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The Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

The following personnel are employed in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City:-

DIPLOMATIC STAFF.

(1) Jose Antonio PORTUONDO Valdor. Ambassador. [Although it was known in March 1960 that he had been appointed Cuban Ambassador to Mexico to succeed Dr. Salvador MASSIP, he has not yet arrived.] [A member of the Partido Socialista Popular (P.S.P. - Cuban Communist Party) since the age of 16, PORTUONDO Valdor has received instructions from the Cuban Government to increase counter-activities against the Cuban exiles in Mexico.] CIP CUBA (201-40662) 3/434,225

(2) Dr. Ricardo S. VIDAL Dominguez. Counsellor at the Cuban Embassy [who has been acting as Chargé d'Affaires since the departure of Dr. Salvador MASSIP.] He is a career diplomat but takes his orders from Pablo Agustin ALDAMA Acosta, the Civil Attaché, and Lieutenant Hector GARCIA Vidal, the Military Attaché.

(3) Dr. Manuel QUIJANO Laya. First Secretary, at present on leave.

(4) Dr. Antonio R. MONTANE Laredo. Second Secretary. A career diplomat, but like Dr. Ricardo S. VIDAL Dominguez, he takes his orders from ALDAMA Acosta and GARCIA Vidal.

(5) (Lieutenant) Hector GARCIA Vidal. Military Attaché. [Together with Pablo Agustin ALDAMA Acosta, the Civil Attaché, GARCIA Vidal is in charge of all the Communist and pro-CASTRO programmes of agitation and propaganda which emanate from the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. He also organises for Mexican and other Communists to travel to Cuba where, it is alleged, they receive instructions from Russians.] Cuba (201-367760) Mexico. 3/480,964 26417

(6) Benito ABUD Lopez. Attaché. Cuban Embassy in Mexico. [Responsible for Aviation.] ABUD Lopez has lived in Mexico for more than fifteen years and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances among students. [He is therefore] the contact between the Cuban Embassy [illegible]

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Nicaragua, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic who are exiles in Mexico and against whose governments the Cuban Embassy is carrying out a programme of propaganda and subversion.

(7) Pablo Agustin ALDAMA Acosta. Civil Attaché. The "éminence grise" of the Cuban Embassy, and by far the most fanatical and active Castroist of its staff, ALDAMA Acosta is in charge of coordinating all Cuban Government activities in Mexico against the Cuban exiles, a task in which he is ably assisted by GAROLA Vidal. A frequent traveller between Mexico City and Havana, ALDAMA Acosta is said to receive his orders from Fidel CASTRO Ruz himself. He is in close, almost daily, contact with Pavel Antonovich Yatskov (20/-120/23) Cit. USSR, the Third Secretary and Consul at the Russian Embassy in Mexico City, with whom he coordinates his anti-exile activities. He shares a flat with GAROLA Vidal which is sometimes used as a mixing-place for arms which are sent from Cuba in the Cuban diplomatic bag. His activities have attracted the attention of the Mexican authorities who are said to be considering the possibility of expelling both him, and other members of both the Cuban and Russian Embassies as "personae non gratae".

(8) Luis ALBERT Souto. The Cultural Attaché at the Cuban Embassy who only concerns himself with his work and does not allow himself to become involved in any other of the Embassy's activities.

(9) Señorita Teresa PORTELA Proenza. Attaché. A convinced Communist, Señorita PORTELA Proenza is engaged exclusively on propaganda work in which she is assisted by the Assistant Attaché, Señorita Marta LUBIANO. A Cuban by nationality, she entered Mexico in 1954 as a political refugee and at one time worked for the Mexican Ministry of Education as a teacher. For many years she was connected with the Movimiento Mexicano por la Paz (M.M.P. - Mexican Peace Movement).

NON-DIPLOMATIC STAFF.

(10) Crispin GONZALEZ. Maintains contact between the Cuban Embassy and workers and trade unions in Mexico among whom he promotes agitation in accordance

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with the Cuban Embassy's intention of fostering such activity among all disaffected groups in the country. He coordinates his work with that of Eusebio AZOUE Lopez.

(11) Consuelo ESPERON. Mexican shorthand/typist who has been employed by the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City for more than fifteen years. She does not take any interest in politics.

(12) Humberto GAROLA. Assistant Attaché who is in charge of the issue and renewal of passports.

(13) Luis GOMEZ. A consular employee who confines himself solely to his work.

(14) Enrique HERRERA. Consul General. A somewhat reserved man who tends to keep himself to himself and who does not share the views held by the present Cuban Government.

(15) Armando LOPEZ. Assistant Attaché. After CASTRO came to power in January 1959, LOPEZ was appointed as a secret agent of the Presidential Palace guard and later made two trips to Mexico and Central America using a false name. In conjunction with CASTRO agents in Miami, he is working against the Cuban exile groups and has been ordered to plan acts of violence against them. LOPEZ appears to be nothing more than a hired gunman and is an ex-member of a group of Cuban gangsters.

(16) Señora Gilda MONTANE. The wife of the Second Secretary, Dr. Antonio R. MONTANE Laredo, Señora MONTANE works in the Consulate.

(17) Señorita Marta LURAIGOYO. Is an Assistant Attaché and helps Señorita Teresa PROENZA Proenza in her propaganda work.

(18) Carlos MITRANI. Assistant to the Consul General. A member of various Cuban student groups, MITRANI does not appear to be in sympathy with the aims of the present Cuban Government.

(19) Carlos MORA. Press Attaché.

(20) Regino PEDROSA. Has only recently arrived in Mexico and may be either a Cultural Attaché or Cultural Counsellor.

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