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SUBJECT OPEN LETTERS WRITTEN BY CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO

BOSCH WHICH MAY BE PLACED IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS.

ACQ VENEZUELA, CARACAS (7 OCTOBER 1977) FIELD NO. 266

SOURCE: A VENEZUELAN BUSINESSMAN WITH A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS
WITH VENEZUELAN SECURITY OFFICIALS. HIS RELIABILITY
HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO
BE DISCUSSED WITH ANY FOREIGN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THOSE
OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

1. VENEZUELAN SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE LEARNED THAT CUBAN

EXILE LEADER ORLANDO BOSCH, WHO IS CURRENTLY UNDER

DETENTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE 6 OCTOBER 1976 BOMBING OF A

CUBANA AIRLINER, IS THE AUTHOR OF OPEN LETTERS WITH HE IS

DISCREETLY ATTEMPTING TO HAVE PLACED IN VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS IN

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Cuba
THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA. BOSCH'S NAME WILL NOT APPEAR ON THESE LETTERS AND THEY WILL BE ATTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS CUBAN EXILE ORGANIZATIONS. BOSCH IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO HAVE TWO SUCH LETTERS PLACED. ONE OF THESE IS ADDRESSED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES (US) AND THE OTHER TO CUBAN BALLERINA ALICIA ALONSO, WHO IS CURRENTLY APPEARING IN VENEZUELA AFTER HAVING COMPLETED AN ENGAGEMENT IN THE US. THE LETTERS HAVE BEEN HANDCARRIED TO THE US BY A BOSCH ASSOCIATE AND ARE EXPECTED TO APPEAR IN THE PRESS IN THE MIAMI AREA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. THE LETTER TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE US CONCERNS THE GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE IN CUBA. THIS MESSAGE STATES THAT DESPITE THE CURRENT POLICIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH THE LETTER ASSERTS ARE LEADING TO SOVIET EXPANSION IN THE CARIBBEAN, THE CUBAN EXILES SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF THE US NAVAL BASE AT GUANTANAMO. THE LETTER STATES THAT WHILE THE CUBAN EXILES ARE AWARE THAT THE US GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO ACCOMMODATE CUBAN LEADER FIDEL CASTRO, THEY HOPE THAT THE SITUATION WILL NOT GO SO FAR AS TO TURN GUANTANAMO OVER TO THE SOVIET UNION'S PUPPET.

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