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SOURCE: A former Cuban IS officer who served with the Cuban Intelligence Service until April 1964.

Headquarters Comments

The following report is one of a series containing personality information provided by the source and includes supplemental information from the records of this Agency.

It is requested that the addressees take no action on any of the individuals mentioned in the personality reports without first checking with this Agency.

Source has now identified a passport photograph of Jose Miguel FERNANDEZ Roa as being identical with Miguel ROA (see reference). Source has known FERNANDEZ for five years, having met him when both were members of the Cuban Police. The last time source saw FERNANDEZ was in Mexico in March 1963. FERNANDEZ lives beyond his means and likes the easy life. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7

Headquarters Comments

- 1. In a report dated 19 December 1956, an untested source reported that the Juventud Socialista (Cuban Communist Youth Organization - JS) at the University of Habana was promoting Jose Miguel FERNANDEZ Roa in the School of Philosophy and Letters for the executive committee of the Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria (University Students Federation - FEU).
2. In a report dated 27 April 1963, it was reported by a usually reliable source that Jose M. FERNANDEZ Roa, carrying Cuban Diplomatic passport 634214, arrived in Mexico from Habana.

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3. A fairly reliable source, in a report dated 3 May 1963, stated that Jose FERNANDEZ Roa is the Third Secretary of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. On 17 May 1963, another fairly reliable source said that Jose FERNANDEZ Roa, the newly appointed diplomat to the Cuban Embassy in Mexico, is married and has one child.
4. A usually reliable source, in a report dated 17 May 1963, said that Jose FERNANDEZ Roa is the Second Secretary of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.
5. A former Cultural Attache and Cuban Intelligence Service officer gave the following information on Miguel FERNANDEZ Roa in a report dated 24 August 1963:

Source first met FERNANDEZ in 1954 during the early days of the organization of the 26th of July Movement in Cuba; FERNANDEZ was one of the organizers of the Movement. He later heard that FERNANDEZ was a member of the Cuban Intelligence Service in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. In 1954-55, FERNANDEZ attended the University of Habana, where he studied philosophy and was a leader of the student group "Luchando en la Fila Ortodoxo." In 1959 he returned to Cuba from Mexico and was designated Comandancia General de la Policia in Habana. He was later named assistant to Efigenio ALMEJEIRAS Delgado; when Ramiro VALDEZ replaced ALMEJEIRAS as Chief of Police, FERNANDEZ remained in his same position. FERNANDEZ was born in Manzanillo, Oriente Province, about 1935. His father at one time worked at the Central Estrada Palma in Manzanillo. FERNANDEZ is an intellectual type and liked to live an easy life. He was not in accord with the Revolution, but was a Communist sympathizer. He is married, but has a reputation for woman-chasing. FERNANDEZ is about 135 pounds, five feet four inches tall, has brown wavy hair, brown eyes, and a fair complexion.

6. A usually reliable source, in a report dated 23 January 1964, said that Jose Miguel FERNANDEZ Roa was the Third Secretary and Press Attache of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.
7. In a report from this Agency's representative in Mexico, 16 June 1964, it was reported that Miguel ROA and Jose Miguel FERNANDEZ Roa, Third Secretary and Press Attache of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, are believed to be identical. The description of ROA given by the source in the above referenced report fits that of FERNANDEZ with the exception of the hair color; FERNANDEZ' hair is dark rather than blond. FERNANDEZ Roa is known by the Cuban Embassy staff in Mexico as ROA.