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[Thomas B. Casasia] Extracts from OP file 1955-62

1) 8/6/62 Memo in lieu of Fitness Report indicates that [Casasia] departed HQS for a field assignment on 7/31/62.

2) Fitness Report of 11/21/61 for [Casasia] as Branch Chief of OC/SR/6 for period of 7/60-10/61 lists following specific duties:

- 1) Supervises large functional branch of 37 staff & 15 contract personnel
- 2) Plans & programs for ops. support, including initiation of new support activities.
- 3) Supervises preparation of, & sometimes personally prepares, special studies both on own initiative & on request.
- 4) Conducts liaison w/ various components of Agency & w/ other agencies.
- 5) Prepares & presents briefings.
- 6) Supervises maintenance of SR Div. records on Sov. defn., supports exploitation of defn. & participates in their resettlement.

3) Fitness Report of 6/60 for period of April 1, 1959 - June 1960 for [Casasia] as (no "official position title" in FE [redacted] SR lists following specific duties:

- 1) Chief, Sov. Branch, responsible for activities of 24 staff & 6 contract employees
- 2) Responsible for [redacted²⁴] SE planning, budgeting & operating activities
- 3) Representing the [redacted²⁴] at varied levels in all SE matters
- 4) Case officer

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4) Fitness Report of 4/27/59 for period of 4/10/58 - 3/31/59 for [Lasas] as no official title in SE. [redacted] lists following specific duties:

- 1) Supervises & directs operational branch of 17 persons
- 2) Conducts operational liaison w/ [redacted]
- 3) " liaison w/ U.S. military & civilian intelligence services
- 4) Case officer

5) Fitness Report (Part I) ^{reference} for period of 10/1/57 - 9/9/58 for Lasas as "Area Ops Officer" in FE. [redacted] This is a promotional report listing following specific duties:

- 1) As branch chief directs & plans ops. of deiced area branch
- 2) Conducts operational liaison w/ [redacted]
- 3) Develops & handles agents.
- 4) Conducts liaison w/ other U.S. agencies.

6) Fitness Report (Part II - Potential) for period of 10/1/57 - 4/9/58 states that his potential for advancement is excellent in light of his operational know-how & supervisory talent regardless of his age.

7) Fitness Report (Part I) for period of 10/1/56 - 9/30/57 for Lasas as "Area Operations Officer" in [redacted] REDWOOD lists following specific duties:

- 1) Deputy to Branch Chief
- 2) Conducts [redacted]
- 3) Prepares & manages projects
- 4) Supervising
- 5) Prepares correspondence & reports & handles admin. routine

6) Develops & handles agents

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- 8) Fitness Report (Part II) for period 10/1/56 to 9/30/57 indicates subj. is well-suited for this business; should progress steadily to positions of great responsibility.
- 9) Fitness Report for period 2/17/55 - 9/30/55 indicates Casoria assumed responsibility as Chief of KSSK [redacted] in 2/55.
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- 10) There are several memos recommending C's promotion during period of 1957-1959.
- 11) Reg. 7/9/62 Request for Personnel Action reflects C's desire for resignation effective 8/4/62 "to accept private employment".
- 12) C's Personnel History Stmt. dated 11/25/48

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