Castro Planned the Assassination of Jesus Cruza Flor in the U.S.A

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At the trial of the Cuban spies that made up the so-called "Wasp Network", it has been shown that Fidel Castro's regime has openly conspired to undertake terrorist acts in the U.S.A, and that the Cuban exiles have not exaggerated when they denounced the penetration of Castro's agents in this country.

If anything is made clear from the trial, it is that the tyranny's agents move with incredible ease in this country when carrying out their tasks, and have sometimes gone beyond pure intelligence activities.

Through the trial in question it has not only become known that the Cuban regime planned to disembark arms and explosives on United Sates territory, but also planned the murder of prominent Cuban exiles because of their opposition to the regime.

Jesús Cruza Flor a Cuban exile that has resided in Ecuador since 1961, has devoted much of his time to denouncing the atrocities of Castro's regime and divulging this to governments, the media and important centres in South America, and could be one of the victims of the tyrants long arm, as were some exiles whose murders have remained forever in mystery.

In the file of the trial of those from the "Red Wasp", it talks about a "Parallel Operation" whose objective is to "develop a series of actions (1994) against the CIA agent Jesus Cruza Flor", to "check" the apartment Cruza Flor has in Miami, where he lives when he comes to Miami, to threaten him about his "coming execution" via telephone, and prepare a "book bomb" to send to his postal address.

The papers speak for themselves, and even Cruza Flor showed his astonishment not because the Cuban regime demonstrated it had conspired to murder him by assassinating him in the US, but because despite knowing this since 1994, the FBI would not have alerted him and his family (wife and daughters reside in the USA) of the danger, "especially when there's a history, like that of the exiled Cuban leader (Jose de la Torriente)".

"I think that this needs to be taken into account when in exile", Cruza Flor said to DIARIO LAS AMERICAS. "I am the only Cuban mentioned to be murdered, and this is not the only time I appear to be the target of Castro's agents, and over these years I have received threatening telephone calls with the most recent one being in November 2000".

Cruza Flor presides over the Ecuadorian Centre for Human Rights in Ecuador. He also directs the Information Centre for the Freedom of Cuba (CEPLICUBA), which circulates its information in foreign ministries, embassies, parliamentary assemblies and the media, not only denouncing but inviting Castro-ites to debate, "although they always shun discussions" he said.

"The reference to Cruza Flor in the case of the five spies being followed by justice is evidence that the Castro regime not only murders in their country, but also plans to do so in the USA" said Enrique Garcia, ex captain of the Cuban Intelligence General Directorate who defected in 1988, to this newspaper.

For his part, another ex official of the Cuban intelligence, Florentino Azpillaga affirmed that "it's a confirmation of what I have always informed, that Cuba orders to kill in the USA and in other countries. It's not anything new, like having available four or five specialised men to murder in Latin America those that are believed to have betrayed guerrilla movements". Azpillaga also recalls amongst other crimes committed in the south of Florida, which he attributes to the Castro regime, the murder of Torriente, and that of the astrologer and her husband that were killed when leaving the radio station that had her program.

"I believe this should be investigated to its logical conclusion, because this is pure terrorism and should be part of the concern this country has for terrorism around the world. I don't think Castro has a carte blanch" Cruza Flor said.