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To the President of the USA, George W. Bush.

George W Bush: Listen up!

"I only want to say that terrorism must be fought so that there aren't as many mothers and fathers feeling the pain we feel; that there aren't as many children left orphans by terrorism, that homes are not destroyed."

Marta García expresses every decent human's wish. The pain which torments her goes back to October 15th, 1994, when her son, the fisher *Arcilio Rodríguez García*, was killed by seven terrorists sent out from Miami in order to establish a terrorist force in the Escambray mountains of Cuba.

The fisherman Arcilio was the first Cuban the terrorists, trained and armed in a camp in Florida, met when they disembarked in Cuba.

Thousands and thousands of people in Cuba share Marta Garcia's pain today.

Mr President:

We know, and we know that you know, that Cuba for the last half century has been the target of a never ending terror campaign; attacks which has caused death and destruction to Cuba and its people. And these attacks originated and were planned in the country that you are the President of.

We know, and we know that you know, that authorities in the USA, through the years, to a large extent has educated, encouraged and generously supported exile Cuban right wing extremists and terrorists.

Two of these terrorists are the mass murderers *Luis Posada Carriles* and *Orlando Bosch Ávila*, who with the help from your father, your brother and yourself, are now residing in freedom in Miami, Florida. It would not be surprising if these two bloodstained terrorists, today are celebrating the many years of their cooperation.

Because today, on October 6th, it is the anniversary of one of the worst terrorist deeds to ever befall America in modern time: the 1976 blow up of a civilian Cuban passenger aircraft, a DC-8 belonging to

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Cubana de Aviación. All of the 73 passengers and staff on board were killed as the burning aircraft crashed into the ocean after leaving the Barbados airport.

We know, and we know that you know, that Luis Posada Carriles, who since 1961 has been in connection with your intelligence and assassination service, the CIA, and who received military training and the degree of lieutenant at Fort Benning, Georgia, together with Orlando Bosch Ávila, were responsible for the mass murder in the sky over Barbados on October 6th 1976.

At the time of the aircraft explosion your father was the head of the CIA, and at the time of Posada's escape from the Venezuelan prison, where he had been locked up as a consequence of the horrendous deed, your father had become Vice President of the USA. The Cuban American National Foundation (CANF), a powerful right wing extremist exile Cuban umbrella organization operating from Miami, made Posada's escape possible. CANF had been created on initiative from Ronald Reagan's and your father's administrations, with the purpose to heighten the aggressive politics towards Cuba through a formally independent, influential and resourceful organisation.

In the forefront of CANF Jorge Mas Canosa could be found. He was serving with Posada Carriles at Fort Benning and was also tied to the CIA. Mas Canosa and CANF bribed the prison administration in Venezuela with at least 26 000 dollars. The predator slipped out of his cage and his services were immediately made use of by the administration of Ronald Reagan and your father.

Now Central America became the field for Posada's counter revolutionary crusade. Together with another friend from the time at Fort Benning, CIA-man – and the murderer of Ernesto Che Guevara – Felix Rodríguez Mendigutía, Posada was given a leading position in the dirty warfare against the Nicaraguan government and people. Reagan's and your father's administration and the CIA, illegally, went behind the back of the US congress, in the eagerness to create and support counter revolutionary terrorist powers and forces. As you know, your father, together with a certain lieutenant-colonel Oliver North and CIA top man William Casey, played a central part in this illegal aggression. When US pilots were captured in Nicaragua, and the extent of this dirty business was revealed, the scandal became a known fact.

We also know that you know what extortions were used against the Venezuelan judicial system, which resulted in the fact that Posada's accomplice, Orlando Bosch, was set free. The representatives of your administration supported CANF's lawyers actively. That was how the mass murderer could return to Miami, the city that during the imprisonment of the terrorist had proclaimed an "Orlando-Bosch-day"!

Representatives of your country's justice department wanted to expel Bosch due to his terrorism and Assistant General Attorney Joe Whitley referred to, among other horrible deeds, to the blowing up of the Cuban passenger aircraft. Then the extraordinary occurred; the president of the USA intervened and the decision was made to give Bosch a haven and freedom in America. The president of the USA at this time was your father. His intervention in this affair occurred after that one of the candidates to the US Congress, the Cuban exile right wing extremist Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, had run an election campaign dominated by her demands for freedom for Orlando Bosch. Ros-Lehtinen's campaign manager was your brother. And Ileana Ros-Lehtinen managed to get a seat in Congress and your brother Jeb became governor in Florida, the state that welcomes terrorists and has proclaimed an official day in honour of a terrorist and mass murderer.

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In Miami the Cuban American National Foundation ruled, the economic blockade against Cuba was heightened and the terror, in the shape of attacks on the Cuban tourism facilities, increased. Responsible for this was Mas Canosa and his powerful CANF. This, the power of CANF, was something that did not lack importance when you yourself were appointed president in the year 2000, due to the outcome of the chaos, fraud and vote counting disaster in Florida.

We know that you know that Cuba tried to get the FBI and the US government to cooperate in order to fight terrorism.

We also know that you, Mr President, know that Cuba saw itself forced – due to your country's authorities neglects of, tolerance and support of terrorists – to send their own intelligence agents to Miami, with the understandable purpose of mapping out the plans of the evil doers.

We know, and you know too, that the Cuban proposal of cooperation, which was presented to an FBI delegation at the highest level at a meeting in Havana on June the 16th 1998, also included many surveillance results, confiscated equipment, explosives, recordings of telephone conversations, videos and testimonies which were handed over to the FBI. The material indicated more than obviously that Luis Posada Carriles played the part of instigator and organizer of the intense terror campaign against the Cuban tourist business. This was also something Posada himself bragged about in interviews published in the New York Times a few weeks later. In the interviews Posada also talked about his excellent relations and connections to the CIA and the FBI, as well as that Mas Canosa and the CANF always were generous in financing his terrorist activities.

We assume that you remember, with a certain amount of relief and pleasure, that the FBI in Florida under the command of right wing extremist ally Héctor Pesquera, instead of attacking the organizers and financiers of the terrorists on the night of September 12th 1998, had the Cuban intelligence agents, whose only assignment was to acquire information about the whereabouts of the terrorists and threats against Cuba, arrested and thrown into Miami federal prison.

Based on false accusations **Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González, Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino** and **René González** were sentenced by a federal court in Miami to collectively four life sentences and another 77 years in prison.

The five Cubans never harmed anyone. They never bore arms. They never damaged anyone's property. The men were described, by the prosecutors and media, as "spies"; however the five men had never sent any information to Cuba that could be considered secret or of national security character. They had never obtained any such information, or tried to obtain such information. Hence, the accusation read "conspiracy with the intension of espionage", which means that they planned to commit espionage, sometime in the future; an accusation for which there also in reality was no proof. The five Cubans are, therefore, political victims of a politically determined judicial miscarriage.

"A day of sadness in the history of American justice; the trial against the five Cubans." This quote comes from Wayne S. Smith, former head of the U.S. Interest Section, the diplomatic representation office, on Cuba. Smith resigned from his post in 1982 in protest against the US government's active support of the terrorism in Central America. In that government your father was the vice president and he was involved in political decision aiming at activities, which mutilated, massacred, and spread fear and despair. From a moral point of view an endless ocean separated your father, the vice president, and government official Wayne S. Smith.

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Your government has treated cruelly five men who only wanted to protect their people, and also people in the U.S., from evil deeds perpetrated by your protégés; moral monsters like Posada and Bosch. With the purpose to break them down you have, during periods, on orders from top political levels, put them in solitary confinement and you have denied visas to Adriana Pérez and Olga Salanueva, wives of Gerardo Hernández and René González respectively, and by doing that you have denied them the possibility of visiting their husbands.

We know that you will never succeed in your intentions to break down morally the five Cubans. They know that they have done nothing wrong, rather they have done the only decent and honourable thing to do.

Your own bottomless indecency you yet again reinforced when your government in cooperation with CANF in 2004 made sure that Luis Posada Carriles, yet again, could escape from prison, like a snake crawling out between the prison bars. By bribing the resigning President of Panama, Mireya Moscosa, you managed to get Posada Carriles and his three friends, the murderers and evildoers, Pedro Remón, Guillermo Novo and Gaspar Jiménez “pardoned on humanitarian grounds”. These four terrorists were arrested in 2000, when they were arranging to blow up the university assembly hall in Panama. Fidel Castro was going to make a speech there to the students in connection to the Ibero-American top meeting. The arrest could take place thanks to Cuban intelligence efforts.

The resigning president Moscosa and the terrorists Remón, Novo and Jiménez immediately went to Miami, which opened its arms both for the corrupted ex president as well as the terrorists. The latter, the three terrorists, were celebrated as heroes by the Miami right wing extremists. Illegally and with aid from Miami right wing extremists even Posada made his way home to Miami. After spending some time in detention, accused of having entered the country illegally, he was released.

We know that you know that Venezuela has the right on its side when the country asks for Luis Posada Carriles to be extradited, so that Venezuela can continue the legal process concerning his participation in the terrorist deed against the Cuban aircraft and the killing of 73 innocent people. In Venezuela he is also today accused of many other crimes, such as torture and murder, which he committed during the seventies when he was occupying a top position in the Venezuelan security service. This being an employment the CIA took the initiative to put him into.

Well, Luis Posada Carriles is for certain *your* terrorist. So, you say you cannot extradite him to Venezuela. Your formal motivation being that he may be subjected to torture. First of all that statement is an insult to Venezuela. Secondly, we have to say: *and that is supposed to come from you!* The illegal occupant of Guantanamo! From the leaseholder of the secrets torture chambers all over the world! From the one who has, through decades, trained the torturers used by Latin American dictators!

Well, Mr President, the hypocrisy and the black cynicism is definitely a genre of your own. And never has this genre of yours celebrated such shameless triumphs as when you worldwide exclaimed that: *“Those who harbour and protect terrorists are just as guilty as the terrorists themselves!”* Words hurled out on the world, from the protector and collaborator of Luis Posada Carriles and Orlando Bosch.

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Menacingly you also hurled these words at the world: *"Those who are not with us are with the terrorists!"*

Mr President, this you must know: Marta García, the fisherman Arcilio's mother, and all decent humans in the world are against terrorism and that is why they turn against *you*! Not against the US people, but against *you*, the supporter of murderers and protector of torturers.

We know that all over the world, and certainly in the USA as well, more and more people demand more and more emphatically:

Free the five Cuban anti-terrorists Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González, Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino and René González! Immediately!

Immediately extradite the mass murderer and terrorist Luis Posada Carriles to justice in Venezuela!

The text above was unanimously adopted October 6 by public meetings in Malmö and Stockholm. The meetings were held in solidarity with the five anti-terrorists, political prisoners in the U.S.A.

Tomas Widén
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