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SUBJECT : Victor Espinosa Hernandez

REFERENCE: SSC Final Report (Book V), Pages 78, 79,
and 105 - (A Cuban Exile)

1. Subject arrived in the United States on 2 May 1960. He was granted a POA on 18 October 1960 for participation in operations against the Cuban regime. He was terminated on 20 March 1961 as a malcontent.

2. In July 1963, Subject was involved with the purchase and caching of 2400 pounds of dynamite, 100 pounds of practice bombs and other related material, and with plotting to bomb the Shell Oil Company and other Cuban targets. Since the FBI felt that the aerial attack on Cuba had been effectively thwarted by seizure of the munitions and impounding of the aircraft, they contemplated no criminal action at that time against Subject and his cohorts.

3. On ^{June?} 2 May 1965, Subject contacted an INS officer who, on the basis of information in Subject's story which appeared to affect U.S. security, notified the FBI. On the same day (2 May 1965), Subject was interviewed by the FBI and CIA was notified on 3 May 1965. CIA contacted Subject on 4 May in the New York field office of the FBI. The gist of Subject's story was that he was aware that AMLASH and others had been planning a coup which involved the assassination of Castro and that CIA had been involved with AMLASH and others in the plotting.

4. In a 9 June 1965 cable from Headquarters to ^{IS-4} [] and ^{IS-2} [] DIRECTOR 17510, Headquarters advised the ^{IS-4} [] and ^{IS-2} [] Stations that "it evident that security of our Cuban ops in some cases and our own compartmentation not all that we would desire. Urge therefore that Stations concerned continue take such steps as feasible to improve security."

5. The ^{201-File} Agency does not have copies of the FBI reports cited in Book V of the SSC Final Report.

6. The information supplied by subjects adds little, if anything, to the overall SSC report. It simply shows that the SSC was reviewing every lead.

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