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The FALN assumes full responsibility for the armed actions taken today. Our actions are part of the offensives undertaken by us to further the cause of Independence for Puerto Rico and the unconditional freedom of the five Nationalist political prisoners: Oscar Collazo, Irvin Flores, Rafael Cancel Miranda, Lolita Lebrón and Andrés Figueroa Cordero.

Furthermore, we want to demonstrate through our actions that the Yanki Imperialist's attempt at assimilating and annihilating the Puerto Rican Nation, as in the case of Gerald Ford's proposal to make Puerto Rico a state of the Union, is not going to be taken sitting down by the liberation forces. Any attempt to suppress the Puerto Rican Liberation Movement by the Imperialist forces, the FBI, and the Carter Administration shall be met by revolutionary violence.

Also, since the Carter Administration is committed to the cause of political prisoners and the right of dissenters in Russia and other countries in Eastern Europe, we ask him to clean his house first by granting the unconditional freedom to the five Puerto Rican Nationalists, who are the longest-incarcerated political prisoners in the Western Hemisphere. We also ask the Carter Administration to condemn political repression and assassination in Latin America and Africa.

FREE PUERTO RICO NOW!

FREE THE FIVE NATIONALIST POLITICAL PRISONERS!

STOP THE FBI'S HARASSMENT OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE!

STOP THE ILLEGAL USE OF THE GRAND JURY!