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POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK

February 6, 1991

From: Detective Zulma Raymond, Arson And Explosion Squad
To: Commanding Officer, Manhattan Career Criminal Investigation Unit
SUBJECT: REQUEST DETECTIVES QUESTION SUBJECT(S) CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING
ARSON AND EXPLOSION INVESTIGATION

1. An explosive device (pipe bomb) was found on Saturday August 11, 1990 at 0800 hours under the following circumstances:

- A) Location: Mario Gonzalez (superintendent) of 664 West 185th Street found a pipe bomb in front of apartment 1A of the above location.
- B) Type of Location: Multiple Dwelling
- C) Method: " " Pipe Bomb found inside white sock and placed in f/o above mentioned apartment.
- D) Damage: No Damage / No Injuries.
- E) Description: Device described as 1 1/2" x 6" galvanized pipe with end caps and a pyrotechnic fuse. The fuse had not been ignited.
- F) Occupant(s): Nelson Decosta (Mendez) / M/H / 36yrs / D.O.B. 07-19-54 resides in apt #1A.
- G) Associates: ¹⁷³⁸ Dominic Franza (brother in law) of Nelson Decosta Mendez physically attack Mr Decosta (Mendez) when Mr Decosta (Mendez)'s sister (Myra Mendez-Franza) who is the estrange wife of Mr Franza and her mother (Mrs Mendez) were both shot (34 Squad# 1877 Det. Gorgio) on 7/17/90 by person(s) unknown. Mr Decosta (Mendez) believes the pipe bomb was placed on his door as a form of retaliation by Mr Franza.

2. Any information acquired, contact Detective Zulma Raymond # (212-374-7673) of the Arson and Explosion Squad.

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