

000350

POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
ST. VINCENT STREET,
PORT OF SPAIN.
TRINIDAD.

27th., October, 1976.

Gordon WATERMAN States,

I am a Senior Superintendent of Police in the TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO POLICE SERVICE. I am in charge of the CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT (CID) in Port of Spain.

On Thursday 7th., October, 1976 I became aware of two detainees, Jose Vasquez GARCIA and Freddy LUGO who were at Police Headquarters in connection with the ill-fated Cubana Aircraft CU-455 which crashed off the north coast of BARBADOS on 6th., October, 1976. I visited the office of Assistant Commissioner of Police, Randolph BURROUGHS and saw the two men but I did not speak with them.

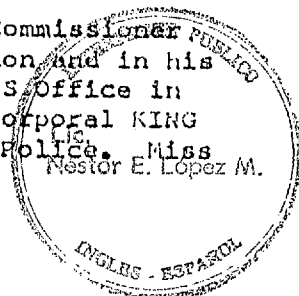
Later that day (7.10.76) Deputy Commissioner of Police Dennis RAMDWAR gave me certain instructions and I joined him in the investigations in connection with the ill-fated aircraft.

On Friday 8th., October, 1976 at about 8.00 p.m., I was present in the office of Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR when he interviewed Jose VASQUEZ GARCIA. Corporal KING and Miss Joy KELSHALL were also present and acted as interpreters. Through Miss KELSHALL, who spoke Spanish, Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR identified himself to GARCIA and told him that he was investigating the circumstances surrounding the crash of the Cubana Aircraft CU-455 and he would like him (GARCIA) to tell him what he knew about it. GARCIA made a statement which was recorded in writing by the interpreter Miss Joy KELSHALL, in which he gave his correct name as Hernan Ricardo LOZANO and explained his flight from Caracas to Trinidad and to Barbados.

On Saturday 9th., October, 1976 I was again present in the office of Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR when he interviewed Freddy LUGO. Mr. RAMDWAR identified himself to LUGO and told him that he was investigating the circumstances surrounding the crash of the Cubana Aircraft CU-455 which occurred on 6th., October, 1976 off the north coast of BARBADOS. Miss Joy KELSHALL and Corporal KING were also present and acted as interpreters. Freddy LUGO made a statement which was taken down in writing by Miss KELSHALL, in which he also explained how he travelled from Caracas to Trinidad and to Barbados in company with Hernan Ricardo LOZANO.

On Sunday 10th., October, 1976, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dennis RAMDWAR again interviewed Hernan Ricardo LOZANO in my presence. Corporal KING and Miss Joy KELSHALL were also present and acted as interpreters. Certain documents including a passport were shown to LOZANO by Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR, and he (LOZANO) acknowledged and gave an explanation about them in a statement which was taken down in writing by Miss Joy KELSHALL.

On Monday 11th., October, 1976, Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR went to Caracas pursuing this investigation and in his absence I interviewed Freddy LUGO in Mr. RAMDWAR'S Office in the presence of Superintendent Jeremiah GORDON, Corporal KING and Senior Superintendent DURANT of the Barbados Police. Miss Nestor E. Lopez M.



Joy KESHALL was also present and acted as interpreter. LUGO made a statement explaining his movements in Barbados on 6th., October, 1976 when he arrived there in company with Hernan Ricardo LOZANO. That statement was recorded in writing by Miss Joy KESHALL in Spanish. It was read over to him, he said it was correct and he signed it.

On Tuesday 12th., October, 1976 I was present in the office of Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR when he again interviewed Freddy LUGO at his (LUGO'S) request. Corporal KING was present and acted as interpreter. LUGO made a statement which was taken down in writing by Corporal KING.

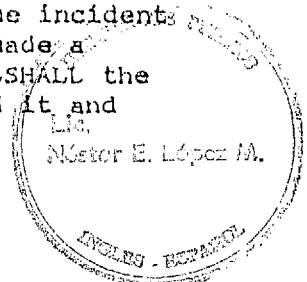
On Friday 15th., October, 1976 I was in the office of Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR when he interviewed Freddy LUGO at his (LUGO'S) request, when he made a statement which was taken down in writing by Miss Joy KESHALL the interpreter. Also present were Sergeant JACK and Corporal KING.

On Saturday 16th., October, 1976 about 3.15 p.m. I was again in the office of Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR when he interviewed Freddy LUGO at his (LUGO'S) request in the presence of Sergeant JACK, Corporal KING and Miss Joy KESHALL who acted as interpreter. LUGO said he wanted to tell the truth about the crash involving the Cubana Aircraft and Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR cautioned him in accordance with the Judges Rules of Trinidad and Tobago. LUGO went on to make a statement which was recorded in writing by Miss Joy KESHALL. At the conclusion of the statement, he read it over himself, said it was correct and signed it.

On Sunday 17th., October, 1976 about 6.30 p.m. I was present in the office of Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR together with Inspector HEADLEY, Sergeant JACK, Corporal KING and Miss Joy KESHALL when Hernan Ricardo LOZANO was interviewed by Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR through the interpreter Miss KESHALL. I recall LOZANO saying that he was a C.I.A. member and that LUGO was also a member of the C.I.A. recruited by him, and that Luis POSADA was his boss and that Orlando BOSCH was the head of 'EL CONDOR'. After some deliberation LOZANO intimated to Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR that he preferred to speak with him in confidence and asked that Inspector HEADLEY, Sergeant JACK and myself leave the office. This was done. Some time after I was recalled to the office and Hernan Ricardo LOZANO was escorted back to his place of keeping.

On Monday 18th., October, 1976 I was again in the office of Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR when Hernan Ricardo LOZANO was brought to the office to speak with him. Hernan Ricardo LOZANO told Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR immediately, served him with a copy of the cautionary statement made by Freddy LUGO. He read the statement but made no reply.

On Tuesday 19th., October, 1976 at about 6.00 p.m. I was present in the office of Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR when Freddy LUGO was brought to the office to speak with Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR. Corporal KING, Sergeant JACK and Miss Joy KESHALL were also present. Freddy LUGO said he had remembered some further facts in connection with the incidents which he would like to tell Mr. RAMDWAR. He then made a statement which was recorded in writing by Miss KESHALL the interpreter. He read over his statement, corrected it and signed it.



000352



At about 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday 19th., October, 1976 I was present in the office of Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR when Hernan Ricardo LOZANO was brought to the office and he told Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR that he wished to speak to him in confidence about some further facts on the matter. Miss Joy KELSHALL and Corporal KING were present. LOZANO told Mr. RAMDWAR that he was a member of the C.I.A. in Venezuela and Freddy LUGO was also a member of the C.I.A. recruited by him and was assigned to him (LOZANO) and receives his pay through him. He said that he and LUGO left Caracas on 5th., October, 1976 to do some intelligence work on a Cubana aircraft between Trinidad and Barbados and that LUGO had two cameras; one around his neck and the other in his leather case over his shoulder. He said that in Trinidad, on boarding the aircraft, his luggage went into the hold of the plane but LUGO boarded the plane with his and he knew who blew up the plane; that the persons who did it were Venezuelans and that they were at present in Trinidad. Having said that, Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR cautioned him in accordance with the Judges Rules of Trinidad and Tobago and he went on to say to Mr. RAMDWAR, "if you use your police brain, it would be clear to you who bombed the plane". Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR told him that he believed that he knew who committed the crime. LOZANO hesitated for a while and said to Mr. RAMDWAR, I am going to tell you in confidence that LUGO and myself bombed the plane. He then requested a sheet of paper and a pencil and sketched a chart explaining how C4 plastic bombs can be detonated giving a time limit for the detonation. I recall him pointing to a pencil on Mr. RAMDWAR'S desk and saying that the detonator used in the bomb was a pencil type and it resembled that pencil on Mr. RAMDWAR'S desk. He also drew an Organisation chart on a piece of paper depicting the Organisation of 'CORU'. He explained to Mr. RAMDWAR about the Organisation of 'CORU' and went on to say that Orlando BOSCH was the Head of 'CORU' and that he (LOZANO) had called BOSCH from Barbados after the crash of the Cubana Aircraft and told him what had happened and BOSCH said to him, "friend we have problems in Caracas, you never blow up a plane in the air". Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR asked Hernan Ricardo LOZANO whether he would like to put what he had said in writing and he replied that he would like to think about it during the night and let him know the following morning.

COPY (14)

At 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 20th., October, 1976 I was in the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dennis RAMDWAR when Hernan Ricardo LOZANO was brought to the office accompanied by Corporal KING. Sergeant JACK and Miss Joy KELSHALL who acted as interpreter were also present through whom LOZANO said he wanted to make a statement. Deputy Commissioner RAMDWAR cautioned him in accordance with the Judges Rules of Trinidad and Tobago and he went on to make a statement which ^{was} taken down in writing by Miss KELSHALL the interpreter. When the statement was finished, he read it over himself, corrected it and signed it.

At about 8.45 p.m. the said day (20.10.76), I was in my office at Police Headquarters when Assistant Superintendent KERR told me something. As a result of what he told me I went to an office at another side of Police Headquarters where I saw Hernan Ricardo LOZANO lying on his back on the floor of that office bleeding from a wound on his left fore-arm. I despatched him in the company of other Police Officers to the Port of Spain General Hospital where he was treated and discharged. I spoke to Assistant Commissioner BURROUGHS who had also left for the hospital. Later that night Assistant

Lt.
Victor E. L. ...

000353

Commissioner BURROUGHS handed me a medical certificate.

On LOZANO'S return from the hospital that night, I spoke with Corporal KING in his presence and Corporal KING communicated with LOZANO in Spanish and then explained to me that LOZANO said that he was upset after speaking with the Acting Attorney General Venezuela earlier that afternoon and that he (LOZANO) did not wish to go back to Venezuela, and this was the reason why he tried to kill himself.

From the time to LOZANO and LUGO'S detention, they were permitted to bathe, shave and tidy themselves as they desired, and as such they were allowed to keep their safety razors for shaving purposes. It was one of these razor blades which LOZANO used to inflict the wound on his left fore-arm.

G. Waterman
St. Synth.
27.10.76

CC: IN: 11E (15)

I, EUAN FOCH HAIG NUNEZ, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security in the country of Trinidad and Tobago do hereby certify that the signature G. Waterman appearing above is that of G. WATERMAN, Senior Superintendent of Police in the said country of Trinidad and Tobago.

Dated this...^{28th}...day of October, 1976

E. F. H. Nunez
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of National Security

I, BABINDRANATH PERMANAND, Chief of Protocol, Ministry of External Affairs in the country of Trinidad and Tobago do hereby certify that the signature E.F.H. Nunez appearing above is that of EUAN FOCH HAIG NUNEZ, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security in the said country of Trinidad and Tobago.

Dated this...^{28th}...day of October, 1976

B. Permaand
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

SE PUEDE SOLICITAR EN
ORIGEN PARA OBTENER
COPIAS EN REPLICAS

REPUBLICA DE VENEZUELA
Consulado en Puerto España
Trinidad y Tobago
No. 786
Se legitima en este documento por haber
Babindranath Permaand, Jefe de Protocolo del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Trinidad y Tobago
Rto. España 28 OCT 1976
EL CONSUL
Elva Vivar de Lewis
CIVIL RIGHTS DE LEWIS

Permisos Consulares Venezolanos en Venezuela

