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COUNTRY: VENEZUELA

DOI: MID-OCTOBER 1976

SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO TIE THE SOCIAL  
CHRISTIAN PARTY TO INDIVIDUALS LINKED TO THE BOMBING  
OF A CUBANA AIRLINER

ACQ: VENEZUELA, CARACAS (16 OCTOBER 1976) FIELD NO.  7521

SOURCE: SEE BELOW.

SUMMARY: OFFICIALS OF THE DIRECTORATE FOR THE SERVICES OF  
INTELLIGENCE AND PREVENTION (DISIP) HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO FULLY  
INVESTIGATE THE VENEZUELAN CONNECTIONS TO THE 6 OCTOBER 1976  
BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER. UNOFFICIALLY, HOWEVER, DISIP  
OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BUILD A CASE LINKING COPEI TO  
THOSE INDIVIDUALS IMPLICATED IN THE INCIDENT. ON THE OTHER  
HAND, DISIP OFFICERS FEAR THAT INFORMATION LINKING SOME DISIP  
OFFICIALS TO CUBAN EXILE ORLANDO BOSCH MIGHT BECOME PUBLIC  
KNOWLEDGE, EMBARRASSING THE GOVERNMENT AND FURTHER TAINING  
DISIP. END OF SUMMARY.

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1. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 2-3: A VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHOSE POSITION GIVES HIM ACCESS TO OFFICIAL REPORTS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS. HIS RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED WITH ANY FOREIGN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

2. WHILE OFFICIALS OF THE DIRECTORATE FOR THE SERVICES OF INTELLIGENCE AND PREVENTION (DISIP) HAVE RECEIVED OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CARRY OUT A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF ALL VENEZUELAN'S CONNECTED WITH THE 6 OCTOBER 1976 BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER, UNOFFICIALLY DISIP OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO CONCENTRATE THEIR INVESTIGATION ON MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY (COPEI). DISIP OFFICIALS, THEREFORE, HAVE DRAWN UP A LIST OF LOW TO MEDIUM-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF COPEI WHOM DISIP INTENDS TO TIE TO LUIS POSADA, A FORMER DISIP OFFICER WHO IS CURRENTLY UNDER DETENTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOMBING. AS CURRENTLY PLANNED, DISIP WILL BEGIN PICKING UP THESE COPEI LEADERS FOR QUESTIONING DURING THE WEEK OF 18 OCTOBER. (SOURCE COMMENT: ALTHOUGH POSADA DOES HAVE COPEI CONNECTIONS, MOST DISIP OFFICERS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT COPEI PLAYED A ROLE IN POSADA'S ANTI-CUBAN ACTIVITIES. RATHER THEY

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BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPLICATE COPEI  
FOR POLITICAL REASONS.)

3. AT THE SAME TIME THAT IT IS WORKING ON ITS CASE  
AGAINST COPEI, DISIP OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED THAT INFORMATION  
CONNECTING DISIP OFFICIALS AND CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO  
B O S C H, WILL BECOME PUBLIC. SUCH REVELATIONS, DISIP OFFICERS  
BELIEVE WOULD BE HIGHLY EMBARRASSING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF  
PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRESA P E R E Z AND DISASTEROUS FOR DISIP,  
WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN HURT BY CHARGES OF MISTREATING PRISONERS  
ACCUSED OF BEING INVOLVED IN THE KIDNAPPING OF WILLIAM F. NIEHOUS.

4. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 5-8: A VENEZUELAN WITH CLOSE  
CONTACTS AMONG VENEZUELAN SECURITY OFFICIALS. HIS RELIABILITY  
HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.

5. ON 14 OCTOBER DISIP DIRECTOR RETIRED GENERAL RAUL  
G I M E N E Z GAINZA SAID THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD ORDERED HIM  
TO CARRY OUT AN EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE VENEZUELAN  
CONNECTION IN THE CUBANA INCIDENT. ALTHOUGH GIMENEZ SAID THAT  
HE INTENDED TO CARRY OUT THE PRESIDENT'S ORDERS, HE PERSONALLY  
FEARED THAT SUCH AN INVESTIGATION MIGHT LEAD TO PRESIDENTIAL  
APPOINTEES OR TO COPEI LEADERS. IN EITHER CASE, GIMENEZ SAID

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THAT HE FELT THERE COULD BE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE PEREZ  
ADMINISTRATION.

6. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, GIMENEZ SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY  
CONCERNED THAT ORLANDO GARCIA, PRESIDENT PEREZ'  
INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY ADVISER WHO HAS BEEN ACTING AS DE FACTO  
HEAD OF DISIP, MIGHT BE IMPLICATED. GIMENEZ QUICKLY ADDED,  
HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE LINKING GARCIA TO THE  
BOMBING INCIDENT, BUT THAT HE IS KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED IN  
UNSPECIFIED ANTI-CUBAN GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. GIMENEZ SAID  
THAT AS AN ADDED PRECAUTION HE HAS ASSIGNED SPECIAL GUARDS FOR  
BOSCH AND POSADA, BOTH OF WHOM ARE CURRENTLY UNDER DISIP  
DETENTION.

7. (FIELD COMMENT: FOR AN EARLIER REPORT ON BOSCH'S RECENT  
ACTIVITIES IN VENEZUELA AND POSADA'S AND GARCIA'S CONNECTION WITH  
HIM SEE [ ] 7514, TDFIR DB-315/10258-76. FROM A USUALLY RELIABLE  
REPORTER. IN NEWS BROADCASTS A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION (CHANNEL 2) HAS  
REPORTED THAT SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY HOLDING POSITIONS  
WITH DISIP WERE SEEN ABOUT CARACAS WITH BOSCH. THE STATION  
INDICATED THAT IT WOULD REVEAL THE IDENTITIES OF THESE OFFICERS  
AT A LATER DATE.)

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8. AS FOR A POSSIBLE COPEI CONNECTION WITH THE CUBAN EXILE MOVEMENT IN VENEZUELA, GIMENEZ DENIED THAT HE OR THE PEREZ ADMINISTRATION ARE ATTEMPTING TO IMPLICATE COPEI IN THE INVESTIGATION FOR POLITICAL REASONS. THE FACT IS, GIMENEZ SAID, MANY PEOPLE WITH COPEI CONNECTIONS APPEAR TO BE INVOLVED IN THE CASE AND THEY MAY HAVE HAD THE BACKING OF UNSPECIFIED COPEI LEADERS. (FIELD COMMENT: VARIOUS SOURCES HAVE INDEPENDENTLY REPORTED THAT VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN CONVINCED THAT POSADA'S PRIVATE INVESTIGATION COMPANY KNOWN AS COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL INVESTIGATIONS (ICI) WAS BEING USED BY COPEI.)

9. SOURCE OF PARAGRAPHS 10-11: AN AD PARTY ACTIVIST WITH GOOD ACCESS TO HIGH LEVELS IN THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT. HE IS A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE.

10. THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IS AWARE THAT GARCIA AND POSADA TRAVELLED TO COSTA RICA TOGETHER SHORTLY BEFORE BOSCH CAME TO VENEZUELA FROM COSTA RICA IN SEPTEMBER. THE OBJECT OF THEIR TRAVEL TO COSTA RICA WAS TO MEET WITH BOSCH.

11. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE CONCERN WITHIN THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVE LARGE NUMBER OF CUBAN EXILES

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HOLDING POSITIONS OF INFLUENCE WITHIN THE VENEZUELAN SECURITY SERVICES. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS GROWING ALARM WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT THAT THESE EXILES MAY HAVE GOTTEN VENEZUELA INTO A DIFFICULT SITUATION.

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