEL TORRES-JIMENEZ, FRANK CASTRO, ROLANDO OTERO, and LUIS SIERRA.

On Wednesday, July 14, 1976, these writers tentatively identified TAVITO as

CASTILLO, PABLO GUSTAVO W/M
DOB 28 April 1946
5'7", 165 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, medium build
POB Santa Clara, Cuba
Hialeah PD Criminal ID #38490
FBI #122-592 H

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Gun registration records show a GUSTAVO CASTILLO, DOB 4/28/46, residing at 86 E. 60 Street, Hialeah.

Computer runoff shows property addressed 86 E. 60 Street, Hialeah, owned by TOMAS A. PEREZ and wife AURIA.

The Bresser's listing shows the above address listed to JOSE QUEVEDO, phone number 822-5704.

Investigation continues.

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CASE NO: (3-91) 4-800; 4-213

DATE: July 20, 1976

Continuing investigation into the alleged terrorist activities of FELIX BARRIOS which occurred in Dade County on July 15, 1976.

SYNOPSIS:

Information provided by MANUEL ORTEGA on Thursday, July 15, 1976, concerning the alleged terrorist activities of FELIX BARRIOS.

DETAILS:

On Thursday, July 15, 1976, this writer and Det. R. Diaz interviewed MANUEL ORTEGA, who provided the following information.

That on Saturday, April 3, 1976, while attending a meeting at FELIX BARRIOS' residence (ORTEGA does not recall the exact address; however, he states that the residence is located in the vicinity of S. W. 12 Avenue and S. W. 12 Street), a phone call was made to BARRIOS announcing the bombing at the University of Miami. The phone call was made by ORESTES RUIZ and it was made at approximately the time that the device exploded (8:15 p.m.). ORTEGA stated that the phone call had been prearranged between himself and RUIZ for propaganda purposes and to bolster the standing of the EJERCITO LIBERTADOR CUBANO, who ORTEGA was representing at the meeting.

ORTEGA further stated that after the meeting BARRIOS gave him 1/2 pound of explosive (green, putty-like substance) and four electric blasting caps and hinted to ORTEGA that someone should carry out a bombing against TV channel 23, or against ESTEVAN LAMELA who is employed there as a reporter. ORTEGA thinks that BARRIOS holds a personal grudge against LAMELA although BARRIOS would not specifically cite the reason why the bombing should be carried out. ORTEGA also states that BARRIOS is the head of a group called CRUZADAS NACIONALISTAS, and his political views are ultra-rightist.

ORTEGA claims that he gave the explosive substance (for safe-guarding) to a friend called PIPO, who works as a security guard and that he disposed of two of the blasting caps by throwing them in the canal that runs alongside Okeechobee Road. The other two blasting caps were also given to PIPO by ORTEGA.

A check of the Miami telephone book and the Bresser's shows:

FELIX BARRIOS
1224 S. W. 12 Street; phone 858-4536.

A check of the automobile registration shows:

1W-157156, 1965 Chev. 2 dr.

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CASE NO: (3-91) 4-800

DATE: July 22, 1976

Continuing investigation into the alleged terrorist activities of GUSTAVO CASTILLO, which occurred in Dade County on July 16, 1976.

SYNOPSIS:

Intermittent surveillance conducted by this writer on Friday, July 16, 1976, at 86 E. 60 Street, Hialeah.

DETAILS:

On Friday, July 16, 1976, a surveillance was conducted at 86 E. 60 Street, Hialeah, the residence of GUSTAVO CASTILLO. At 10:15 a.m. this writer observed the following vehicles parked in front of the aforementioned residence:

- 1) White Impala 2 dr. bearing 1976 Florida 1W-75985. This vehicle is registered to TOMAS PEREZ, 86 E. 60 Street, Hialeah.
- 2) 1975 Ford 2 dr., red over white, bearing 1976 Florida 1W-74677, registered to AUREA PEREZ, 86 E. 60 Street, Hialeah.
- 3) Green Chevrolet 2 dr. bearing 1976 Florida 1W-371735, registered to GUSTAVO CASTILLO, 86 E. 60 Street, Hialeah.

Surveillance was secured at approximately 10:30 a.m. No other activity was observed.

On the same date, this writer was advised by Det. Rapado that GUSTAVO CASTILLO also owns a white over red 1971 Olds 2 dr. bearing 1976 Florida 1W-160891.

Investigation continues.

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CASE NO: 3-91; 4-800

DATE: July 26, 1976

Continuing investigation into the alleged terrorist activities of ORESTES RUIZ and GUSTAVO CASTILLO which occurred in Dade County on July 23, 1976.

SYNOPSIS:

Surveillance of 86 E. 60 Street and 771 N. E. 3 Place, Hialeah, conducted on Friday, July 23, 1976, by these writers and Det. D. Benitez.

DETAILS:

On Friday, July 23, 1976, these writers and Det. D. Benitez conducted a surveillance of ORESTES RUIZ' and GUSTAVO CASTILLO'S residences.

7:10 p.m. ORESTES RUIZ residence, 771 N. E. 3 Place, Hialeah. Observed the following vehicles:

1969 Volkswagen 2 dr., beige, 1976 Fla. 1D-136931 registered to GUSTAVO BENITO, 100 S. W. 2 Avenue

1973 Chevrolet pickup truck, dark green in color, bearing 1976 Fla. tag 1W-390310 registered to CARLOS R. CALLEJAS, 809 W. 79 Place, Hialeah.

7:50 p.m. 86 E. 60 Street, the residence of GUSTAVO CASTILLO, observed the following vehicles:

1965 Chevrolet 2 dr. white
'76 Fla. 1W-75985
registered to TOMAS PEREZ, 86 E. 60 St., Hialeah

1962 Volkswagen "bug", yellow
'76 Fla. 1D-123
registered to ORLANDO OLIVER, 185 N. W. 47 Ave. #A-5

1973 Oldsmobile 2 dr. Cutlass, white/burgundy
'76 Fla. 1W-75317
registered to ISABEL PEREZ, 86 E. 60 St., Hialeah

1969 Chevrolet Impala, green
'76 Fla. 1W-64594
registered to ELADINO REY, 417 E. 33 St., Hialeah

8:27 p.m. 771 N. E. 3 Place. Observed the previously listed vehicles plus a 1968 Cadillac red/white bearing 1976 Fla. 1W-31208 registered to JOSE COSTA, 955 S. E. 9 Court, Hialeah.

8:32 p.m. The previously listed Cadillac driven by an unidentified male departed 771 N. E. 3 Place and proceeded

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to drive south on S. E. 8 Avenue to S. E. 8 Street, and then proceeded to drive east to S. E. 9th Avenue and then drove south. The above vehicle was lost by these writers in the area of S. E. 9 Avenue at 8:35 p.m. A search of the area for the vehicle proved fruitless. Surveillance was secured at 9:00 p.m.

It should be noted that ORESTES RUIZ was apprehended by Mexican authorities and charged with the kidnapping attempt of the Cuban ambassador to Mexico which occurred on Saturday, July 24, 1976, in Yucatan, Mexico.

Investigation continues.

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CASE NO: (3-91) 4-218; 4-800

DATE: July 29, 1976

Continuing investigation into the terrorist activities of ORESTES RUIZ which occurred in Dade County on July 27, 1976.

SYNOPSIS:

Information received from FBI S/A Sinecio Gutierrez on Tuesday, July 27, 1976, concerning the terrorist activities of ORESTES RUIZ and GASPAR EUGENIO JIMENEZ, and information received from CI TIS 0099.

DETAILS:

On Tuesday, July 27, 1976, these writers were contacted by FBI S/A Sinecio Gutierrez, who advised these writers that GASPAR EUGENIO JIMENEZ had also been apprehended by Mexican authorities in connection with the kidnapping attempt of the Cuban ambassador to Mexico; however, S/A Gutierrez could not provide any further information on the subject.

On Thursday, July 29, 1976, these writers obtained the following data on subject JIMENEZ from firearms registration forms:

GASPAR EUGENIO JIMENEZ-ESCOBEDO

DOB 10-6-35

POB Cuba

Height: 5'7"

Weight: 180

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown

Medium complexion

LKA 5250 S. W. 2 Street

Phone: 445-0993

Previous address: 1542 S. W. 1 Street (1972)

Employed by F.E.C. Railroad as a driver

Previous employment: Farm Best as a delivery man (9-6-72)

U. S. Passport No. E 173 452 2

Has resided in Dade County for 15 years.

INS No. A-11 260 264

FL '76 1D-27443

1973 Volkswagen 2 dr.

Registered to GASPAR JIMENEZ, 5250 S. W. 2 Street

A check of the OCB files revealed that GASPAR JIMENEZ is a self-proclaimed member of DIRECTORIO REVOLUCIONARIO CUBANA, and that he is also allegedly a representative of ACCION CUBANA in Miami and that he recently attended a meeting held in the Dominican Republic which was attended by members of the FLNC, ACCION CUBANA, 2506 Brigade and M-17-4. During that meeting a coalition of anti-Castro organizations was formed under the name of (C.O.R.U.) COORDINACION DE ORGANIZACIONES REVOLUCIONARIAS UNIDAS.

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A records check of subject JIMENEZ did not reveal the existence of any past criminal history.

On Monday, July 26, 1976, these writers were contacted by CI TIS 0099, who provided the following information.

That at approximately 4:00 p.m. this date an unknown Cuban female had called radio station WHRC and had issued a military communique taking credit for the kidnapping attempt carried out in Mexico against the Cuban ambassador. The female caller claimed credit for the action in the name of C.O.R.U.

That he had learned through his own sources that two persons had been arrested in Mexico and that a third person that had taken part in the action had been able to escape and had made it back to Miami.

Investigation continues.

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CASE NO: 3-91; 4-800

DATE: August 3, 1976

Continuing investigation into the terrorist activities of ORESTES RUIZ, GUSTAVO CASTILLO and GASPAR EUGENIO JIMENEZ which occurred in Dade County on July 29, 1976.

SYNOPSIS:

Information received from FBI S/A S. Gutierrez concerning the activities of RUIS, JIMENEZ and CASTILLO.

DETAILS:

On Thursday, July 29, 1976, these writers were contacted by FBI S/A S. Gutierrez, who provided the following information.

That GUSTAVO CASTILLO had been identified by Mexican authorities as the third person who had taken part in the kidnapping attempt of the Cuban ambassador to Mexico. CASTILLO, however, has not been apprehended in Mexico and it is believed that he has returned to the United States. (It should be noted that on Monday, August 2, 1976, S/A Gutierrez advised these writers that he (Gutierrez) had been in contact with CASTILLO'S attorney and that the attorney had stated that CASTILLO is in the Miami area but that he will not surrender himself to the FBI for fear that he may be extradited to Mexico.)

That CASTILLO, JIMENEZ and RUIZ had traveled to Mexico via Mexicana Airlines and had departed Miami on July 19, 1976 to Cozumel, Mexico.

That the above subjects had in their possession six pounds of plastic explosive which they carried in their luggage. The explosive, blasting caps and detonators had been secreted in sealed cases of Cafe Bustelo in order to smuggle them out of Miami and into Mexico.

That the above subjects had intended to carry out a bombing of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City on July 26, 1976.

That when Mexican authorities apprehended JIMENEZ they found in his possession a letter of introduction to MANUEL CAMARGO-SAAVEDRA written by ARMANDO LOPEZ-ESTRADA. CAMARGO was interviewed by the Miami FBI office and he (CAMARGO) stated that the subjects had not made contact with him but that if they had he would have given them aid. CAMARGO also stated that what some revolutionary organizations in exile were attempting to do was to offer the Mexican government a pact whereby all anti-Castro organizations would refrain from carrying out any further actions in Mexican territory in exchange for leniency for RUIZ and JIMENEZ.

That the Mexican authorities had impounded two weapons that had been used in the kidnapping attempt and the homicide of ARTANAN DIAZ-DIAZ.

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The guns were described as follows:

Auto loader pistol
Llama 9 M/M S/N 305904

The above gun was fitted with a silencer.

Auto loader pistol, Heckler & Koch
9 M/M Model P-9S S/N 106884

A check of the firearms registration data reveals that firearm S/N 106884 is registered to:

SERGIO CASTRO, W/M, 6', 150, black hair, brown eyes
3121 N. W. 30 Street

The firearms registration form, however, does not contain the information relating to the above subject's date of birth. This writer then contacted JOSE NAVARRO, owner of NAVARRO GUN SHOP, who provided this officer with the driver's license number of the above subject: C 236 786 47 329.

A check of the firearm registration forms for weapon S/N 305904 proved fruitless.

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Att. (Copy of Firearm Registration Form)

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DATE: August 10, 1976

Continuing investigation into the alleged criminal activities of ORESTES RUIZ which occurred on Monday, 26 July 1976, in Dade County.

SYNOPSIS:

On Monday, 26 July 1976, these writers interviewed MARIO RUIZ (father of ORESTES RUIZ) at his residence located at 771 N. E. 3 Place, Hialeah, phone number 887-6883.

DETAILS:

On Monday, 26 July 1976, these writers interviewed MARIO RUIZ at his residence concerning the alleged terrorist activities of his son, ORESTES RUIZ. The following information was obtained.

MARIO RUIZ stated that he arrived from Puerto Rico on Sunday, 25 July 1976, at Miami International Airport via flight #958 Eastern Airlines.

MARIO RUIZ further stated that on Saturday, 25 July 1976, he had received a phone call in Puerto Rico from his wife's sister who had been attempting to locate ORESTES in Miami for several days. That he (MARIO RUIZ) decided to come to Miami to locate ORESTES. That he (MARIO RUIZ) learned about his son's arrest from WQBA radio station at approximately 6:00 a.m. Monday, 26 July 1976.

MARIO RUIZ stated that he last spoke to his son on Friday, 16 July 1976, and that his son had agreed to call back on Tuesday, 27 July 1976.

MARIO RUIZ identified a picture of MARIO SOLANO as a Cuban white male who had been staying with his son at his residence (771 N. E. 3 Place, Hialeah). MARIO RUIZ stated that he did not know that SOLANO was a fugitive.

MARIO RUIZ allowed these investigators to look around his son's bedroom and allowed these writers to take a magazine-like document from his son's bedroom. (See attached.)

The document states the organizational structure, philosophy and plans of the CRUZADAS NACIONALISTAS.

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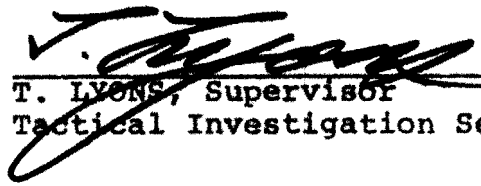
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DATE: August 10, 1976

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SENSITIVE

CASE NO: 3-91, 4-218

DATE: August 11, 1976

Continuing investigation into the terrorist activities of ORESTES RUIZ, GUSTAVO CASTILLO, and GASPAR JIMENEZ which occurred in Dade County on July 29, 1976.

SYNOPSIS:

Surveillance conducted at 5250 S. W. 2 Street (residence of GASPAR JIMENEZ) on Thursday, July 29, 1976, by Dets. Diaz and Mederos.

DETAILS:

On Thursday, July 29, 1976, this writer and Det. R. Diaz set up a surveillance at 5250 S. W. 2 Street, the residence of GASPAR JIMENEZ-ESCOBEDO, after learning that the aforementioned subject had been apprehended in Mexico for allegedly taking part in the assassination attempt of the Cuban consul to Merida.

3:05 p.m. observed the following vehicles parked in front of the residence:

1973 Volkswagen "bug", light blue
1976 Fla. 1D-27443 registered to GASPAR JIMENEZ
5250 S. W. 2 Street

1966 Chevrolet, Grey Malibu 2 dr.
1976 Fla. 1-98483 registered to MARIA DEL CARMEN JIMENEZ
5250 S. W. 2 Street

1972 Oldsmobile Brown Station Wagon
1976 Fla. 1W-48924 registered to VINCENT J. SMITH
5320 S. W. 3 Street

These officers discontinued the above surveillance at approximately 3:15 p.m.

The surveillance was reinstated at 6:00 p.m. Besides the above listed vehicles, the following vehicles were also observed parked in front of 5250 S. W. 2 Street:

1975 AMC White/Red Matador 2 dr.
1976 Fla. 1W-339301 registered to ARMANDO LOPEZ-ESTRADA
8510 S. W. 99 Avenue

1963 Volkswagen Black 2 dr.
1976 Fla. 1W-395752
PABLO J. SARDUY, W/M 7/10/51
3181 N. W. 2 Street

These writers then proceeded to knock at the door of the residence and were met at the door by Mrs. ESCOBEDO. These writers asked Mrs. ESCOBEDO if she would allow these writers to conduct

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a consent search of GASPAR JIMENEZ' room; however, Mrs. ESCOBEDO refused and claimed that she did not want to talk to these officers because she was ailing from a heart condition. These officers then proceeded to drive around the block and set up a visual surveillance of the front entrance to the residence. At this time Det. Diaz exited the vehicle and proceeded to make a phone call to the office in an attempt to gather more personnel to establish a surveillance of the house.

At approximately 6:05 p.m. an unknown W/M exited the house and drove away in the 1975 AMC white/red Matador.

An unknown W/F drove away in the 1972 Oldsmobile brown station wagon. At approximately the same time, several other persons exited the house and departed the area while an unknown W/M, early 20's, wearing a multicolored shirt, appeared to be keeping a lookout.

At approximately 6:10 p.m. Det. Diaz rejoined this officer and he was advised of the events that had taken place. Since Det. Diaz was unable to get any other officers to join us in the surveillance, these officers decided to maintain the visual surveillance that had been established and to attempt to identify some of the subjects exiting from JIMENEZ' residence.

7:25 p.m. Blue Volkswagen square back, 1976 Fla. 10-11852, parked in front of the residence. It should be noted that the above tag shows registered to a 1973 Opel 2 dr. owned by AARON McNEIL, 1948 N. W. 2 Court A8.

8:10 p.m. ANGELA ESCOBEDO-PADRON
W/F 3/15/08
1726 S. W. 25 Avenue

left the JIMENEZ residence driving a 1967 Dodge white/black 4 dr. 1976 Fla. 1-363231.

8:25 p.m. RACIEL RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ
W/M 4/26/53
6'2", 165 lbs. Brown/Brown
POB Matanzas, Cuba
LKA 7690 W. Flagler St.
DL #R 362 720 53 146

drove up to JIMENEZ' residence and was met by an unknown W/M who apparently told the subject about the presence of these officers in the area. The above subject (RODRIGUEZ) then left the residence driving a 1957 yellow Chevrolet 4 dr. bearing 1976 Fla. 1-130993 registered to LUIS REYES, 346 N. E. 27 Street. It should be noted that subject RODRIGUEZ is the younger brother of REYNOL.

RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ, who is one of the head representatives of the FLNC in Puerto Rico.

The surveillance was secured at 9:00 p.m.

Investigation continues.

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SENSITIVE

CASE NO: 3-91; 4-800

DATE: August 13, 1976

Continuing investigation into the alleged terrorist activities of SERGIO CASTRO which occurred in Dade County on August 11, 1976.

SYNOPSIS:

On Wednesday, August 11, 1976, this writer and FBI S/A Sinecio Gutierrez interviewed SERGIO CASTRO in reference to his alleged involvement in the attempted kidnaping and assassination of the Cuban Consul to Merida.

DETAILS:

On Wednesday, August 11, 1976, this writer and FBI S/A S. Gutierrez interviewed SERGIO CASTRO in reference to his alleged involvement in the attempted kidnaping and assassination of the of the Cuban consul to Merida. After being advised of the nature of the investigation and of his constitutional rights as per Miranda by S/A Gutierrez, CASTRO then stated the following.

That he had purchased a Heckler & Koch 9mm semiautomatic handgun, S/N 106884, from NAVARRO GUN SHOP on May 15, 1976 and had paid approximately \$387.00 for it.

That he had loaned the above weapon to GUSTAVO CASTILLO approximately one month after he bought it, because CASTILLO had told him that he needed a weapon because he had had some problems with a guy.

CASTRO further stated that he was not a member of any anti-Castro organizations but that CASTILLO had attempted to recruit him into the GOLDEN FALCONS but that he had refused.

CASTRO claims that he only knew CASTILLO slightly and that he had been to CASTILLO'S home only once and he really does not know the exact address of the house (CASTILLO'S).

CASTRO also claimed that he had no knowledge that the weapon that he loaned to CASTILLO was going to be used in any criminal act.

It was evident to this writer that during the interview CASTRO appeared to be extremely nervous. This physical sign plus the fact that CASTRO made several statements which were contradictory indicate to this writer that CASTRO was perhaps lying or attempting to conceal some information from these officers.

The interview was terminated at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Investigation continues.

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SENSITIVE

CASE NO: 3-91; 4-306

DATE: August 16, 1976

Continuing investigation into the terrorist activities of ORESTES RUIZ, GASPAR JIMENEZ and GUSTAVO CASTILLO which occurred on August 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1976.

SYNOPSIS:

Information gathered concerning the terrorist activities of the above subjects. The following information was obtained from the files of Mexican Federal Police, which included the signed confessions of subjects RUIZ and JIMENEZ.

DETAILS:

On Thursday, August 5, 1976, this writer and Miami PD Investigator A. Castro contacted Major Sandoval of the Mexican Federal Police (Special Group), who allowed this writer to review the information contained in their files concerning the terrorist activities of ORESTES RUIZ and GASPAR JIMENEZ, which included their signed confessions.

The following information was obtained from ORESTES RUIZ' confession:

That he (RUIZ) has always sympathized with all the anti-Castro movements and has always supported all acts against the Castro regime. That he was a member of a secret cell whose members don't know each other in order to avoid their identification in case one of the members of the group is apprehended by the authorities.

That approximately five or six months ago (February or March 1976) he (RUIZ) met a young man by the name of MARIO (this writer believes this person to be MARIO SOLANO, W/M DOB 4-28-53, PSD ID #147668). That MARIO had stated to RUIZ that he had participated in numerous missions and that MARIO invited him (RUIZ) to take active part in this group's activities and that he (RUIZ) accepted. MARIO further stated to RUIZ that he would be contacted in the near future to participate in a mission either inside the U. S. territory or somewhere in Latin America.

That approximately two months ago MARIO contacted him (RUIZ) and instructed him to travel to Cozumel, Mexico and then to Merida, Mexico where someone would be waiting for him. MARIO furnished him with a document (possibly a voter's registration card) bearing the name MANUEL ALLEN, indicating to him that it was a forgery and also furnished RUIZ with \$100.00, which MARIO stated came from the FLNC general funds. MARIO also handed him a cardboard box which was to be carried by RUIZ on his trip to Merida, Mexico.

That RUIZ followed the instructions that MARIO had given him and upon his arrival in Merida, Mexico he was met by MARIO who had traveled directly from Miami to Merida. That while en route from

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the Merida airport to the hotel MARIO advised RUIZ to open the cardboard box that he (RUIZ) had brought. That RUIZ then observed that the box contained a .380 or 9mm pistol. That MARIO then showed RUIZ that he also had brought a handgun. MARIO then stated to RUIZ that they were going to carry out a mission against the Cuban consulate in Mexico. That there they placed both weapons and cartridges inside a plastic bag and proceeded to hide them under some rocks at a site near the airport. That the next day both he and MARIO returned to Miami via Cozumel, Mexico. That MARIO stated to him that the main purpose for their trip was to bring the weapons to Merida and to ascertain if the forged documents that they were using would not be detected as forgeries by the authorities.

That approximately fifteen days later MARIO was arrested (MARIO SOLANO was arrested in Miami on June 28, 1976 for escaping from Sumter Correctional Institute) and that he (RUIZ) visited MARIO in jail and he was advised by MARIO that he would be contacted by an unidentified person for further instructions. That some time later an unknown person telephoned RUIZ in the name of MARIO, and that the person later came to RUIZ' residence and gave RUIZ approximately six pounds of plastic explosives (C-4) and advised RUIZ to buy three coffee cans, empty out the contents and refill them with the plastic explosives, and then resolder the tops. The unidentified person also advised RUIZ to buy several batteries which would later be used to make bombs. This person also advised RUIZ to travel to Merida, Mexico via Cozumel, Mexico and that two persons would be waiting for RUIZ whenever he arrived there.

RUIZ further stated that on July 19, 1976 he proceeded to the Miami International Airport where, while standing at the ticket counter, he was approached by two persons who by their actions and demeanor indicated to RUIZ that they were also part of the group. These two persons were GUSTAVO CASTILLO and GASPAR JIMENEZ. All three subjects traveled together to Merida, Mexico. Once they arrived there they checked in at the Hacienda Inn, where RUIZ occupied room #268. That the day after, they retrieved the weapons that had been previously secreted by MARIO SOLANO and ORESTES RUIZ. That at that time their plan was to kidnap the Cuban consul to Merida and to attempt to trade his release for the release of ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO and HUBERT MATOS from Cuba's prisons. That they surveilled the Cuban consulate on several occasions, and that finally on July 23, 1976 at approximately 4:00 p.m., they drove their rented vehicle and parked it near the Cuban consulate. That a few minutes later the Cuban Consul (DANIEL FERRER) being accompanied by ARTAGNAN DIAZ, exited from the consulate building and drove off in their vehicle. All three subjects followed them in their own vehicle. (By this time all three subjects had agreed that the kidnaping of the consul was not feasible, and they instead had planned to abduct him to a secluded spot where he would be killed and then his body would be buried to make it

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appear as though he (FERRER) (was still in their custody.) A short while later, FERRER and DIAZ parked their vehicle. At this time they were approached by RUIZ and JIMENEZ with an ensuing struggle and a gunfire fight, which resulted in DIAZ being shot and killed by his assailants. That RUIZ, JIMENEZ, and CASTILLO then fled in their vehicle to their hotel, packed their bags, and then proceeded to the airport where they separated, after agreeing to meet at the airport cafeteria. RUIZ was then apprehended by the Mexican police.

The following information was obtained from GASPAR JIMENEZ' confession contained in the Mexican Federal Police files:

JIMENEZ stated that he had been born in Camaguey, Cuba but that he is presently a naturalized American citizen traveling with U. S. passport #EU734522.

That after leaving Cuba he (JIMENEZ) became a member of an anti-Castro group named JURE, and later joined LA JUVENTUD DE UNIDAD REVOLUCIONARIA and also was a member of MRR (MOVIMIENTO DE RECUPERACION REVOLUCIONARIA) whose leader at the time was MANOLO RAY. According to JIMENEZ, this organization folded due to U. S. government pressure. JIMENEZ further stated that he became a member of ACCION CUBANA approximately two years ago and that approximately nine months ago a meeting was held in San Jose, Costa Rica by several anti-Castro organizations. JIMENEZ also stated that during this meeting a new anti-Castro organization was formed (of which he later became a member although he was not present at the Costa Rica meeting). This organization was named C.O.R.U., which is the acronym for COORDINACION DE ORGANIZACIONES REVOLUCIONARIA UNIDAS (COORDINATION OF UNITED REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS) and was headed by DR. ORLANDO BOSCH who also heads ACCION CUBANA and who attended the Costa Rica meeting, which was also attended by the following persons: FRANK CASTRO as the representative of FLNC, FELIPE RIVERO as the representative of MNC, RAMON RODRIGUEZ as the representative of JOVENES DE LA ESTRELLA, and a representative of FR-14 (FUERZA 14) whose identity is unknown to JIMENEZ.

That after the above cited meeting an individual known to JIMENEZ as RAMON (possibly a pseudonym) informed him (JIMENEZ) of some of the agreements reached at the Costa Rica meeting, citing the unification of several anti-Castro organizations under the name of C.O.R.U. and that at that time he was also informed that JIMENEZ had been chosen as one of the operatives to carry out a kidnapping and assassination plan directed toward the Cuban consul in Merida, Mexico. JIMENEZ was also advised that two other persons had been chosen to accompany him to carry out the action. One of the other persons chosen was a member of another anti-Castro organization and had been present at the Costa Rica meeting. As previously planned, JIMENEZ traveled to Merida, Mexico on July 19, 1976, and that on July 23, 1976 they carried out their plans which culminated with the homicide of DIAZ and the subse-

quent apprehension of JIMENEZ and RUIZ.

On Friday, August 6, 1976, this writer and Inv. A. Castro accompanied by Commandante Sandoval visited Lecumberri Jail where RUIZ and JIMENEZ were being held. An interview of both subjects was arranged and this writer and Inv. Castro proceeded to interview both subjects separately in the presence of Sandoval.

JIMENEZ was interviewed first and he stated as follows:

That he had not committed the offense for which he was being charged by Mexican authorities. That he was being "framed" by the Mexican authorities and that he had only signed a confession because he had been subjected to physical abuse by the Mexican police. JIMENEZ also stated that he had never taken part in any terrorist act inside the U. S. territory or outside of it. He also denied having attended any meetings of C.O.R.U.

RUIZ was then interviewed by this writer and stated as follows:

That he had not taken part in any criminal act either in Mexico or in the United States. He denied having taken any part in the bombing that occurred at the University of Miami (3 April 1976). He also denied knowing JESUS GONZALEZ-CARTAS or taking part in his assassination. RUIZ also stated that the only reason why he had signed a confession reference the homicide of ARTAGNAN DIAZ was because he had been beaten up and tortured by the Mexican police.

This writer and Inv. Castro then concluded the interviews since it was obvious that neither subject was willing to make any factual statements. It is this writer's opinion that this was caused due to the place where the interview was conducted, the presence of a Mexican official during the interview, and the fact that both RUIZ and JIMENEZ had been taken to a court hearing in the morning prior to our interviews with them and were being represented by an attorney, that precluded both subjects from talking freely to this writer.

On Saturday, August 7, 1976, this writer and Inv. Castro again returned to Lecumberri jail; however, this time were were not accompanied by any Mexican officials. This writer was again granted permission to interview both subjects; however, the interviews again proved fruitless.

After ascertaining that no further progress could be made in the investigation due to the reluctance of the subjects to cooperate, this writer and Inv. Castro decided to terminate our stay at Mexico City and departed on Sunday, August 8, 1976, at 8:00 a.m. on board Aeromexico flite 410 which arrived in Miami at 2:30 p.m.

Expenses incurred \$346.75.

Investigation continues.

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CASE NO: 3-91

SENSITIVE

DATE: September 1, 1976

Continuing investigation into the terrorist activities of GUSTAVO CASTILLO and ORESTES RUIZ which occurred in Dade County on September 1, 1976.

SYNOPSIS:

On Wednesday, September 1, 1976, this writer and Det. D. Benitez attempted to obtain a warrant for the arrest of GUSTAVO CASTILLO.

DETAILS:

On Wednesday, 1 September 1976, this writer and Det. D. Benitez consulted ASA's George Yoss and H. Adorno as to the feasibility of obtaining an arrest warrant for GUSTAVO CASTILLO based on the sworn statements obtained from MANUEL ORTEGA which incriminated CASTILLO in the University of Miami bombing which occurred on April 3, 1976 (Case #3-91). Both Adorno and Yoss concluded that they would not attempt to obtain a warrant for CASTILLO'S arrest until ORTEGA submitted to a polygraph examination and they (Yoss and Adorno) had an opportunity to interview ORTEGA personally.

It should be noted that this writer attempted to have ORTEGA examined by a polygraph technician on August 18, 1976. However, the examination was not undertaken due to the fact that ORTEGA had received a back injury and was being afflicted by very sharp pains, which would preclude the polygraph examination from being conclusive.

It should also be noted that ORTEGA was willing to undergo the polygraph examination and has also informed this writer on several occasions that he is willing to give testimony against CASTILLO on the aforementioned bombing.

Investigation continues.

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