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 List of Officers and Directors

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1. Compania Cubana de Aviacion, S.A., (Cubana) has leased three old type Constellations (049's) from /a US airline/. These three airplanes will be delivered to Cubana according to the following schedule, one on 7 June, the second on 15 July, and the third on 15 Aug 53.
2. Cubana will utilize five man flight crews on these airplanes. The flight crews will consist of a pilot, first flying officer, second flying officer, flight engineer (upgraded from co-pilot) and a flight mechanic (upgraded from a ground mechanic). Ground school training with /a US airline/ will start on 25 May and flight training on 7 Jun 53 with the delivery of the first airplane. A second group will start ground school on 8 July and flight training on 22 Jul 53. In all, four complete flight crews will be trained.
3. The control of Cubana now rests in the hands of Mr Jose Lopez Vilaboy, a capitalist. Two of his known enterprises are: he is owner and director of Manana, a daily newspaper, and President of Compania de Aeropuertos Internacionales, SA. He is not a member of the Board of Directors of Cubana, but Mr Eusebio Delfin Figueroa, a banker and head of a principal lending institution, is considered to be his creature.
4. The composition of Cubana's Officers and Board of Directors is as follows: Names bearing an asterisk form the Executive Committee and are charged with the day to day operation of the Company:

Officers

* Sergio Clark
 * Eusebio Delfin Figueroa
 Carlos M Parraga
 Antonio Garcia Hernandez
 Jose Martinez Ortiz
 Roberto Millar Suarez
 Eugenio Fornas
 * Warren Pine
 Ignacio Martinez Ibor

Titles

President
 Vice President and General Manager
 Secretary
 Vice Secretary
 Vice Secretary
 Treasurer
 Vice Treasurer
 Vice Treasurer
 Assistant General Manager

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Board of Directors

Irwin Balluder
Arturo Bengochea
Ignacio Mendoza
W L Morrison
W A Pine
Frank Powers
Raul Rivero
Juan Zarraga

5. It has been indicated that Cubana is most seriously considering the purchase of the 749A Constellation airplanes offered by Qantas Empire Airways, Ltd, of Australia.

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