

## Documentos desclasificados confirman participación del terrorista Labatud en el asesinato de Carlos Mu

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

REFERENCE SAN JUAN TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FEBRUARY 1, 1978.

SAN JUAN SOURCES, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

ADVISED THAT LABATUD HAS RECENTLY BECOME CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF  
SAN JUAN [REDACTED] SAN JUAN BELIEVES  
THAT OTHER PARTY TRAVELING WITH LABATUD IS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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SAN JUAN HAS OPENED A NEUTRALITY MATTERS INVESTIGATION  
REGARDING LABATUD TO FULLY RESOLVE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH  
[REDACTED] AND DETERMINE HIS POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENT  
ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF CORU OR HIS INFORMANT POTENTIAL.

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JULIO LABATUD IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, DARK OLIVE  
COMPLEXION, BORN MAY 27, 1937, IN HAVANA, CUBA, 5'6" AND  
APPROXIMATELY 150 POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, AND APPEARS  
TO BE ARABIAN.

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→ [redacted] currently favors [redacted] and Julio Labatud. Apparently, these three along with [redacted] make up the present [redacted]. Source noted that [redacted] and [redacted] are also CORU people but are unlikely candidates for CORU military operations. Source noted that all of these people participate in the CORU related meetings at the Borinquen Towers; however, the meetings are reportedly sponsored by the "Bloque Unido de Organizaciones" (Block of Cuban Organizations) and CORU matters are usually not discussed openly. (U)

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\* Source noted that Julio Labatud is cooperating with the above group to organize a Cuban music festival on May 20, 1978. Contributors to this festival will be advised that the proceeds will go to the Cuban exile political prisoners; however, [redacted] has plans to utilize half of the proceeds for future military operations. (U)

\* → On March 17, 1978, S.J. T-2 advised that [redacted] has plans to bomb the Girasol Travel Agency, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, during March, 1978, because this agency arranges excursions to Cuba. Source noted that Julio Labatud and [redacted] are the two CORU members from San Juan. (U)

\* The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) provided extensive surveillance coverage to the Girasol Travel Agency during a select period in March, 1978, based on sensitive source information. This surveillance was terminated March 25, 1978, when this source indicated that this CORU action had been aborted. (X)(U)

\* → On March 27, 1978, [redacted] Arson and Explosive Section, Police of Puerto Rico, (POPR) advised that a high order explosive was located next to the entrance of the Girasol Travel Agency, San Juan, at approximately 6:30 p.m., March 27, 1978. Agent [redacted] recovered the device. The explosive device was inside a burlap bag and consisted of a tube of Kinepak, detonation cord, and blasting cap wrapped in tape and newspaper. Agent [redacted] advised that the detonation cord was partially burned and the blasting cap had detonated; however, the blasting cap exploded in the early morning, March 27, 1978, and the device, which was partially hidden from view, remained undetected throughout the day until discovered at approximately 6:30 p.m., March 27, 1978.



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By written communication the Police of Puerto Rico formally requested that all records, documents, or information in any form which that agency furnishes to the FBI be specifically exempt from any disclosure whatsoever in regard to the Freedom of Information Act, with amendments, and the Privacy Act of 1974. Accordingly, any agency subsequently receiving this information is considered bound by this request.

On March 30, 1978, [redacted] United Press International (UPI), San Juan, received a telephone call from an unidentified male who claimed to represent "El Condor" (a pseudonym for CORU). This individual who spoke in English with a Spanish accent, stated that "El Condor" wanted to take credit for doing something but the message was repeated only once and [redacted] did not understand the entire message. [redacted] advised that it sounded like the caller mentioned [redacted] but she could not be sure. The caller further stated that the action was taken "to eliminate Juan Mari Bras and the rest of the scum corrupting the nation." (Mari Bras is the President of the Puerto Rican Socialist Party).

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On April 6, 1978, SI T-2 advised that the wife of [redacted] and [redacted] attempted to bomb the Girasol Travel Agency during the early morning of March 27, 1978. According to the source [redacted] had planned to do the bombing with [redacted] but he was forced to fly to Miami because of a death in the family. [redacted] therefore, persuaded his wife to drive the car while [redacted] placed the bomb at the Girasol Travel Agency. Source noted that Julio Labatud was originally scheduled to participate in the above bombing; however, for reasons unknown to source [redacted] decided not to use Labatud. (C)

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On April 28, 1979, Carlos Muniz Varela, a 26 year old Cuban, was fatally wounded after he received a .45 caliber bullet in the forehead. Muniz was shot by a man in another car as he was driving away from his mother's home on California Street in Mallorca Urbanization of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, about 5:45 p.m. Muniz is the Director of Viajes Varadero Travel Agency, which opened in December, 1978, and specializes in Cuba trips for Cuban exiles. (SJ T-1 indicated that Julio Labatud admitted knowing about the above assassination attempt two days prior to the shooting. Labatud mentioned that two people would be killed and that (first name unknown - FNU) [redacted] in New Jersey would be the second target).

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On June 1, 1979, SJ T-2 stated that San Juan CORU members Julio Labatud and [redacted] rented a car to follow Carlos Muniz, and that they had been following Muniz for quite some time. (S/Secret)

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On June 3, 1979, SJ T-2 stated that [redacted] told him he [redacted] was responsible for the Carlos Muniz killing. According to the source, [redacted] is the CORU [redacted] in Puerto Rico, so [redacted] has a tendency to take credit for all anti-Castro acts in San Juan, his usual nonparticipatory status notwithstanding. [redacted] told the source he wanted to see [redacted] and Julio Labatud in Miami. (S/Secret)

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On June 13, 1979, SJ T-3 stated that Julio Labatud traveled to Miami to meet with [redacted] sometime during the early part of June, 1979. At this meeting Labatud and [redacted] decided that [redacted] current [redacted] since the death of Carlos Muniz, and [redacted] who is a [redacted] involved in the current Cuban exile "dialogue" with Fidel Castro, should be killed. Source noted that [redacted] wanted to confer with [redacted] and Julio Labatud a second time concerning the above plan. (S/Secret)

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On June 27, 1979, SJ T-1 stated that Julio Labatud had worked out a plan to kill [redacted] Labatud wanted to develop intelligence information concerning [redacted] movements and in particular, [redacted] activities at his residence. Labatud felt that [redacted] would be an easy target when he returned home during the evening hours. Labatud hoped to enlist the aid of [redacted] in effecting the above plan. (S) b6 b7C

[redacted] is a Cuban exile living in San Juan, Puerto Rico, with close ties to the Government of Cuba. [redacted]

[redacted] Carlos Muniz in the travel agency Viajes Varadero. This travel agency is engaged in the travel of Cuban exiles living in Puerto Rico to Cuba. Muniz was assassinated April 28, 1979 by Cuban exile terrorists.

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On July 10, 1979, SJ T-2 stated that two Cuban exile terrorists from Miami had arrived in San Juan to coordinate with Julio Labatud an attack against the Cuban ship which transported the Cuban athletes and delegates to San Juan for the July 1-15, 1979, Pan American Games in Puerto Rico. (The attack never materialized and SJ T-2 was unable to verify if the above conspiracy actually existed; Labatud informed the source of the above plan but never introduced source to the Miami terrorists.) (S)

On July 10, 1979, SJ T-1 stated that when [redacted] moved to Miami during January, 1979, he provided Julio Labatud with the following weapons: a .45 caliber pistol, .38 revolver, a third pistol including silencer attachment. [redacted] approached Labatud four days prior to the April 28, 1979 killing of Carlos Muniz and requested one of these weapons. [redacted] told Labatud he had three Cuban exiles lined up to kill Muniz but he needed the .45 caliber pistol. According to the source, [redacted] apparently acquired a .45 caliber pistol from a different source because he never bothered to pickup the weapon from Labatud. Source noted that Labatud was unaware of the identities of Muniz' assailants; however, Labatud assumed that [redacted] and other close friends of [redacted] were involved in the actual "hit" against Muniz. (S)

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