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Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with the loss of ^① Cubana Airlines Flight Number 455 in the Caribbean Sea on October 6, 1976, a ³ confidential source of our Miami Office who has provided reliable information in the past, reported on November 1, 1976, the following significant information which is summarized below:

On October 23 and 24, 1976, our confidential source ascertained from Ricardo Morales Navarrete, an official of the Venezuelan Intelligence Service (DISIP), that the bombing of the Cubana Airlines DC-8 was planned, in part, in Caracas, Venezuela, at two meetings attended by Morales Navarrete, Luis Posada Carriles and Frank Castro. On one occasion, Gustavo Castillo was present. One of the meetings took place in the apartment of Morales Navarrete located in the Anauco Hilton Hotel. Morales Navarrete reportedly stated that this group had previously attempted to bomb Cubana aircraft in Panama and in Jamaica. It is noted that Castro and Castillo are American citizens who have been active in anti-Castro terrorist activities in the past. Castro, a resident of the Dominican Republic, is a leader of Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations (CORU), an anti-Castro terrorist organization which has claimed responsibility for numerous terrorist acts throughout the Caribbean. Castillo is a subject in an attempted kidnapping plot against the Cuban Consul in Merida, Mexico, on July 23, 1976, engineered by CORU which resulted in the death of the Consul's bodyguard. Two other CORU members who are Miami residents are currently jailed in Mexico

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for this act. Castillo was able to escape from Mexico and was known to have fled from Caracas to Puerto Rico on October 15, 1976, following the arrest of Posada, Orlando Bosch Avila and others, in connection with the Cubana air crash. Castillo's present whereabouts is unknown.

Morales Navarrete told our source that some people in the Venezuelan Government are involved in the Cubana DC-8 bombing and that if Posada talks, then Morales Navarrete will "go down the tube" in a Venezuelan-style Watergate. Carlos Fabri, a DISIP bomb expert and friend of Posada, is reported to be involved in that bombing. The Venezuelan Judicial Technical Police reportedly have knowledge of the participants in this act but have been prohibited from investigating by DISIP officials who wish to cover up Venezuelan participation. Posada and Fabri have previously been arrested by Venezuelan authorities for providing false identification and explosives to Bosch.

According to Morales Navarrete, arrested suspect Hernan Ricardo Lozano telephoned Bosch from Trinidad stating "a bus with 73 dogs went off a cliff and all got killed."

Morales Navarrete stated that Gustavo Castillo and members of his "Youth of the Star" group composed of Gaspar Jimenez, Orestes Ruiz Hernandez, Duney Perez Alamo and Raciell Rodriguez Gonzalez are responsible for the following terrorist actions in the Miami, Florida, area: bombing of the Dominican Consulate, October 6, 1975; bombing of the Dominican Airlines ticket office, October 20, 1975; bombings at the Broward County Court House, October 10, 1975; and attempted bombing of a Bahamasair Airliner at Miami International Airport, November 27, 1975. Jimenez and Ruiz Hernandez are in jail in Mexico in connection with the attempted kidnapping of the Cuban Consul.

Morales Navarrete also stated that Bosch told him that Guillermo Novo traveled to Chile in early 1975 to visit Bosch. At that time, Novo made contact with the ultra-right wing organization known as "Fatherland and Liberty." According to Morales Navarrete the death of Orlando Letelier in Washington, D.C., on September 21, 1976, was the result of an agreement between Novo and this group, some members of which are also members of the Chilean National Directorate for Intelligence (DINA).

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According to our source, the Venezuelan Government now disclaims knowledge of Morales Navarrete. Calls to his apartment and office are answered by unknown individuals who state that they do not know Morales Navarrete. Morales Navarrete's girlfriend in Miami, Florida, was instructed by him not to call as "he does not exist."

Most of the above information was told to our source in strict confidence by Morales Navarrete and disclosure of this information would immediately compromise our source. Our source has requested that this information not be divulged outside of the U. S. Government. No action may be taken on the information mentioned herein which could compromise our sensitive and valuable informant.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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NOTE:

The above information was reported to Miami by Raul Diaz, Organized Crime Bureau, Dade County Public Safety Department, Florida, who traveled to Caracas, Venezuela, on 10/22/76 to convince Morales Navarrete to testify in an upcoming state trial of Rolando Otero, an anti-Castro terrorist, in Miami.

This matter is being followed closely. Miami is investigating bombings allegedly committed by Castillo under separate captions. Miami initiated investigation of "Fatherland and Liberty" group on 10/3/73; however, case was closed in March, 1975, and investigation revealed organization was never formed. Miami will be instructed to reinstitute investigation of "Fatherland and Liberty" to determine if such a group now exists in this country.

A similar letter has been prepared for the Attorney General.

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