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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20223

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 2-471

RE: COORDINACION DE ORGANIZACIONES
REVOLUCIONARIAS UNIDAS (COORDINATION OF
UNITED REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS) (CORU)

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

- 1. Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
- 2. Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
- 3. Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
- 4. Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
- 5. Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
- 6. Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
- 7. Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available.

Very truly yours,

William H Webster

William H. Webster
Director

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U. S. Secret Service, Miami, Florida (RM)

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ORLANDO "BEBO" ACOSTA and others, at the Cordoba Restaurant, Miami, Florida. FRANK CASTRO appeared agitated and distressed regarding the arrest on January 23, 1978, of GASPAR JIMENEZ and GUSTAVO CASTILLO, on extradition warrants for extradition to Mexico. (CASTRO advised that HUMBERTO LOPEZ, SR., and LUIS CRESPO would be attending an annual dinner held at the Club Martiana in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The dinner would be held on January 28, 1978, to celebrate the "Seneca Martiana".) CASTRO advised that he could not permit JIMENEZ and CASTILLO to be extradited to Mexico due to fears that JIMENEZ and CASTILLO might be extradited from Mexico to the country of Cuba. CASTRO said that the Federal Government of Mexico had previously unofficially promised not to extradite GASPAR JIMENEZ and GUSTAVO CASTILLO through a Cuban source in Mexico City, Mexico. CASTRO advised that upon return of LOPEZ, CRESPO and other Cubans, from San Juan the next week, he (CASTRO) will give an all out "green light" to all terrorist organizations and individuals to attack Mexican property and government officials to include Mexican Embassies and AeroMexico Airlines everywhere. Source advised that on the evening of January 24, 1978, a committee was established to aid JIMENEZ and CASTILLO. ANTONIO MUNIZ was established as head of the committee called "Comite Por Derechos Humanos" (Committee for Human Rights). CASTRO advised that one of the purposes of the violence is to hurt the Mexican tourism trade and force Mexico to withdraw extradition of CASTILLO and JIMENEZ.

[On April 18, 1978, MM T-3 advised that] a meeting ^{(S)(u)} is being proposed to occur in the near future, possibly the weekend of April 22, through April 24, 1978, to occur at Sarasota, Florida. The meeting will be attended by the following CORU individuals:

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- FRANK CASTRO, CORU Chief from Miami, Florida;
- REINOLY RODRIGUEZ, CORU Chief from San Juan, Puerto Rico;
- SECUNDINO CARRERAS, Assistant CORU Chief, San Juan, Puerto Rico;
- ORLANDO "BEBO" ACOSTA, CORU, Miami, Florida;
- SIXTO ARCE, CORU, Miami, Florida;
- ANTONIO "TONY" MUNIZ, CORU, Miami, Florida;
- RAFAEL PEREZ ORESTE, CORU, Miami, Florida;
- ROCELIO LOPEZ AVALO, CORU, Miami, Florida.

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The Cuban Nationalist Movement is a right wing organization which claimed credit for acts of violence in the United States and Canada during the mid-1960s.

Cuban National Liberation Front is a Cuban exile terrorist organization which was formed on October, 1973, when several leaders from different groups participated in a sea attack against a Government of Cuba fishing boat. FLNC has claimed credit for about 25 acts of terrorism.

Association of the Veterans of the Bay of Pigs Brigade 2506 is comprised of participants in the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961. The organization has approximately 1,500 members, most of whom are inactive.

The 17th of April Movement is an off-shoot of Brigade 2506 which is presently inactive.

[On May 5, 1977, MM T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past,] advised as follows: (u)

There has been a lot of talk among the Cuban exiles who are associated with CORU concerning missions, by Cuban exiles, against Cuba and/or countries maintaining trade relations with Cuba. These Cuban exiles have noted that in 17 years of attempting to topple FIDEL CASTRO from power in Cuba, with various types of missions, they have all been unsuccessful in weakening CASTRO's hold on Cuba. In addition, financial support for the Cuban exiles has become a problem. This has been brought about by a concern among the Cuban exile community that to contribute to terrorist groups will automatically associate them with terrorism in the eyes of law enforcement agencies.

Some of the Cuban exile activists that have actually carried out missions have temporarily stopped operations in order to re-examine their capability, penetration of activist groups by law enforcement, and resources. This is in addition

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NEUTRALITY MATTERS - CUBA (ANTI-CASTRO)

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Coordinacion de Organizaciones Revolucionarias Unidas (Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations) (CORU) is an anti-Castro terrorist umbrella organization integrated by 5 anti-Castro groups which united in the Dominican Republic on June 11, 1976, under the leadership of Dr. ORLANDO BOSCH. The 5 anti-Castro terrorist groups represented at the June 11, 1976 meeting were Accion Cubana, Cuban Nationalist Movement, Cuban National Liberation Front, Association of the Veterans of the Bay of Pigs Brigade 2506 and the 17th of April Movement.

Luis P. Avila

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Accion Cubana is a group headed by ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA, a Cuban exile medical doctor previously tried and acquitted in Federal Court, Miami, on extortion charges. In 1968, he was convicted in a Federal Court for ship bombings and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment and paroled in December, 1972. In June, 1974, BOSCH admitted having sent package bombs to Cuban Embassies in Lima, Peru, Madrid, Spain, Ottawa, Canada, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. BOSCH is presently in jail in Caracas, Venezuela, held in connection with an investigation by that government of the October 6, 1976 bombing of a Cubana Airlines plane wherein 73 persons were killed.

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reactivating "Ejercito Secreto" under the leadership of RAMIRO DE LA FE. The Brigade 2506 is discussing possibility of reactivating "M-17" or will utilize "M-17" as a pseudonym to take credit for future military actions. Regarding pseudonyms, source advised that pseudonym "Omega Seven" has been utilized by CNM in the New York-New Jersey area in the past. The term "Omega Seven" was originated by JOSE TENRIERO and GUILLERMO NOVO. Pseudonym "ELAC" (Ejercito Latino Americano Anticomunista), was originated by REINOL RODRIGUEZ, CORU Chief of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Pseudonym of "Jovenes de Las Estrella" (Youth of the Star), has been utilized by SIXTO ARCE, CORU member from Miami, Florida. The pseudonym "Pedro Luis Boitel" was possibly originated by ANTONIO MUNIZ, CORU member from Miami, Florida, while the pseudonym "El Condor" was originated by FRANK CASTRO, CORU Chief from Miami, Florida.

[MM T-3 advised that] OSVALDO BENCOMO, CORU Military Chief in San Juan, Puerto Rico, allegedly admitted placing a bomb approximately six months ago at a Venezuelan tourist office, San Juan, Puerto Rico. BENCOMO did not furnish additional details concerning this situation other than it was connected with a bombing incident surrounding Venezuelan office in the New York City area at about the same time. BENCOMO reportedly is the man in charge of military actions for the CORU organization in Puerto Rico. (u)

REINOL RODRIGUEZ, CORU Chief, San Juan, Puerto Rico, advised that he (REINOL RODRIGUEZ) in addition to being head of CORU in Puerto Rico, is also head of "El Bloque de Organizaciones" in Puerto Rico with "El Bloque" having strong affiliations in Chicago, Illinois, New York City, New York. RODRIGUEZ reportedly said that CORU is currently discussing the possibilities of attacks on Cuban Consuls outside the United States, possibly utilizing silencer equipped handguns rather than bombs.

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