

Los Cinco- The Five Height of American Hypocrisy

In **1998** five Cubans of impeccable background organized a fact finding mission in the United States, chiefly in the Miami area, to monitor the movements of American backed terrorist groups who have been responsible for over 3500 Cuban deaths over the past 40 years.

March 1960- Havana dockside passenger liner blown up - 101 dead. (Commando F4 take credit)

Since **1960-** there have been hundreds of CIA backed attempts on Fidel Castro's life.

1971 - swine fever biological attack kills half million pigs (Omega-7 takes credit)

1976 - Bombing of Aviccion Flight 455 - all 73 dead

1981 - Dengue fever epidemic infects 300,000 - kills 154 (Omega-7 takes credit)

1997 - Triton, Chateau Miramar, Copacabana and La Bodeguit del Medio hotel restaurants bombed many dozens killed including an Italian tourist (Brigade 2606 takes credit)

(All of these Terrorist groups are Miami based and proudly American government backed. Jeb Bush brother of President GW is an ardent and outspoken supporter of these actions. He and GW supported non-extradition of Luis Possada Carriles in 2006. Carriles admitted publicly to the Washington Post that he was responsible for the airline crash.)

September 1997 - Los Cinco uncovered information that Omega-7 was going to blow up a convocation stage in Panama. Fidel spoke to 3000 students after the three terrorists carrying 24 kg of C-4 explosive were arrested by Panamanian Secret Service.

1998 - Los Cinco are arrested and charged with interfering with United States internal

security.

2001 September 11th New York City's Twin Towers bombed – United States declares **“War on Terrorism”**.

Los Cinco – The Five Heroes have been “credited” with gathering information preventing 170 acts of terror. They are each given sentences ranging from 15 years to over two life sentences for interfering with US security. Much of the “proof” is classified under the US Homeland security act.

May 2004 GW Bush allocates 54 million more dollars over two years for programs aimed at overthrowing Cuban government

August 2005 - 11th Circuit Court of Appeals releases decision to relocate a new trial out of Miami mandatory under US law.

August 2006 - Bush's Supreme Court overturns the decision based on Terrorist laws. There can be no further appeals.

Since **2002** - the Vancouver Free the Five committee has been protesting once a month on Monday at noon outside the US Embassy on Pender - no one is listening. The Right Wing US media has suppressed the plight of these innocent men.

Antonio Guerrero, Ruben Campa, Gerardo Hernandez, Luis Medina. and Rene Gonzalez are highly educated non-violent Cubans who are heroes of the Cuban struggle against terrorist acts against their country. All of them are devoted husbands and three of them are fathers who have been imprisoned for 8 years while their children grew up.

In what has become standard treatment for those whose political or religious or national origin are deemed suspicious by the United States, the five were held without bail for 33 months between arrest and trial. They had no weapons or

classified material when arrested without incident. Two are US citizens born to parents who fled the Batista regime. They were kept in solitary confinement for 17 months and were not allowed to see anyone their families and children included.

The five were working on behalf of the Cuban government to elicit information about the Miami terrorist groups backed by the US government. The main group "Brothers to the Rescue" is lead by a former Fulgencia Batista military and intelligence officer Jose Bulsato. Bulsato has taken credit for many terrorist incidence against Cuba. Jeb Bush, governor of Florida is a supporter of the small group of ex-pat Cubans who stole the national treasury when Fidel over-through the corrupt and murderous Batista regime.

In effect Los Cinco are now held hostage to the irrational hatred of the extraordinarily powerful enclave of Cuban exiles who have made Miami the provisional capital from which they work - with the support of millions of dollars of federal, state and local government backing to overthrow the government of Cuba. The group has so dominated control of public media and opinion that Americas Watch, has declared them a dangerous organization. America Watch has documented the scores of assassinations, and hundreds of bombings and arsons as well as threats and extortion used to control public opinion about Cuba in

Miami. This is where the Five were put on trial.

When the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta declared that a new trial should take place, the Supreme Court of the United States, populated by Bush Senior and GW Bush, disallowed the trial in August of 2006. The Five remain in jail as per original Miami court sentencing- several for life and more.

While the United States constantly reminds us they are fighting a war against terrorism, anyone who enters their country peacefully to gather unclassified information to stop terrorism is breaking their law. **This is the Mother of all hypocrisy.**

Many of the Che Brigade 2006 have campaigned to Free the Five. The Brigade was honoured on their visit to Cuba to have a private meeting with family members of Los Cinco. We listened to the tearful accounts as Antonio's mother, René's brother and most upsetting of all the account of Gerardo's eldest 20 year olde daughter as she recounted the many special events that her sisters and she have gone through without their father, especially the very special 15th birthday in which a girl is welcomed into woman.

Please find out more about these Cuban patriots and heroes **Los Cinco - The Five** and join the demonstrations whenever you can.

<http://www.freethefive.org>