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Re San Juan teletype to Bureau, 4/8/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an FD-302 reflecting results of interview with the subject on 4/8/77 and on 4/11/77 (S)

San Juan, following a 4/11/77 interview with the subject will furnish the Bureau with an evaluation of the subject as a potential OA. It is recognized that the enclosed FD-302 poses some unresolved questions; however, San Juan anticipates obtaining clarification during the 4/11/77 interview. (S)

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On April 8, 1977, FELIX ZABALA MAS, also known as Tuto, a resident at 350 Lerida, Urbanization Valencia, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, and he furnished the following information:

FELIX ZABALA advised that he was a member of Alpha 66 from 1961 to 1966. He is currently a member of Circulo Cubano, a large Cuban exile social group in Puerto Rico, and beyond this belongs to no other political or social group in Puerto Rico. He stated that he is not a member of Frente Liberacion Nacional de Cuba (Cuban National Liberation Front) or the Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations (CORU). He stated that on April 3, 1977, he attended a meeting which concerned itself with human rights and was presided over by one FRANKLIN DELANO LOPEZ who was interested in sending five Cuban exile individuals to Washington, D. C., and present a case to the United States Department of State to tell President CARTER how to deal with the Cubans. He stated that their main concern here was the political prisoners and the system of Communism under CASTRO. ZABALA stated that he participated in no other similar activities. He stated that he does have a close relationship with a very political individual, ENRIQUE NUNEZ, who is the editor of Replica Magazine in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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ZABALA advised that his sister, AMALIA ANGELINA ZABALA MAS and his mother, ANGELINA MAS, came to Puerto Rico from Cuba on December 23, 1976, for a vacation in Puerto Rico. ZABALA stated that his mother has a six month visa which expires in June, 1977, and that she is currently attempting to stay three months longer in Puerto Rico and is awaiting word from Cuban authorities through her daughter who has since returned to Cuba to secure a Cuban government OK to remain in Puerto Rico. Upon receipt of that OK from the Cuban government, the subject's mother will then apply to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (USINS) for a three month extension of her visa to visit Puerto Rico. ZABALA's sister, AMALIA, was in Puerto Rico from December 23, 1976, until January 17, 1977, at which time she returned to Cuba.

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(Cuba) FELIX ZABALA stated that AMALIA is married to JULIO CESAR MAS MARTIN (S) who is a medical doctor who has a very good practice in Calixto Garcia Hospital in Havana, Cuba. (S) ZABALA stated that AMALIA's husband is not a political-type person and he is not considered to be a Communist. He stated that JULIO CESAR MAS MARTIN is happy living under the Cuban system of government because he is a doctor and therefore lives extremely well. (S) ZABALA stated that the latter's brother LUIS MAS MARTIN is currently living outside Havana (S) assigned to an agricultural project. (S) ZABALA stated that LUIS MAS MARTIN, who is approximately 50 years old, currently having a severe drinking problem. (S) ZABALA believes that he is working with the agriculture project in the vicinity of Matanzas, Cuba. ZABALA termed LUIS MARTIN a Communist and an anti-Batistite. (S) ZABALA added that his sister's recent trip to Puerto Rico was her first trip ever to this country. (S) He stated that he last saw her in 1965 in Cuba. (S) ZABALA reported that he went to Jamaica and met his sister and his mother on December 21, 1976, and assisted in their travel to Puerto Rico by helping them to a hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, and then to the United States Embassy there to secure a visa to visit Puerto Rico. (S) He stated that since 1965 he had only talked to his sister on the telephone approximately every six months. (S)

(B. Approx 1938) (Cuba) ZABALA stated that he rarely writes to any friends or family members in Cuba. He stated that his brother DOMINGO ZABALA, also known as Nino, is currently an athletic promoter and he works in a group known as the Instituto Nacional Deportes Revolucionario in Cuba. (S) ZABALA stated that his father, JOSE L. ZABALA, died on November 23, 1954, in Cuba and that his two sisters, AMALIA and ELENA, currently live in Cuba. (S) He stated that his brother, JOSE LUIS ZABALA, also known as "PEPE," DOMINGO, and himself spent various periods of time in Cuban jails. He stated that "PEPE" served four years and nine months which began in May of 1961. DOMINGO, who ZABALA termed a non-Communist, was in jail for 18 months from September, 1961, to 1963. ZABALA stated that he himself was in jail only for seven days which began in May, 1961. ZABALA added that the reason that the above individuals received jail terms had to do with their affiliation with a group which was going to plant bombs in or near the waterworks in Havana, Cuba, in 1961. (S)

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(FELIX ZABALA MAS) stated that he doesn't know any individuals who are in FLNC or CORU. He stated that (REINOL RODRIGUEZ) is a good friend of his and they have been associated since (ZABALA's) affiliation with (Alpha 66). He stated that he did not think that (REINOL RODRIGUEZ) is still a member of the latter organization. He stated that he has only belonged to one political group in Cuba and that he was a member of the (Movimiento Revolucionario Pueblo (MRP)) and that that group placed over 100 bombs in and around Havana, Cuba, protesting the CASTRO government. (S)

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(ZABALA) was questioned about his relationship with one (ANTONIO VECIANA) and he stated that VECIANA is like his own brother. He added that VECIANA is his son's Godfather and is currently a resident of Miami, Florida. (ZABALA) reported that VECIANA (and himself were) in Alpha 66 and at one time attempted to form an Alpha 66 group in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Two other individuals, according to ZABALA, were in on this enterprise: (TONY CUESTA) (who is possibly living now in Miami, Florida). (ZABALA) considered VECIANA to not only be his friend, but his business partner and added that VECIANA resides at Number 811 Northwest 30 Ct., Miami, Florida, 33125. (ZABALA) stated that VECIANA left Alpha 66 in 1966 and that he is definitely anti-Castro and would personally like to kill CASTRO. He did not know VECIANA to be affiliated with any political groups at this time. (ZABALA) stated that four or five years ago that VECIANA, ENRIQUE NUNEZ, and MANOLO RAY went to Costa Rica and formed a revolutionary party (anti-CASTRO), which had the same ideals of Alpha 66. He added that this group which was known as Partido Revolucionario Del Pueblo, lasted perhaps eight months. (S)

(FELIX ZABALA MAS) revealed that on (October 28, 1976) he left San Juan, Puerto Rico, (and traveled to Kingston, Jamaica) for the purpose of seeing an entertainment promoter, (FELIX SMITH) about putting on the (Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan). He added that he met no one other than (FELIX SMITH) during his stay in Jamaica. He insisted that he had met no one (S)

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who could be a representative of any foreign government, particularly from Cuba. (FELIX ZABALA MAS) reported that on (S) November 8, 1976 (S) he traveled to Miami and then on to (S) Kingston, Jamaica. He stated that he went there to see the (S) promoter, FELIX SMITH, and discuss problems on how to get (S) money out of Jamaica if ZABALA were to bring the Chinese (S) Circus Review from Taiwan to Jamaica. ZABALA added that this was approximately one month prior to the popular elections and there is always a problem bringing money out of Jamaica. ZABALA again stated that he had contacted no (S) one other than (FELIX SMITH.) (S)

(ZABALA advised) that he traveled to (Jamaica) again (S) on (November 30, 1976,) and returned to Puerto Rico via Miami (S) on (December 2, 1976.) He stated that at that time he again (S) visited (FELIX SMITH.) ZABALA stated that he traveled alone (S) to Montego Bay and another town, (Ocho Rios, in Jamaica,) and (S) visited theaters where he could possibly present the Chinese (S) Circus. He added that he stayed in the (Sheraton) Hotel when (S) he was in (Kingston) on this occasion. He stated that he had (S) seen no family members or anyone who could be possibly considered a representative of a foreign government. He added that while in (Jamaica) he traveled by (public automobiles (S) which are used as) taxis or buses. (S)

(ZABALA MAS) advised that he had rented the ("Happy (S) Center Bar") which is located in (Hato Rey, Puerto Rico,) for (S) the period between December, 1974, and July, 1976. He stated he gave up this line of business in that he was not making it financially. He added that at the moment he is not in financial straights and that he has been receiving current income from his (promotion of the Taiwan Circus Group and two (S) professional prize fighters (both Dominicans) HECTOR JULIO MEDINA and ADRIANO MARRERO, also known as Nane.) He stated (S) that the latter two individuals are (under his control) as he (S) is their (manager) and receives approximately 33 percent of any (S) purse for setting up their fights. (S)

(ZABALA) stated that he would like to go back to Cuba (S) if CASTRO and the Communist system of government was out of Cuba. He added that he personally believes in a system of Socialism and Democracy. (ZABALA) reported that his family (S) here does not like the Communist form of government and that (his brother, DOMINGO (NINO),) does not like the current Cuban (S) system. (ZABALA) was not sure if (his sister, AMALIA,) likes the (S)

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CASTRO or Communist system. He added that (she) told a friend, (CS) HUGO PEREZ, a Cuban exile who is about 50 years old and (CS) resides in (Floral Park, Puerto Rico) that if (she) could get (CS) out of Cuba with (her four children, she) would leave. (She) (CS) reportedly told (PEREZ) that (her husband, JULIO CESAR MAS (CS) MARTIN) likes the good style of living that he currently enjoys in Havana, Cuba, as a (ranking medical doctor. ZABALA) (CS) added that (HUGO PEREZ) sent a lot of clothing back to Cuba with (his sister, AMALIA, for HUGO PEREZ' father.) (S)

(ZABALA) advised that as far as his future travel (CS) plans are concerned, he intends to go to (Los Angeles, (S) California) about the 15th of April and there, prepare (theatrical arrangements.) He stated that this would take (S) approximately two or three days. He added that he has to go to (Santo Domingo) at some future date for the (theatrical (CS) presentation of the Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan.) He stated that this would probably be in May, 1977. He added at this point that VECIANA, supra, (and he) set up all the (S) Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan's engagements.) He added (S) that he might possibly be in Chicago and New York City, New York, after May, 1977. (S)

The interviewing Agents reminded (ZABALA) that he at (CS) one time in 1956 was interviewed and polygraphed by a United States Government official. (ZABALA) who stated that he did (CS) not know the results of that interview or the polygraph, stated that he remembered taking the test and being interviewed at a hotel room (in the Miramar Hotel, Miramar, Puerto Rico) (CS) but that he did not know who or what organization was behind it. He stated that an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at that time had set up the interview and the examination. He stated that at that time he was asked about going to Cuba and working for the United States Government for intelligence reasons. He could not furnish any details about any of the individuals, approximately three or four, who were in the room at that time. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned (ZABALA) about (S) a possible trip to (Panama) which was made on (January 10, 1977.) (CS) He was confronted with information that revealed that he had traveled with (Pan American Airlines, flight 535) to (Panama) (S) on (January 10, 1977,) United States Passport number (Z2494541) (S)

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tourist card number (745643) and that he returned to the (S) United States on (January 11, 1977) on another (Pan American (S) Airlines flight, number 586. ZABALA) stated that he was in (Panama) for one night and thereafter traveled to Miami, (S) Florida, and West Palm Beach, where he spent one night in the company of (JOSE PRADOS HERRERO) who currently resides (S) in Puerto Rico (telephone number 783-4367). He stated that (S) he went to (Panama) on this occasion for (boxing business) and (S) that he saw (LUIS ESPADA, a boxing promoter) and (Dr. RODIGO (S) SANCHEZ, of the World Boxing Association. He stated that he only contacted these two persons and one radio commentator, (S) while he was in (Panama) on this occasion. He added that one (S) of his fighters, (HECTOR JULIO MEDINA) was supposed to (fight (S) ROBERTO DURAN) and that (ZABALA) called (MEDINA) (a resident of (S) Santo Domingo) from (Panama) and (the fighter) advised (ZABALA) (S) that he was (out of shape) and therefore could not (fight) (S) DURAN. (S) ZABALA) added that he has (exclusive permission to sign) a (S) contract re (MEDINA). He stated that he discussed (the possible (S) fight) with the aforementioned radio commentator. (S)

The interviewing Agents again requested that (ZABALA) (S) be perfectly honest with them about any possible contact of foreign agents or other government representatives while on the above trips outside Puerto Rico. He strongly advised that the interviewing Agents had his word that he never contacted anyone from a foreign government, embassy official, consular official, foreign attache, or intelligence officer. (A)

(ZABALA) stated that on the above mentioned dates, (S) (January 10, January 11, 1977) he was supposed to go to (Houston) (S) and (San Antonio, Texas) and other places in the United States (S) to arrange for a (presentation of the Chinese Circus). He (S) stated, though, upon arrival at Miami, there was a convention of (managers) of (auditoriums) from throughout the United States (S) (these are individuals who could (present the Chinese Circus) (S) ZABALA) stated for this reason he did not have to go to (Texas) (S) as the (managers) that he wished to see were there in Miami (S) particularly at (the Ramada Inn Hotel) around (January 11, 1977). (S)

In light of the subject's current (probation) regula- (S) tions with (United States Probation) Office, he was questioned (S) as to whether he had gotten the permission of (his probation) (S) officer) to travel to (Panama) during (January of 1977). He stated (S) that he had this permission. (A)

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(ZABALA) was asked if he had ever been requested to bring anything back to Puerto Rico from any of his above mentioned travels and he stated that he never brought back any money other than business money. He stated that in August, 1976, he brought back to Puerto Rico from Santo Domingo approximately \$800.00 as this was the result of a prize fight there. He added that he recently brought back to Puerto Rico some checks which were from the Chinese Circus presentations. He stated that he had \$300.00 in addition to these checks which represented box office receipts. He placed these checks in an account at Banco Obrero, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, in the account of Promoter Antillana, which is a trade name. He stated that this account is administered by himself and VECIANA. He added that in December of 1976 he brought back to Puerto Rico from Jamaica approximately \$400.00 when he was accompanied by his mother and sister from Cuba on their journey to Puerto Rico. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned FELIX ZABALA MAS about his relationship with one GABRIEL FIGUEROA and a possible \$10,000 advertising problem he has with this individual. ZABALA stated that FIGUEROA is the owner of an advertising firm, Communications Arts, and was responsible for advertising the Chinese Circus in Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, and San Bernardino, California, while the Chinese Circus was recently there. He stated that FIGUEROA, who is a resident of Miami, Florida, sent the ads to various newspapers in California from Miami and that ZABALA protested the advertising in that the print was too small in the advertisement for people to read. He added that he and VENCIANA complained to FIGUEROA and had paid FIGUEROA \$3,400.00 for the advertising. FIGUEROA told the latter individuals that they owe him approximately \$15,000.00 for the advertising. ZABALA stated that on February 19, 1977, he sent FIGUEROA a check for \$10,000.00 via a delivery agency, Espasas Advertising, Incorporated, 596 De Hostos Avenue, Urbanization Baldirich, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00919. Espasas reportedly made the delivery to FIGUEROA and then immediately advised ZABALA to send a cashiers check from his bank in Puerto Rico to FIGUEROA inasmuch as the first check would not be cleared by a Miami, Florida, bank for approximately two weeks. ZABALA stated that on March 2, 1977, he sent the (S)

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cashiers check via [Espasas Advertising, Incorporated] to (S) [FIGUEROA] and that the first check, which should not have been deposited in light of the second check, was placed in an unknown bank and when it finally reached Puerto Rico there were insufficient funds to cover it. [ZABALA] stated that both (S) checks were made out to [Communications Arts] (S)

[FELIX ZABALA] advised that (his brother, PEPE (JOSE (S) LUIS ZABALA), his sister ELVIRA, and he, paid an organization which handles the paperwork for Cubans who wish to visit outside Cuba, [Almacen Espanol] approximately \$1,200.00 to (S) secure the financial aspect of (his mother and sister's (S) leaving Cuba. He stated that (his brother, PEPE, (S) filed the (S) necessary applications regarding (his mother and sister) to (S) [Almacen Espanol] in Miami. He stated that approximately half (S) of the money went into an account in (Kingston, Jamaica, (S) to (S) render secure that (his sister and mother) would not be a (S) financial burden to the (Jamaican Government) and that they (S) would have money to leave that country. He added that (PEPE (S) ELVIRA, (S) or himself had nothing to do with (his mother's and (S) sister's) leaving Cuba other than sending the necessary application papers to [Almacen Espanol] in Miami, Florida. He (S) added that he went to [Jamaica] on (December 21, 1976, (S) to help (S) his sister and his mother) and that after they landed from (S) Cuba he took them to (the Sheraton Hotel) and later on to the (S) United States Embassy to secure the necessary visas. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned [ZABALA] about his (S) recent source of income and he stated that he earned approxi- (S) mately (\$3,000.00) from a (prize fight) which was (held) in (Mayaguez, (S) Puerto Rico, (S) on (September 10, 1976, (S) between (ESTEBAN DE JESUS) (S) and (HECTOR JULIO MEDINA. (S) He added that he earned approximately (S) (\$1,200.00) from his (presentation) of the (Chinese Circus) in Miami (S) Beach, Florida, between (October 5 and 10, (S) 1976. He stated (S) that he got approximately (\$2,000.00) on or about (December 18, (S) 1976, as a result of his selling his (rights and contract) to the (S) fighter, (HECTOR JULIO MEDINA. (S) [ZABALA] stated, however, that he (S) had to pay this money back to (promoter DON KING) and (Pantalones (S) Santiago as his fighter) backed out of the deal and it fell (S) through. [ZABALA] advised that between (February 9, (S) and (March 6, (S) 1977, he earned approximately (\$3,800.00) from the (performances) (S)

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of the (Chinese Circus) in (San Juan, Mayaguez, and Ponce,) (S)
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(FELIX ZABALA MAS) who had been furnished by the interviewing Agents a Spanish copy of the Advice of Rights form which he said he understood and signed, was presented a reading of the statutes having to do with foreign government agents and the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938. The Advice of Rights form was furnished to (FELIX ZABALA MAS) (S) prior to the aforementioned discussion of his travel outside of Puerto Rico in the last six months. (ZABALA) was sternly (S) advised that he had been asked to tell the truth in all the above matters and that any discrepancy in his account could possibly be a violation of his current (Federal probation) (S) which extends to (January 29, 1978) (S)

~~X~~ At this point, (FELIX ZABALA MAS) advised the inter- (S) viewing Agents that he had no idea how the FBI had gotten all the facts about him and that the FBI seems to know everything about him. He stated that he is not a Communist and that anything political that he would do would be against FIDEL CASTRO. At this point, (ZABALA MAS) stated that he had (S) waited for a long time for this moment and that he is now willing to tell the interviewing Agents everything. (ZABALA MAS) stated that the following accounts are (only known by) (S) himself and his friend, (ANTONIO VECIANA). He stated that (S) VECIANA recently had some problems with a United States Government assassination committee which was looking into the assassination of JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. He stated that VECIANA had to appear on approximately three occasions in Washington, D. C., the last of which was around December 10, 1976. (ZABALA) stated that approximately one month before (S) JOHN F. KENNEDY was shot in Dallas, Texas, VECIANA and an individual who (ZABALA) felt was associated with United States (S) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), "MR. BISHOP," met with (S) LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas, Texas. (ZABALA) stated that (S) DA "Mr. BISHOP" knew VECIANA since 1961. He added that (S) BISHOP had handled an assassination attempt against FIDEL CASTRO while CASTRO was in Chile in 1971. (ZABALA) stated that (S) VECIANA went to Bolivia to work for the United States Government (around) 1967. (He stated that) VECIANA (and he) went to Chile in 1971 (S)

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to set up an operation to kill CASTRO. (He stated that) to expedite this, false Venezuelan passports were made, the necessary guns were brought in in the diplomatic pouches, hand grenades were picked up in Bolivia, and a United States diplomatic car carried that paraphernalia from Bolivia to Chile. [ZABALA] stated that the plan was prepared in Miami Florida, and at that time VECIANA was still working for the United States Embassy in Bolivia. (He added that he and VECIANA rented the room in Santiago, Chile, and stayed there for two or three days. [ZABALA] stated that JUAN DOMINGUEZ and MARCO RODRIGUEZ (Cuban exiles not further identified) thereafter took over that room and enrolled in an approximately six month course in photograph and television in Santiago. The purpose of the endeavor was to place a gun inside one of the cameras which would be used by DOMINGUEZ or RODRIGUEZ and when FIDEL CASTRO made his appearance before members of the press, he would be shot by one of these individuals. [ZABALA] added that a high official in the Chilean government secured the necessary press permits for these individuals to come in the proximity of CASTRO when he arrived in Chile in 1971. He stated that the operation was not successful as DOMINGUEZ and RODRIGUEZ failed, by some means, to shoot CASTRO on the first day that he was presented before the members of the press and that on the second day one of those individuals stated that he must go to the hospital as his appendix was bothering him. The other individual stated that someone in CASTRO's vicinity identified him and thereafter, that potential assassin left Chile and was later seen in Bolivia.

[ZABALA reported that] ANTONIO VECIANA prepared a letter for the benefit of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba in which he signed the nickname of his (VECIANA's) secretary, MARGARITA (MARGARITA is HILDA CAO, who is currently a resident of San Juan, Puerto Rico, an employee of the United States Government in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. She was VECIANA's secretary while he was in Cuba and while he was in Puerto Rico from 1961 to 1967, and associated with Alpha 66). That letter contained information concerning ANTONIO VECIANA's connection with the United States Central Intelligence Agency and his attempt to kill CASTRO in Chile in 1971. [ZABALA] stated that the information in the letter was known to no other individuals.

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and VECIANA had requested ZABALA to transmit that letter to his sister, AMALIA, in Cuba for personal delivery to FIDEL CASTRO. ZABALA stated that the letter inferred that VECIANA's secretary was dissatisfied with VECIANA and that VECIANA wanted a large amount of publicity due to his appearance before a United States Government group which dealt with the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY. This letter was submitted to Cuba via ZABALA's sister, on or about September 11, 1976. ZABALA stated that he then received a call from his sister, AMALIA, in Cuba, and she stated that she wanted to see him in Jamaica on October 28, 1976. He added that he responded to his sister's request and was in Jamaica on October 28, 1976, and was met there by his sister. He stated that he was staying at the Sheraton Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, and on his first night there he met a Cuban by the name of CARLOS. He added that CARLOS, ZABALA's sister, and he, went to a large hotel (one or two level cabana style) possibly outside Kingston, Jamaica. ZABALA described CARLOS as a white male, five feet six inches tall weighing 180 pounds (over weight), having dark eyes, dark hair, with grey streaks in the sides. CARLOS was further described as being approximately 40 years old and that he wore no glasses or had no other distinguishing physical characteristics. CARLOS described himself to ZABALA as a person who was high up in the Cuban government intelligence. CARLOS carried with him at all times a businessman's attache case which contained a pistol. ZABALA did not see the pistol at any time.

In addition to meeting CARLOS, supra; ZABALA met the driver of the automobile which took ZABALA, ZABALA's sister, and CARLOS to the hotel. This individual was the vice-consul of the Cuban Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica, JUAN CARBONELL. ZABALA described CARBONELL as being a white male weighing 170 pounds, five feet eleven inches tall, having black hair, dark eyes, and wearing glasses with dark plastic frames. No other distinguishing characteristics were noted by ZABALA.

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Upon arriving at the hotel, ZABALA was questioned by CARLOS and JUAN CARBONELL in the presence of his sister, AMALIA, and they wanted to know current information concerning

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ORLANDO BOSCH, CORU, REINOL RODRIGUEZ, FRANK CASTRO, ANTONIO VECIANA, and other members of anti-CASTRO groups. In response to VECIANA's letter to FIDEL CASTRO [CARLOS and CARBONELL] (CS) felt that VECIANA's secretary disliked VECIANA and they requested that [ZABALA] tell the secretary that they will (CS) broadcast the information presented in "her" letter over Radio Havana in about a week's time. [ZABALA] stated that (CS) inasmuch as [he was responsible for forwarding] the supposed (CS) letter from VECIANA's secretary, the Cubans believed that [ZABALA] greatly disliked VECIANA also. [ZABALA] stated that no (CS) such broadcast was ever made according to ANTONIO VECIANA. (S)

[ZABALA] reported that [in the course of the above-] (CS) mentioned contact with [CARLOS and CARBONELL] the latter (CS) stated that they would get in contact with him through [his] (CS) sister, AMALIA. They asked [ZABALA] if he needed any money and (CS) he replied negatively. (S)

[ZABALA MAS] reported that [he returned to Jamaica] (CS) around [November 8,] 1976, and stayed at the Sheraton Hotel. (CS) During his first evening there, a strange voice telephoned his room and advised him to go outside. He went down and stood by the hotel swimming pool and then saw [CARLOS] supra (S) and was again taken by [CARLOS and JUAN CARBONELL] to the (CS) hotel where he previously met these individuals. [ZABALA] (CS) stated that [the ride from the Sheraton Hotel] in [Kingston,] (CS) Jamaica, to the other hotel takes approximately thirty Mexico minutes by car and this hotel is located near the sea. Upon PANAMA entering this hotel, [ZABALA] was introduced to [The General]. (S) JAM. (At one time during the interview with [The General] the (S) cuba latter was referred to as [JORGE].) [ZABALA] stated that he (S) B. APPROX. 1944 also carried a businessman's attache case which [ZABALA] (S) suspected could carry a gun. [ZABALA] stated that during the (S) course of this contact the entire conversation was taped on (S) a tape player in the room. [ZABALA] described the "General" (S) as a white male, five feet seven inches tall, weighing 160 (S) pounds, approximately 36 years of age, and from Cien Fuegos, (S) Cuba. [ZABALA] stated that "The General," looked like a well (S) built, firm military type. [He stated that] this individual (S) had dark hair with slight traces of grey on the side. The (S) "General" had dark eyes and no other distinguishing physical characteristics. (S)

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(ZABALA stated that) in the course of this contact the three (S) Cuban individuals wanted to know about the bomb on a Cuban plane which had recently destroyed the plane and sent it plunging into the sea. They wanted him to invite REINOL RODRIGUEZ, FRANK CASTRO, and "BEBE" (Last name possibly FRANCO, and the owner of a sporting goods store which is located at Flagler and 18th Avenue, Miami, Florida) to (Jamaica) for reasons of placing bombs against pro-Cuban (S) schools in (Jamaica). The Cuban individuals could then (S) arrange for the (Jamaican) authorities to arrest RODRIGUEZ, (S) CASTRO, and "BEBE" and later these could be given over to the Cubans. In addition to the above, the Cubans wanted an "up date" on pictures of about thirty individuals. These individuals were all current suspected anti-CASTRO type persons and included ENRIQUE NUNEZ. On (November 9) 1976, (S) according to (ZABALA), they gave him \$500.00 for plane tickets (S) and expenses. They wanted him to go to Venezuela to find out about the above mentioned Cuban plane bombing. (S)

(FELIX ZABALA MAS) advised that (November 29) 1976, (S) he returned to (Jamaica) and this time went to a place which (S) is known as the "Little Pub," in the city of (Ocho Rios). (S) ZABALA stated that approximately 9:00 p.m. that evening, (S) three men came in to the "Little Pub." (He stated that) these (S) individuals were (the "General," CARLOS, and a third Cuban (S) whom he had not previously met. He described this individual as a white male, six feet three inches tall, weighing 220 pounds, having short, dark hair, approximately 38 years of age, and having heavy prescription glasses. This latter individual informed (ZABALA) that he had been working in the (S) Cuban Embassy in Chile during 1971. (S)

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(ZABALA stated that) VECIANA had, (in preparation (CS)) for his November 29 anticipated meeting in Jamaica, given him information to furnish to the Cubans. ZABALA said that VECIANA furnished (him with) information concerning the (CS) bombing of the Air Cubana Airliner stating that the information would appear to be good and was true, however, it was well known within the anti-Castro Cuban Community and he did not believe it would harm anybody. (ZABALA said (CS) that) VECIANA (told him) that ORLANDO GARCIA, who was an VEN. employee of the Government of Venezuela, and former CIA Dom. Rep. employee, had gone to Santo Domingo in 1976 and met with ORLANDO BOSCH and FRANK CASTRO. VECIANA further advised that there was also present at the meeting a representative from Brigade 2506, name unknown. VECIANA said that at this time, BOSCH, CASTRO, GARCIA and the representative from Brigade 2506 planned a bombing of a Cubana airliner. At some time following this BOSCH went to Venezuela to take command of the operation. Upon arrival in Venezuela BOSCH was met by MONO MORALES, a Cuban exile living in Venezuela. VECIANA said that MORALES was the individual who had CUBA testified in a Federal trial against BOSCH a few years VEN. prior to this time. MORALES is supposed to have told BOSCH that he wished for all past differences to be forgotten and for them to unite in this act, as all good Cubans should try to get rid of CASTRO. At this time MORALES gave BOSCH a machine gun and offered a car and driver as well as the use of an apartment that he (MORALES) stated that he had arranged for BOSCH. VECIANA said that BOSCH still did not trust MORALES and instead went to the apartment of ALFREDO AGUIAR, another Cuban exile in Caracas. BOSCH supposedly stayed at that apartment and during this time was in contact with an old Cuban revolutionary named "PEPE" as well as a former CIA operative named "RICO." RICO was described as being a Cuban exile also. RICO supposedly gave BOSCH \$2,000 during this time in order to support the intended operation against the Cubana Airlines. BOSCH was also in contact with a Cuban exile attorney while in Venezuela, name unknown, however, it was stated that BOSCH was arrested in Caracas at the home of this attorney following the bombing. VECIANA further (told ZABALA) that (CS) when the bomb went off, it was such a tragedy that the CORU group was afraid to claim credit for it. VECIANA (X)

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further advised that the Government of Venezuela had previously had knowledge of the plans for this bombing, however, they also became very nervous when the bomb went off with the plane in the air. VECIANA (told ZABALA) that the plan had been for the bomb to go off while the plane was on the runway in Barbados, avoiding serious loss of lives, however, the plane departed early and thus the bomb went off while the plane was in the air. (S)

(ZABALA reiterated that VECIANA had given him this information to furnish as he (VECIANA) stated that most of this information had been hinted at in the newspapers and that he felt that ZABALA could impress the Cubans with this information as well as utilizing this information to cover for the fact that (ZABALA) had actually not gone to Venezuela as previously requested by the Cuban Intelligence Agents (S)

(ZABALA said that he furnished this information to the Cuban Intelligence Agents during the (November 29, 1976) meeting and they appeared very pleased with the information. (ZABALA said that he also, as previously directed by VECIANA, told the Cuban Agents that VECIANA had been involved in some sort of testimony regarding the KENNEDY assassination. (ZABALA) said that he did not furnish them with any details other than telling him that VECIANA had traveled to Washington using a travel voucher issued under the name of Senator SCHWIEKER. (ZABALA said that he did not know why VECIANA wanted this information given to the Cubans unless it was to further convince him that he (ZABALA) was furnishing them with good information in the hopes that they would utilize the previously furnished information and give VECIANA the publicity he desired on radio Havana. (S)

Following the (November 29, 1977) meeting which was taped by the Cubans, (ZABALA) said that he was instructed to meet (CARLOS) in (Panama) on (January 10, 1977), being instructed to go to the (Panama Hilton Hotel) and be standing in the parking lot at 9 p.m. He was told that somebody would pick him up. (ZABALA) added that he was given (\$700) at the conclusion of this meeting by the Cubans, which was to provide expenses for the trip he was supposed to have taken to (Venezuela) as well as the trip for the (November 29, 1977) meeting. (ZABALA) said at the conclusion of the meeting he asked the Cubans to help in getting (his mother and sister) out of Cuba for a (Christmas vacation) in Puerto Rico and (S)

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they told him that they would help him. (ZABALA at this time stated that he also recalled that during this meeting they requested that he get any information possible in reference to COFU and "Condor," which ZABALA described as a cover name for XORU. He stated that they were also in need of information as to who had placed a recent bomb in the Cubana Airline Office in Madrid. They told him that they had some information which led them to believe that a black male, who was from Puerto Rico, had placed the bomb. They further said that this black male resembled an Indian in appearance. ZABALA added that at this meeting he had also given them nine papers which he had written out concerning old bombings in Puerto Rico. ZABALA said that these papers were false and had to do with bombings four and five years old which the Cubans believed were conducted by anti-Castro groups. ZABALA said that he now recalls that during that meeting they also gave him the Embassy phone number in Jamaica, with instructions to call if he needed to contact them and ask, "If the visa is ready for JUAN CASTILLO." ZABALA said he was told that if he needed to contact them to follow the procedure and then automatically go the following night at 9 o'clock to the Little Pub Night Club in Ocho Rios, Jamaica where he would be met. ZABALA said that he never did have occasion to use this procedure.

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ZABALA said that the next contact he had with any of the Cuban Intelligence Officers was an accidental contact on December 21, 1976, when he was in Jamaica to meet the Cubana Airline plane with his sister and mother. ZABALA said that he saw "CARLOS" getting off of the same flight and nodded to him. ZABALA said that that evening he, his sister and his mother were staying at the Sheraton Hotel in Jamaica when he was contacted by CARLOS. ZABALA said that CARLOS contacted him very briefly at his room and told ZABALA that he (CARLOS) was just passing through Kingston, Jamaica enroute to participating in the opening of a new Embassy in Mexico City. At this time CARLOS gave ZABALA \$300 which represented the portion of the money that ZABALA himself had placed with ALMACEN ESPANOL in Miami in order to help get his sister and mother out of Cuba.

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ZABALA said that the next contact was on January 10, 1977, in Panama. ZABALA said that he flew from Miami to Panama during the day of January 10, 1977, arriving in Panama at 8:15 p.m. ZABALA said he immediately proceeded to the Panama Hilton and checked in, and then went to the parking lot at 9 p.m. ZABALA said that he was met at the parking lot by CARLOS, who walked up and then said, "Let's go for a walk." ZABALA said they walked two or three blocks and as they were walking a car pulled up alongside and CARLOS directed him to get into the car. ZABALA said he did not see the face of the driver of the car. The driver drove only a short distance and stopped. ZABALA said that at this time they left the car and the driver and entered an apartment building where they proceeded to an apartment. ZABALA said that when he and CARLOS entered the apartment, "The General" was already in the apartment with his tape recorder set up. ZABALA said that at this time he gave them telephone books from San Juan as well as Miami telephone books from the Cuban section of Miami as they had previously requested these telephone books. ZABALA said that he did not have any other information to give them and they again requested that he obtain general information concerning the activities of anti-Castro groups in Puerto Rico and Miami. ZABALA said that during this meeting they gave him \$800 for expenses. ZABALA said that they arranged another contact in Mexico City with the contact scheduled for March 6, 1977. ZABALA said at this time he was given a leather type key holder which had a slip of paper inside which was to be a contact telephone number for him to call in Mexico City. This telephone number was furnished in case ZABALA needed to make contact with the Cuban Intelligence Officers. ZABALA said that he was furnished the new code word which was "Is the visa of Dr. SALGADO ready." ZABALA said that he was also told that if he called the Embassy in Mexico City he was simply to ask this question and hang up and then proceed the next night to a store called Gigante which was near the Embassy in Mexico City. He was to stand in front of the Gigante at 6 p.m. and would be met. He was furnished with a code phrase which would serve to identify the Cuban Agent. The phrase was, "Do you see any taxis around here," and ZABALA was told to answer, "I saw one but it is broken," which would identify one to the other

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(ZABALA said that) following this meeting he became (S) very involved with (the promotion of the Taiwan Circus) and (S) was doing extensive traveling. (ZABALA said that) he did (S) not make the (March 6, 1977, meeting in Mexico City) as he (S) was in California with (the Taiwan Circus) and due to (S) business reasons was not able to go to (Mexico City). ZABALA (S) said that) during this period of time that (he and VECIANA) (S) were having) financial problems (with the Taiwan Circus) and (S) needed money rather desperately. (ZABALA said that VECIANA) (S) was able to obtain (a \$45,000 loan) to help continue (their) (S) tour of the Taiwan Circus and that he (ZABALA) was able to borrow \$20,000 from his cousin in Puerto Rico, who had a short time before won the Puerto Rican lottery in the amount of \$400,000. ZABALA said that) due to (promotional) (S) difficulties (they) continued to have money problems and that (S) at this time (VECIANA suggested that ZABALA try to contact the Cubans in Mexico City and see if they would give him money. ZABALA said that on March 18, 1977) he called (S) Mexico City) from Los Angeles utilizing the phone number he had been given (on January 10, 1977, and used the (code) (S) phrase, "Is the visa of Dr. SALGADO ready," when the Embassy answered. ZABALA said that) as previously instructed he then hung up and on the morning of (March 19, 1977, he (S) flew to (Mexico City). ZABALA said that) he went to the (S) appointed place (at 6 p.m.) however, nobody showed up. (S) ZABALA said that) this was never explained. (S)

(ZABALA said) from (Mexico City) he returned to (S) San Juan on (March 20, 1977, via (Mexicana Airlines). On (S) March 22, 1977, (ZABALA said that) he again called the (S) number in (Mexico City) and gave the (code word. ZABALA (S) said that) he then flew to Miami on (March 22, 1977) and (S) proceeded to (Mexico City) from Miami. ZABALA said that) (S) on (March 22, 1977, he went to (the parking lot) in the (S) Gigante store area) and a man came up and gave the proper (S) code word. ZABALA described this man as a Cuban male, (S) approximate age 30, 5'5" tall, heavy build, weighing (S) approximately 170 pounds, long straight black hair and as having a very round face. (ZABALA said that) the man (S) told him he was from the Embassy and that they walked a very short way down the street into a restaurant. (ZABALA (S) was) unable to recall the name of the restaurant. (ZABALA) (S)

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(said) at this time he gave this man a sealed package containing (S) "Replica" newspapers from San Juan and Miami and told the man (S) that inasmuch as he had been away from Puerto Rico with a tour (S) group he did not have much new information. (ZABALA said that (S) the man appeared to be content with this and told ZABALA that he would deliver the package to CARLOS. ZABALA said (S) that unbeknownst to this man, he had also enclosed a sealed letter addressed to CARLOS in which he asked (S) CARLOS for \$20,000 in order to help him (ZABALA) with his (S) financial problems. (ZABALA said that he explained in the (S) letter to CARLOS that some of the problems had been as a (S) result of his traveling to meet the Cubans, but ended the letter by stating that in the event that CARLOS could not (S) get him the money that (ZABALA) would continue to work with him. (ZABALA said that the man from the Embassy then (S) said that "The General" and CARLOS wanted to meet with (S) ZABALA during May and they agreed upon the date of May 19 (S) 1977. (ZABALA said he was instructed to go to the Xola (S) Station of the Mexico City Metro System and stand under (S) the sign for the subway to Tacuba. ZABALA said that he was to meet at 8 p.m. on May 19, 1977, under the Tacuba (S) sign. ZABALA said that all of these arrangements were made without the man knowing that he had a letter requesting (S) \$20,000, addressed to CARLOS. ZABALA said that he has not heard from any of the Cubans since that time and assumes that he would be expected to make the (May 19, 1977, meet. (S)

(ZABALA said that during the past week he had (S) been in Miami and at this time VECIANA wanted him to go (S) to the CIA and tell them what had happened and offer to work with the CIA. (ZABALA said he was most hesitant to (S) do so and had told VECIANA that he did not wish to do so (S)

(At this time ZABALA stated that he also recalled (S) another brief contact with Cuban Intelligence Agents which occurred (S) on January 17, 1977, when he flew from San Juan to Jamaica with his sister when she was returning to Cuba. ZABALA said that he decided to go to Kingston, Jamaica, (S) with her at the last minute as she had a large number of (S) luggage and was unable to handle all of the luggage herself. (S)

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(S) [ZABALA said he also wished to go to extend the visit with his sister. ZABALA said that he went to Kingston, Jamaica, and was only there for a few hours, however, he was contacted at the airport by] JUAN CARBONELL. [He (ZABALA) gave] CARBONELL a copy of the JACK ANDERSON newspaper column which had to do with the KENNEDY assassination. [ZABALA said that he had carried the newspaper article with him in case he was contacted while in Kingston. ZABALA said] (S) [that] the article had to do with the KENNEDY assassination and a mysterious Cuban named "X" who had had some involvement with the CIA and with the Kennedy assassination. [ZABALA said that he] believed this "X" to be VECIANA but did not know how this information had gotten to JACK ANDERSON. (S) [ZABALA said that it appeared that his meeting with CARBONELL was accidental but] he believed that the Cubans were adept in planning meetings and he assumed that inasmuch as [his sister had left the airport to go to the Cuban Embassy, that she had told CARBONELL that he (ZABALA) would be in the airport area waiting to return to San Juan] (S) (S)

At this time [ZABALA said] that he also recalled (S) that [although his sister] did not talk to him at all during (S) her Christmas visit] from Cuba about intelligence matters, (S) that during the [January 10, 1977, meeting in] Panama he (S) was told by [the General] to instruct [his sister] in San Juan (S) to contact [MANOLO RAY] ZABALA said he was not told why (S) his sister was to contact [RAY], but gave [his sister] this (S) message when he returned to San Juan. [ZABALA said] he was (S) worried about [his sister] being involved in this matter (S) so he waited until [the day before she was to depart San Juan for Cuba] to give [her] the message. At this time [she] (S) asked [him (ZABALA)] to contact [RAY] and arrange a meeting (S) which [ZABALA] stated he had done. [ZABALA said] that she (S) met with [RAY] the day before [she left for Cuba] but he has (S) no idea what they talked about. [ZABALA described RAY] (S) as being a former Minister of Public Works in Cuba prior to the Castro takeover] and said he was currently employed as an [Architectural Engineer] with his office being [in a new] (S) building constructed on Ponce de Leon Avenue] in San Juan (S) near the [Martin Penon Canal]. ZABALA said that] he did not know (S) [RAY] well and was not familiar with his politics or leanings, (S) although he had supposed him to be an anti-Castro Cuban. (S) (X)

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[ZABALA was questioned concerning] the reason why VECIANA had wanted [him] to send the letter to Cuban Premier CASTRO detailing VECIANA's activities with the CIA. [ZABALA stated that] VECIANA was concerned about his testimony before [the committee investigating the KENNEDY assassination and, for some unexplained reason, wanted to establish himself in the U. S. Cuban Community as a former CIA operative. X] VECIANA said he was certain that CASTRO would broadcast this information on Radio Havana as soon as he received it and as Radio Havana was continually monitored in Miami, these facts would soon be known among the Cuban community. [ZABALA] said that he did not question VECIANA further as VECIANA obviously did not wish to talk about it and he [decided to go along] [out of his friendship] for VECIANA as this seemed to be of the utmost importance to VECIANA. [ZABALA] said that when no broadcast occurred, VECIANA requested he continue his contacts and urge the Cubans at each meeting to make the broadcast under the guise that he [wished the broadcast in order to embarrass VECIANA as he (ZABALA) was supposed to have had a falling out with VECIANA]

At this time [ZABALA] stated that he was extremely glad to have been able to get this off of conscience and stated that he was physically and emotionally exhausted. [ZABALA] expressed great confidence in the FBI and stated that he wished to work with the FBI in any way possible including further contacts with the Cuban Intelligence Agents or in any other capacity in which he could serve. [ZABALA] stated that he was a loyal American and firmly against the Communist system and had only become involved in contacts with the Cubans in order to carry out the wishes of his good friend VECIANA.

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| Name | (S) FELIX ZABALA MAS (S) |
| Also Known As | TUTO; FELIX SABALA MAS |
| Residence | 350 Lerida Urbanization Valencia Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico |
| Social Security Account Number | (S) 581-90-5117 (S) |
| Date of Birth | October 18, 1937 |
| Place of Birth | Pinar Del Rio, Cuba |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Height | 6 feet |
| Weight | (S) 218 pounds (S) |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Scars/Marks | None |
| Physical Characteristics | (S) Right eye does not focus on what the left eye is observing. (S) CUBA |
| Puerto Rico Driver's License | JAM. P.R. |
| Father | 349670 JOSE L. ZABALA |
| Mother | ANGELINA MAS PEROJO X2 ZABALA |
| Subject's Occupation | Entertainment promoter |
| Wife | CARMEN REGO (Date of birth February 17, 1938, at Havana, Cuba) |
| Subject's Children | BETTY ZABALA REGO, born November 4, 1960, at Havana, Cuba; SUSANA ZABALA REGO, born (S) June 9, 1963, at San Juan, Puerto Rico; FELIX ZABALA REGO, born March 12, 1968, at San Juan, Puerto Rico; |
| Subject's Brothers | JOSE LUIS ZABALA, also known as "PEPE", born December 4, 1931 (resident at 105 Marte, Atlantic View, Isla Verde, Puerto Rico) CUBA |

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DOMINGO ZABALA, also known
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ARMANDO ZABALA, also known
as "ARMANDITO," age 25
(student, Chicago, Illinois)

AMALIA ZABALA, age 50,
resident of Cuba;

~~HILDA ROSA~~, age 48, ~~ZABALA~~
resident of Peru;

ELVIRA ZABALA RUBAYO,
age 46, resident of
Carolina, Puerto Rico;

~~ELENA ZABALA MARTIN~~,
age 42, resident of Cuba.

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(S) On (April 11, 1977, FELIX ZABALA MAS) was interviewed by Special Agents (SAs) PAUL M. RUSH and HARRY B. BRANDON, III in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In the course of the interview, (ZABALA) furnished the following information: (S)

(ZABALA advised that) during his recent contacts with (S) Cuban Government intelligence sources, they requested he gather any information whatsoever concerning Cuba that would appear in Puerto Rican or United States newspapers and magazines. They requested that he participate in the anti-CASTRO movement in Puerto Rico so that he could later advise the Cuban Intelligence Service (CUIS) of the activities of the Coordinacion de Organizaciones Revolucionarias Unidas (Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations) (CORU), (FRANK CASTRO, REINOL RODRIGUEZ, GUSTAVO CASTILLO, ENRIQUE NUNEZ, MANOLO LEDO, BEBO FRANCO, ANTONIO VECIANA. At this point (ZABALA) added that to the CUIS, CORU is the same as Accion Cubana (Cuban Action) (AC) and the Frente De Liberacion Nacional De Cuba (Cuban National Liberation Front) (FLNC). (ZABALA) stated that the CUIS was also interested in information he could obtain concerning the progress of the Congressional KENNEDY assassination committee as well as the persons responsible for the death of ALDO VERA. They mentioned that they were of the opinion that CORU did away with VERA due to internal arguing. According to (ZABALA), the CUIS showed an interest in VERA as they stated they knew he was in Buenos Aires, Argentina, when a Cuban Embassy worker was shot. ZABALA stated that on the date of his latest contact with the CUIS he advised them that he has not been able to gather any pertinent information concerning the above-mentioned individuals inasmuch as he has been totally occupied with his promotion work. The CUIS requested that (ZABALA) determine any information possible regarding the location of (JASPAR E. JIMENEZ. ZABALA stated that the CUIS had never asked anything about Puerto Rico other than their interest in the above-mentioned individuals.

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(FELIX ZABALA advised that) the Cuban Government is (S) aware of who was responsible for the killing of several members of (the "Pragmatistas") in Miami, Florida. The CUIS (S) told him the names and at this moment, (ZABALA) cannot recall (S) who they were. He stated that the CUIS identified them as members of the "Pragmatistas." ZABALA added that (the CUIS) (S) has never stated or inferred that they had any intelligence agents working in Florida (X)

(In reviewing his activities in) Chile in 1971 (S) (ZABALA stated that he was recruited for) the planned killing (S) of CASTRO by VECIANA in Miami, in 1971. At this time VECIANA was a United States Embassy employee in Bolivia. (ZABALA) (S) stated that (after they) planned the attack, which was based on information VECIANA said that he had received from a Chilean. (S) that CASTRO was coming to Chile in October of 1971, that (he (ZABALA) flew to Venezuela and) VECIANA went to Bolivia. (ZABALA) (S) stated that (JUAN DOMINGUEZ and MARCO RODRIGUEZ, two anti-CASTRO Cuban exiles from Miami, also went to Venezuela) (with him) to (S) begin training in photography and television camera techniques as the plot involved their posing as cameramen. (ZABALA said that shortly after he arrived in Venezuela) (he) went to Chile (S) (in February) and rented an apartment for the use of DOMINGUEZ and RODRIGUEZ. (He was) in Chile for two or three days. (ZABALA) (S) was unable to recall the location of that apartment. ZABALA added that (shortly after this, VECIANA and a Cuban exile named) (S) (NAPOLI, drove to Chile from Bolivia with the guns and grenades to be used in the attempt. The arms were hidden under the back seat of a United States Embassy car VECIANA used to transport the arms. The arms were later hidden in a closet of the apartment and NAPOLI and VECIANA returned to Bolivia. The two cameramen went to Chile in July to await CASTRO's arrival. They had in their possession forged Venezuelan and Dominican passports (which ZABALA had prepared. ZABALA) (S) got the passport from indigent Venezuelan and Dominican nationals in Venezuela (S) by telling them that (he could) help them enter the United States. (S) They gave (him) their passports as (he said he) would need them (S) (ZABALA stated that he) steamed the pictures off the passports (S) and replaced them with photographs of RODRIGUEZ and DOMINGUEZ. (He then) stamped them with bogus Government stamps which VECIANA (S) had made previously. (ZABALA) (S) stated that) the Federal Bureau of (S)

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Investigation (FBI) had taken these stamps from VECIANA's home in Miami in a subsequent search. [ZABALA stated that] (S) when the plot failed, [as previously explained, ZABALA stated] (S) (S) [that] DOMINGUEZ, who said he had been recognized by a cousin in CASTRO's party, fled to Bolivia and RODRIGUEZ, who had had an appendicitis attack went to Venezuela. RODRIGUEZ, who was a Federal fugitive at the time, later returned to Miami where he was arrested on Federal charges. [ZABALA added that the "General" confirmed that one of CASTRO's] (S) former bodyguards was named DOMINGUEZ and had been in Chile with Premier CASTRO in 1971. [ZABALA added that] one of the] (S) persons he knew to be involved in the plot with VECIANA was a Chilean senator named RENE PARADES, and had a slip of paper which had his 1971 Santiago telephone number as 62111 (office), and 259598 (home). ~~(S)~~ Chile

[ZABALA stated] that VECIANA later [told him] that his] (S) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) contact in this matter was code name "BISHOP," although [ZABALA said he] never actually] (S) met this man. VECIANA said recently that this was the same "BISHOP" who was with him when they talked to LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas before President KENNEDY's death. [ZABALA stated that] VECIANA was the only source of this information concerning] (S) LEE HARVEY OSWALD contact in Dallas one month before that assassination. [He stated that] VECIANA had put this information] (S) in the supposed letter from VECIANA's secretary to FIDEL CASTRO. VECIANA had [told] ZABALA that VECIANA, "BISHOP," and OSWALD met] (S) in a downtown Dallas office approximately one month before the actual KENNEDY death. ~~(S)~~

[ZABALA stated that he] believed that] VECIANA wanted] (S) the letter mentioned above routed to FIDEL CASTRO so as to cause strife in relations which were improving between the United States and the Cuban Government. [He stated that] VECIANA] (S) probably felt that a disclosure such as this concerning CIA activities and the Chilean plot against CASTRO would cause the Cuban Government to break off relations and cause adverse publicity against the United States. VECIANA originally wanted to route that letter to FIDEL CASTRO via the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Washington, D. C. [ZABALA stated that he himself suggested that he handle it through his sister in Cuba.] The] (S)

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X letter was subsequently sent (by ZABALA to his sister for (S) routing) to FIDEL CASTRO and for this reason (ZABALA's sister contacted (ZABALA) and requested that he come (to Jamaica. (S) VECIANA was in favor of ZABALA) making such trips and contacting the CUIS, and (VECIANA paid ZABALA for) the (S) expenses involved (in his first trip. At this point, ZABALA (S) stated that he) has advised VECIANA of all of the results of his recent trips and contacts with the CUIS. (ZABALA stated that) VECIANA had placed in the above-mentioned letter the names of Mr. BISHOP ~~BLAIR~~, and ~~KAIL~~, who VECIANA had reported (S) were members of the CIA and who were working in the United States Embassy in Cuba prior to FIDEL CASTRO's takeover. (ZABALA stated that he) has never been able to determine if (S) VECIANA is himself a CIA Agent. (S)

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(ZABALA) was questioned as to the political sympathy (S) of a current resident of Puerto Rico, MANOLO RAY. (ZABALA (S) stated that) he worked for the CASTRO government as minister of public works after CASTRO came to power in Cuba and by the time of the Bay of Pigs invasion, he was against FIDEL CASTRO. In 1963 and 1964, MANOLO RAY formed an organization known as JURE in Puerto Rico. (ZABALA advised that) RAY has (S) lived in Puerto Rico all the time that he has been out of Cuba, and that around 1974 RAY had a construction business "possibly dealing with architecture" in Jamaica. (He stated) (S) that RAY had the business for a two or three year period and had to leave Jamaica due to visa reasons. RAY believed that the Cuban Government wanted him out of Jamaica. (ZABALA) (S) considered RAY to be a social Democrat, politically speaking. He added that RAY still has his Cuban citizenship and is currently in bad financial straights. (ZABALA stated) that the (S) "General," on (January 11, 1977, (in Panama, wanted to have (S) ZABALA have his sister) contact MANOLO RAY while (she was (S) visiting in Puerto Rico) and advised him that the Cuban Government wanted to help him get his business visa again in Jamaica. They wanted, also, to meet him. (ZABALA reported that he told his sister, and she) saw MANOLO RAY on (January 15, 1977, in (S) San Juan, Puerto Rico, for a period of three to four hours. (ZABALA's sister told ZABALA that) RAY had to think about the (S) Cuban Government's offer. (ZABALA's sister (AMALIA) gave (S) MANOLO RAY her address, number 1140 Nuevo Vedado, Calle 39, Havana, Cuba. ZABALA added that) for a five minute period prior to departure (of his sister,) MANOLO RAY discussed something (S) briefly with (his sister) (S)

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[ZABALA] was questioned about the current status of [CS] [LUIS/MAS MARTIN] and [ZABALA] stated that the information which [CS] was previously furnished on [April 8, 1977] by [himself] concerning [CS] [MARTIN] was the truth. [ZABALA] stated that according to his [CS] sister, MAS MARTIN has a serious drinking problem and is no longer a high official in the Cuban Government. [ZABALA] stated [CS] that [MAS MARTIN] is currently working with a cattle project [CS] around Matanzas, Cuba. He stated that MAS MARTIN was with CASTRO in the mountains prior to his takeover of the Government in Cuba and that later, [MAS MARTIN] was [RAUL CASTRO's] secretary. [CS] [ZABALA] added that [MAS MARTIN] was at one time the [director of] [CS] Radio Havana. (S)

(FL) [ZABALA] stated that in October, 1966, VECIANA and [CS] another individual, a resident of Miami, Florida, and the editor of Replica Magazine there, MAX LESNIK, advised [ZABALA] that [CS] ALDREGUIA GALLEGU reportedly got \$20,000.00 from the Cuban Government during 1976, for some unknown reason. [ZABALA] [CS] stated that GALLEGU had been working in Miami at a finance company and that now he is the owner of a pet store. [ZABALA] [CS] stated that he had told the "General" on [November 29, 1976,] [CS] this information concerning GALLEGU, and there was no reaction whatsoever. (X)

[ZABALA] stated that in his recent contacts with the [CS] CUIS, he had given very little information concerning VECIANA, REINOL RODRIGUEZ, GUSTAVO CASTILLO, and FRANK CASTRO. He [CS] stated that on the times that he was contacted by the CUIS they showed him pictures and asked him about various people. At the same time they taped all of the conversation and offered him alcoholic beverages. They had advised [ZABALA] that they would [CS] very much appreciate if he could get VECIANA outside the United States. [ZABALA] believed that should this occur, the [CS] Cubans would attempt to seize him by some manner. (X)

[ZABALA] stated that the Cuban Vice-Consul in Mexico [CS] City, on Marc 23, 1977, told him that [CARLOS] and the "General" [CS] wanted to see him in [Mexico City] on [May 19, 1977]. [ZABALA] [CS] stated that he advises the Cubans that he is on his way to make a meet by [calling the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City] and asking if the visa for Dr. MIRANDA PRADO is ready. (S)

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(ZABALA stated that he currently has two post office (S) boxes. He has an old box which is located in Old San Juan, General Post Office Box 4073. He stated that he acquired a new Post Office box at the Manillas Station, Santurce, Puerto Rico (zip code 00904), and this is Post Office Box Number 40287. Both boxes are under his full name. He stated that the Cubans know of his postal box (in Santurce, Puerto Rico.) (S) The CUIS at one time wanted to know how they could contact (ZABALA) and he suggested a Post Office box. (S)

(ZABALA advised that at this time) he is on very good (S) relations with his Cuban contacts. He stated that (CARLOS) and (S) the "General" had mentioned on several occasions that (they (S) would like him to go to Cuba for a vacation with them.) (S)

(ZABALA was questioned about his involvement in an (S) embezzlement matter in the early 1970's, which involved his indictment and later imprisonment and probation. ZABALA stated that his group, which included VECIANA, (himself), and four other (S) Cuban exiles who were residents of Venezuela: SECUNDINO ALVAREZ, ANTONIO AROCHA, AGUSTIN BARES, and Engineer LUCILO PENA, wanted (S) to raise money for the Chilean operations which is mentioned above. He stated that the latter four individuals are probably still (in Venezuela) as he last saw them in 1971 or 1972 there. (S)

(ZABALA advised that if) the CUIS would want to contact (S) him for some reason they could possibly use (his sister) to (S) contact him telephonically. He stated that they could also possibly contact him through his new (Santurce, Puerto Rico,) (S) postal box. (ZABALA stated) at this point that he did not think (S) that they would use it. (S)

(ZABALA stated that) over the period of the last several (S) months he had received a total of approximately \$1,900.00 from the CUIS for his expenses. (ZABALA stated that) his only source (S) of income at this time is revenue received from his handling of the (Chinese Circus Group.) (S)

(FELIX ZABALA advised that) possibly on Wednesday, (S) (April 13,) 1977, he would have to travel to (Los Angeles, California,) (S) to handle some arrangements for the above-mentioned (Chinese (S) Circus Group.) He stated he would return to Puerto Rico, probably on Saturday, (April 16,) 1977. (S)

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[ZABALA was] questioned as to his method of traveling (S) to [Panama] early in [January, 1977]. [ZABALA stated that] he (S) traveled on Monday morning, [January 10, 1977] with Eastern (S) Airlines flight number [958] to Miami, and immediately went on (S) to [Panama]. He stated that he spent one night in [Panama] and (S) immediately returned to Puerto Rico via Miami. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned [ZABALA] as to (S) polygraph examination as to the truth of all of the facts mentioned in this interview and those accounts mentioned in the latter half of his interview of [April 8] 1977, and he (S) responded positively without hesitation. (S)

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On (April 8, 1977, (FELIX ZABALA MAS, also known as (Tuto), a resident at (350 Lerida, Urbanization Valencia, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, and he furnished the following information:

(FELIX ZABALA) advised that he was a member of Alpha 66 from 1961 to 1966. He is currently a member of Circulo Cubana, a large Cuban exile social group in Puerto Rico, and beyond this belongs to no other political or social group in Puerto Rico. He stated that he is not a member of Frente Liberacion Nacional de Cuba (Cuban National Liberation Front) or the Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations (CORU). He stated that on April 3, 1977, he attended a meeting which concerned itself with human rights and was presided over by one FRANKLIN DELANO LOPEZ who was interested in sending five Cuban exile individuals to Washington, D. C., and present a case to the United States Department of State to tell President CARTER how to deal with the Cubans. He stated that their main concern here was the political prisoners and the system of Communism under CASTRO. (ZABALA stated that he participated in no other similar activities. He stated that he does have a close relationship with a very political individual, ENRIQUE NUNEZ, who is the editor of Replica Magazine in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

(ZABALA) advised that his sister, AMALIA ANGELINA ZABALA MAS and his mother, ANGELINA MAS, came to Puerto Rico from Cuba on December 23, 1976, for a vacation in Puerto Rico. (ZABALA) stated that his mother has a six month visa which expires in June, 1977, and that she is currently attempting to stay three months longer in Puerto Rico and is awaiting word from Cuban authorities through her daughter who has since returned to Cuba to secure a Cuban government OK to remain in Puerto Rico. Upon receipt of that OK from the Cuban government, the subject's mother will then apply to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (USINS) for a three month extension of her visa to visit Puerto Rico. (ZABALA's sister, AMALIA, was in Puerto Rico from December 23, 1976 until January 17, 1977, at which time she returned to Cuba.

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[FELIX ZABALA] stated that [AMALIA] is married to [JULIO CESAR MAS MARTIN] (S) who is a medical doctor who has a very good practice in Calixto Garcia Hospital in Havana, Cuba. (S) [ZABALA] stated that [AMALIA's husband] is not a political-type (S) person and he is not considered to be a Communist. He stated that [JULIO CESAR MAS MARTIN] is happy living under (S) the Cuban system of government because he is a doctor and therefore lives extremely well. [ZABALA] stated that the (S) latter's brother, [LUIS MAS MARTIN] is currently living (S) outside Havana [assigned to an agricultural project. ZABALA] (S) (S) stated that [LUIS MAS MARTIN] who is approximately 50 years old, is (S) currently having a severe drinking problem. [ZABALA] believes (S) that he is working with the [agriculture project] in the (S) vicinity of [Matanzas, Cuba. ZABALA] termed [LUIS MARTIN] a (S) Communist and an anti-Batistite. [ZABALA] added that his (S) [sister's recent trip to Puerto Rico was her first trip ever] (S) to this country. He stated that he last saw [her in 1965] in (S) Cuba. [ZABALA] reported that he went to [Jamaica] and met [his] (S) sister and his mother on December 21, 1976, and assisted in their travel to Puerto Rico by helping them to a hotel in [Kingston, Jamaica] and then to the United States Embassy there (S) to secure a visa to visit Puerto Rico. He stated that since 1965 he had only talked to [his sister] on the telephone (S) approximately every six months. (X)

[ZABALA] stated that he rarely writes to any friends (S) or family members in Cuba. He stated that [his brother,] (S) [DOMINGO ZABALA], also known as [Nino], is currently [an athletic] (S) promoter and he works in a group known as [the Instituto] (S) [Nacional Deportes Revolucionario] in Cuba. [ZABALA] stated that (S) his father, [JOSE L. ZABALA], died on [November 23, 1954], in (S) Cuba and that [his two sisters, AMALIA and ELENA], currently (S) live in Cuba. He stated that [his brother, JOSE LUIS ZABALA], (S) also known as ["PEPE," DOMINGO], and himself spent various periods of time in Cuban jails. He stated that ["PEPE"] served [four years] (S) and [nine months] which began in [May of 1961. DOMINGO, who] (S) [ZABALA] termed a non-Communist, was in jail for [18 months] from (S) [September, 1961, to 1963. ZABALA] stated that he himself was (S) in jail only for [seven days] which began in [May, 1961. ZABALA] (S) added that the reason that the above individuals received jail terms had to do with their affiliation with a group which was going to plant bombs [in or near the waterworks in Havana, Cuba] (S) in 1961.

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(FELIX ZABALA MAS) stated that he doesn't know any (S) individuals who are in FLNC or CORU. He stated that (REINOL RODRIGUEZ) is a good friend of his and they have been associated since (ZABALA'S) affiliation with (Alpha 66). He (S) stated that he did not think that (REINOL RODRIGUEZ) is still (S) a member of the latter organization. He stated that he has only belonged to one political group in Cuba and that he was a member of the (Movimiento Revolucionario Pueblo (MRP)) and (S) that that group placed over 100 bombs in and around Havana, Cuba, protesting the CASTRO government. (S)

(ZABALA) was questioned about his relationship with (S) one ANTONIO VECIANA and he stated that VECIANA is like (his own brother). He added that VECIANA is (his son's Godfather) (S) and is currently a resident of Miami, Florida. (ZABALA) (S) reported that VECIANA (and himself were) in Alpha 66 and at (S) one time attempted (to form an Alpha 66 group in San Juan, (S) Puerto Rico). Two other individuals, (according to ZABALA, (S) were in on this enterprise: (TONY CUESTA) (who is possibly living (S) now in Miami, Florida). (ZABALA) considered VECIANA to not only (S) be his friend, but (his business partner) and added that VECIANA (S) resides at Number 811 Northwest 30 Ct., Miami, Florida, 33125. (ZABALA stated that) VECIANA left Alpha 66 in 1966 and that he (S) is definitely anti-Castro and would personally like to kill CASTRO. He did not know VECIANA to be affiliated with any political groups at this time. (ZABALA stated that) four or (S) five years ago that VECIANA, ENRIQUE NUNEZ, and MANOLO RAY went to Costa Rica and formed a revolutionary party (anti-CASTRO), which had the same ideals of Alpha 66. He added that this group which was known as Partido Revolucionario Del Pueblo, lasted perhaps eight months (S)

(FELIX ZABALA MAS) revealed that on (October 28, 1976) (S) he left San Juan, Puerto Rico, (and traveled to Kingston, (S) Jamaica, for the purpose of seeing (an entertainment promoter, (S) FELIX SMITH, about putting on the Chinese Circus Review from (S) Taiwan). He added that he met no one other than (FELIX SMITH (S) during his stay in Jamaica). He insisted that he had met no one (S)

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who could be a representative of any foreign government, particularly from Cuba. (FELIX ZABALA MAS) reported that on (S) November 8, 1976, he traveled to Miami and then on to (S) Kingston, Jamaica. He stated that he went there to see the (S) promoter, (FELIX SMITH), and discuss problems on how to get (S) money out of Jamaica if ZABALA were to bring the Chinese (S) Circus Review from Taiwan to Jamaica. ZABALA added that this was approximately one month prior to the popular elections and there is always a problem bringing money out of Jamaica. ZABALA again stated that he had contacted no (S) one other (than FELIX SMITH) (S)

(ZABALA advised) that he traveled to Jamaica again (S) on November 30, 1976, and returned to Puerto Rico via Miami (S) on December 2, 1976. He stated that at that time he again (S) visited (FELIX SMITH). ZABALA stated that he traveled alone (S) to Montego Bay and another town, Ocho Rios, in Jamaica, and (S) visited theaters where he could possibly present the Chinese (S) Circus. He added that he stayed in the (Sheraton) Hotel when (S) he was in Kingston on this occasion. He stated that he had (S) seen no family members or anyone who could be possibly considered a representative of a foreign government. He added that while in Jamaica he traveled by (public automobiles) (S) which are used as taxis or buses. (S)

(ZABALA MAS) advised that he had rented the "Happy (S) Center Bar" which is located in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, for (S) the period between December, 1974, and July, 1976. He stated he gave up this line of business in that he was not making it financially. He added that at the moment he is not in financial straights and that he has been receiving current income from his (promotion of the Taiwan Circus Group and two (S) professional prize fighters (both Dominicans), HECTOR JULIO MEDINA and ADRIANO MARRERO, also known as Nane. He stated that the latter two individuals are (under his control) as he (S) is their (manager) and receives approximately 33 percent of any (S) purse for setting up their fights. (S)

(ZABALA) stated that he would like to go back to Cuba (S) if CASTRO and the Communist system of government was out of Cuba. He added that he personally believes in a system of Socialism and Democracy. (ZABALA) reported that his family (S) here does not like the Communist form of government and that (S) his brother, DOMINGO (NINO) does not like the current Cuban system. (ZABALA) was not sure if (his sister, AMALIA) likes the (S)

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CASTRO or Communist system. He added that (she) told a friend, (S) (HUGO PEREZ) a Cuban exile who is about 50 years old and (S) resides in (Floral Park, Puerto Rico) that if (she) could get (S) out of Cuba with (her four children, she) would leave. (She) (S) reportedly told (PEREZ) that (her husband, JULIO CESAR MAS (S) MARTIN) likes the good style of living that he currently enjoys in Havana, Cuba, as a (ranking medical doctor. ZABALA (S) added that (HUGO PEREZ) sent a lot of clothing back to Cuba with (his sister, AMALIA, for HUGO PEREZ' father.) (S)

(ZABALA) advised that as far as his future travel (S) plans are concerned, he intends to go to (Los Angeles, (S) California) about the 15th of April and there, prepare (S) theatrical arrangements. He stated that this would take (S) approximately two or three days. He added that he has to go to (Santo Domingo) at some future date for the (theatrical (S) presentation of the Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan. He stated that this would probably be in May, 1977. He added at this point that VECIANA, supra, (and he) set up all the (S) (Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan's engagements.) He added (S) that he might possibly be in Chicago and New York City, New York, after May, 1977. (S)

The interviewing Agents reminded (ZABALA) that he at (S) one time in 1966 was interviewed and polygraphed by a United States Government official. (ZABALA) who stated that he did (S) not know the results of that interview or the polygraph, stated that he remembered taking the test and being interviewed at a hotel room (in the Miramar Hotel, Miramar, Puerto Rico) (S) but that he did not know who or what organization was behind it. He stated that an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at that time had set up the interview and the examination. He stated that at that time he was asked about going to Cuba and working for the United States Government for intelligence reasons. He could not furnish any details about any of the individuals, approximately three or four, who were in the room at that time. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned (ZABALA) about (S) a possible trip to (Panama) which was made on (January 10, 1977.) (S) He was confronted with information that revealed that he had traveled with (Pan American Airlines, flight 585) to (Panama) (S) on (January 10, 1977,) United States Passport number (22494541) (S)

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tourist card number (745643) and that he returned to the United States on (January 11, 1977) on another (Pan American Airlines flight, number 586. ZABALA) stated that he was in (Panama) for one night and thereafter traveled to Miami, Florida, and West Palm Beach, where he spent one night in the company of (JOSE PRADOS HERRERO) who currently resides in Puerto Rico (telephone number 783-4367). He stated that he went to (Panama) on this occasion for (boxing business) and that he saw (LUIS ESPADA, a boxing promoter) and (Dr. RODIGO SANCHEZ, of the World Boxing Association.) He stated that he only contacted these two persons and one radio commentator, while he was in (Panama) on this occasion. He added that one of (his fighters, HECTOR JULIO MEDINA) was supposed to fight (ROBERTO DURAN) and that (ZABALA) called (MEDINA (a resident of Santo Domingo) from (Panama) and (the fighter) advised (ZABALA) that he was (out of shape) and therefore could not (fight DURAN. ZABALA) added that he has (exclusive permission to sign) a contract re (MEDINA). He stated that he discussed (the possible fight) with the aforementioned radio commentator. (X)

The interviewing Agents again requested that (ZABALA) be perfectly honest with them about any possible contact of foreign agents or other government representatives while on the above trips outside Puerto Rico. He strongly advised that the interviewing Agents had his word that he never contacted anyone from a foreign government, embassy official, consular official, foreign attache, or intelligence officer. (X)

(ZABALA) stated that on the above mentioned dates, (January 10, January 11, 1977) he was supposed to go to (Houston and San Antonio, Texas) and other places in the United States to arrange for a (presentation of the Chinese Circus.) He stated, though, upon arrival at Miami, there was a convention of (managers) of (auditoriums) from throughout the United States (these are individuals who could (present the Chinese Circus). ZABALA) stated for this reason he did not have to go to Texas as the (managers) that he wished to see were there in Miami, particularly at (the Ramada Inn Hotel) around (January 11, 1977).

In light of the subject's current (probation) regulations with (United States Probation) Office, he was questioned as to whether he had gotten the permission of (his probation) officer to travel to (Panama) during (January of 1977). He stated that he had this permission. (S)

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(ZABALA) was asked if he had ever been requested to (S) bring anything back to Puerto Rico from any of his above mentioned travels and he stated that he never brought back any money other than business money. He stated that in (August, 1976) he brought back to Puerto Rico from (Santo Domingo) (S) approximately \$800.00 as this was the result of a (prize fight) there. He added that he recently brought back (S) to Puerto Rico some checks which were from (the Chinese Circus) (S) presentations. He stated that he had \$300.00 in addition to these checks which represented (box office receipts.) He (S) placed these checks in an account at (Banco Obrero, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, in the account of (Promoter Antillana, which is (S) a trade name. He stated that this account is administered by himself and (VECIANA.) He added that in (December of 1976) (S) he brought back to Puerto Rico from (Jamaica) approximately (S) \$400.00 when he was accompanied by (his mother and sister) from (S) Cuba on their journey to Puerto Rico. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned (FELIX ZABALA) (S) (MAS) about his relationship with one (GABRIEL FIGUEROA) and a (S) possible \$10,000 (advertising) problem he has with this (S) individual. (ZABALA) stated that (FIGUEROA) is the owner of (S) an (advertising firm, Communications Arts, and was responsible (S) for (advertising the Chinese Circus in Los Angeles, San Diego, (S) Santa Monica, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, and San Bernardino, California, while the (Chinese Circus) was recently there. He (S) stated that (FIGUEROA) who is a resident of Miami, Florida, (S) sent the (ads) to various (newspapers) in California from Miami (S) and that (ZABALA) protested the advertising in that the print (S) was too small in the advertisement for people to read. He added that he and (VENCIANA) complained to (FIGUEROA) and had (S) paid (FIGUEROA) \$3,400.00 for the advertising. (FIGUEROA) told (S) the latter individuals that they owe him approximately (\$15,000.00) (S) for (the advertising.) (ZABALA) stated that on (February 19, 1977) (S) he sent (FIGUEROA) a check for (\$10,000.00) via a delivery agency (S) Espasas Advertising, Incorporated, 596 De Hostos Avenue, (S) Urbanization Baldirich, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00919. (S) Espasas reportedly made the delivery to (FIGUEROA) and then immediately (S) advised (ZABALA) to send a cashier's check from his bank in (S) Puerto Rico to (FIGUEROA) inasmuch as the first check would not (S) be cleared by a Miami, Florida, bank for approximately two weeks. (ZABALA) stated that on (March 2, 1977) he sent the (S)

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cashiers check via (Espasas Advertising, Incorporated) to (CS) (FIGUEROA) and that the first check, which should not have been (CS) deposited in light of the second check, was placed in an unknown bank and when it finally reached Puerto Rico there were insufficient funds to cover it. (ZABALA) stated that both (CS) checks were made out to (Communications Arts) (S)

(FELIX ZABALA) advised that (his brother, PEPE (JOSE (CS) LUIS ZABALA), his sister ELVIRA, and he, paid an organization which handles the paperwork for Cubans who wish to visit outside Cuba, (Almacen Espanol), approximately (\$1,200.00) to (CS) secure the financial aspect of (his mother and sister's) (CS) leaving Cuba. He stated that (his brother, PEPE, filed the (CS) necessary applications regarding (his mother and sister) to (CS) Almacen Espanol in Miami. He stated that approximately half (CS) of the money went into an account in (Kingston, Jamaica), to (CS) render secure that (his sister and mother) would not be a (CS) financial burden to the (Jamaican Government) and that they (CS) would have money to leave that country. He added that (PEPE, (CS) ELVIRA, or himself had nothing to do with (his mother's and (CS) sister's) leaving Cuba other than sending the necessary application papers to (Almacen Espanol) in Miami, Florida. He (CS) added that he went to (Jamaica) on (December 21, 1976), to help (CS) his sister and his mother) and that after they landed from (CS) Cuba he took them to (the Sheraton Hotel) and later on to the (CS) United States Embassy to secure the necessary visas. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned (ZABALA) about his (CS) recent source of income and he stated that he earned approxi- (CS) mately (\$3,000.00) from a (prize fight) which was (held) in (Bayamon, (CS) Puerto Rico) on (September 10, 1976) between (ESTEBAN DE JESUS) (CS) and (HECTOR JULIO MEDINA). He added that he earned approximately (CS) (\$1,200.00) from his (presentation) of the (Chinese Circus) in Miami (CS) Beach, Florida, between (October 5 and 10) 1976. He stated (CS) that he got approximately (\$2,000.00) on or about (December 18, (CS) 1976, as a result of his selling his (rights and contract) to the (CS) fighter, HECTOR JULIO MEDINA. ZABALA stated, however, that he (CS) had to pay this money back to (promoter DON KING) and (Pantalones (CS) Santiago as his fighter) backed out of the deal and it fell through. (ZABALA) advised that between (February 9) and (March 6, (CS) 1977, he earned approximately (\$3,800.00) from the (performances) (S)

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of the (Chinese Circus) in (San Juan, Mayaguez, and Ponce,) (S)
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(FELIX ZABALA MAS,) who had been furnished by the (S)
interviewing Agents a Spanish copy of the Advice of Rights
form which he said he understood and signed, was presented
a reading of the statutes having to do with foreign govern-
ment agents and the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938.
The Advice of Rights form was furnished to (FELIX ZABALA MAS) (S)
prior to the aforementioned discussion of his travel outside
of Puerto Rico in the last six months. (ZABALA) was sternly (S)
advised that he had been asked to tell the truth in all the
above matters and that any discrepancy in his account could
possibly be a violation of his current (Federal probation) (S)
which extends to (January 29,) 1978 (S)

(At this point, (FELIX ZABALA MAS) advised the inter- (S)
viewing Agents that he had no idea how the FBI had gotten
all the facts about him and that the FBI seems to know
everything about him. He stated that he is not a Communist
and that anything political that he would do would be against
FIDEL CASTRO. At this point, (ZABALA MAS) stated that he had (S)
waited for a long time for this moment and that he is now
willing to tell the interviewing Agents everything. (ZABALA (S)
MAS stated that) the following accounts are (only known by
himself and his friend,) ANTONIO VECIANA. He stated that (S)
VECIANA recently had some problems with a United States
Government assassination committee which was looking into
the assassination of JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. He stated that
VECIANA had to appear on approximately three occasions in
Washington, D. C., the last of which was around December 10,
1976. (ZABALA) stated that approximately one month before (S)
JOHN F. KENNEDY was shot in Dallas, Texas, VECIANA and an
individual who (ZABALA) felt was associated with United States (S)
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), "Mr. BISHOP," met with
LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas, Texas. (ZABALA) stated that (S)
"Mr. BISHOP" knew VECIANA since 1961. (He added that) BISHOP (S)
had handled an assassination attempt against FIDEL CASTRO
while CASTRO was in Chile in 1971. (ZABALA) stated that) VECIANA (S)
went to Bolivia to work for the United States Government around
1967. (He stated that) VECIANA (and he) went to Chile in 1971 (S)

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to set up an operation to kill CASTRO. (He stated that) to expedite this, false Venezuelan passports were made, the necessary guns were brought in in the diplomatic pouches, hand grenades were picked up in Bolivia, and a United States diplomatic car carried that paraphernalia from Bolivia to Chile. [ZABALA] stated that the plan was prepared in Miami Florida, and at that time VECIANA was still working for the United States Embassy in Bolivia. (He added that he and VECIANA rented the room in Santiago, Chile, and stayed there for two or three days. [ZABALA] stated that JUAN DOMINGUEZ and MARCO RODRIGUEZ (Cuban exiles not further identified) thereafter took over that room and enrolled in an approximately six month course in photograph and television in Santiago. The purpose of the endeavor was to place a gun inside one of the cameras which would be used by DOMINGUEZ or RODRIGUEZ and when FIDEL CASTRO made his appearance before members of the press, he would be shot by one of these individuals. [ZABALA] added that a high official in the Chilean government secured the necessary press permits for these individuals to come in the proximity of CASTRO when he arrived in Chile in 1971. [He stated that] the operation was not successful as DOMINGUEZ and RODRIGUEZ failed, by some means, to shoot CASTRO on the first day that he was presented before the members of the press and that on the second day one of those individuals stated that he must go to the hospital as his appendix was bothering him. The other individual stated that someone in CASTRO's vicinity identified him and thereafter, that potential assassin left Chile and was later seen in Bolivia.

[ZABALA reported that] ANTONIO VECIANA prepared a letter for the benefit of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba in which he signed the nickname of his (VECIANA's) secretary, MARGARITA. (MARGARITA is HILDA CAO, who is currently a resident of San Juan, Puerto Rico, an employee of the United States Government in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. She was VECIANA's secretary while he was in Cuba and while he was in Puerto Rico from 1961 to 1967, and associated with Alpha 66). That letter contained information concerning ANTONIO VECIANA's connection with the United States Central Intelligence Agency and his attempt to kill CASTRO in Chile in 1971. [ZABALA] stated that the information in the letter was known to no other individuals.

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and VECIANA had requested [ZABALA] to transmit that letter to (S) his sister, AMALIA, in Cuba for personal delivery to FIDEL (S) CASTRO. [ZABALA] stated that the letter inferred that (S) VECIANA's secretary was dissatisfied with VECIANA and that VECIANA wanted a large amount of publicity due to his appearance before a United States Government group which dealt with the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY. This letter was submitted to Cuba [via ZABALA's sister] on or about (S) September 11, 1976. [ZABALA] stated that he then received a (S) call from his sister, AMALIA, in Cuba, and [she] stated that (S) she wanted to see him in Jamaica on October 28, 1976. He (S) added that he responded to his sister's request and was in (S) Jamaica on October 28, 1976, and was met there by (his sister). (S) He stated that he was staying at the Sheraton Hotel in (S) Kingston, Jamaica, and on his first night there he met a (S) Cuban by the name of (CARLOS). He added that (CARLOS, ZABALA's) (S) sister) and he, went to a large hotel (one or two level (S) cabana style) possibly outside Kingston, Jamaica. [ZABALA] (S) described (CARLOS) as a white male, five feet six inches tall (S) weighing 180 pounds (over weight), having dark eyes, dark hair, with grey streaks in the sides. (CARLOS) was further (S) described as being approximately 40 years old and that he wore no glasses or had no other distinguishing physical characteristics. (CARLOS) described himself to (ZABALA) as a person who was high (S) up in the Cuban government intelligence. (CARLOS) carried with (S) him at all times a businessman's attache case which contained a pistol. (ZABALA) did not see the (pistol) at any time (S)

In addition to meeting (CARLOS) supra, (ZABALA) met (S) the driver of the automobile which took (ZABALA, ZABALA's) (S) sister, and (CARLOS) to the hotel. This individual was the (S) vice-consul of the Cuban Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica, JUAN (S) CARBONELL. [ZABALA] described (CARBONELL) as being a white male, (S) weighing 170 pounds, five feet eleven inches tall, having black hair, dark eyes, and wearing glasses with dark plastic frames. No other distinguishing characteristics were noted by (ZABALA). (S)

Upon arriving at the hotel, (ZABALA) was questioned (S) by (CARLOS and JUAN CARBONELL) in the presence of (his sister, (S) AMALIA,) and they wanted to know current information concerning (S)

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ORLANDO BOSCH, CORU, REINOL RODRIGUEZ, FRANK CASTRO, ANTONIO VECIANA, and other members of anti-CASTRO groups. In response to VECIANA's letter to FIDEL CASTRO, [CARLOS and CARBONELL] (CS) felt that VECIANA's secretary disliked VECIANA and they requested that [ZABALA] tell the secretary that they will (CS) broadcast the information presented in "her" letter over Radio Havana in about a week's time. [ZABALA stated] that (CS) inasmuch as [he was responsible for forwarding] the supposed (CS) letter from VECIANA's secretary, the Cubans believed that [ZABALA] greatly disliked VECIANA also. [ZABALA stated that] no (CS) such broadcast was ever made according to ANTONIO VECIANA. (X)

[ZABALA reported that] in the course of the above- (CS) mentioned contact with [CARLOS and CARBONELL] the latter (CS) stated that they would get in contact with him through [his] (CS) sister, AMALIA. They asked [ZABALA] if he needed any money and (CS) he replied negatively. (X)

[ZABALA MAS] reported that [he returned to] [Jamaica] (CS) around [November 3,] 1976, and stayed at the [Sheraton Hotel] (CS) During his first evening there, a strange voice telephoned his room and advised him to go outside. He went down and stood by the hotel swimming pool and then saw [CARLOS] supra, (CS) and was again taken by [CARLOS and JUAN CARBONELL] to the (CS) hotel where he previously met these individuals. [ZABALA] (CS) stated that [the ride from the] [Sheraton Hotel] in [Kingston,] (CS) Jamaica, to the other hotel takes approximately thirty minutes by car and this hotel is located near the sea. Upon entering this hotel, [ZABALA] was introduced to ["The General."] (CS) (At one time during the interview with ["The General"] the (CS) latter was referred to as [JORGE.] ZABALA stated that [he] (CS) also carried a businessman's attache case which [ZABALA] (CS) suspected could carry a gun. ZABALA stated that during the (CS) course of this contact the entire conversation [was taped on] (CS) a tape player in the room. [ZABALA] described [the "General"] (CS) as a white male, five feet seven inches tall, weighing 160 (CS) pounds, approximately 36 years of age, and from [Cien Fuegos,] (CS) Cuba. ZABALA stated that ["The General"] looked like a well (CS) built, firm military type. [He stated that] this individual (CS) had dark hair with slight traces of grey on the side. [The] (CS) ["General"] had dark eyes and no other distinguishing physical characteristics. (X)

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(ZABALA stated that) in the course of this contact the three (CS) Cuban individuals wanted to know about the bomb on a Cuban plane which had recently destroyed the plane and sent it plunging into the sea. They wanted him to invite REINOL RODRIGUEZ, FRANK CASTRO, and "BEBO" (Last name possibly FRANCO, and the owner of a sporting goods store which is located at Flagler and 13th Avenue, Miami, Florida) to (Jamaica) for reasons of placing bombs against pro-Cuban (CS) schools in (Jamaica). The Cuban individuals could then (CS) arrange for the (Jamaican) authorities to arrest RODRIGUEZ, (CS) CASTRO, and "BEBO" and later these could be given over to the Cubans. In addition to the above, the Cubans wanted an "up date" on pictures of about thirty individuals. These individuals were all current suspected anti-CASTRO type persons and included ENRIQUE NUNEZ. On (November 9, 1976, (CS) according to (ZABALA) they gave him \$500.00 for plane tickets (CS) and expenses. They wanted him to go to Venezuela to find out about the above mentioned Cuban plane bombing. (X)

(FELIX ZABALA MAS) advised that (November 29, 1976, (CS) he returned to (Jamaica) and this time went to a place which (CS) is known as the ("Little Pub," in the city of (Ocho Rios.) (CS) (ZABALA stated that) approximately 9:00 p.m. that evening, (CS) three men came in to the ("Little Pub.") He stated that (CS) these (CS) individuals were (the "General," CARLOS, and a third Cuban whom he had not previously met. He described this individual as a white male, six feet three inches tall, weighing 220 pounds, having short, dark hair, approximately 38 years of age, and having heavy prescription glasses. This latter individual informed (ZABALA) that he had been working in the (CS) Cuban Embassy in Chile during 1971 (X)

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(ZABALA stated that VECIANA had, (in preparation (CS) for his November 29 anticipated meeting in Jamaica, given him information to furnish to the Cubans. ZABALA said that VECIANA furnished (him with) information concerning the (CS) bombing of the Air Cubana Airliner stating that the information would appear to be good and was true, however, it was well known within the anti-Castro Cuban Community and he did not believe it would harm anybody. (ZABALA said (CS) that VECIANA (told him) that ORLANDO GARCIA, who was an (CS) employee of the Government of Venezuela, and former CIA employee, had gone to Santo Domingo in 1976 and met with ORLANDO BOSCH and FRANK CASTRO. VECIANA further advised that there was also present at the meeting a representative from Brigade 2506, name unknown. VECIANA said that at this time, BOSCH, CASTRO, GARCIA and the representative from Brigade 2506 planned a bombing of a Cubana airliner. At some time following this BOSCH went to Venezuela to take command of the operation. Upon arrival in Venezuela BOSCH was met by "MONO".MORALES, a Cuban exile living in Venezuela. VECIANA said that MORALES was the individual who had testified in a Federal trial against BOSCH a few years prior to this time. MORALES is supposed to have told BOSCH that he wished for all past differences to be forgotten and for them to unite in this act, as all good Cubans should try to get rid of CASTRO. At this time MORALES gave BOSCH a machine gun and offered a car and driver as well as the use of an apartment that he (MORALES) stated that he had arranged for BOSCH. VECIANA said that BOSCH still did not trust MORALES and instead went to the apartment of ALFREDO AGUIAR, another Cuban exile in Caracas. BOSCH supposedly stayed at that apartment and during this time was in contact with an old Cuban revolutionary named "PEPE" as well as a former CIA operative named "RICO." RICO was described as being a Cuban exile also. RICO supposedly gave BOSCH \$2,000 during this time in order to support the intended operation against the Cubana Airlines. BOSCH was also in contact with a Cuban exile attorney while in Venezuela, name unknown, however, it was stated that BOSCH was arrested in Caracas at the home of this attorney following the bombing. VECIANA further (told ZABALA) that (CS) when the bomb went off, it was such a tragedy that the CORU group was afraid to claim credit for it. VECIANA (S)

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further advised that the Government of Venezuela had previously had knowledge of the plans for this bombing, however, they also became very nervous when the bomb went off with the plane in the air. VECIANA told ZABALA that the plan had been for the bomb to go off while the plane was on the runway in Barbados, avoiding serious loss of lives, however, the plane departed early and thus the bomb went off while the plane was in the air. (S)

ZABALA reiterated that VECIANA had given him this information to furnish as he (VECIANA) stated that most of this information had been hinted at in the newspapers and that he felt that ZABALA could impress the Cubans with this information as well as utilizing this information to cover for the fact that ZABALA had actually not gone to Venezuela as previously requested by the Cuban Intelligence Agents. (S)

ZABALA said that he furnished this information to the Cuban Intelligence Agents during the November 29, 1976 meeting and they appeared very pleased with the information. ZABALA said that he also, as previously directed by VECIANA, told the Cuban Agents that VECIANA had been involved in some sort of testimony regarding the KENNEDY assassination. ZABALA said that he did not furnish them with any details other than telling him that VECIANA had traveled to Washington using a travel voucher issued under the name of Senator SCHWIEKER. ZABALA said that he did not know why VECIANA wanted this information given to the Cubans unless it was to further convince him that he (ZABALA) was furnishing them with good information in the hopes that they would utilize the previously furnished information and give VECIANA the publicity he desired on radio Havana. (S)

Following the November 29, 1977, meeting which was taped by the Cubans, ZABALA said that he was instructed to meet CARLOS in Panama on January 10, 1977, being instructed to go to the Panama Hilton Hotel and be standing in the parking lot at 9 p.m. He was told that somebody would pick him up. ZABALA added that he was given \$700 at the conclusion of this meeting by the Cubans, which was to provide expenses for the trip he was supposed to have taken to Venezuela as well as the trip for the November 29, 1977 meeting. ZABALA said at the conclusion of the meeting he asked the Cubans to help in getting his mother and sister out of Cuba for a Christmas vacation in Puerto Rico and (S)

they told him that they would help him. ZABALA at this time stated that he also recalled that during this meeting they requested that he get any information possible in reference to CORU and "Condor," which ZABALA described as a cover name for CORU. (He stated that) they were also in need of information as to who had placed a recent bomb in the Cubana Airline Office in Madrid. They told him that they had some information which led them to believe that a black male, who was from Puerto Rico, had placed the bomb. They further said that this black male resembled an Indian in appearance. ZABALA added that at this meeting he had also given them nine papers which he had written out concerning old bombings in Puerto Rico. ZABALA said that these papers were false and had to do with bombings four and five years old which the Cubans believed were conducted by anti-Castro groups. ZABALA said that he now recalls that during that meeting they also gave him the Embassy phone number in Jamaica, with instructions to call if he needed to contact them and ask, "If the visa is ready for JUAN CASTILLO." ZABALA said he was told that if he needed to contact them to follow the procedure and then automatically go the following night at 9 o'clock to the Little Pub Night Club in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, where he would be met. ZABALA said that he never did have occasion to use this procedure.

ZABALA said that the next contact he had with any of the Cuban Intelligence Officers was an accidental contact on December 21, 1976, when he was in Jamaica to meet the Cubana Airline plane with his sister and mother. ZABALA said that he saw "CARLOS" getting off of the same flight and nodded to him. ZABALA said that that evening he, his sister and his mother were staying at the Sheraton Hotel in Jamaica when he was contacted by CARLOS. ZABALA said that CARLOS contacted him very briefly at his room and told ZABALA that he (CARLOS) was just passing through Kingston, Jamaica, enroute to participating in the opening of a new Embassy in Mexico City. At this time CARLOS gave ZABALA \$300 which represented the portion of the money that ZABALA himself had placed with ALMACEN ESPANOL in Miami in order to help get his sister and mother out of Cuba.

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ZABALA said that the next contact was on January 10, 1977, in Panama. ZABALA said that he flew from Miami to Panama during the day of January 10, 1977, arriving in Panama at 8:15 p.m. ZABALA said he immediately proceeded to the Panama Hilton and checked in, and then went to the parking lot at 9 p.m. ZABALA said that he was met at the parking lot by CARLOS who walked up and then said, "Let's go for a walk." ZABALA said they walked two or three blocks and as they were walking a car pulled up alongside and CARLOS directed him to get into the car. ZABALA said he did not see the face of the driver of the car. The driver drove only a short distance and stopped. ZABALA said that at this time they left the car and the driver and entered an apartment building where they proceeded to an apartment. ZABALA said that when he and CARLOS entered the apartment "The General" was already in the apartment with his tape recorder set up. ZABALA said that at this time he gave them telephone books from San Juan as well as Miami telephone books from the Cuban section of Miami as they had previously requested these telephone books. ZABALA said that he did not have any other information to give them and they again requested that he obtain general information concerning the activities of anti-Castro groups in Puerto Rico and Miami. ZABALA said that during this meeting they gave him \$800 for expenses. ZABALA said that they arranged another contact in Mexico City with the contact scheduled for March 6, 1977. ZABALA said at this time he was given a leather type key holder which had a slip of paper inside which was to be a contact telephone number for him to call in Mexico City. This telephone number was furnished in case ZABALA needed to make contact with the Cuban Intelligence Officers. ZABALA said that he was furnished the new code word which was "Is the visa of Dr. SALGADO ready." ZABALA said that he was also told that if he called the Embassy in Mexico City he was simply to ask this question and hang up and then proceed the next night to a store called Gigante which was near the Embassy in Mexico City. He was to stand in front of the Gigante at 6 p.m. and would be met. He was furnished with a code phrase which would serve to identify the Cuban Agent. The phrase was, "Do you see any taxis around here," and ZABALA was told to answer, "I saw one but it is broken," which would identify one to the other.

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(ZABALA said that) following this meeting he became (S) very involved with (the promotion of the Taiwan Circus) and (S) was doing extensive traveling. (ZABALA said that) he did (S) not make the (March 6, 1977, meeting in Mexico City) as he (S) was in California with (the Taiwan Circus) and due to (S) business reasons was not able to go to (Mexico City). ZABALA (S) said that) during this period of time that (he and VECIANA) (S) were having) financial problems (with the Taiwan Circus) and (S) needed money rather desperately. (ZABALA said that VECIANA) (S) was able to obtain (a \$45,000 loan) to help continue (their) (S) tour of the Taiwan Circus and that he (ZABALA) was able to borrow \$20,000 from his cousin in Puerto Rico, who had a short time before won the Puerto Rican lottery in the amount of \$400,000. ZABALA said that) due to (promotional) (S) difficulties (they) continued to have money problems and that (S) at this time (VECIANA suggested that ZABALA try to contact) (S) the Cubans in Mexico City and see if they would give him money. ZABALA said that on March 18, 1977, he called (Mexico City) from Los Angeles utilizing the phone number (S) he had been given on (January 10, 1977, and used the code) (S) phrase, "Is the visa of Dr. SALGADO ready," when the Embassy answered. ZABALA said that) as previously instructed, he then hung up and on the morning of (March 19, 1977, he) (S) flew to (Mexico City). ZABALA said that) he went to the (S) appointed place (at 6 p.m.) however, nobody showed up. (S) ZABALA said that) this was never explained. (S)

(ZABALA said) from (Mexico City) he returned to (S) San Juan on (March 20, 1977, via Mexicana Airlines.) On (S) (March 22, 1977, ZABALA said that) he again called the (S) number in (Mexico City) and gave the (code word). ZABALA (S) said that) he then flew to (Miami on March 22, 1977, and) (S) proceeded to (Mexico City from Miami). ZABALA said) that (S) on (March 22, 1977, he went to (the parking lot) in the (S) Gigante store area) and a man came up and gave the proper (S) code word. ZABALA) described this man as a Cuban male, (S) approximate age 30, 5'5" tall, heavy build, weighing (S) approximately 170 pounds, long straight black hair and as having a very round face. (ZABALA said that) the man (S) told him he was from the Embassy and that they walked a very short way down the street into a restaurant. (ZABALA) (S) was) unable to recall the name of the restaurant. (ZABALA) (S)

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(S) (said) at this time he gave this man a sealed package containing "Replica" newspapers from San Juan and Miami and told the man that inasmuch as he had been away from Puerto Rico with a tour group he did not have much new information. (ZABALA said that the man appeared to be content with this and told (ZABALA) that he would deliver the package to CARLOS. ZABALA said that unbeknownst to this man, he had also enclosed a sealed letter addressed to CARLOS in which he asked CARLOS for \$20,000 in order to help him (ZABALA) with his financial problems. (ZABALA said that he explained in the letter to CARLOS that some of the problems had been as a result of his traveling to meet the Cubans, but ended the letter by stating that in the event that CARLOS could not get him the money that (ZABALA) would continue to work with him. (ZABALA said that the man from the Embassy then said that "The General" and CARLOS wanted to meet with ZABALA during May and they agreed upon the date of May 19, 1977. (ZABALA said he was instructed to go to the Xola Station of the Mexico City Metro System and stand under the sign for the subway to Tacuba. ZABALA said that he was to meet at 8 p.m. on May 19, 1977, under the Tacuba sign. ZABALA said that all of these arrangements were made without the man knowing that he had a letter requesting \$20,000, addressed to CARLOS. ZABALA said that he has not heard from any of the Cubans since that time and assumes that he would be expected to make the May 19, 1977, meet.

(ZABALA said that during the past week he had been in Miami and at this time VECIANA wanted him to go to the CIA and tell them what had happened and offer to work with the CIA. (ZABALA said he was most hesitant to do so and had told VECIANA that he did not wish to do so.

(At this time ZABALA stated that he also recalled another brief contact with Cuban Intelligence Agents which occurred on January 17, 1977, when he flew from San Juan to Jamaica with his sister when she was returning to Cuba. ZABALA said that he decided to go to Kingston, Jamaica with her at the last minute as she had a large number of luggage and was unable to handle all of the luggage herself.

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[ZABALA said he also wished to go to extend the visit with his sister. ZABALA said that he went to Kingston, Jamaica, and was only there for a few hours, however, he was contacted at the airport by JUAN CARBONELL. He (ZABALA) gave CARBONELL a copy of the JACK ANDERSON newspaper column which had to do with the KENNEDY assassination. ZABALA said that he had carried the newspaper article with him in case he was contacted while in Kingston. ZABALA said that the article had to do with the KENNEDY assassination and a mysterious Cuban named "X" who had had some involvement with the CIA and with the Kennedy assassination. ZABALA said that he believed this "X" to be VECIANA but did not know how this information had gotten to JACK ANDERSON. ZABALA said that it appeared that his meeting with CARBONELL was accidental but he believed that the Cubans were adept in planning meetings and he assumed that inasmuch as his sister had left the airport to go to the Cuban Embassy, that she had told CARBONELL that he (ZABALA) would be in the airport area waiting to return to San Juan.]

At this time ZABALA said that he also recalled that although his sister did not talk to him at all during her Christmas visit from Cuba about intelligence matters, that during the January 10, 1977, meeting in Panama he was told by the General to instruct his sister in San Juan to contact MANOLO RAY. ZABALA said he was not told why his sister was to contact RAY but gave his sister this message when he returned to San Juan. ZABALA said he was worried about his sister being involved in this matter so he waited until the day before she was to depart San Juan for Cuba to give her the message. At this time she asked him (ZABALA) to contact RAY and arrange a meeting which ZABALA stated he had done. ZABALA said that she met with RAY the day before she left for Cuba but he has no idea what they talked about. ZABALA described RAY as being a former Minister of Public Works in Cuba prior to the Castro takeover and said he was currently employed as an Architectural Engineer with his office being in a new building constructed on Ponce de Leon Avenue in San Juan near the Martin Penon Canal. ZABALA said that he did not know RAY well and was not familiar with his politics or leanings although he had supposed him to be an anti-Castro Cuban.

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[ZABALA was questioned concerning] the reason why (S)
VECIANA had wanted [him] to send the letter to Cuban Premier
CASTRO detailing VECIANA's activities with the CIA. (ZABALA (S)
stated that] VECIANA was concerned about his testimony before (S)
the committee investigating the KENNEDY assassination and, (S)
for some unexplained reason, wanted to establish himself in
the U. S. Cuban Community as a former CIA operative. (S) VECIANA
said he was certain that CASTRO would broadcast this
information on Radio Havana as soon as he received it and
as Radio Havana was continually monitored in Miami, these
facts would soon be known among the Cuban community. (ZABALA (S)
[said that he] did not question VECIANA further as VECIANA (S)
obviously did not wish to talk about it and [he (ZABALA)] (S)
decided to go along [out of his friendship] for VECIANA as (S)
this seemed to be of the utmost importance to VECIANA.
[ZABALA said that] when no broadcast occurred, VECIANA [requested (S)]
[he continue his contacts and urge the Cubans at each meeting
to make the broadcast under the guise that he (ZABALA)
wished the broadcast in order to embarrass VECIANA as he
(ZABALA) was supposed to have had a falling out with VECIANA.] (S)

At this time (ZABALA) stated that he was extremely (S)
glad to have been able to get this off of conscience and
stated that he was physically and emotionally exhausted.
[ZABALA expressed great confidence in the FBI and stated] (S)
that [he wished to work with the FBI in any way possible.] (S)
including [further contacts with the Cuban Intelligence] (S)
Agents [or in any other capacity in which he could serve.] (S)
[ZABALA] stated that he was a loyal American and firmly
against the Communist system and had only become involved
in contacts with the Cubans in order to [carry out the
wishes of his good friend VECIANA.] (S)

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The following description of FELIX ZABALA MAS (S) was obtained through interview and observation:

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| Name | [FELIX ZABALA MAS] (S) |
| Also Known As | TUTO; FELIX SABALA MAS |
| Residence | 350 Lerida Urbanization Valencia Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico |
| Social Security Account Number | [581-90-5117] (S) |
| Date of Birth | October 18, 1937 |
| Place of Birth | Pinar Del Rio, Cuba |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Height | 6 feet |
| Weight | [218 pounds] (S) |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Scars/Marks | None |
| Physical Characteristics | Right eye does not focus on what the left eye is observing. (S) |
| Puerto Rico Driver's License | 349670 |
| Father | JOSE L. ZABALA |
| Mother | ANGELINA MAS PEROJO |
| Subject's Occupation | Entertainment promoter |
| Wife | CARMEN REGO (Date of birth February 17, 1938, at Havana, Cuba) |
| Subject's Children | BETTY ZABALA REGO, born November 4, 1960, at Havana, Cuba; (S) SUSANA ZABALA REGO, born June 9, 1963, at San Juan, Puerto Rico; FELIX ZABALA REGO, born March 12, 1968, at San Juan, Puerto Rico. JOSE LUIS ZABALA, also known as "PEPE", born December 4, 1931 (resident at 105 Marte, Atlantic View, Isla Verde, Puerto Rico) |
| Subject's Brothers | |

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Subject's Sisters

DOMINGO ZABALA, also known
as "NINO," age 39 (currently
a resident of Santiago de
Cuba;

ARMANDO ZABALA, also known
as "ARMANDITO," age 25
(student, Chicago, Illinois)

AMALIA ZABALA, age 50,
resident of Cuba;

HILDA ROSA, age 48,
resident of Peru;

ELVIRA ZABALA RUBAYO,
age 46, resident of
Carolina, Puerto Rico;

ELENA ZABALA MARTIN,
age 42, resident of Cuba.

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On (April 11, 1977, FELIX ZABALA MAS) was interviewed (CS) by Special Agents (SAs) PAUL M. RUSH and HARRY B. BRANDON, III, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In the course of the interview, (ZABALA) furnished the following information: (S)

(ZABALA advised that) during his recent contacts with (CS) Cuban Government intelligence sources, they requested he gather any information whatsoever concerning Cuba that would appear in Puerto Rican or United States newspapers and magazines. They requested that he participate in the anti-CASTRO movement in Puerto Rico so that he could later advise the Cuban Intelligence Service (CUIS) of the activities of the Coordinacion de Organizaciones Revolucionarias Unidas (Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations) (CORU), (FRANK CASTRO, REINOL RODRIGUEZ, (CS) GUSTAVO CASTILLO, ENRIQUE NUNEZ, MANOLO LEDO, BEBO FRANCO, and ANTONIO VECIANA. At this point (ZABALA) added that to the CUIS, (CS) CORU is the same as Accion Cubana (Cuban Action) (AC) and the Frente De Liberacion Nacional De Cuba (Cuban National Liberation Front) (FLNC). (ZABALA stated that) the CUIS was also interested (S) in information (he could obtain) concerning the progress of the (S) Congressional KENNEDY assassination committee as well as the (S) persons responsible for (the death of ALDO VERA.) They mentioned (CS) that they were of the opinion that (CORU did away with VERA) due (CS) to internal arguing. According to (ZABALA), the CUIS showed an (CS) interest (in VERA) as they stated they knew he was (in Buenos Aires, (CS) Argentina, when a Cuban Embassy worker was shot. ZABALA stated that) on the date of his latest contact with the CUIS he advised them that he has not been able to gather any pertinent information concerning the above-mentioned individuals inasmuch as he has been (totally occupied with his promotion work.) The CUIS (CS) requested (that ZABALA) determine any information possible (CS) regarding the location of (JASPAR E. JIMENEZ. ZABALA stated that) (CS) the CUIS had never asked anything about Puerto Rico other than their interest in the above-mentioned individuals (S)

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(FELIX ZABALA advised that) the Cuban Government is (CS) aware of who was responsible for the killing of several members of (the "Pragmatistas") in Miami, Florida. The CUIS (CS) told him the names and at this moment, (ZABALA) cannot recall (CS) who they were. He stated that the CUIS identified them as members of the ("Pragmatistas." ZABALA added that) the CUIS (CS) has never stated or inferred that they had any intelligence agents working in Florida. (X)

(In reviewing his activities in) Chile in 1971 (S) (ZABALA stated that he was recruited for) the planned killing (S) of CASTRO by VECIANA in Miami, in 1971. At this time VECIANA was a United States Embassy employee in Bolivia. (ZABALA stated that) after they) planned the attack, which was based on (S) information VECIANA said that he had received from a Chilean, that CASTRO was coming to Chile in October of 1971, that (he (ZABALA) flew to Venezuela and) VECIANA went to Bolivia. (ZABALA (S) stated that) JUAN DOMINGUEZ and MARCO RODRIGUEZ, two anti-CASTRO (S) Cuban exiles from Miami, also went to Venezuela (with him) to (S) begin training in photography and television camera techniques as the plot involved their posing as cameramen. (ZABALA said that shortly after he arrived in Venezuela) he) went to Chile (S) in February) and rented an apartment for the use of DOMINGUEZ and RODRIGUEZ. (He was) in Chile for two or three days. (ZABALA (S) was unable to recall the location of that apartment. ZABALA added that) shortly after this, VECIANA and a Cuban exile named (S) NAPOLI, drove to Chile from Bolivia with the guns and grenades to be used in the attempt. The arms were hidden under the back seat of a United States Embassy car VECIANA used to transport the arms. The arms were later hidden in a closet of the apartment and NAPOLI and VECIANA returned to Bolivia. The two cameramen went to Chile in July to await CASTRO's arrival. They had in their possession forged Venezuelan and Dominican passports (which ZABALA had prepared. ZABALA) got the passport (S) from indigent Venezuelan and Dominican nationals in Venezuela by telling them that (he could) help them enter the United States. (S) They gave (him) their passports as (he said he) would need them. (S) (ZABALA stated that he) steamed the pictures off the passports (S) and replaced them with photographs of RODRIGUEZ and DOMINGUEZ. He then) stamped them with bogus Government stamps which VECIANA (S) had made previously. (ZABALA) stated that) the Federal Bureau of (S)

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Investigation (FBI) had taken these stamps from VECIANA's home in Miami in a subsequent search. [ZABALA stated that] (S) when the plot failed, [as previously explained, ZABALA stated] (S) (S) [that] DOMINGUEZ, who said he had been recognized by a cousin in CASTRO's party, fled to Bolivia and RODRIGUEZ, who had had an appendicitis attack went to Venezuela. RODRIGUEZ, who was a Federal fugitive at the time, later returned to Miami where he was arrested on Federal charges. [ZABALA added that the "General"] confirmed that one of CASTRO's (S) former bodyguards was named DOMINGUEZ and had been in Chile with Premier CASTRO in 1971. [ZABALA added that] one of the (S) persons he knew to be involved in the plot with VECIANA was a Chilean senator named RENE PARADES, and had a slip of paper which had his 1971 Santiago telephone number as 62111 (office), and 259598 (home). (S)

[ZABALA] stated [that] VECIANA later [told him] that his (S) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) contact in this matter was code name "BISHOP," although [ZABALA] said he [never actually] (S) met this man. VECIANA said recently that this was the same (S) "BISHOP" who was with him when they talked to LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas before President KENNEDY's death. [ZABALA stated that] VECIANA was the only source of this information concerning (S) LEE HARVEY OSWALD contact in Dallas one month before that assassination. [He stated that] VECIANA had put this information (S) in the supposed letter from VECIANA's secretary to FIDEL CASTRO. VECIANA had [told] [ZABALA] that VECIANA, "BISHOP," and OSWALD met (S) in a downtown Dallas office approximately one month before the actual KENNEDY death. (S)

[ZABALA stated that he] believed that [VECIANA wanted] (S) the letter mentioned above routed to FIDEL CASTRO so as to cause strife in relations which were improving between the United States and the Cuban Government. (He stated that] VECIANA (S) probably felt that a disclosure such as this concerning CIA activities and the Chilean plot against CASTRO would cause the Cuban Government to break off relations and cause adverse publicity against the United States. VECIANA originally wanted to route that letter to FIDEL CASTRO via the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Washington, D. C. [ZABALA stated that he himself suggested that he handle it through his sister in Cuba.] The (S)

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A letter was subsequently sent (by ZABALA to his sister for (S) routing) to FIDEL CASTRO and for this reason (ZABALA's sister (S) contacted (ZABALA) and requested that he come (to Jamaica. (S) (S) VECIANA was in favor of ZABALA making such trips and (S) contacting the CUIS, and (VECIANA paid ZABALA for) the (S) expenses involved (in his first trip. At this point, ZABALA (S) stated that he has advised VECIANA of all of the results of his recent trips and contacts with the CUIS. (ZABALA stated (S) that) VECIANA had placed in the above-mentioned letter the (S) names of Mr. BISHOP, BLAIR, and KAIL, who VECIANA had reported were members of the CIA and who were working in the United States Embassy in Cuba prior to FIDEL CASTRO's takeover. (ZABALA stated that) he has never been able to determine if (S) VECIANA is himself a CIA Agent. (S)

(ZABALA) was questioned as to the political sympathy (S) of a current resident of Puerto Rico, MANOLO RAY. (ZABALA (S) stated that) he worked for the CASTRO government as minister of public works after CASTRO came to power in Cuba and by the time of the Bay of Pigs invasion, he was against FIDEL CASTRO. In 1963 and 1964, MANOLO RAY formed an organization known as JURE in Puerto Rico. (ZABALA advised that) RAY has (S) lived in Puerto Rico all the time that he has been out of Cuba, and that around 1974 RAY had a construction business "possibly dealing with architecture" in Jamaica. (He stated) (S) that RAY had the business for a two or three year period and had to leave Jamaica due to visa reasons. RAY believed that the Cuban Government wanted him out of Jamaica. (ZABALA (S) considered RAY to be a social Democrat, politically speaking. He added that RAY still has his Cuban citizenship and is currently in bad financial straits. (ZABALA stated) that the (S) "General," on (January 11, 1977, in Panama,) wanted to (have (S) ZABALA have his sister) contact MANOLO RAY while (she was (S) visiting in Puerto Rico) and advised him that the Cuban Govern- ment wanted to help him get his business visa again in Jamaica. They wanted, also, to meet him. (ZABALA reported that he told (S) his sister, and she saw MANOLO RAY on (January 15, 1977, in (S) San Juan, Puerto Rico, for a period of three to four hours. (ZABALA's sister told ZABALA that) RAY had to think about the (S) Cuban Government's offer. (ZABALA's sister (AMALIA) gave (S) MANOLO RAY her address, number 1140 Nuevo Vedado, Calle 39, Havana, Cuba. ZABALA added that) for a five minute period prior to departure (of his sister,) MANOLO RAY discussed something (S) briefly with (his sister) (S)

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(ZABALA) was questioned about the current status of (S) (LUIS MAS MARTIN) and (ZABALA) stated that the information which (S) was previously furnished on (April 8, 1977, by (himself) concerning (S) (MARTIN) was the truth. (ZABALA) stated that according to (his (S) sister, MAS MARTIN) has a serious drinking problem and is no longer a high official in the Cuban Government. (ZABALA) stated (S) that (MAS MARTIN) is currently working with a (cattle project (S) around Matanzas, Cuba. He stated that MAS MARTIN) was with CASTRO in the mountains prior to his takeover of the Government in Cuba and that later, (MAS MARTIN) was RAUL CASTRO's secretary. (S) (ZABALA) added that (MAS MARTIN) was at one time the (director of (S) Radio Havana. (S)

(ZABALA) stated that in October, 1966, VECIANA and (S) another individual, a resident of Miami, Florida, and the editor of Replica Magazine there, MAX LESNIK, advised (ZABALA) that (S) ALDREGUIA GALLEGRO reportedly got \$20,000.00 from the Cuban Government during 1976, for some unknown reason. (ZABALA) (S) stated that GALLEGRO had been working in Miami at a finance (S) company and that now he is the owner of a pet store. (ZABALA) (S) stated that he had told (the "General") on (November 29, 1976, (S) this information concerning GALLEGRO, and there was no reaction whatsoever. (S)

(ZABALA) stated that in his recent contacts with the (S) CUIS, he had given very little information concerning VECIANA (REINOL RODRIGUEZ, GUSTAVO CASTILLO, and FRANK CASTRO.) He (S) stated that on the times that he was contacted by the CUIS they showed him pictures and asked him about various people. At the same time they taped all of the conversation and offered him alcoholic beverages. They had advised (ZABALA) that they would (S) very much appreciate if he could get VECIANA outside the United States. (ZABALA) believed that should this occur, the (S) Cubans would attempt to seize him by some manner. (S)

(ZABALA) stated that the Cuban Vice-Consul in Mexico (S) City, on March 23, 1977, told him that (CARLOS) and (the "General") (S) wanted to see him in (Mexico City) on (May 19, 1977. (ZABALA) (S) stated that he advises the Cubans that he is on his way to make a meet by (calling the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City and asking if the visa for Dr. MIRANDA PRADO is ready.) (S)

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(ZABALA stated that he currently has two post office boxes. He has an old box which is located in Old San Juan, General Post Office Box 4073. He stated that he acquired a new Post Office box at the Manillas Station, Santurce, Puerto Rico (zip code 00904), and this is Post Office Box Number 40287.) Both boxes are under his full name. He stated that the Cubans know of his postal box (in Santurce, Puerto Rico.) The CUIS at one time wanted to know how they could contact ZABALA and he suggested a Post Office box.

(ZABALA advised that at this time he is on very good relations with his Cuban contacts. He stated that the "General" had mentioned on several occasions that they would like him to go to Cuba for a vacation with them.

(ZABALA was questioned about his involvement in an embezzlement matter in the early 1970's, which involved his indictment and later imprisonment and probation. ZABALA stated that his group, which included VECIANA, (himself) and four other Cuban exiles (who were residents of Venezuela: SECUNDINO ALVAREZ, ANTONIO AROCHA, AGUSTIN BARES, and Engineer LUCILO PENA,) wanted to raise money for the Chilean operation which is mentioned above. He stated that the latter four individuals are probably still in Venezuela as he last saw them in 1971 or 1972 there.

(ZABALA advised that if the CUIS would want to contact him for some reason they could possibly use (his sister) to contact him telephonically. He stated that they could also possibly contact him through his new (Santurce, Puerto Rico) postal box. (ZABALA stated) at this point that he did not think that they would use it.

(ZABALA stated that) over the period of the last several months he had received a total of approximately \$1,900.00 from the CUIS for his expenses. (ZABALA stated that) his only source of income at this time is revenue received from his handling of the (Chinese Circus Group).

(FELIX ZABALA advised that) possibly on Wednesday, (April 13, 1977, he would have to travel to (Los Angeles, California) to handle some arrangements for the above-mentioned (Chinese Circus Group.) He stated he would return to Puerto Rico, probably on Saturday, (April 16, 1977).

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[ZABALA was] questioned as to his method of traveling (S) to (Panama) early in (January, 1977.) [ZABALA stated that] he (S) traveled on Monday morning, (January 10, 1977,) with Eastern (S) Airlines flight number (958) to Miami, and immediately went on (S) to (Panama.) He stated that he spent one night in (Panama) and (S) immediately returned to Puerto Rico via Miami. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned [ZABALA] as to (S) polygraph examination as to the truth of all of the facts mentioned in this interview and those accounts mentioned in the latter half of his interview of (April 8, 1977,) and he (S) responded positively without hesitation. (S)

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On (April 8) 1977, (FELIX ZABALA MAS) also known as (S) Tuto, a resident at (350 Lerida, Urbanization Valencia, (S) Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, was advised of the identity of the (S) interviewing Agents, and he furnished the following information: (S)

(FELIX ZABALA) advised that he was a member of Alpha 66 (S) from 1961 to 1965. He is currently a member of (Circulo Cubana (S) a large Cuban exile social group) in (Puerto Rico, and beyond (S) this belongs to no other political or social group in Puerto Rico. He stated that he is not a member of (Frente Liberacion (S) Nacional de Cuba (Cuban National Liberation Front) or the Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations (CORU). He stated that on April 3, 1977, he attended a meeting which concerned itself with human rights and was presided over by one FRANKLIN DELANO LOPEZ who was interested in sending five Cuban exile individuals to Washington, D. C., and present a case to the United States Department of State to tell President CARTER how to deal with the Cubans. He stated that their main concern here was the political prisoners and the system of Communism under CASTRO. (ZABALA stated that) he participated in (S) no other similar activities. He stated that he does have a close relationship with a very political individual, (ENRIQUE (S) NUNEZ, who is the editor of Replica Magazine) in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (S)

(ZABALA) advised that (his sister, AMALIA ANGELINA (S) ZABALA MAS and his mother, ANGELINA MAS) came to Puerto Rico from Cuba on (December 23, 1976) for a vacation in Puerto Rico. (S) (ZABALA) stated that (his mother) has a six month visa which (S) expires in (June) 1977, and that (she) is currently attempting (S) to stay three months longer in Puerto Rico and is awaiting word from Cuban authorities through (her daughter) who has since (S) returned to Cuba to secure a Cuban government OK to remain in Puerto Rico. Upon receipt of that OK from the Cuban government, the (subject's mother) will then apply to the United States (S) Immigration and Naturalization Service (USINS) for a three month extension of (her) visa to visit Puerto Rico. (ZABALA's (S) sister, AMALIA, was in Puerto Rico from (December 23, 1976) (S) until (January 17, 1977,) at which time (she) returned to Cuba (S)

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(FELIX ZABALA) stated that (AMALIA is married to JULIO CESAR MAS MARTIN, who is a medical doctor who has a very good practice in Calixto Garcia Hospital in Havana, Cuba. ZABALA stated that (AMALIA's husband) is not a political-type person and he is not considered to be a Communist. He stated that (JULIO CESAR MAS MARTIN) is happy living under the Cuban system of government because he is a doctor and therefore lives extremely well. (ZABALA) stated that the latter's brother, (LUIS MAS MARTIN) is currently living outside Havana assigned to an agricultural project. ZABALA stated that (LUIS MAS MARTIN, who is approximately 50 years old, is currently having a severe drinking problem. (ZABALA) believes that he is working with the agriculture project in the vicinity of Matanzas, Cuba. (ZABALA) termed (LUIS MARTIN) a Communist and an anti-Batistite. (ZABALA) added that his sister's recent trip to Puerto Rico was her first trip ever to this country. He stated that he last saw her in 1965 in Cuba. (ZABALA) reported that he went to Jamaica and met his sister and his mother on December 21, 1976, and assisted in their travel to Puerto Rico by helping them to a hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, and then to the United States Embassy there to secure a visa to visit Puerto Rico. He stated that since 1965 he had only talked to his sister on the telephone approximately every six months.

(ZABALA) stated that he rarely writes to any friends or family members in Cuba. He stated that his brother, DOMINGO ZABALA, also known as (Nino) is currently an athletic promoter and he works in a group known as the Instituto Nacional Deportes Revolucionario in Cuba. (ZABALA) stated that his father, (JOSE L. ZABALA) died on (November 23, 1954) in Cuba and that his two sisters, (AMALIA and ELENA) currently live in Cuba. He stated that his brother, (JOSE LUIS ZABALA) also known as ("PEPE," DOMINGO) and himself spent various periods of time in Cuban jails. He stated that ("PEPE") served four years and nine months which began in (May of 1961. DOMINGO, who (ZABALA) termed a non-Communist, was in jail for (18 months) from (September, 1961, to 1963. (ZABALA) stated that he himself was in jail only for (seven days) which began in (May, 1961. ZABALA added that the reason that the above individuals received jail terms had to do with their affiliation with a group which was going to plant bombs in or near the waterworks in Havana, Cuba in 1961.

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(FELIX ZABALA MAS) stated that he doesn't know any (S) individuals who are in FLNC or CORU. He stated that (REINOL RODRIGUEZ) (S) is a good friend of his and they have been associated since (ZABALA's) affiliation with (Alpha 66). He (S) stated that he did not think that (REINOL RODRIGUEZ) is still (S) a member of the latter organization. He stated that he has only belonged to one political group in Cuba and that he was a member of the (Movimiento Revolucionario Pueblo (MRP)) and (S) that that group placed over 100 bombs in and around Havana, Cuba, protesting the CASTRO government. (X)

(ZABALA) was questioned about his relationship with (S) one ANTONIO VECIANA and he stated that VECIANA is like (his (S) own brother). He added that VECIANA is (his son's Godfather) (S) and is currently a resident of Miami, Florida. (ZABALA) (S) reported that VECIANA (and himself were) in Alpha 66 and at (S) one time attempted (to form an Alpha 66 group in San Juan) (S) (Puerto Rico). Two other individuals, (according to ZABALA, were in on this enterprise: (TONY CUESTA) (who is possibly living (S) now in Miami, Florida). (ZABALA) considered VECIANA to not only (S) be his friend, but (his business partner) and added that VECIANA (S) resides at Number 811 Northwest 30 Ct., Miami, Florida, 33125. (ZABALA) stated that VECIANA left Alpha 66 in 1966 and that he (S) is definitely anti-Castro and would personally like to kill CASTRO. He did not know VECIANA to be affiliated with any political groups at this time. (ZABALA) stated that (S) four or five years ago that VECIANA, ENRIQUE NUNEZ, and MANOLO RAY went to Costa Rica and formed a revolutionary party (anti-CASTRO), which had the same ideals of Alpha 66. He added that this group which was known as Partido Revolucionario Del Pueblo, lasted perhaps eight months. (X)

(FELIX ZABALA MAS) revealed that on (October 28, 1976) (S) he left San Juan, Puerto Rico, (and traveled to Kingston, (S) Jamaica, (S) for the purpose of seeing (an entertainment promoter, (S) FELIX SMITH, (S) about putting on the (Chinese Circus Review from (S) Taiwan. He added that he met no one other than (FELIX SMITH during his stay in Jamaica.) He insisted that he had met no one (S)

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who could be a representative of any foreign government, particularly from Cuba. (FELIX ZABALA MAS) reported that on November 8, 1976, he traveled to Miami and then on to Kingston, Jamaica. He stated that he went there to see the promoter, FELIX SMITH, and discuss problems on how to get money out of Jamaica if ZABALA were to bring the Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan to Jamaica. ZABALA added that this was approximately one month prior to the popular elections and there is always a problem bringing money out of Jamaica. ZABALA again stated that he had contacted no one other than (FELIX SMITH).

(ZABALA advised) that he traveled to Jamaica again on November 30, 1976, and returned to Puerto Rico via Miami on December 2, 1976. He stated that at that time he again visited (FELIX SMITH). ZABALA stated that he traveled alone to Montego Bay and another town, Ocho Rios, in Jamaica, and visited theaters where he could possibly present the Chinese Circus. He added that he stayed in the (Sheraton) Hotel when he was in Kingston on this occasion. He stated that he had seen no family members or anyone who could be possibly considered a representative of a foreign government. He added that while in Jamaica he traveled by public automobiles which are used as taxis or buses.

(ZABALA MAS) advised that he had rented the "Happy Center Bar" which is located in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, for the period between December, 1974, and July, 1976. He stated he gave up this line of business in that he was not making it financially. He added that at the moment he is not in financial straights and that he has been receiving current income from his promotion of the Taiwan Circus Group and two professional prize fighters (both Dominicans), HECTOR JULIO MEDINA and ADRIANO MARRERO, also known as Nane. He stated that the latter two individuals are under his control as he is their manager and receives approximately 33 percent of any purse for setting up their fights.

(ZABALA) stated that he would like to go back to Cuba if CASTRO and the Communist system of government was out of Cuba. He added that he personally believes in a system of Socialism and Democracy. (ZABALA) reported that his family here does not like the Communist form of government and that his brother, DOMINGO (NINO) does not like the current Cuban system. (ZABALA) was not sure if his sister, AMALIA, likes the

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CASTRO or Communist system. He added that (she) told a friend, (S) (HUGO PEREZ), a Cuban exile who is about 50 years old and (S) resides in (Floral Park, Puerto Rico), that if (she) could get (S) out of Cuba with (her four children, she) would leave. (She) (S) reportedly told (PEREZ) that (her husband, JULIO CESAR MAS (S) MARTIN) likes the good style of living that he currently enjoys in Havana, Cuba, as a (ranking medical doctor. ZABALA (S) added that (HUGO PEREZ) sent a lot of clothing back to Cuba (S) with (his sister, AMALIA, for HUGO PEREZ' father.) (S)

(ZABALA) advised that as far as his future travel (S) plans are concerned, he intends to go to (Los Angeles, (S) California), about the 15th of April and there, prepare (S) theatrical arrangements. He stated that this would take (S) approximately two or three days. He added that he has to go to (Santo Domingo) at some future date for the (S) presentation of the Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan. He stated that this would probably be in May, 1977. He added at this point that VECIANA, supra, (and he) set up all the (S) Chinese Circus Review from Taiwan's engagements. He added (S) that he might possibly be in Chicago and New York City, New York, after May, 1977. (S)

The interviewing Agents reminded (ZABALA) that he at (S) one time in 1966 was interviewed and polygraphed by a United States Government official. (ZABALA), who stated that he did (S) not know the results of that interview or the polygraph, stated that he remembered taking the test and being interviewed at a hotel room (in the Miramar Hotel, Miramar, Puerto Rico, (S) but that he did not know who or what organization was behind it. He stated that an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at that time had set up the interview and the examination. He stated that at that time he was asked about going to Cuba and working for the United States Government for intelligence reasons. He could not furnish any details about any of the individuals, approximately three or four, who were in the room at that time. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned (ZABALA) about (S) a possible trip to (Panama) which was made on (January 10, 1977, (S) He was confronted with information that revealed that he had traveled with (Pan American Airlines, flight 585) to (Panama) (S) on (January 10, 1977, United States Passport number (Z2494541, (S)

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tourist card number (745643) and that he returned to the United States on (January 11, 1977) on another Pan American Airlines flight, number 586. ZABALA stated that he was in Panama for one night and thereafter traveled to Miami, Florida, and West Palm Beach, where he spent one night in the company of (JOSE PRADOS HERRERO), who currently resides in Puerto Rico (telephone number 783-4367). He stated that he went to Panama on this occasion for (boxing business) and that he saw (LUIS ESPADA, a boxing promoter, and Dr. RODIGO SANCHEZ, of the World Boxing Association.) He stated that he only contacted these two persons and one radio commentator, while he was in Panama on this occasion. He added that one of his fighters, (HECTOR JULIO MEDINA) was supposed to fight (ROBERTO DURAN) and that (ZABALA) called (MEDINA) (a resident of Santo Domingo) from Panama and the fighter advised ZABALA that he was out of shape and therefore could not fight (DURAN). ZABALA added that he has (exclusive permission to sign) a contract re (MEDINA). He stated that he discussed the possible fight with the aforementioned radio commentator. (S)

The interviewing Agents again requested that (ZABALA) be perfectly honest with them about any possible contact of foreign agents or other government representatives while on the above trips outside Puerto Rico. He strongly advised that the interviewing Agents had his word that he never contacted anyone from a foreign government, embassy official, consular official, foreign attache, or intelligence officer. (S)

(ZABALA) stated that on the above mentioned dates, (January 10, January 11, 1977) he was supposed to go to (Houston and San Antonio, Texas) and other places in the United States to arrange for a presentation of the Chinese Circus. He stated, though, upon arrival at Miami, there was a convention of (managers) of (auditoriums) from throughout the United States (these are individuals who could present the Chinese Circus). ZABALA stated for this reason he did not have to go to Texas as the (managers) that he wished to see were there in Miami, particularly at (the Ramada Inn Hotel) around (January 11, 1977). (S)

In light of the subject's current (probation) regulations with (United States Probation) Office, he was questioned as to whether he had gotten the permission of (his probation officer) to travel to (Panama) during (January of 1977). He stated that he had this permission. (S)

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(ZABALA) was asked if he had ever been requested to (S) bring anything back to Puerto Rico from any of his above mentioned travels and he stated that he never brought back any money other than business money. He stated that in August, 1976, he brought back to Puerto Rico from (Santo Domingo) (S) approximately \$800.00 as this was the result of a prize fight there. He added that he recently brought back (S) to Puerto Rico some checks which were from (the Chinese Circus) (S) presentations. He stated that he had \$300.00 in addition to these checks which represented (box office receipts.) He (S) placed these checks in an account at (Banco Obrero, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, in the account of Promoter Antillana, which is a trade name. He stated that this account is administered by himself and (VECIANA.) He added that in (December of 1976) (S) he brought back to Puerto Rico from (Jamaica) (S) approximately \$400.00 when he was accompanied by (his mother and sister) (S) from Cuba on their journey to Puerto Rico. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned (FELIX ZABALA) (S) (MAS) about his relationship with one (GABRIEL FIGUEROA) (S) and a possible \$10,000 (advertising) (S) problem he has with this (S) individual. (ZABALA) stated that (FIGUEROA) is the owner of (S) an (advertising firm, Communications Arts,) and was responsible (S) for (advertising the Chinese Circus in Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, and San Bernardino,) (S) California, while the (Chinese Circus) was recently there. He (S) stated that (FIGUEROA, who is a resident of Miami, Florida) (S) sent the (ads) to various (newspapers) in California from Miami (S) and that (ZABALA) protested the advertising in that the print (S) was too small in the advertisement for people to read. He added that he and (VENCIANA) complained to (FIGUEROA) and had (S) paid (FIGUEROA) \$3,400.00 for the advertising. (FIGUEROA) told (S) the latter individuals that they owe him approximately (\$15,000.00) (S) for the advertising. (ZABALA) stated that on (February 19, 1977) (S) he sent (FIGUEROA) a check for (\$10,000.00) (S) via a delivery agency, (S) Espasas Advertising, Incorporated, 596 De Hostos Avenue, (S) Urbanization Baldirich, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico (00919) (S) (Espasas) (S) reportedly made the delivery to (FIGUEROA) and then immediately (S) advised (ZABALA) to send a cashiers check from his bank in (S) Puerto Rico to (FIGUEROA) inasmuch as the first check would not (S) be cleared by a Miami, Florida, bank for approximately two weeks. (ZABALA) stated that on (March 2, 1977,) he sent the (S)

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cashiers check via (Espasas Advertising, Incorporated) to (S) (FIGUEROA) and that the first check, which should not have been (S) deposited in light of the second check, was placed in an unknown bank and when it finally reached Puerto Rico there were insufficient funds to cover it. (ZABALA) stated that both (S) checks were made out to (Communications Arts.) (S)

(FELIX ZABALA) advised that (his brother, PEPE (JOSE (S) LUIS ZABALA), his sister ELVIRA,) and he, paid an organization which handles the paperwork for Cubans who wish to visit outside Cuba, (Almacen Espanol) approximately (\$1,200.00) to (S) secure the financial aspect of (his mother and sister's) (S) leaving Cuba. He stated that (his brother, PEPE,) filed the (S) necessary applications regarding (his mother and sister) to (S) (Almacen Espanol) in Miami. He stated that approximately half (S) of the money went into an account in (Kingston, Jamaica,) to (S) render secure that (his sister and mother) would not be a (S) financial burden to the (Jamaican Government) and that they (S) would have money to leave that country. He added that (PEPE, (S) ELVIRA,) or himself had nothing to do with (his mother's and (S) sister's) leaving Cuba other than sending the necessary application papers to (Almacen Espanol) in Miami, Florida. He (S) added that he went to (Jamaica) on (December 21, 1976,) to help (S) (his sister and his mother) and that after they landed from (S) Cuba he took them to (the Sheraton Hotel) and later on to the (S) United States Embassy to secure the necessary visas. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned (ZABALA) about his (S) recent source of income and he stated that he earned approxi- (S) mately (\$3,000.00) from a (prize fight) which was (held) in (Bayamon, (S) Puerto Rico,) on (September 10, 1976,) between (ESTEBAN DE JESUS) (S) and (HECTOR JULIO MEDINA.) He added that he earned approximately (S) (\$1,200.00) from his (presentation) of the (Chinese Circus) in Miami (S) Beach, Florida, between (October 5 and 10,) 1976. He stated (S) that he got approximately (\$2,000.00) on or about (December 18,) (S) 1976, as a result of his selling his (rights and contract) to the (S) fighter, (HECTOR JULIO MEDINA. ZABALA) stated, however, that he (S) had to pay this money back to (promoter DON KING) and (Pantalones (S) Santiago as his fighter) backed out of the deal and it fell through. (ZABALA) advised that between (February 9,) and (March 6,) (S) 1977, he earned approximately (\$3,800.00) from the (performances) (S)

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of the (Chinese Circus) in (San Juan, Mayaguez, and Ponce,) (S)
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(FELIX ZABALA MAS) who had been furnished by the (S) interviewing Agents a Spanish copy of the Advice of Rights form which he said he understood and signed, was presented a reading of the statutes having to do with foreign government agents and the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938. The Advice of Rights form was furnished to (FELIX ZABALA MAS) (S) prior to the aforementioned discussion of his travel outside of Puerto Rico in the last six months. (ZABALA) was sternly (S) advised that he had been asked to tell the truth in all the above matters and that any discrepancy in his account could possibly be a violation of his current (Federal probation) (S) which extends to (January 29,) 1978. (S)

(X) At this point, (FELIX ZABALA MAS) advised the inter- (S) viewing Agents that he had no idea how the FBI had gotten all the facts about him and that the FBI seems to know everything about him. He stated that he is not a Communist and that anything political that he would do would be against FIDEL CASTRO. At this point, (ZABALA MAS) stated that he had (S) waited for a long time for this moment and that he is now willing to tell the interviewing Agents everything. (ZABALA (S) MAS) stated that the following accounts are (only known by himself and his friend,) ANTONIO VECIANA. He stated that (S) VECIANA recently had some problems with a United States Government assassination committee which was looking into the assassination of JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. He stated that VECIANA had to appear on approximately three occasions in Washington, D. C., the last of which was around December 10, 1976. (ZABALA) stated that approximately one month before (S) JOHN F. KENNEDY was shot in Dallas, Texas, VECIANA and an individual who (ZABALA) felt was associated with United States (S) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), "Mr. BISHOP," met with LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas, Texas. (ZABALA) stated that (S) "Mr. BISHOP" knew VECIANA since 1961. (S) He added that BISHOP (S) had handled an assassination attempt against FIDEL CASTRO while CASTRO was in Chile in 1971. (ZABALA) stated that (S) VECIANA (S) went to Bolivia to work for the United States Government around 1967. (He stated that) VECIANA (and he) went to Chile in 1971 (S)

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to set up an operation to kill CASTRO. (He stated that) to (S) expedite this, false Venezuelan passports were made, the necessary guns were brought in in the diplomatic pouches, hand grenades were picked up in Bolivia, and a United States diplomatic car carried that paraphenalia from Bolivia to Chile. (ZABALA) stated that the plan was prepared in Miami, (S) Florida, and at that time VECIANA was still working for the United States Embassy in Bolivia. (He added that he and) (S) VECIANA rented the room in Santiago, Chile, and stayed there for two or three days. (ZABALA) stated that (S) JUAN DOMINGUEZ and MARCO RODRIGUEZ (Cuban exiles not further identified) thereafter took over that room and enrolled in an approximately six month course in photograph and television in Santiago. The purpose of the endeavor was to place a gun inside one of the cameras which would be used by DOMINGUEZ or RODRIGUEZ and when FIDEL CASTRO made his appearance before members of the press, he would be shot by one of these individuals. (ZABALA) (S) (added that) a high official in the Chilean government secured (S) the necessary press permits for these individuals to come in the proximity of CASTRO when he arrived in Chile in 1971. (He stated that) the operation was not successful as DOMINGUEZ (S) and RODRIGUEZ failed, by some means, to shoot CASTRO on the first day that he was presented before the members of the press and that on the second day one of those individuals stated that he must go to the hospital as his appendix was bothering him. The other individual stated that someone in CASTRO's vicinity identified him and thereafter, that potential assassin left Chile and was later seen in Bolivia. (X)

(ZABALA reported that) ANTONIO VECIANA prepared a (S) letter for the benefit of FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba in which he signed the nickname of his (VECIANA's) secretary, MARGARITA. (MARGARITA is HILDA CAO, who is currently a resident of San Juan, Puerto Rico, an employee of the United States Government in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. She was VECIANA's secretary while he was in Cuba and while he was in Puerto Rico from 1961 to 1967, and associated with Alpha 66). That letter contained information concerning ANTONIO VECIANA's connection with the United States Central Intelligence Agency and his attempt to kill CASTRO in Chile in 1971. (ZABALA) stated that (S) the information in the letter was known to no other individuals (X)

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and VECIANA had requested ZABALA to transmit that letter to his sister, AMALIA, in Cuba for personal delivery to FIDEL CASTRO. ZABALA stated that the letter inferred that VECIANA's secretary was dissatisfied with VECIANA and that VECIANA wanted a large amount of publicity due to his appearance before a United States Government group which dealt with the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY. This letter was submitted to Cuba via ZABALA's sister, on or about September 11, 1976. ZABALA stated that he then received a call from his sister, AMALIA, in Cuba, and she stated that she wanted to see him in Jamaica on October 23, 1976. He added that he responded to his sister's request and was in Jamaica on October 28, 1976, and was met there by his sister. He stated that he was staying at the Sheraton Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica, and on his first night there he met a Cuban by the name of CARLOS. He added that CARLOS, ZABALA's sister, and he, went to a large hotel (one or two level cabana style) possibly outside Kingston, Jamaica. ZABALA described CARLOS as a white male, five feet six inches tall, weighing 180 pounds (over weight), having dark eyes, dark hair, with grey streaks in the sides. CARLOS was further described as being approximately 40 years old and that he wore no glasses or had no other distinguishing physical characteristics. CARLOS described himself to ZABALA as a person who was high up in the Cuban government intelligence. CARLOS carried with him at all times a businessman's attache case which contained a pistol. ZABALA did not see the pistol at any time.

In addition to meeting CARLOS, supra, ZABALA met the driver of the automobile which took ZABALA, ZABALA's sister, and CARLOS to the hotel. This individual was the vice-consul of the Cuban Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica, JUAN CARBONELL. ZABALA described CARBONELL as being a white male, weighing 170 pounds, five feet eleven inches tall, having black hair, dark eyes, and wearing glasses with dark plastic frames. No other distinguishing characteristics were noted by ZABALA.

Upon arriving at the hotel, ZABALA was questioned by CARLOS and JUAN CARBONELL in the presence of his sister, AMALIA, and they wanted to know current information concerning

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ORLANDO BOSCH, CORU, REINOL RODRIGUEZ, FRANK CASTRO, ANTONIO VECIANA, and other members of anti-CASTRO groups. In response to VECIANA's letter to FIDEL CASTRO, (CARLOS and CARBONELL) (CS) felt that VECIANA's secretary disliked VECIANA and they requested that (ZABALA) tell the secretary that they will (CS) broadcast the information presented in "her" letter over Radio Havana in about a week's time. (ZABALA stated) that (CS) inasmuch as (he was responsible for forwarding) the supposed (CS) letter from VECIANA's secretary, the Cubans believed that (ZABALA) greatly disliked VECIANA also. (ZABALA stated) that no (CS) such broadcast was ever made according to ANTONIO VECIANA. (S)

(ZABALA reported that) in the course of the above- (CS) mentioned contact with (CARLOS and CARBONELL) the latter (CS) stated that they would get in contact with him through (his (S) sister, AMALIA.) They asked (ZABALA) if he needed any money and (CS) he replied negatively. (S)

(ZABALA MAS reported that) he returned to (Jamaica) (CS) around (November 3, 1976, and stayed at the (Sheraton Hotel.) (CS) During his first evening there, a strange voice telephoned his room and advised him to go outside. He went down and stood by the hotel swimming pool and then saw (CARLOS) supra, (CS) and was again taken by (CARLOS and JUAN CARBONELL) to the (CS) hotel where he previously met these individuals. (ZABALA (CS) stated that) the ride from the (Sheraton Hotel) in (Kingston, (S) Jamaica,) to the other hotel takes approximately thirty minutes by car and this hotel is located near the sea. Upon entering this hotel, (ZABALA) was introduced to ("The General.") (CS) (At one time during the interview with ("The General") the (CS) latter was referred to as (JORGE.) (ZABALA stated that) he (CS) also carried a businessman's attache case which (ZABALA) (CS) suspected could carry (a gun. ZABALA stated that) during the (CS) course of this contact the entire conversation (was taped on (CS) a tape player) in the room. (ZABALA) described (the "General") (CS) as a white male, five feet seven inches tall, weighing 160 (CS) pounds, approximately 36 years of age, and from (Cien Fuegos, (S) Cuba. ZABALA stated) that ("The General,") looked like a well (CS) built, firm military type. (He stated that) this individual (CS) had dark hair with slight traces of grey on the side. (The (S) "General") had dark eyes and no other distinguishing physical (CS) characteristics. (S)

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(ZABALA stated that) in the course of this contact the three (CS) Cuban individuals wanted to know about the bomb on a Cuban plane which had recently destroyed the plane and sent it plunging into the sea. They wanted him to invite REINOL RODRIGUEZ, FRANK CASTRO, and "BEBE" (Last name possibly FRANCO, and the owner of a sporting goods store which is located at Flagler and 18th Avenue, Miami, Florida) to Jamaica for reasons of placing bombs against pro-Cuban (CS) schools in Jamaica. The Cuban individuals could then (CS) arrange for the Jamaican authorities to arrest RODRIGUEZ, (CS) CASTRO, and "BEBE" and later these could be given over to the Cubans. In addition to the above, the Cubans wanted an "up date" on pictures of about thirty individuals. These individuals were all current suspected anti-CASTRO type persons and included ENRIQUE NUNEZ. On (November 9, 1976) (CS) according to (ZABALA) they gave him \$500.00 for plane tickets (CS) and expenses. They wanted him to go to Venezuela to find out about the above mentioned Cuban plane bombing. (X)

(FELIX ZABALA MAS) advised that (November 29, 1976) (CS) he returned to Jamaica and this time went to a place which (CS) is known as the "Little Pub," in the city of Ocho Rios. (CS) (ZABALA stated that) approximately 9:00 p.m. that evening, (CS) three men came in to the "Little Pub." (He stated that) these (CS) individuals were the "General," CARLOS, and a third Cuban (CS) whom he had not previously met. He described this individual as a white male, six feet three inches tall, weighing 220 pounds, having short, dark hair, approximately 38 years of age, and having heavy prescription glasses. This latter (CS) individual informed (ZABALA) that he had been working in the Cuban Embassy in Chile during 1971. (X)

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(ZABALA stated that) VECIANA had, [in preparation (S)] for his November 29 anticipated meeting in Jamaica, given him information to furnish to the Cubans. ZABALA said that VECIANA furnished (him with) information concerning the (S) bombing of the Air Cubana Airliner stating that the information would appear to be good and was true, however, it was well known within the anti-Castro Cuban Community and he did not believe it would harm anybody. (ZABALA said that) VECIANA (told him) that ORLANDO GARCIA, who was an (S) employee of the Government of Venezuela, and former CIA employee, had gone to Santo Domingo in 1976 and met with ORLANDO BOSCH and FRANK CASTRO. VECIANA further advised that there was also present at the meeting a representative from Brigade 2506, name unknown. VECIANA said that at this time, BOSCH, CASTRO, GARCIA and the representative from Brigade 2506 planned a bombing of a Cubana airliner. At some time following this BOSCH went to Venezuela to take command of the operation. Upon arrival in Venezuela BOSCH was met by "MONO".MORALES, a Cuban exile living in Venezuela. VECIANA said that MORALES was the individual who had testified in a Federal trial against BOSCH a few years prior to this time. MORALES is supposed to have told BOSCH that he wished for all past differences to be forgotten and for them to unite in this act, as all good Cubans should try to get rid of CASTRO. At this time MORALES gave BOSCH a machine gun and offered a car and driver as well as the use of an apartment that he (MORALES) stated that he had arranged for BOSCH. VECIANA said that BOSCH still did not trust MORALES and instead went to the apartment of ALFREDO AGUIAR, another Cuban exile in Caracas. BOSCH supposedly stayed at that apartment and during this time was in contact with an old Cuban revolutionary named "PEPE" as well as a former CIA operative named "RICO." RICO was described as being a Cuban exile also. RICO supposedly gave BOSCH \$2,000 during this time in order to support the intended operation against the Cubana Airlines. BOSCH was also in contact with a Cuban exile attorney while in Venezuela, name unknown, however, it was stated that BOSCH was arrested in Caracas at the home of this attorney following the bombing. VECIANA further (told ZABALA) that (S) when the bomb went off, it was such a tragedy that the CORU group was afraid to claim credit for it. VECIANA (X)

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further advised that the Government of Venezuela had previously had knowledge of the plans for this bombing, however, they also became very nervous when the bomb went off with the plane in the air. VECIANA (told ZABALA) that the plan had been for the bomb to go off while the plane was on the runway in Barbados, avoiding serious loss of lives, however, the plane departed early and thus the bomb went off while the plane was in the air. (S)

(ZABALA reiterated that VECIANA had given him this information to furnish as he (VECIANA) stated that most of this information had been hinted at in the newspapers and that he felt that ZABALA could impress the Cubans with this information as well as utilizing this information to cover for the fact that ZABALA had actually not gone to Venezuela as previously requested by the Cuban Intelligence Agents (S)

(ZABALA said that he furnished this information to the Cuban Intelligence Agents during the (November 29, 1976) meeting and they appeared very pleased with the information. ZABALA said that he also, (as previously directed by VECIANA) told the Cuban Agents that VECIANA had been involved in some sort of testimony regarding the KENNEDY assassination. ZABALA said that he did not furnish them with any details other than telling him that VECIANA had traveled to Washington using a travel voucher issued under the name of Senator SCHWIEKER. ZABALA said that he did not know why VECIANA wanted this information given to the Cubans unless it was (to further convince him that he (ZABALA) was furnishing them with good information) in the hopes that they would utilize the previously furnished information and give VECIANA the publicity he desired on radio Havana. (S)

Following the (November 29, 1977) meeting which was taped by the Cubans, ZABALA said that he was instructed to meet (CARLOS) in (Panama) on (January 10, 1977), being instructed to go to the (Panama Hilton Hotel) and be standing in the parking lot at 9 p.m. He was told that somebody would pick him up. (ZABALA) added that he was given (\$700) at the conclusion of this meeting by the Cubans, which was to provide expenses for the trip he was supposed to have taken to (Venezuela) as well as the trip for the (November 29, 1977) meeting. (ZABALA) said at the conclusion of the meeting he asked the Cubans to help in getting his mother and sister out of Cuba for a (Christmas vacation) in Puerto Rico and (S)

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they told him that they would help him. (ZABALA at this time stated that) he also recalled that during this meeting they requested that he get any information possible in reference to CORU and "Condor," which (ZABALA) described as a cover name for CORU. (He stated that) they were also in need of information as to who had placed a recent bomb in the Cubana Airline Office in Madrid. They told him that they had some information which led them to believe that (a black male, who was from Puerto Rico) had placed the bomb. They further said that this (black male) resembled (an Indian) in appearance. (ZABALA added that) at this meeting he had also given them nine papers which he had written out concerning old bombings in Puerto Rico. (ZABALA said that) these papers were false and had to do with bombings four and five years old which the Cubans believed were conducted by anti-Castro groups. (ZABALA said that he now recalls that) during that meeting they also gave him the Embassy phone number (in Jamaica) with instructions to call if he needed to contact them (and ask, "If the visa is ready for JUAN CASTILLO." ZABALA said) he was told that if he needed to contact them to follow the procedure and then automatically go (the following night at 9 o'clock to the Little Pub Night Club in Ocho Rios, Jamaica) where he would be met. (ZABALA said that) he never did have occasion to use this procedure.

(ZABALA said that) the next contact he had with any of the Cuban Intelligence Officers was an accidental contact on (December 21) 1976, when he was (in Jamaica) to meet the Cubana Airline plane with (his sister and mother. ZABALA said) that he saw ("CARLOS") getting off of the same flight and nodded to him. (ZABALA said that) that evening (he, his sister and his mother) were staying at the Sheraton Hotel in Jamaica when he was contacted by (CARLOS. ZABALA said that) CARLOS contacted him very briefly at his room and told (ZABALA) that he ((CARLOS)) was just passing through (Kingston, Jamaica) enroute to participating in the opening (of a new Embassy in Mexico City. At this time (CARLOS) gave ZABALA \$300) which represented the portion of the money that (ZABALA himself) had placed with (ALMACEN ESPANOL) in Miami in order to help get (his sister and mother out of Cuba

ZABALA said that the next contact was on January 10, 1977, in Panama. ZABALA said that he flew from Miami to Panama during the day of January 10, 1977, arriving in Panama at 8:15 p.m. ZABALA said he immediately proceeded to the Panama Hilton and checked in, and then went to the parking lot at 9 p.m. ZABALA said that he was met at the parking lot by CARLOS, who walked up and then said, "Let's go for a walk." ZABALA said they walked two or three blocks and as they were walking a car pulled up alongside and CARLOS directed him to get into the car. ZABALA said he did not see the face of the driver of the car. The driver drove only a short distance and stopped. ZABALA said that at this time they left the car and the driver and entered an apartment building where they proceeded to an apartment. ZABALA said that when he and CARLOS entered the apartment, "The General" was already in the apartment with his tape recorder set up. ZABALA said that at this time he gave them telephone books from San Juan as well as Miami telephone books from the Cuban section of Miami as they had previously requested these telephone books. ZABALA said that he did not have any other information to give them and they again requested that he obtain general information concerning the activities of anti-Castro groups in Puerto Rico and Miami. ZABALA said that during this meeting they gave him \$800 for expenses. ZABALA said that they arranged another contact in Mexico City, with the contact scheduled for March 6, 1977. ZABALA said at this time he was given a leather type key holder which had a slip of paper inside which was to be a contact telephone number for him to call in Mexico City. This telephone number was furnished in case ZABALA needed to make contact with the Cuban Intelligence Officers. ZABALA said that he was furnished the new code word which was "Is the visa of Dr. SALGADO ready." ZABALA said that he was also told that if he called the Embassy in Mexico City he was simply to ask this question and hang up and then proceed the next night to a store called Gigante which was near the Embassy in Mexico City. He was to stand in front of the Gigante at 6 p.m. and would be met. He was furnished with a code phrase which would serve to identify the Cuban Agent. The phrase was, "Do you see any taxis around here," and ZABALA was told to answer, "I saw one but it is broken," which would identify one to the other.

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(ZABALA said that) following this meeting he became (S) very involved with (the promotion of the Taiwan Circus) and (S) was doing extensive traveling. (ZABALA said that) he did (S) not make the (March 6, 1977, meeting in Mexico City) as he (S) was in California with (the Taiwan Circus) and due to (S) business reasons was not able to go to (Mexico City). ZABALA (S) said that) during this period of time that (he and VECIANA (S) were having) financial problems (with the Taiwan Circus) and (S) needed money rather desperately. (ZABALA said that VECIANA (S) was able to obtain) a \$45,000 loan (to help continue (their (S) tour of the Taiwan Circus) and that he (ZABALA) was able (S) to borrow \$20,000 from his cousin in Puerto Rico, who had a short time before won the Puerto Rican lottery in the amount of \$400,000. ZABALA said that) due to (promotional) (S) difficulties (they) continued to have money problems and that (S) at this time (VECIANA suggested that ZABALA try to contact (S) the Cubans in Mexico City and see if they would give him money. ZABALA said that on March 18, 1977) he called (S) (Mexico City) from Los Angeles utilizing the phone number (S) he had been given on (January 10, 1977, and used the (code (S) phrase, "Is the visa of Dr. SALGADO ready," when the Embassy answered. ZABALA said that) as previously instructed (S) he then hung up and on the morning of (March 19, 1977, he (S) flew to (Mexico City). ZABALA said that) he went to the (S) appointed place (at 6 p.m.) however, nobody showed up. (S) ZABALA said that) this was never explained. (S)

(ZABALA said) from (Mexico City) he returned to (S) San Juan on (March 20, 1977, via Mexicana Airlines.) On (S) (March 22, 1977, (ZABALA said that) he again called the (S) number in (Mexico City) and gave the (code word. ZABALA (S) said that) he then flew (to Miami on March 22, 1977) and (S) proceeded to (Mexico City) from Miami. ZABALA said that (S) on (March 22, 1977, he went to (the parking lot) in the (S) Gigante store area and a man came up and gave the proper (S) code word. ZABALA described this man as a Cuban male, (S) approximate age 30, 5'5" tall, heavy build, weighing (S) approximately 170 pounds, long straight black hair and as having a very round face. (ZABALA said that) the man (S) told him he was from the Embassy and that they walked (S) a very short way down the street into a restaurant. (ZABALA (S) was) unable to recall the name of the restaurant. (ZABALA) (S)

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(said) at this time he gave this man a sealed package containing "Replica" newspapers from San Juan and Miami and told the man that inasmuch as he had been away from Puerto Rico with a tour group he did not have much new information. (ZABALA said that the man appeared to be content with this and told ZABALA that he would deliver the package to CARLOS. ZABALA said that unbeknownst to this man, he had also enclosed a sealed letter addressed to CARLOS in which he asked CARLOS for \$20,000 in order to help him with his financial problems. ZABALA said that he explained in the letter to CARLOS that some of the problems had been as a result of his traveling to meet the Cubans, but ended the letter by stating that in the event that CARLOS could not get him the money that ZABALA would continue to work with him. ZABALA said that the man from the Embassy then said that "The General" and CARLOS wanted to meet with ZABALA during May and they agreed upon the date of May 19, 1977. ZABALA said he was instructed to go to the Xola Station of the Mexico City Metro System and stand under the sign for the subway to Tacuba. ZABALA said that he was to meet at 8 p.m. on May 19, 1977, under the Tacuba sign. ZABALA said that all of these arrangements were made without the man knowing that he had a letter requesting \$20,000, addressed to CARLOS. ZABALA said that he has not heard from any of the Cubans since that time and assumes that he would be expected to make the May 19, 1977, meet.

(ZABALA said that during the past week he had been in Miami and at this time VECIANA wanted him to go to the CIA and tell them what had happened and offer to work with the CIA. ZABALA said he was most hesitant to do so and had told VECIANA that he did not wish to do so.

(At this time ZABALA stated that he also recalled another brief contact with Cuban Intelligence Agents which occurred on January 17, 1977, when he flew from San Juan to Jamaica with his sister when she was returning to Cuba. ZABALA said that he decided to go to Kingston, Jamaica, with her at the last minute as she had a large number of luggage and was unable to handle all of the luggage herself.

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(ZABALA said he also wished to go to extend the visit with his sister. ZABALA said that he went to Kingston, Jamaica, and was only there for a few hours; however, he was contacted at the airport by JUAN CARBONELL. He (ZABALA) gave CARBONELL a copy of the JACK ANDERSON newspaper column which had to do with the KENNEDY assassination. ZABALA said that he had carried the newspaper article with him in case he was contacted while in Kingston. ZABALA said that the article had to do with the KENNEDY assassination and a mysterious Cuban named "X" who had had some involvement with the CIA and with the Kennedy assassination. ZABALA said that he believed this "X" to be VECIANA but did not know how this information had gotten to JACK ANDERSON. ZABALA said that it appeared that his meeting with CARBONELL was accidental but he believed that the Cubans were adept in planning meetings and he assumed that inasmuch as his sister had left the airport to go to the Cuban Embassy, that she had told CARBONELL that he (ZABALA) would be in the airport area waiting to return to San Juan.

At this time ZABALA said that he also recalled that although his sister did not talk to him at all during her Christmas visit from Cuba about intelligence matters, that during the January 10, 1977, meeting in Panama he was told by the General to instruct his sister in San Juan to contact MANOLO RAY. ZABALA said he was not told why his sister was to contact RAY but gave his sister this message when he returned to San Juan. ZABALA said he was worried about his sister being involved in this matter so he waited until the day before she was to depart San Juan for Cuba to give her the message. At this time she asked him (ZABALA) to contact RAY and arrange a meeting which ZABALA stated he had done. ZABALA said that she met with RAY the day before she left for Cuba but he has no idea what they talked about. ZABALA described RAY as being a former Minister of Public Works in Cuba prior to the Castro takeover and said he was currently employed as an Architectural Engineer with his office being in a new building constructed on Ponce de Leon Avenue in San Juan near the Martin Penon Canal. ZABALA said that he did not know RAY well and was not familiar with his politics or leanings, although he had supposed him to be an anti-Castro Cuban.

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(ZABALA was questioned concerning) the reason why (S) VECIANA had wanted (him) to send the letter to Cuban Premier (S) CASTRO detailing VECIANA's activities with the CIA. (ZABALA stated that) VECIANA was concerned about his testimony before (S) the committee investigating the KENNEDY assassination and, for some unexplained reason, wanted to establish himself in the U. S. Cuban Community as a former CIA operative. (S) VECIANA said he was certain that CASTRO would broadcast this information on Radio Havana as soon as he received it and as Radio Havana was continually monitored in Miami, these facts would soon be known among the Cuban community. (ZABALA (S) said that) he did not question VECIANA further as VECIANA obviously did not wish to talk about it and (he (ZABALA) (S) decided to go along (out of his friendship) for VECIANA as (S) this seemed to be of the utmost importance to VECIANA. (ZABALA said that) when no broadcast occurred, VECIANA (S) requested he continue his contacts and urge the Cubans at each meeting to make the broadcast under the guise that he (ZABALA) wished the broadcast in order to embarrass VECIANA as he (ZABALA) was supposed to have had a falling out with VECIANA (S)

At this time (ZABALA) stated that he was extremely (S) glad to have been able to get this off of conscience and stated that he was physically and emotionally exhausted. (ZABALA expressed great confidence in the FBI and stated (S) that he wished to work with the FBI in any way possible, (S) including (further contacts with the Cuban Intelligence (S) Agents) or (in any other capacity in which he could serve. (S) ZABALA) stated that he was a loyal American and firmly against the Communist system and had only become involved in contacts with the Cubans in order to (carry out the wishes of his good friend VECIANA. (S)

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The following description of (FELIX ZABALA MAS) (S) was obtained through interview and observation:

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| Name | (FELIX ZABALA MAS) (S) |
| Also Known As | TUTO; FELIX SABALA MAS |
| Residence | 350 Lerida Urbanization Valencia Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico |
| Social Security Account Number | (581-90-5117) (S) |
| Date of Birth | October 18, 1937 |
| Place of Birth | Pinar Del Rio, Cuba |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Height | 6 feet |
| Weight | (218 pounds) (S) |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Scars/Marks | None |
| Physical Characteristics | (Right eye does not focus on what the left eye is observing.) (S) |

Puerto Rico
 Driver's License
 Father
 Mother
 Subject's Occupation
 Wife

Subject's Children

Subject's Brothers

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 JOSE L. ZABALA
 ANGELINA MAS PEROJO
 Entertainment promoter
 CARMEN REGO (Date of birth February 17, 1938, at Havana, Cuba)
 BETTY ZABALA REGO, born November 4, 1960, at Havana, Cuba;
 SUSANA ZABALA REGO, born June 9, 1963, at San Juan, Puerto Rico; (S)
 FELIX ZABALA REGO, born March 12, 1968, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.
 JOSE LUIS ZABALA, also known as "PEPE", born December 4, 1931 (resident at 105 Marte, Atlantic View, Isla Verde, Puerto Rico)

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Subject's Sisters

DOMINGO ZABALA, also known as "NINO," age 39 (currently a resident of Santiago de Cuba;

ARMANDO ZABALA, also known as "ARMANDITO," age 25 (student, Chicago, Illinois)

AMALIA ZABALA, age 50, resident of Cuba;

HILDA ROSA, age 48, resident of Peru;

ELVIRA ZABALA RUBAYO, age 46, resident of Carolina, Puerto Rico;

ELENA ZABALA MARTIN, age 42, resident of Cuba.

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On (April 11, 1977, FELIX ZABALA MAS) was interviewed (S) by Special Agents (SAs) PAUL M. RUSH and HARRY B. BRANDON, III, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In the course of the interview, (ZABALA) furnished the following information: (S)

(ZABALA advised that) during his recent contacts with (S) Cuban Government intelligence sources, they requested he gather any information whatsoever concerning Cuba that would appear in Puerto Rican or United States newspapers and magazines. They requested that he participate in the anti-CASTRO movement in Puerto Rico so that he could later advise the Cuban Intelligence Service (CUIS) of the activities of the Coordinacion de Organizaciones Revolucionarias Unidas (Coordination of United Revolutionary Organizations) (CORU), (FRANK CASTRO, REINOL RODRIGUEZ (S) GUSTAVO CASTILLO, ENRIQUE NUNEZ, MANOLO LERO, BEBO FRANCO) and ANTONIO VECIANA. At this point (ZABALA) added that to the CUIS, (S) CORU is the same as Accion Cubana (Cuban Action) (AC) and the Frente De Liberacion Nacional De Cuba (Cuban National Liberation Front) (FLNC). (ZABALA) stated that the CUIS was also interested (S) in information (he could obtain) concerning the progress of the (S) Congressional KENNEDY assassination committee as well as the persons responsible for (the death of ALDO VERA). They mentioned (S) that they were of the opinion that (CORU did away with VERA) due (S) to internal arguing. According to (ZABALA), the CUIS showed an (S) interest (in VERA) as they stated they knew he was (in Buenos Aires, (S) Argentina, when a Cuban Embassy worker was shot. ZABALA stated that on the date of his latest contact with the CUIS he advised them that he has not been able to gather any pertinent information concerning the above-mentioned individuals inasmuch as he has been (totally occupied with his promotion work). The CUIS (S) requested (that ZABALA) determine any information possible (S) regarding the location of (JASPAR E. JIMENEZ. ZABALA stated that (S) the CUIS had never asked anything about Puerto Rico other than their interest in the above-mentioned individuals. (S)

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[FELIX ZABALA advised that] the Cuban Government is aware of who was responsible for the killing of several members of [the "Pragmatistas"] in Miami, Florida. The CUIS told him the names and at this moment, [ZABALA] cannot recall who they were. He stated that the CUIS identified them as members of the ["Pragmatistas." ZABALA added that] the CUIS has never stated or inferred that they had any intelligence agents working in Florida. (S)

[In reviewing his activities in] Chile in 1971, [ZABALA stated that he was recruited for] the planned killing of CASTRO by VECIANA in Miami, in 1971. At this time VECIANA was a United States Embassy employee in Bolivia. [ZABALA stated that] after they planned the attack, which was based on information VECIANA said that he had received from a Chilean, that CASTRO was coming to Chile in October of 1971, that [he (ZABALA) flew to Venezuela and] VECIANA went to Bolivia. [ZABALA stated that] JUAN DOMINGUEZ and MARCO RODRIGUEZ, two anti-CASTRO Cuban exiles from Miami, also went to Venezuela [with him] to begin training in photography and television camera techniques as the plot involved their posing as cameramen. [ZABALA said that shortly after he arrived in Venezuela] he went to Chile [in February] and rented an apartment for the use of DOMINGUEZ and RODRIGUEZ. [He was] in Chile for two or three days. [ZABALA was unable to recall the location of that apartment. ZABALA added that] shortly after this, VECIANA and a Cuban exile named NAPOLI, drove to Chile from Bolivia with the guns and grenades to be used in the attempt. The arms were hidden under the back seat of a United States Embassy car VECIANA used to transport the arms. The arms were later hidden in a closet of the apartment and NAPOLI and VECIANA returned to Bolivia. The two cameramen went to Chile in July to await CASTRO's arrival. They had in their possession forged Venezuelan and Dominican passports [which ZABALA had prepared. ZABALA] got the passports from indigent Venezuelan and Dominican nationals in Venezuela by telling them that [he could] help them enter the United States. [They gave (him) their passports as (he said he) would need them] [ZABALA stated that he] steamed the pictures off the passports and replaced them with photographs of RODRIGUEZ and DOMINGUEZ. [He then] stamped them with bogus Government stamps which VECIANA had made previously. [ZABALA] stated that] the Federal Bureau of

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Investigation (FBI) had taken these stamps from VECIANA's home in Miami in a subsequent search. [ZABALA stated that] (S) when the plot failed, [as previously explained, ZABALA stated that] DOMINGUEZ, who said he had been recognized by a cousin (S) in CASTRO's party, fled to Bolivia and RODRIGUEZ, who had had an appendicitis attack went to Venezuela. RODRIGUEZ, who was a Federal fugitive at the time, later returned to Miami where he was arrested on Federal charges. [ZABALA added that the "General" confirmed that one of CASTRO's (S) former bodyguards was named DOMINGUEZ and had been in Chile with Premier CASTRO in 1971. [ZABALA added that] one of the (S) persons he knew to be involved in the plot with VECIANA was a Chilean senator named RENE PARADES, and had a slip of paper which had his 1971 Santiago telephone number as 62111 (office), and 259598 (home). (S)

[ZABALA stated] that VECIANA later (told him) that his (S) Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) contact in this matter was code name "BISHOP," although [ZABALA said he] never actually (S) met this man. VECIANA said recently that this was the same "BISHOP" who was with him when they talked to LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas before President KENNEDY's death. [ZABALA stated that] VECIANA was the only source of this information concerning (S) LEE HARVEY OSWALD contact in Dallas one month before that assassination. [He stated that] VECIANA had put this information (S) in the supposed letter from VECIANA's secretary to FIDEL CASTRO. VECIANA had [told ZABALA] that VECIANA, "BISHOP," and OSWALD met (S) in a downtown Dallas office approximately one month before the actual KENNEDY death. (S)

[ZABALA stated that he] believed that [VECIANA wanted] (S) the letter mentioned above routed to FIDEL CASTRO so as to cause strife in relations which were improving between the United States and the Cuban Government. (He stated that) VECIANA (S) probably felt that a disclosure, such as this concerning CIA activities and the Chilean plot against CASTRO would cause the Cuban Government to break off relations and cause adverse publicity against the United States. VECIANA originally wanted to route that letter to FIDEL CASTRO via the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Washington, D. C. [ZABALA stated that he himself suggested that he handle it through his sister in Cuba.] The (S)

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Letter was subsequently sent by ZABALA to his sister for routing to FIDEL CASTRO and for this reason ZABALA's sister contacted ZABALA and requested that he come to Jamaica. VECIANA was in favor of ZABALA making such trips and contacting the CUIS, and VECIANA paid ZABALA for the expenses involved in his first trip. At this point, ZABALA stated that he has advised VECIANA of all of the results of his recent trips and contacts with the CUIS. ZABALA stated that VECIANA had placed in the above-mentioned letter the names of Mr. BISHOP, BLAIR, and KAIL, who VECIANA had reported were members of the CIA and who were working in the United States Embassy in Cuba prior to FIDEL CASTRO's takeover. ZABALA stated that he has never been able to determine if VECIANA is himself a CIA Agent.

ZABALA was questioned as to the political sympathy of a current resident of Puerto Rico, MANOLO RAY. ZABALA stated that he worked for the CASTRO government as minister of public works after CASTRO came to power in Cuba and by the time of the Bay of Pigs invasion, he was against FIDEL CASTRO. In 1963 and 1964, MANOLO RAY formed an organization known as JURE in Puerto Rico. ZABALA advised that RAY has lived in Puerto Rico all the time that he has been out of Cuba, and that around 1974 RAY had a construction business "possibly dealing with architecture" in Jamaica. He stated that RAY had the business for a two or three year period and had to leave Jamaica due to visa reasons. RAY believed that the Cuban Government wanted him out of Jamaica. ZABALA considered RAY to be a social Democrat, politically speaking. He added that RAY still has his Cuban citizenship and is currently in bad financial straights. ZABALA stated that the "General," on January 11, 1977, in Panama, wanted to have ZABALA have his sister contact MANOLO RAY while she was visiting in Puerto Rico and advised him that the Cuban Government wanted to help him get his business visa again in Jamaica. They wanted, also, to meet him. ZABALA reported that he told his sister, and she saw MANOLO RAY on January 15, 1977, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, for a period of three to four hours. ZABALA's sister told ZABALA that RAY had to think about the Cuban Government's offer. ZABALA's sister (ANALIA) gave MANOLO RAY her address, number 1140 Nuevo Vedado, Calle 39, Havana, Cuba. ZABALA added that for a five minute period prior to departure of his sister, MANOLO RAY discussed something briefly with his sister.

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(ZABALA) was questioned about the current status of (S) (LUIS MAS MARTIN) and (ZABALA) stated that the information which (S) was previously furnished on (April 8, 1977, by (himself) concerning (S) (S) (MARTIN) was the truth. (ZABALA) stated that according to his (S) sister, MAS MARTIN has a serious drinking problem and is no longer a high official in the Cuban Government. (ZABALA) stated that (MAS MARTIN) is currently working with a (cattle project (S) (S) around Matanzas, Cuba. He stated that MAS MARTIN was with CASTRO in the mountains prior to his takeover of the Government in Cuba and that later, (MAS MARTIN) was (RAUL CASTRO's secretary. (S) (ZABALA) added that (MAS MARTIN) was at one time the (director of (S) Radio Havana. (S)

(ZABALA) stated that in October, 1966, VECIANA and (S) another individual, a resident of Miami, Florida, and the editor of Replica Magazine there, MAX LESNIK, advised (ZABALA) that (S) ALDREGUIA GALLEGU reportedly got \$20,000.00 from the Cuban (S) Government during 1976, for some unknown reason. (ZABALA) (S) stated that GALLEGU had been working in Miami at a finance (S) company and that now he is the owner of a pet store. (ZABALA) (S) stated that he had told (the "General") on (November 29, 1976, (S) this information concerning GALLEGU, and there was no reaction whatsoever. (S)

(ZABALA) stated that in his recent contacts with the (S) CUIS, he had given very little information concerning VECIANA (S) (REINOL RODRIGUEZ, GUSTAVO CASTILLO, and FRANK CASTRO.) He (S) stated that on the times that he was contacted by the CUIS they showed him pictures and asked him about various people. At the same time they taped all of the conversation and offered him alcoholic beverages. They had advised (ZABALA) that they would (S) very much appreciate if he could get VECIANA outside the United States. (ZABALA) believed that should this occur, the (S) Cubans would attempt to seize him by some manner. (S)

(ZABALA) stated that the Cuban Vice-Consul in Mexico (S) City, on Marc 23, 1977, told him that (CARLOS) and (the "General") (S) wanted to see him in (Mexico City) on (May 19, 1977. (ZABALA) (S) stated that he advises the Cubans that he is on his way to (S) make a meet by (calling the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City and asking if the visa for Dr. MIRANDA PRADO is ready. (S)

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[ZABALA stated that he currently has two post office boxes. He has an old box which is located in Old San Juan, General Post Office Box 4073. He stated that he acquired a new Post Office box at the Manillas Station, Santurce, Puerto Rico (zip code 00904), and this is Post Office Box Number 40287. Both boxes are under his full name. He stated that the Cubans know of his postal box in Santurce, Puerto Rico. The CUIS at one time wanted to know how they could contact [ZABALA] and he suggested a Post Office box.] (S)

[ZABALA advised that at this time he is on very good relations with his Cuban contacts. He stated that [CARLOS] and [the "General"] had mentioned on several occasions that they would like him to go to Cuba for a vacation with them.] (S)

[ZABALA was questioned about his involvement in an embezzlement matter in the early 1970's, which involved his indictment and later imprisonment and probation. ZABALA stated that his group, which included VECIANA, [himself] and four other Cuban exiles who were residents of Venezuela: SECUNDINO ALVAREZ, ANTONIO AROCHA, AGUSTIN BARES, and Engineer LUCILO PENA, wanted to raise money for the Chilean operations which is mentioned above. He stated that the latter four individuals are probably still in Venezuela as he last saw them in 1971 or 1972 there.] (S)

[ZABALA advised that if the CUIS would want to contact him for some reason they could possibly use [his sister] to contact him telephonically. He stated that they could also possibly contact him through his new [Santurce, Puerto Rico] postal box. [ZABALA stated] at this point that he did not think that they would use it.] (S)

[ZABALA stated that] over the period of the last several months he had received a total of approximately \$1,900.00 from the CUIS for his expenses. [ZABALA stated that] his only source of income at this time is revenue received from his handling of the [Chinese Circus Group.] (S)

[FELIX ZABALA advised that] possibly on Wednesday, April 13, 1977, he would have to travel to Los Angeles, California, to handle some arrangements for the above-mentioned [Chinese Circus Group.] He stated he would return to Puerto Rico, probably on Saturday, [April 16,] 1977. (S)

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(ZABALA was) questioned as to his method of traveling (S) to (Panama) early in (January, 1977). (ZABALA stated that) he (S) traveled on Monday morning (January 10, 1977) with Eastern (S) Airlines flight number (958) to Miami, and immediately went on (S) to (Panama). He stated that he spent one night in (Panama) and (S) immediately returned to Puerto Rico via Miami. (S)

The interviewing Agents questioned (ZABALA) as to (S) polygraph examination as to the truth of all of the facts mentioned in this interview and those accounts mentioned in the latter half of his interview of (April 3) 1977, and he (S) responded positively without hesitation. (S)

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