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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT,  
St. Vincent Street,  
Port of Spain.  
TRINIDAD.

27th October, 1976.

Randolph BURROUGHS States,

I am an Assistant Commissioner of Police attached to the CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT (CID) of the TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE.

On Wednesday 6th October, 1976 I received certain information about a Cubana Plane which crashed into the sea off Barbados on the said day (6.10.76).

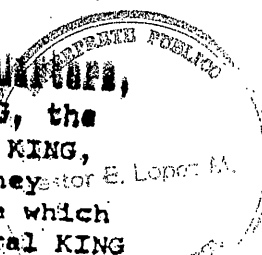
As a result of the information I received, I went to the Holiday Inn Hotel, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain. I went there with a party of Detectives which included Inspector PRIME and No. 6618 Sergeant CARRINGTON. I spoke with the Reception Clerk who showed me certain documents. On checking through these documents I observed that two (2) men who gave their names as Jose GARCIA and Freddy BERNZ of Valencia, Venezuela checked in at the hotel on the said day (6.10.76). I also saw documents showing that two (2) men checked in at the hotel on Wednesday 6th October, 1976. One (1) of them gave his name as Custavo GARCIA of Bogota, Colombia, but the other name was not recorded.

I continued my enquiries which took me to the B.W.I.A. Office, Piarco International Airport, where I received certain information. As a result of the information received, at 1.30 a.m. on 7. 10. 76 I went to the Holiday Inn Hotel, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

About 7.30 a.m. the said morning (7.10.76) I saw the two men coming out of room 1105. I stopped <sup>them</sup> at the corridor and I identified myself and other Detectives to them by showing them my Police Identification Card which bears my photograph in uniform. I told them that I had received information that they were involved in the Cubana Plane crash which occurred off Barbados on 6.10.76, and also that they had travelled on board the same plane, got off in Barbados and returned to Trinidad on the night of the 6.10.76. I further told them that I wanted them for enquiries. I cautioned them and they shooked their heads and spoke in Spanish saying, 'No comprendo' (meaning 'I do not understand').

I searched both men and found a Venezuelan Passport No. 3140806, a small diary, a key with tag marked 'Village Hotel 61' and other documents. These were found on the fairer of the two (2) men, who gave his name as Jose Vasquez GARCIA. On the other man who gave his name as Freddy LUGO, I found a Venezuelan Passport No. 2123051, a small diary and other documents. I then searched Room No. 1105 which the two (2) men occupied but nothing was found.

I then took both men to my office at Piarco Headquarters, Port of Spain, Trinidad. I summoned No. 6823 Corporal KING, the Police Spanish Interpreter to my office. Through Corporal KING, I again identified myself to both men and told them that they were wanted for enquiries in connection with a Cubana Plane which crashed in the sea off Barbados on 6.10.76. Through Corporal KING I told them that I believed that they could assist in the investigations. They spoke in Spanish and through Corporal KING, I learnt that they



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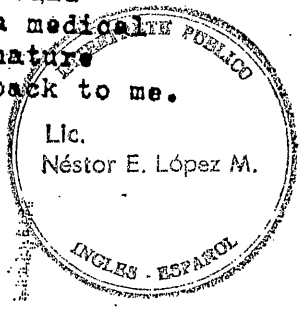
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said that they knew nothing about the plane crash. I... and being instructed Corporal KING to ask them for their luggage and Ricardo LOZANO (Jose Vasquez GARCIA) said he and his friend Freddy LUGO were robbed of their luggage in Barbados. Through Corporal KING they were asked if they reported the matter to the Police, or anyone, and they replied that the people in Barbados did not understand Spanish, and they did not understand English.

Later that day (7.10.76) I went to Barbados on the instructions of the Commissioner of Police. On my arrival in Barbados I met Mr. George REED, Commissioner of Police in that island and I handed him the key marked 'Village Beach Hotel, Barbados, No. 61' and spoke with him. Mr. REED then detailed two (2) Police Officers to carry out certain investigations as regards the key; some of which were done in my presence.

On 10.10.76 I returned to Trinidad and reported accordingly to Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dennis RAMDWAR who continued enquiries into the report.

At about 9.00 p.m. on 21st October, 1976, I went to the General Hospital, Port-of-Spain where I met Ricardo LOZANO receiving medical attention. He suffered a wound on his left fore-arm. I handed one of the Doctors a medical report form on which he made notes relating to the nature of the injuries sustained by LOZANO, and handed it back to me.



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 Randolph BURROUGHS  
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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 Randolph Burroughs appearing on the reverse side is that of RANDOLPH BURROUGHS, Assistant Commissioner of Police in the said country of Trinidad and Tobago.

Dated this... 28<sup>th</sup>... day of October, 1976

*E. Foch Haig Nunez*  
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of National Security

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... 28<sup>th</sup>... day of October, 1976

*Rabindranath Permanand*  
Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs  
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Pto. España 28 de OCT 1976

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