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FBI, KGB cross paths on border

Something's fishy about the FBI's "warnings" to a PAN mayor in Ciudad Juárez about the proto-terrorist CDP.

A leading figure in Mexico's Partido Acción Nacional (PAN), Mayor Barrio of Ciudad Juárez, is trying to cover the tracks of his party's collaboration with KGB-linked terrorism. And the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation is helping him.

On June 16, Mayor Francisco Barrio Terrazas of Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, told us and the Mexican press corps that the FBI office in El Paso, Texas, had informed him and the Ciudad Juárez police of a plot against his life, set up by foreign terrorists cooperating with Mexican elements. The mayor took the information very seriously, and without further cross-checking, called a mass rally to denounce the alleged plot, blaming the KGB and the proto-terrorist group called Committee for Popular Defense (CDP).

EIR was the first magazine to expose in 1982 that the CDP was an umbrella group for several national and international terrorist organizations. We revealed that the dangerous 23rd of September League of Mexico, as well as the Puerto Rican FALN, headed by the infamous William Morales, were run out of CDP safehousing networks.

But, and this is a big but, we also proved that the CDP was a spinoff of the PAN. Both were created by the Jesuits, who are extremely powerful in the state of Chihuahua and are the channel for top-level KGB input into the CDP. In the early 1970s, the PAN held violent demonstrations *together* with the CDP against the candidate of the PRI, the government party, and

organized joint support rallies to defend terrorists.

In point of fact, Mayor Barrio himself was elected in July 1983 thanks to the tacit support of the CDP, which put out the word to its base to abstain, allowing the PAN to win.

Every so often, however, the two groups stage public spats to maintain the loyalty of their bases. Whatever the FBI's intention, the effect of the "assassination threat" is to drum up political support for Mr. Barrio's faded image, which has suffered from the constant violence in Ciudad Juárez and the operations of the drug mafia, now taking over the border city.

No one seriously believes that Mr. Barrio's police could be trusted, because they are themselves the prime terrorists in the city. In particular, Deputy Police Chief Noe Carrizoza is a well known drug pusher both in Chihuahua and in Ciudad Obregón, in the neighboring state of Sonora.

But this leads us to another important issue. The PAN claims "foreign interference" in the operations against them, but never presents any proof. But at the same time, the PAN rejects the existence of foreign interference in the attempt against the presidential palace last May 1, when a terrorist group threw a Molotov cocktail while President Miguel de la Madrid and other government leaders were reviewing the May Day parade. The bomb resulted in the injury of some Mexican officials and strong declarations from the President that Mexico's democratic forces would resist any attempt to overthrow the constitutional

government.

When Juan José Osorio, a congressman in the ruling PRI party, asked for an all-party condemnation of the attempt, the PAN rejected the request, saying that there was no evidence of foreign interference. The PAN was joined in this refusal by the Unified Socialist Party of Mexico (PSUM), a frequent ally of the PAN which until recently went by the name of Communist Party of Mexico. But meanwhile, in an opinion column published in the newspaper *El Universal*, PAN columnist Jesus González Schmall wrote that the terrorist attack was justified!

Newly disclosed information establishes that those arrested for the Molotov cocktail incident were members of the Prepa Popular, a chain of schools which are in touch with the CDP. One might ask: Why is the PAN in the middle of this affair?

One might also ask what the FBI is doing with the PAN, this asset of KGB subversion against Mexico.

In the July 15 issue of *La Nacion*, the official mouthpiece of the PAN, Mayor Barrio insisted that FBI collaboration with the PAN "has always existed within a plan of mutual collaboration with the Mexican government, without overstepping its jurisdiction or penetrating the national territory; if there are still those who insist on distorting the situation, it will not be the fault of the government of Ciudad Juárez."

The PAN itself is the biggest subversive outfit in Mexico, working openly to topple the constitutional regime and making no bones about its collaboration with communists. These border-region subversive circles are the likely culprits in the hanging death of Maj. Gen. Roger Ownby in Texas last winter. That, you recall, was the murder which the FBI quickly labeled "suicide."