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STEERC - Rolando MASPERRER Rojas - Personal History Data

In accordance with Field Memorandum No. 6 there is attached biographical data available at the present time concerning subject individual. As other information becomes available it will be forwarded immediately to headquarters.

Attached: Personal History Data on subject (#34) (4 pp. in dupl.)

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- 1. MASFERRER Rojas, Rolando
- 2. Home address Calle Jovellar #118 Second Floor Habana, Cuba

Presently resides Miramar section, Wardenso, rear Mahana, Cuba.

- 3. Birth - - Habana, Cuba: now 35 years of age.
- 4. Citizenship Cuban, by birth.
- Education Known to have graduated from University
 of Habana with degree Doctor of Law.
 Date unknown.
- 6. Occupation Newsrarerman employed by "Tiempo en Cuba", Calle Aguiar #601, Habana, Cuba.

Also holds a professorship in English at the Instituto Karianao. This is a "botella" and MASFERRER performs no work in order to be remunerated.

- 7. Financial Not believed to possess any funds or personal income other than that received from his employment described above.
- 8. Organizations of which he is a member The only organization he is known to be affiliated with at the present time is the Movimiento Socialista Revolucionario (M.S.R.). He is considered to be one of the leaders of this organization.

Organizations of which he has been a member - For seven or eight years prior to 1945 he was a member of the Partido Socialista Popular (Communist Party of Cuba).

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- 9. Religion - None
- 10. Political Movimiento Socialista Revolucionario. This organization is considered a political party. Formerly member of P.S.P. until 1945.
- 11. Acquaintancesor Friends

 tances representing all phases of life in
 Cuta. For example, he is well acquainted
 with the President of Cuba, Ramón GRAU San
 Martin, and with the Minister without Portfolio, José Manuel ALEMAN. By the same
 token, he is well acquainted with many
 "campesinos" in Cuba, particularly in
 Oriente Province.
- 12. Physical Description -

Height -Weight 160# Muscular - Brown Hair - -- Brcwn Dark with ruddy tinge Complexion -White Race - - -Scars Bullet wound scar on heel of either right or left foot. Has other scars on body received in fighting in Spanish Civil War 1938. Outdoors constantly wears heavy shell-rimmed colored glasses. Also wears steelrimmed glasses as he is near sighted.

Characteristics - - Usually aggressive in speech.

. Hobbies - - - Firearms and their use.

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Sports - - - Unknown.

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- 14. Difficulties encountered None known.
- 15. Enemies - In the Latin American sense this man has innumerable enemies ranging from a forzer close collaborator, Eufemio FERNANDEZ, to General Genovevo PEREZ Damera, Chief of the Cuban Army. There are lots more in between them, including every leading official of the P.S.P.
- 16. Marital - Married Status

Wife - Name unknown.

Nationality - Cuban
Citizenship - Cuban, by birth
Education - Attended University of
Habana and lacks only
credit for course in
English for doctorate in
political science and
diplomacy.

Date and place marriage - Unknown.

Previous marriage - Not believed to have been previously married.

- 17. Children - One child, name unknown. Age infant about one year of age.
- 18. Foreign Travel-In Spain about 1938. Reason In order to engage on Loyalist side in armed forces. Innumerable visits to the United States for many years past.
- 19. Miscellaneous- This man speaks and understands English with a feir degree of proficiency. His ability to read English is better than his ability to speak and understand it. MASFERRER, as stated above, holds a professorship at the Instituto de Segunda Enseñanza de Marianao.

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He has won the national award for attorneys.

known as the Ricardo Dolz award, given by the National University of Habana. In the past he supplemented his income by the practice of law, although it is not believed that he is devoting much time to this at present.

He is regarded as a cultured individual. He has a liking for good music and is a member of good standing of the Bar in Cuba.

MASFERRER, who had been a member of the P.S.P. since 1933, was expelled in August of 1945, together with four other leading Communists.

MASFERRER stated that the leaders of the P.S.P. had collaborated with capitalists and had thereby deviated from the Lenin-Marx Communist line. The President claims that he is a Socialist.

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