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Secretary of State Department of State Washington 25, D.C.

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Assured: Compania Cubana de Aviacion S.A.

November 1, 1958 - Cuba Accident:

Aircraft: Viscount CU-T-603

Our File: 168,508

Dear Sir:

We represent American International Insurance Company owned by United States interests and its reinsurers, Underwriters at Lloyd's London, who provided hull and liability insurance on a Viscount aircraft of Cuban registration CU-T-603 operated by Compania Cubana de Aviacion S.A. which was involved in an accident while making an approach to the Preston Airport in the Oriente Province of Cuba.

We wish to get as much information as possible about the accident and the events leading up to it. The writer discussed theo matter generally in Washington with Mr. Leonhardy and with Mr. J.E. Brown at the Embassy in Havana. Because of the state of unrest in Cuba it is difficult to obtain factual details. We understand that personnel from the Embassy in Havana obtained a written statement from passenger survivor Osiris Martinez and if a copy of this state-2 ment is available we would appreciate receiving one. Any additional information you can furnish would also be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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Matthew J. Corrigan

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