

10  
000354

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER,  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS,  
ST. VINCENT STREET,  
PORT-OF-SPAIN,  
TRINIDAD, W.I.

27th October, 1976.

OSCAR KING STATES:

I am a Corporal, No. 6823, of the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service attached to Police Headquarters, Port-of-Spain. I am also a Spanish Interpreter with the Police Service.

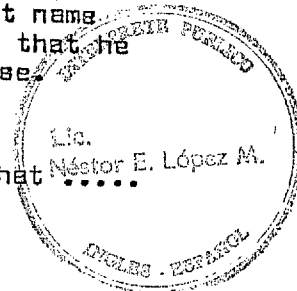
On Thursday, 7th October, 1976, about 7.45 a.m., I was summoned to the Office of ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS at the Criminal Investigation Department, Police Headquarters, Port-of-Spain. On my arrival there, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS told me something and ushered me into the room. I saw two men in the said room and as a result of what ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS told me I spoke to the men in Spanish and told them that they were detained as it was believed that they were able to assist the Trinidad Police with their investigations into the circumstances surrounding the crash of a Cubana plane on the afternoon of Wednesday, 6th October, 1976, off the north coast of Barbados. One of the two men was White and the other Negroid. I first spoke to the Negro chap who told me that his name is FREDDY LUGO and that he is a Venezuelan national. I then asked him for his luggage and he said that he did not know. I then spoke with the White man and he told me that his name is JOSÉ VASQUEZ GARCIA and that he is also a Venezuelan national. I asked him for his luggage and he said that he and his friend were robbed of their luggage the day before in Barbados. I then enquired of him whether he had reported the matter to the Police and he said that he had not done so because the people in Barbados could not understand Spanish and he could not understand English. I then communicated what was told to me by both men to ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER BURROUGHS.

About 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 8th October, 1976, I was summoned to the Office of DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR. In the Deputy Commissioner's Office were JOSÉ VASQUEZ GARCIA, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT GORDON and MISS JOY KELSHALL. I was instructed by DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR to assist in interpreting whilst he interrogated JOSÉ VASQUEZ GARCIA. The Deputy Commissioner told GARCIA who he was and gave GARCIA the reasons for his detention. He requested of GARCIA any information that he could give in connection with the crash of the Cubana Aircraft CU 455 on the afternoon of Wednesday, 6th October, 1976. JOSÉ VASQUEZ GARCIA then said he would speak about his visit from Caracas to Trinidad via Barbados. MISS JOY KELSHALL recorded in writing, in Spanish, what GARCIA said. GARCIA said that his correct name is HERMAN RICARDO LOZANO and that the passport that he had in the name of JOSÉ VASQUEZ GARCIA was false.

/Later that

Lic.

Néstor E. López M.



RECEIVED (16)

Later that night, I was present when FREDDY LUGO was brought to the Deputy Commissioner's Office and in the presence of SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT GORDON and MISS KELSHALL, LUGO gave a statement which was recorded in writing by MISS KELSHALL about his flight between Caracas, Trinidad and Barbados.

On Sunday, 10th October, 1976, LOZANO gave another statement. This was also recorded by MISS KELSHALL in the presence of SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN, SUPERINTENDENT GORDON, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT KERR and SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT DURANT of the Barbados Police.

On Monday, 11th October, 1976, I was also present when LUGO gave a statement to SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN in the presence of SUPERINTENDENT GORDON and SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT DURANT of the Barbados Police.

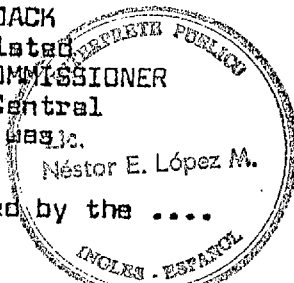
On Tuesday, 12th October, 1976, I recorded a statement from FREDDY LUGO in the presence of SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT DURANT and DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR.

On Friday, 15th October, 1976, I was present when LUGO made another statement to Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR in the presence of SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT KERR and SERGEANT ANTHONY JACK. This statement was recorded in Spanish by MISS JOY KELSHALL.

On Saturday, 16th October, 1976, FREDDY LUGO requested to see me. I went to the office where he was detained. LUGO told me that he was then prepared to say what he knew about the crash and that he wanted to see the Deputy Commissioner. I later accompanied him to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner and in the presence of SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN and SERGEANT JACK he recorded a cautionary statement in writing which was recorded in Spanish by Miss JOY KELSHALL. Among the things LUGO said in this statement was that on their way from Caracas to Trinidad HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO told him that he was travelling on a false passport. He also said that LOZANO told him that he was going to blow up a Cubana aeroplane. He further said that he observed LOZANO scowling at certain Cubans who were on the said flight from Caracas to Trinidad. He also said that LOZANO again told him that he wanted to travel on a Cubana plane because he was going to blow it up. This information was given him whilst they were on their way to Piarco to travel to Barbados. He then went on to give details of the flight from Trinidad to Barbados and what took place in Barbados on their arrival there. This was also recorded in the cautionary statement.

On Sunday, 17th October, 1976, LOZANO requested to see me. I went and he told me that he wished to speak with DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR. I later took him to DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR's Office and in the presence of SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN, INSPECTOR HEADLEY, SERGEANT JACK and MISS KELSHALL, he told DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR that he wished to speak with him in the greatest confidence and asked that SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN, INSPECTOR HEADLEY and SERGEANT JACK leave the office. This was done. He insisted that I remain. LOZANO then told DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR that he was a member of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency), graded B 1, that he was

/recruited by the ....



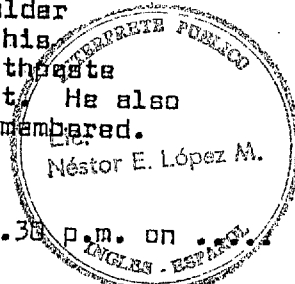
[Redacted area]

DISCUSSION (197)

recruited by the CIA in Venezuela between 1970 and 1971 and received his training in Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence and the use and handling of bombs, arms and photographic equipment in Venezuela and Panama and was given the option of using either a code name or number and he selected the name "WILSON". He also said that since his training he travelled to several countries including Chile, Nicaragua, Washington, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Mexico, Santo Domingo, Guyana and Panama. He also said that he recruited FREDDY LUGO about two years ago and that he, LUGO, was graded D, received his salary from LOZANO and was assigned to him. He also said that he, LOZANO, was associated with EL CONDOR which is a front for a group called EL COROU. He then made several disclosures about the operations of the CIA. He went on to give a detailed account as to how the bomb was placed at 10.00 a.m. on 1st September, 1976, at the Office of the Guyanese Consulate in Port-of-Spain, by OLEG GUITON RODRIGUEZ DE LA SIERRA TRATAIKOBEF and another member of the Organisation. He went on to say that one pound of C4 was used to do the job and that that was brought into the country in a suitcase specially made in Virginia, U.S.A. He also said that the black belt which he was found wearing at the Holiday Inn on Thursday, 7th October, 1976, is used by him to carry secret transmitters. He further said that the Head of EL COROU is ORLANDO BOSCH who is also known as MR. ORLANDO or ORLANDO PANYAGUA and that LUIS POSADA is boss at ICI (INVESTIGATORS AND INDUSTRIAL CONSULTERS). LOZANO also stated that he was in possession of three passports, a U.S.A. official passport; a forged Venezuelan passport and a genuine Venezuelan passport.

On Monday, 18th October, 1976, HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO sent for me and requested to see DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR. I then escorted him to DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR's Office where he was served a copy of LUGO's statement. He read it and said nothing.

On Tuesday, 19th October, 1976, FREDDY LUGO sent for me and requested to see DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR. I escorted him to DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR's Office and there he told DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR in the presence of SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN, SERGEANT JACK and MISS KELSHALL that he had forgotten some details and would like to make a further statement. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR then cautioned him and MISS KELSHALL recorded what he said in writing. In that statement LUGO related that while he and LOZANO were at Piarco awaiting a Cubana aircraft out of Trinidad on 6th October, 1976, they went to the Restaurant to have something to drink. He said that at a certain time he went to the bathroom and on his return he met LOZANO kneading a handful of something looking like dough and as he touched him on the shoulder LOZANO jumped, placed the substance in his jacket pocket and a tube of Colgate toothpaste which he had into the bosom of his shirt. He also made mention of the details which he remembered.



/About 8.30 p.m. on

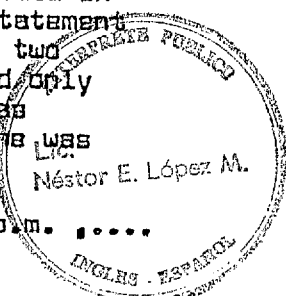
D. E. ...  
 (18)

About 8.30 p.m. on 19th October, 1976, HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO was escorted by me to DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR's Office where SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN was present. He reminded DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR that he was speaking to him in the greatest confidence. He then told DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR that LUGO carried two cameras to Barbados - one strung around the neck and the other in his shoulder bag which he took aboard the Cubana aircraft on 6th October, 1976. He said that he, LOZANO, checked his luggage into the hold of the 'plane and that while they were at the ticket counter at Piarco before boarding the Cubana aircraft an employee of the airline told LUGO to check in his shoulder bag but he insisted on taking it with him. LOZANO then informed DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR that he knew who blew up the 'plane and that the persons were Venezuelans and were at present in Trinidad. At that stage I interpreted the following caution for him which was administered by DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR: "You are not obliged to say anything but anything you say may be given in evidence."

LOZANO then hesitated for a while and asked DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR to use his police training to find out who bombed the 'plane. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR paused for a while, then told LOZANO that he believed he knew who bombed the 'plane. LOZANO again hesitated for a while and then he reminded DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR that he was saying in the greatest confidence that the Cubana 'plane was bombed by himself and LUGO. LOZANO also said that some time after he arrived in Barbados he made several overseas calls to Venezuela and among the persons called was ORLANDO BOSCH and he told him what had happened and BOSCH replied, "Friend, we have problems in Caracas. You never blow up a 'plane in the air." He said he also tried to contact LUIS POSADA but as he was out of office he spoke with POSADA's Secretary, GELSA TOLEDO, for three minutes. He then requested a sheet of paper and drew a sketch as to how the C4 plastic bomb is detonated. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR then requested LOZANO to put what he had told him in writing but LOZANO said that he would consider it during the night and would inform him the following day.

At 10.00 a.m. on 20th October, 1976, LOZANO requested me to inform DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR that he was desirous of speaking with him. At 11.10 a.m. on that day I escorted him to DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR'S Office. In the presence of SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WATERMAN and MISS KELSHALL, LOZANO told DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR that he had thought the matter over the night before and was now prepared to make a written statement and that he wished MISS KELSHALL to record that statement. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR, through an interpreter, then administered the caution in accordance with the Judges' Rules of Trinidad and Tobago after which LOZANO made a statement which was recorded in writing. Among the things he said in that statement was that FREDDY LUGO boarded the 'plane with two cameras and on his arrival in Barbados he had only one and he, LOZANO, was sure that the bomb was inside the other camera. He also said that he was aware that LUGO had knowledge of explosives.

/About 4.00 p.m. ....



*[Handwritten notes and signatures in the right margin]*

About 4.00 p.m. on the said day, I saw DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR escorting DR. CARLOS IRAZABAL, the Venezuelan Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, and another man to his office. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR then instructed me to fetch one of the detainees. I escorted FREDDY LUGO to DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RAMDWAR's Office. On arrival there, DR. IRAZABAL greeted LUGO and introduced the other gentlemen to him as the Acting Attorney General of Venezuela. The Acting Attorney General then enquired of LUGO whether he was tortured or illtreated in any way and LUGO told him no. I then escorted LUGO out of the room and back to where he was detained and then escorted LOZANO to the said office and the same questions were asked by the Acting Attorney General. His reply was also in the negative. I then escorted LOZANO back to where he was being held.

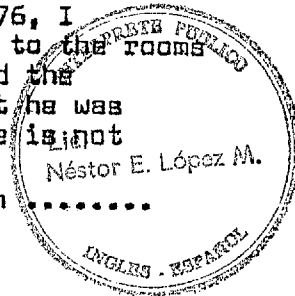
*(Handwritten signature)*  
 V. WHITE (S/S)

Some time after 10.00 p.m. the said night, I was summoned to the Port-of-Spain General Hospital, Trinidad, where I saw HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO receiving medical attention from a group of doctors. I also saw a wound on his left fore-arm about four inches from his wrist. I spoke to him and enquired of him what had happened. He told me that after the Acting Attorney General had come to see him he became very nervous and had sent for me about four times and as he did not see me he was even more worried and decided to kill himself because he knew that his end was near as in Venezuela the Attorney General's visit usually precedes death. He also said that the Acting Attorney General had told him that his stay in Trinidad would be short as he was taking him back to Venezuela very soon. As a result of this, he decided to kill himself before another person had the opportunity to take his life in Venezuela. LOZANA was discharged from the hospital the said night and I escorted him back to Police Headquarters. After accompanying him to his room, I went to look for FREDDY LUGO and he told me that he was very happy to know that he was going back to Venezuela soon. He said that his Acting Attorney General told him that the Public Ministry was very concerned about their safety and he was going to take them back with him. He said that he just wanted to see his mother, his sister CARMEN and his daughters, especially HEIDI.

On 25th October, 1976, I went to see HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO at his instance. During our conversation he told me that they were paid U.S. \$25,000.00 for the job. He received U.S. \$16,000.00 and LUGO U.S. \$8,000.00. The other U.S. \$1,000.00 was used as spending money. He also said that his earnings was the money he received from the CIA and that he used this to finance his sister's studies at the University of Caracas. She is expected to graduate in December, 1976, as a medical doctor. LOZANO further told me that his mother was wholly maintained by him with the extra money he received from his job with ICI. He said that he had money in a bank in Santo Domingo.

On the morning of 26th October, 1976, I accompanied the Chief Immigration Officer to the rooms where each suspect was detained and I read the Deportation Order to them. LUGO said that he was glad that he was going back home but if he is not

/wanted in .....



000359

wanted in Venezuela he would like to be sent to Santo Domingo  
LOZANO said that he did not want to return to Venezuela as the  
CIA and/or Anti-Castro groups would kill him. He would like  
to go to Chile, Uruguay or Santo Domingo as he had lots  
of friends there. He also asked whether it was possible  
for him to be sent to the United States of America but on  
remembering that his U.S. passport was in Venezuela he  
decided to abandon the idea.



*Handwritten note*

VER 12/17/76 (27)

HERNAN RICARDO LOZANO and FREDDY LUGO left at  
1.20 p.m. the said day by LAV Flight 225 for Venezuela.

*Oscar King*  
OSCAR KING  
No. 6823 Police Corporal.

I, EUAN FOCH HAIG NUNEZ, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security  
in the country of Trinidad and Tobago do hereby certify that the signature  
Oscar King appearing above is that of OSCAR KING, No.6823 Police Corporal in  
the said country of Trinidad and Tobago.

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

*Rabindranath Permanand*  
Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of External Affairs  
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

REPUBLICA DE VENEZUELA  
Consulado en Puerto España  
Trinidad y Tobago  
787  
Su Señoría  
Rabindranath Permanand, Jefe  
de Protocolo del Ministerio de  
Asuntos Exteriores de Trinidad  
& Tobago  
Pro. España 28 OCT 1976  
EL CONSUL  
*Blas Steward de Leuro*  
Blas Steward de Leuro  
Consul

SAFETY  
SERIALS  
SERVICIOS DE INVESTIGACION

Señores Embajadores y Jefes de Misiones

