

Illich Ramírez Sánchez, known as Carlos the Jackal and responsible for numerous terrorist acts in Europe in the 1960s and '70s trained in Cuba.

Black Panther leaders in the 1960s received weapons training in Havana.

Does any of that have anything to do with the influence of Cuban Americans? Were exiles responsible for the expulsion of Castro's diplomats from Paris and London who were linked to Carlos the Jackal? Do exiles explain why Castro supported Puerto Rico's Macheteros, charged with terrorist acts there and on the mainland? Were exiles responsible for his training of the Faribundo Marti Front, El Salvador's terrorist group, or for Uruguay's Tupamaros, known for targeting Americans?

One day the archives of Cuba's intelligence service will be opened just like the KGB's and East Germany's Stasi's. Then details will be known, as well as the names and activities of Castro's "agents of influence" in the United States. But if history is any indication, they will say they fell for the romance of the revolution, that they could not have imagined such a regime and such a tyrant. They will go on with their lives, just like the old Stalinists who saw no difference

between Stalin's Russia and Great Britain and who claimed, while it mattered, that Stalin's terror was simply an invention of the Russian exiles in Paris.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD
LUEHRS

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Luehrs on his retirement as president of the Newport Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce.

Richard began his service with the NHACC in 1982 as its executive director, and for the last 15 years has served as president and chief executive officer. He has helped to expand NHACC's membership to more than 1,000 businesses.

Richard has been a visible and enthusiastic champion of the free enterprise system, fos-

tering programs that contribute to the success of local businesses. Overall, his vision has been one of responsible growth and development for the city of Newport Beach. To achieve this goal, he has actively participated in civic development efforts through his work with the Newport Beach Economic Development Committee, the State Independent Living Council, the Baden-Powell district for handicapped Boy Scouts of Orange County, the 552 Club for Hoag Hospital, and the Newport Beach Building Code Commission on Environment Quality Affairs.

For these and many other efforts, Richard was recognized in 1995 as the "Executive of the Year" by the Western Association of Chamber Executives.

During his tenure, Richard has been lovingly supported by his wife, Susan; son, Richard; and daughter, Samantha.

In behalf of the U.S. Congress, many thanks to Richard Luehrs for his tireless dedication to the Newport Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce and the community of Newport Beach.