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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.

1. Oscar CONCEPCION Mendoza, nickname or pseudonym "Ricardo Tapia" or "Conchito," is the Cuban Commercial Attache at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. He is a member of the Direccion General de Inteligencia (General Directorate of Intelligence - DGI) and is the cutout for Venezuelan groups. Source saw him in Mexico in March 1964.

2. Source described CONCEPCION as having been born about 1934, being five feet eight inches tall, 150 pounds, having black hair with a widow's peak, light brown eyes, a thin build, a white complexion, and a round, clean shaven face.

Headquarters Comments

- 1. The Subject of this Agency's above referenced report, (fnu) CONCEPCION, was later identified in a photograph by the source of that report as Oscar CONCEPCION Mendoza.
2. An untested source, in a report dated 1 March 1961, identified Oscar CONCEPCION Mendoza, as a sub-lieutenant in the Intelligence Department, G-2, of the Cuban Ministry of the Armed Forces (MINFAR).

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3. A report dated 17 June 1963, stated that Oscar CONCEPCION Mendoza had been appointed Commercial Attache to the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, replacing Benigno CASTELLAR Sanchez.
4. The following information was received by a member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the technique of information collection and who have provided useful reports for two years, from an untested source concerning information on Oscar CONCEPCION Mendoza. The report was dated 4 November 1963.

CONCEPCION was born in Ciego de Avila, Camaguey Province, Cuba, about 1933. He is white, five feet eight inches tall, 150 pounds, and has brown hair. He was a member of the 26th of July Movement during the fight against the Batista regime. CONCEPCION arrived in the city of Camaguey shortly after the Hubert MATOS incident in 1959 and began employment as a member of the Cuban Intelligence Service, then called "G-2". According to rumors, he has taken courses in political and revolutionary instruction, and is a militant member of the Communist Party. He has participated in almost all of the revolutionary trials in Camaguey, and also the execution of "Billy" PATTEN in March 1961. He participated in the wholesale arrest of persons at the time of the Giron invasion, and arrested a few thousand Camagueyans who were believed to be anti-Communist or opponents of the regime. CONCEPCION and Eliseo ALTUNAGA, also a member of the G-2, committed thefts in the city of Camaguey amounting to almost 2,000,000 pesos and for this reason CONCEPCION was transferred to Oriente Province. While in Camaguey he was Chief of Operations of the State Security Department.

5. A usually reliable source, in a report dated 7 January 1964, said that on 18 December 1963, one "Augusto" was at the gate of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City to see Oscar CONCEPCION. "Augusto" has long been in seemingly clandestine contact with CONCEPCION and "Augusto" also appears to be engaged in assisting unspecified people, sometimes Venezuelans, to travel to Cuba.
6. A usually reliable source reported that Oscar CONCEPCION Mendoza arrived in Mexico City from Habana on 16 January 1964. He carried Cuban Diplomatic passport number D/63/403.
7. An  airlist revealed that Oscar CONCEPCION Mendoza arrived in Mexico City from Habana on 24 April 1964. On 11 May 1964, he arrived in Mexico City from Habana, with his wife, Marta CABALLERO Carder, and two children, Marta CONCEPCION Caballero and Teresa CONCEPCION Caballero.