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SENTENCED THSUURSDAY TO EIGHT YEARS IN JAIL FOR SPYING FOR THE
CIA BY A FIVE JUDGE COURT IN HAVANA, THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIST
PARTY NEWSPAPER REPORTED FRIDAY.
THE TWO WERE ARRESTED BY CUBAN SECURITY AGENTS IN MARCH 1987
DURING ONE OF GLADYS GARCIA HERNANDEZ' FREQUENT VISITS TO CUBA.
THE FORTY-NINE YEAR OLD CUBAN BORN WOMEN WENT TO THE UNITED STATES
IN 1971 AND SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN. HOWEVER, CUBAN
EXILES ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER CUBA WITH PASSPOORTS WHICH ARE
ISSUED BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. CUBA DOES NOT RECOGNIZE DUAL
CITIZENSHIP.
THE NEWSPAPER SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT PROSECUTOR (FISCAL)
ASKED FOR A FIFTEEN YEAR SENTENCES FOR THE BROTHER AND SISTER
BUT THE COURT LOWERED THE SENTENCE BECAUSE THE ACCUSED COLLABORATED
IN THE INVESTIGATION AND CONFESSED TO THEIR GUILT.
THE SON OF NESTOR GARCIA HERNANDEZ, NESTOR GARCIA NAVARRO,
WAS SENTENCED TO TEN MONTHS IN PRISON FOR FAILING TO REPORT THE
COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES OF HIS FATHER TO AUTHORITIES. THE
PROSECUTOR HAD ASKED TWO YEARS IN JAIL BUT THE SON, WHO WORKED
FOR A CONSTRUCTION DIVISION OF THE CUBAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR,
HANDED OVER FALSE INFORMATION TO HIS FATHER +WITH THE IDEA OF NOT
HURTING THE REVOLUTION,+ GRANMA SAID
DURING THE TRIAL, GLADYS GARCIA HERNANDEZ, WHOSE MARRIED NAME
IS GLADYS ALONSO, CONFESSED THAT SHE HAD RECRUITED HER
BROTHER IN MARCH 1985 DURING ONE OF HER VISITS TO CUBA.
SHE TOLD THE COURT THAT UPON HER RETURN TO MMIAMI, SHE
TOLD HER CIA CONTACT, ROBERTO MARTIN, OF THE RECRUITMENT OF HER
BROTHER. SHE SAID SHE WAS THEN SENT TO WASHINGTON, GIVEN
A LIE DETECTOR TEST BY THE CIA AND GIVEN TRAINING IN THE USE
OF MODERN COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, INVISIBLE WRITING AND CODES.
THE MIAMI WOMEN THEN TRAINED HER BROTHER DURING
ONE OF HER TRIPS TO HAVANA. IT WAS NOT CLEAR HOW NESTOR GARCIA
HERNANDEZ RECEIVED A TRANSMITTER BUT IN A SERIES OF DOCUMENTARY
FILMS ON CUBA TELEVISION LAST YEAR IT WAS ALALEGED THAT STATE-
OF THE ARTS ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WAS BROUGHT INTO CUBA BY
CIA OPERATIVES WHO WORKED AT THE UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC
MISSION IN HAVANA.
IN HIS TESTIMONY, NESTOR GARCIA HERNANDEZ SAID HE RECEIVED
1500 DOLLARS A MONTH FOR HIS SERVICES TO THE CIA. HE SAID HE
SENT THIRTY THREE MESSAGES BETWEEN 1985 AND THE TIME HE WAS
ARRESTED.
THE SENTENCED MAN, WHO WORKED AT CUBA'S MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION,
SAID THAT HE SENT A WIDE GAMET OF INFORMATION ON POLITICAL,
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MATTERS RANGING FROM FIDEL CASTRO'S HEALTH
TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTATION IN CUBA.
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