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REPORT NO. 25X1

COUNTRY SPAIN/FRANCE

DATE DISTR. 16 JANUARY 1974

DOI 30 DECEMBER 1973

SUBJECT 1. ETA INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION

OF LUIS CARRERO BLANCO

2. LINK BETWEEN THE ETA AND THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

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1. ACCORDING TO 25X1

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THE ETA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE

ASSASSINATION ON 20 DECEMBER 1973 OF SPANISH PRIME MINISTER LUIS
CARRERO BLANCO; HOWEVER, THE SIX ETA MEMBERS PUBLICLY
IDENTIFIED BY SPANISH AUTHORITIES AS THE SUSPECTED VICTIMS

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2. ACCORDING TO 25X1

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THE SKILLFUL WAY IN WHICH THE ASSASSINATION PLAN
WAS ORGANIZED AND EXECUTED SURPRISED THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THE
ETA AND ITS ACTIVITIES. 25X1

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25X1 25X1 COMMENT: THE 3 DECEMBER 1973 ISSUE OF THE MADRID DAILY "INFORMACIONES" DESCRIBED AN ARTICLE THAT HAD APPEARED IN THE 2 DECEMBER ISSUE OF "THE LONDON OBSERVER" LINKING ETA AND THE IRA. ACCORDING TO THE OBSERVER ARTICLE, RECENT ETA ACTIVITIES RESEMBLE THOSE OF THE IRA. THE ARTICLE ALSO CLAIMED THAT POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS OF ETA MET IN AUGUST IN FRANCE, COMPOSED THEIR DIFFERENCES, AND AGREED UPON A PLAN OF ACTION. 25X1

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3. 25X1 COMMENT: ACCORDING TO AMERICAN EMBASSY MADRID TELEGRAM 132 OF 7 JANUARY, A FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICIAL NOTED ON 4 JANUARY THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT RECEIVED A SPANISH REQUEST TO EXTRADITE ANY OF THE ETA MEMBERS IN FRANCE SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN THE CRIME.)

4. 25X1 DISSEM: EMBASSY AND DEFENSE ATTACHE AT MADRID.
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