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ERNESTO ABRAHAM ARZOLA MARTINEZ, La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution, Texas, was contacted by Special Agent (SA) DIADER H. ROSARIO of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and SA FORTUNATO JORGE of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regarding his knowledge of Right Wing Terrorism in Puerto Rico.

ARZOLA advised that the murder of CARLOS MUNIZ VARELA was planned by NICOLAS NOGUERAS and ~~JULIO LABATUD~~ during a meeting at the Metropol restaurant in Hato Rey, at which ARZOLA was present approximately two months before MUNIZ was murdered. NOGUERAS and LABATUD stated in front of ARZOLA that they had missed once before but that this time it was going to happen and they would get MUNIZ. ARZOLA stated that he is not sure of the motive for killing MUNIZ but he believes that MUNIZ was a thorn in somebody's side. ARZOLA further added that LABATUD told him that ALEJO MALDONADO and "El Sapo", which was the nickname for HIRAM VAZQUEZ, were the ones who were going to carry out the contract on MUNIZ. LABATUD further told ARZOLA that the contract was for \$25,000.00. MUNIZ was shot and killed near his house in Guaynabo. When ARZOLA asked LABATUD for money because of his knowledge of the murder, LABATUD gave ARZOLA a bouquet of flowers and said that was all he was going to get. ARZOLA took this gesture as a threat and didn't press LABATUD any more for money. LABATUD told ARZOLA that the investigation for the murder of MUNIZ had been taken care of and that MUNIZ would not be bothering anyone anymore.

ARZOLA then went on to talk about the bombing of the Bar Association, (in Spanish - "Colegio de Abogados") and he explained one afternoon at approximately 4 PM, he was at the bar of the Colegio Abogados having drinks when NICOLAS NOGUERAS arrived. NOGUERAS pulled ARZOLA aside and asked him if ARZOLA was willing to throw rocks at the front windows of the Bar Association. ARZOLA told him he would be willing to do it for \$5000.00 but NOGUERAS offered only \$1,000.00. ARZOLA agreed to do it for \$1,000.00 but before he could do it someone bombed the Bar Association.

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ARZOLA then asked NOGUERAS what had happened and NOGUERAS told ARZOLA that it had to be done another way and it had not cost a penny. ARZOLA stated that there was a rumor U.S. Marshal JOSE ANTONIO LOPEZ had something to do with the bombing but he never confirmed it.

EXHIBIT 5