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Cia Agent Supervising Contra Supply Airlift Operations In El Salvador Involved In 1976 Explosion Of Cuban Airliner

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At an Oct. 15 press conference in Managua, Nicaraguan Deputy Interior Minister Luis Carrion told local and foreign journalists that the authorities were informed by Eugene Hasenfus that the Cuban-born CIA officer in El Salvador, Ramon Medina, is the fugitive airline saboteur known as Luis Posada Carriles. Hasenfus was captured by the Sandinista army after downing a contra supply plane 10 days ago. Posada Carriles, one of four CIA agents implicated in blowing up a Cuban airliner off the coast of Barbados on Oct. 6, 1976, escaped from a Venezuelan prison about a year ago. The airline crash killed 73 persons. In statements to the Sandinista authorities last week, Hasenfus said the contra arms supply operations in El Salvador were supervised by two Cuban-born CIA officers, Max Gomez and Ramon Medina. The media immediately focused on the case of Max Gomez, who reportedly was linked to Vice President George Bush. According to Cuban news agency PRENSA LATINA, Hasenfus's more recent disclosures on the identity of Medina serve to further implicate the CIA in terrorist activities.

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