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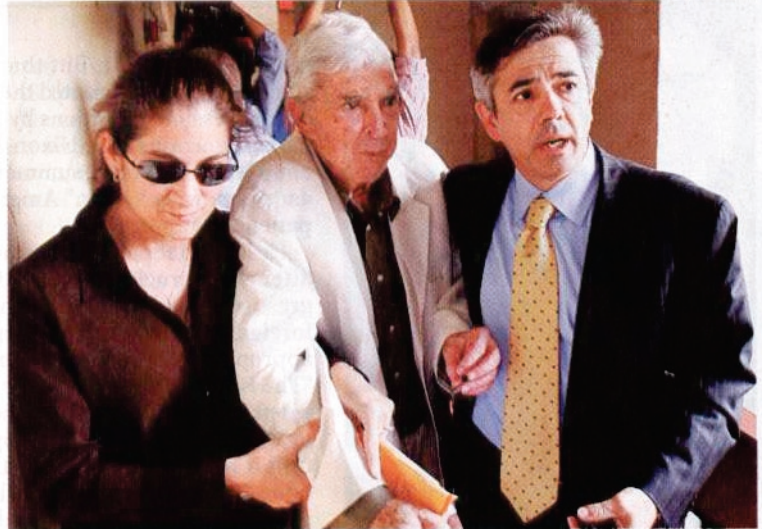
MIAMI—It's cool and sunny in Little Havana, and the men from this city's aging but still-powerful Cuban exile community crowd the Versailles restaurant's outdoor coffee bar, talking politics in the shade and drinking cups of high-octane espresso.

It's a community known for passion, but on this recent morning, the conversation is livelier than usual, and the reason, down here anyway, is obvious: Days earlier, a 79-year-old anti-Castro militant who many here hail as a hero-but who is reviled elsewhere as a terrorist-was ordered released on bond from a Texas prison where for two years he had been held on immigration fraud charges.

Notorious Cuban exile Luis Posada Carriles, a former CIA operative accused of plotting the deadly bombings of a Cuban airliner in 1976 and tourist sites in Havana in 1997, was back in Miami after decades away, confined to his wife's apartment and awaiting a trial that is scheduled to start this week in El Paso. When it's over, says Josa Fabregas, as he steers a visitor to the pastry counter, Posada should be allowed to return to this city, unshackled.

"All the leaders of the counterrevolution should be living free among us," says Fabregas, 57, an advocate for affordable housing who left Cuba for Florida 46 years ago. "Yes, some people call it terrorism, and unfortunately, some people have to die. But an armed struggle is an armed struggle."

One person's freedom fighter, however, is another's terrorist. And the trial of a man linked to many years of violent efforts by Cuban exiles to overthrow Cuban President Fidel Castro, as well as to U.S. covert operations in Central America, promises to resonate far beyond west Texas and Biscayne Bay.



Luis Posada Carriles with attorney, Arturo V. Hernandez

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The trial of a suspected terrorist is stoking old passions, from D.C. to Miami to Havana