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OUT "NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNIST SITUATION UNDER WHICH THE CUBAN PEOPLE HAVE TO LIVE, BUT BECAUSE OF COMMUNIST PENETRATION OF LATIN AMERICA." IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT TWO BOMBINGS OCCURRED THE OTHER HAVING BEEN AGAINST THE CUBANA DE AVIACION OFFICE LOCATED AT TOCUMEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHICH SERVES PANAMA CITY AND THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE. *PANAMA*

3. COSTA RICA: A. THE LOCAL PRESS OF 5 AUGUST 1976

REPORTED THE

ARREST OF THREE MEN CHARGED WITH PLACING BOMBS IN THE OFFICES OF THE LEFT-WING NEWSPAPER "PUEBLO," THE COSTA RICAN POPULAR FRONT PARTY AND THE SOCIALIST PARTY. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MEN ARRESTED WERE SAID TO

BE DIRECTED BY THE "LATIN AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL" FOUNDED BY ORLANDO BOSCH AVILA. ONE OF THE MEN, EVARISTO GARCIA SARMIENTO, WAS

SAID TO BE A CUBAN WHO IS NOW A NATURALIZED COSTA RICAN CITIZEN, WHILE THE OTHER TWO, JOSE ANTONIO GUIDO ESPINOZA AND MARIO GONZALEZ CARVAJAL, ARE COSTA RICAN NATIONALS. GARCIA WAS SAID ALSO TO REPRESENT

A PRO-CHILE ORGANIZATION, CITED AS "COMITE COSTARRICENSE PRO-VERDAD CHILENA," AND TO BE LINKED WITH BOSCH. ACCORDING TO [A USUALLY RELIABLE COSTA RICAN SECURITY OFFICIAL WHO REPORTS WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS GOVERNMENT,] COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES DISCOVERED AMONG (S)

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THE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF THE MEN ARRESTED A LETTER FROM BOSCH MENTIONING HIS GROUP AS RESPONSIBLE FOR A BOMBING ACTION TAKEN AGAINST CUBANA DE AVIACION AT KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

3. AT ABOUT 0720 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 24 AUGUST 1976 TWO HIGH EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WERE DETONATED IN SAN JOSE. ONE HAD BEEN PLACED OUTSIDE THE OFFICES OF IBERIA AIRLINES BUT HAD BEEN MOVED BY A STREET CLEANER TO A POINT FARTHER WEST OF THE SAME STREET WHERE IT EXPLODED IN FRONT OF OTHER OFFICES. THE OTHER EXPLODED OUTSIDE THE OFFICES OF THE NANACO SHIPPING LINE IN THE PAVAS DISTRICT OF SAN JOSE. THE EXPLOSIONS INJURED SIX PERSONS. THE PRESS DESCRIBED THE BOMBS AS HAVING BEEN FABRICATED WITH C-4 EXPLOSIVE AND DETONATED BY CLOCK MECHANISMS. IT ALSO NOTED THAT IBERIA HAS AIR ROUTES SERVICING CUBA AND NANACO IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NAVIERA MULTINACIONAL DEL CARIBE (NAMUCAR) TO WHICH CUBA BELONGS, AND RELATED THE BOMBINGS TO SIMILAR ACTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN PANAMA AND COLOMBIA.

4. [THIS AGENCY'S REPRESENTATIVE IN SAN JOSE] COMMENTED THAT (S) (U) THERE HAS BEEN A RASH OF BOMB INCIDENTS IN SAN JOSE DURING THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THE EARLIER ONES ENTAILED THE USE OF BLACK POWDER-TYPE INGREDIENTS, NORMALLY PURCHASED LOCALLY FOR RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS, AND THEREFORE WERE NOT ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS OR DAMAGING. THE

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