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by Cuban counterrevolutionaries. Now we decidedly believe the first assumption is correct. The CIA directly participated in the destruction of the Cubana aircraft in Barbados."

--The principal leaders of Cuban exile terrorist groups are closely linked through the CORU organization to CIA activities against Cuba.

In his speech, Castro did not make any specific allegations concerning a USG relationship with Orlando Bosch, or Luis Posada (two Cuban exile activists who were arrested by Venezuelan authorities in connection with the Cubana crash). However, the link with Bosch is implied since he is reported to be chief of CORU, the umbrella organization of Cuban exile terrorists.

Individuals Allegedly Involved

Hernan Ricardo Lozano

a. Involvement in the Crash: He was arrested in Trinidad on suspicion of having planted a bomb in the Cubana plane. Caracas radio announced on October 18 that he confessed to sabotaging the airliner. A ^(S)[CIA] source in Caracas reports that Ricardo may have been trained in the use of explosives and investigative techniques by Luis Posada. [CIA information also reveals that Trinidadian

officials have told the Venezuelans that they have a taped] (S)

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[telephone conversation between Ricardo and Posada discussing
their participation in the bombing.] (S)

Ricardo, a Venezuelan citizen, a photographer employed
by Posada in his industrial security firm in Caracas. A
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[CIA] source says that Ricardo is also a part time employee
of the Venezuelan Intelligence Service (DISIP). He reportedly
gathered photographic material on groups and individuals of
interest to DISIP and the Venezuelan Government. He was
hired by DISIP when Posada was official of that organization.
The (S)
[CIA] source says that the Venezuelan Government is
concerned and would be faced with serious problems if these
connections become public knowledge.

b. Relationship with US: [CIA states it has had no
contact with Ricardo.] (S) The US Legal Attache in Caracas,
Joseph Leo, says that he has had some dealings with Ricardo for
help in expediting visa applications for a DISIP official's
son, and himself. He also contacted Leo ~~two times~~ ^{for himself and for Ricardo himself} ^{for a DISIP official's son and on two occasions} to furnish
photographs and biographical data on members of the Cuban
Embassy in Caracas. Apparently, the material came from DISIP
files. (S) During one visit, attempts ^{Ricardo} to solicit suggestions from
the Legal Attache on activities which might be directed
against the Cuban Embassy by an anti-Castro group to which he
belonged. Leo says he discouraged Ricardo, pointing out that
the US Government was attempting to prevent disruptive and

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