

Arrests Made in Crash Of Cuban Airliner

CARACAS, Venezuela, Oct. 14 (AP)—A Cuban exile leader, Orlando Bosch, and several other persons were arrested tonight in connection with an Oct. 6 Cubana Airlines crash that killed 73 persons near the island of Barbados, Venezuelan authorities announced.

The arrests were announced by the Interior Ministry, and based on action taken by Disip, a state intelligence agency.

The ministry said evidence had been found linking one of those arrested, Luis Posada Carriles, a Cuban-born Venezuelan citizen, with two Venezuelans being in Port of Spain, Trinidad, in the investigation of the crash.

The DC-8 jet, operated by Cubana Airlines under lease from Air Canada, reported explosions on board before it plunged into the sea off Barbados shortly after leaving Bridgetown Airport. There were no survivors.

Cuban officials said later that sabotage was a possibility and a group calling itself El Condor telephoned the Miami Herald and claimed it had placed a magnetic bomb aboard the aircraft.