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INTERVIEW

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SUMMARY OF FIRST INTERVIEW

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Very briefly we have gone over his history from his school days up to the present time. We have gone over in general what documents he has brought; what his virgin intelligence is; and what he knows that would appear to be most significant to the present time. I am going to go over this fairly rapidly in English so that you both will be up-to-date with me. One problem raised is that he wants to go to the U.S. He has relatives there and said that his intention was to work in the States in matter like this, because he feels that this is where he will be most useful. His father-in-law and wife are both in Cuba and he is worried about getting them out. He had given me his true name which is that which you have already mentioned to me and the pseudonym which he uses just depends on what he wants to do with the trip. He also gave me the pseudonym which he uses for his work inside which is Victor.

HISTORY

Very briefly, after he left school he had a couple of jobs but then he began working with the 26th of July movement. This is an anti-state movement and his job in this movement was like the work of many others. He used to commit acts of sabotage inside Cuba and try to do propaganda work. While he was engaged in such activities he was taken prisoner in 1957. This was after a fire-fight. He was in a ship with another fellow, two police cars came up, they opened fire shots but they were captured. He was beaten and then stayed in the Castillo Principe which is a jail in Havana. He was sent in part until 11 February 1958 when he got out. He got out of jail and went into the Sierra. There he stayed there for about one year. This is the Cuban War, it is not the revolution but a revolution, he sort of fellow, he did not participate in any of the battles, that is, fighting to capture the town he was with Fidel Castro. When the Batista Government fell on 11 January 1959, the column with which he was fighting was in Santiago de Cuba. They then came to Havana with Fidel Castro and a group of rebels followed him. When he got there he was hospitalized for 10 or 11 days and a report came out that he was not fit for duty. After this he got a regular job in this town as an engineer. At Almendares he did some particular job in this town to attend to waterworks and other installations of potential interest. He did not do any work in the Cuban Revolution.

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There was the second chief. He stayed there until 25 January 1961. At that time he was transferred to National Police Headquarters but he did not have any specific assignment. He was a kind of chief without any specific duties. He just signed the rosters in the morning and took off, until the end of 1961 at which time he was transferred to a police corps battalion. He remained with the police battalion until 3 September of 1961. At this time he was transferred to the Castillo del Morro to study. This can have study and did not have anything to do with intelligence work. He was in school there until 20 December 1961 when he got holiday leave. He decided that he did not want to stay in the Army anymore. This police work was still an assignment while he was in the Army. He had already begun to have doubts about continuing to work for the Castro government and was thinking in terms of getting out. Then he resigned from the Army his papers were not processed right away, he did not report back to duty and so was reported for being away without leave. Because of this difficulty, he had some difficulty getting work and worked out of town until April 1962, when he got a job in the Ministry of Interior in Havana. The particular location in which he worked was to do with the importation of vehicles. He remained there until 19 April 1963.

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He had a second name of Paul Gandy who was an intelligence officer and whose real name right now got a job in Intelligence. This particular friend is called the Officer or the 2nd Chief of what they call the "Intelligence section" - this was a section which descended to training agents for assignments abroad, particularly in Latin America. Even our Agent here began working in Intelligence as he was assigned to the Salvadorean Deck. This is also never about written to him only because it was his own personal information. The Intelligence Service for which he worked is called "Secteur" which is some language but is properly known as the "Section d'Action de l'Intelligence". If we this section is engaged the foreign intelligence, "Secteur 1" intelligence operations. In this regard, it can be utilized in public events for the purpose of security, but also for the protection of state security, which is a complete different concept. The tasks were completely separated from a secret intelligence organizations. He knows many of the individuals and organizations of the intelligence community, for example, General Bissell, well known as "Dev-Board", General Bissell, the Central Security Agency, D.S.C. he heard by his colleagues, and he is supposed to be which I already knew the most important thing about the agency, is that he did not participate in any of the secret operations, "because they are too important as they are now", according to him. I asked him if he could tell me more about the "Secteur 1" and he said he was not able to do so.

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RECENT INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT  
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He recently made a trip to Mexico. He made the trip to Mexico in order to contact a Communist Party Group which was coming from El Salvador. There were people with whom he had contact in connection with his job as desk officer for El Salvador. They did not appear for the meeting so the meeting did not take place. He was in Mexico from the 14th of March until the 23rd of March and during that time, although his own operational meetings did not take place, he did meet some people of interest. Two people from Nicaragua ("Professor Torres" and Noel Guerrero) one of whom he met in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico and the other whom he met in a private house while in Mexico. In Mexico City he knows who the intelligence people are. One is the Cuban Consul Alfredo Mirabal. He is called the Chief of the Centre. That is his title but he is actually the intelligence chief, or, at least, he was until the 15th of April at which time a replacement came from the USSR to take over. This fellow's name is "Fernando". Our source says that the Commercial Attaché whose name is either "Fedorov" or "Fedor", now (he is not sure which) is an intelligence officer and his office is Bogotá. (I might add that none of these names are familiar to me.)

The man I know that is in the intelligence office is in charge of the ciphering plant. His name is Mr. Secretary.

OPERATION OF THE DMI

All Soviet representatives are concerned he says that they have been using only secret cipher machines and secret writing. They have not been too successful, however, because the Cuban agents, for example, that is if they get a letter and go to the embassy, they can't read it. They also use radio (and they do not do it in radio which is quite interesting). Some of the radio stations are, however, not "in real" communications back to Moscow, probably only in the case of Venezuela. Some of the radio stations are and are usually used for emergency use. However, the radio stations are used, except in dire emergencies, for the most part, for cipher messages only and are connected to the radio station in Moscow, or at a couple of other places, of which I am not sure. The radio stations are used by all of us, for example, the Cuban agents, if they want to send someone a message, they will do it in cipher and the assignment is one to a radio station (either their own or one of ours) this matter is handled by Mr. Pachano, Mr. G., David Castro, Valdés. In this case, the information goes to another unit. So in the case of the Cuban agents, for example, definitely this would also be handled by Mr. Pachano with his assistant, the orders would be given to him and he would then go to the radio station and give the message to the radio operator and get a reply. The radio operator would then get a message back, however, from the radio station in Moscow. So in this case, at least, the radio station in Moscow would be a part of the operation. The radio station in Moscow is not known to be used for cipher messages.

AGENTS

About agents the source said that he himself know of the following: Five drift along - he saw six of these two in Mexico very recently in his trip there and the fellow was advanced \$100 dollars to get to Guatemala. One Cuban agent. Two Panamanian agents. Three Salvadorans whom he knew personally and two more who are in Salvador but whom he does not know personally. Three agents in Mexico. One of them is a CPES contact named Mauricio de la Solva. Two of them are Nicaraguans who are in Mexico. One Nicaraguan agent who is now in Cuba. Two agents from South America who are now in prison in Santa Domingo. One from Letti who is now in Cuba. Up to now, I did not get the names. This debriefing is going to take a little while, that is, to get the whole thing down - but from what I have told you I think you can see pretty much what the situation is.