

Espionage and Indifference

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The trial that is ongoing in Miami against a number of Cubans accused of being spies for Castro's regime is serving, if for nothing else, at least, if for nothing else, to prove, at least, the good sense and seriousness of the exiles who have been proclaiming forever their conviction that Fidel Castro is capable of everything evil, false and unscrupulous, above all if it can be directed against the United States or against the most distinguished people and organizations among the exiles.

For suggesting the possibility that "the long arm of Castro-ism" has been involved in the events and problems taking place in Miami, the exiles have been ridiculed for a long time and we've been accused of lacking objectivity, of being excessively passionate and even of manipulating the truth. In many cases, the press in the United States has mischaracterized us and made us appear as though we are hallucinating dreamers and not very ethical in what we say, not so different than the same kinds of people who direct things in Havana.

They have looked at us with skepticism and have acidly marked us when we've said, for example, that agents from the Castro dictatorship might well have been the real authors of terrorist acts that have occurred over time against elements apparently similar to the dictatorship itself, or when we've pointed out the possibility that they are tasked with infiltrating themselves in the divisions that sometimes shake our organizations, in the campaigns, open or covert, to discredit, against certain leaders and in taking on extreme positions that question or wisdom or turn the public opinion in this country against us.

Ok, well, I don't expect that the "experts on Cuban questions" in the major media, at certain universities, and not a few "think tanks" will acknowledge it at some point, but increasingly it seems that there is more evidence that we're not that crazy, nor have we lied, nor exaggerated our denunciations of Fidel Castro and his collaborators as the scoundrels they are.

For if the insanity shown in the downing of the airplanes from Brothers to the Rescue over international waters, with cold, malicious calculation, were not enough, now it comes to light that Castro's secret services have been trying to find infiltration points for weapons and explosives on the coastlines of this country, a task that was assigned to some of those implicated in this spy network...the one that has been discovered and is being tried.

Would Fidel Castro's government find those sites it was looking for, conducive to the unloading of subversive weaponry in the United States? ... If my name were Inocente, maybe I'd be asking what they wanted it for.

It's well known that in the world of international relations, especially that of relations between adversaries, enemies, etc., mutual espionage is seen as a normal activity, with its own rules, unwritten by the parties in the game. "You people in Miami worry too much about these things," an official in Washington told me years ago. "They spy on us and we spy on them"...

Will this cynical attitude continue to rule, with the announcement now that the change in presidents will tighten the screws on Castro? I don't know, but I do know that there are already four murders that have happened, that there is evidence of subversive attempts,

and some say, also evidence and more than enough of it, of Castro's complicity in sending drugs to the U.S. coasts.

Curiously, the revelations made in the trial of those accused of being spies at the service of Castro are not coming out at all in the national press, nor in the most influential political circles. The average American is not aware of anything and this makes it unlikely that the United States government will take consequent action, or that one day we might see a headline in the New York Times, or that we might hear one of the most famous anchors on television news saying, simply, "Those Cuban exiles in Miami are not as crazy as we've said."

I don't expect to hear that truth ever. But I would feel calmer if I knew that those who don't want to admit it at least know that's how it is. In the meantime, they will continue to call us extremists, not objective, exaggerated, etc. And the spies that have not been de-activated will go on with their work. We, the exiles, will continue with our own, because, the truth is the truth... *"I don't care what you say, I know I'm right, the truth is on my side."**

**Translator's note: the italicized portion above is not a literal translation of the words which make no sense at all in the English context, but of their meaning. The original Spanish quote refers to a bird of ill omen and people who tell it to get lost. — S.A.*