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DATE OF 1964 INFO. PLACE & Washington, D. C. DATE ACQ September 1964 FIELD REPORT NO. THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION. SOURCE GRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

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.

1. Silvio CASTILLOS Hurtado was born between 1924 and 1929 in Las Villas Province. He is five feet nine inches tall, about 150 pounds, is a mulatto, and wears glasses. CASTILLOS resides at Linea and 6th Streets, Vedado, Habana.

2. Source first met CASTILLOS in 1956. CASTILLOS was affiliated with the 26th of July Movement. After BATISTA's overthrow, CASTILLOS became a captain in the Cuban Rebel Army. He was assigned to the San Ambrosio Fort (Cuartel de San Ambrosio) as Chief of the Military Tailoring. He was later transferred to the General Staff and the last that source heard of CASTILLOS, he was working for the Departamento de Seguridad del Estado (Department of State Security - DSE), but source did not know his duties.

3. Source insists that Silvio CASTILLOS Hurtado is identical with Silvio GARCIA Hurtado. 1,2,3,4

Headquarters Comments

1. In a 1 March 1961 report, from an untested source, there was included a copy of an official roster listing

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military staff personnel comprising the Intelligence Department, G-2, of the Cuban Ministry of the Armed Forces (MINFAR). One Silvio GARCIA Hurtado was on the list with the rank of private.

2. An untested source in a report dated 20 August 1962, stated that one Captain Silvio CASTILLO was, at the time of the report, training seventy Venezuelans in guerrilla warfare at an unidentified camp in Cuba. (Note: Although the source of this information was considered "untested" at the time of the report, he has since been re-evaluated as "fairly reliable.")
3. In a report dated 7 April 1964, a Cuban national, untested, who worked as an accountant auditor at the Hilados y Tejidos Planos textile factory in Habana until December 1963, when he resigned, fled Cuba in March 1964, gave the following information on Silvio CASTILLO:

Rebel Army Captain Silvio CASTILLO was a Departamento de Seguridad del Estado (Department of State Security - DSE) agent and investigator who worked at the DSE Headquarters at old Colegio Marista, Reparto Sevillamo, Habana. He was a native of source's hometown, Calabazar de Sagua, Las Villas. He was an active supporter of the 26th of July Movement before the present government. Source knew that CASTILLO had arrested many people who were later executed. He was single, born about 1924, was five feet eight inches tall, 160 pounds, had black eyes and black wavy hair. CASTILLO lived at Calle Linia and Calle C, Vedado, Habana.

4. In June 1964, an untested source reported the following information on Captain Silvio CASTILLO Hurtado:

CASTILLO, a mulatto, was born in Calabazar de Sagua about 1919. He was a member of the Autentico Party and a former bodyguard for Senator AGUILERA of Las Villas. CASTILLO fought against BATISTA, was imprisoned at the Principe Prison, and released in 1959 when CASTRO assumed power. He was then stationed at Camp San Ambrosio and was commissioned a lieutenant, in 1960 he was promoted to captain. He has a sister, "Bella," who is a nurse at the Hospital de Mazorra in Habana. His father's name is Felix CASTILLO. He has two brothers, Felix CASTILLO Hurtado, an ex-soldier of the Constitutional Army, and Pablo CASTILLO Hurtado, a former policeman and ex-soldier of the Constitutional Army. Source did not consider CASTILLO to be a Communist or pro-Castro.