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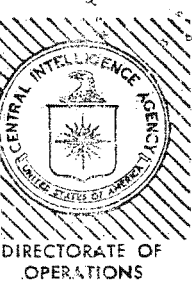
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COUNTRY VENEZUELA/CUBA

DOI LATE SEPTEMBER 1977

SUBJECT EFFORTS BY PROMINENT VENEZUELANs TO ENSURE IMPARTIAL

CONSIDERATION OF THE CASE AGAINST CUBAN EXILE LEADER

ORLANDO BOSCH

ACC [REDACTED] (S) (30 SEPTEMBER 1977) [FIELD NO. HVC]-7761 (S)

SOURCE A VENEZUELAN [REDACTED] (S) WITH A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS

WITH VENEZUELAN SECURITY OFFICIALS. HIS RELIABILITY

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1. IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1977 A GROUP OF PROMINENT VENEZUELANs MET WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ TO DISCUSS THE CASE AGAINST CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO BOSCH WHO IS CURRENTLY IMPRISONED IN VENEZUELA IN CONNECTION WITH THE 6 OCTOBER 1976 BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER, AND TO SPEAK IN BOSCH'S BEHALF, WHILE NOT SOLICITING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

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FOR BOSCH, THEY DID ATTEMPT TO IMPRESS UPON THE PRESIDENT THAT THE CASE SHOULD BE HANDLED UNEMOTIONALLY ON ITS JUDICIAL MERITS. AS PART OF THEIR ARGUMENT THE GROUP REMINDED PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT BOSCH AND HIS FAMILY HAD BEEN HELPFUL TO MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY (AD) WHEN THEY WERE FORCED TO LIVE IN EXILE IN CUBA.

2. PRESIDENT PEREZ ASSURED THE GROUP THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOSE RAMON MEDINA IS FULLY AWARE OF THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE BOSCH CASE. FURTHERMORE, THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT MEDINA IS WORKING WITH THE SUPREME COURT AND OTHER JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES TO EXPEDITE THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOSCH AFFAIR.

3. THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT INCLUDE ANTONIO DIAZ MARTINEZ, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PETROVEN; ANTONIO LEIDENZ, A FORMER MINISTER OF LABOR AND AN AD MEMBER; LUIS ALVARO DOMINGUEZ, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT; AND JOSE VARGAS, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS.

4. (S) DISSEM: EMBASSY, FBI AT CARACAS.

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