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The Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

The following personnel are employed in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City:-

DIPLOMATIC STAFF.

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*(201-40662)*

(1) Jose Antonio PORTUONDO Valder, Ambassador. [Although it was known in March 1960 that he had been appointed Cuban Ambassador to Mexico to succeed Dr. Salvador MASSEP, he has not yet arrived.] A member of the Partido Socialista Popular (P.S.P. - Cuban Communist Party) since the age of 16, PORTUONDO Valder has received instructions from the Cuban Government to increase counter-activities against the Cuban exiles in Mexico.

*7000-3/434,221  
201-20934*

(2) Dr. Ricardo G. VIDAL Dominguez, Counsellor at the Cuban Embassy [who has been acting as Chargé d'Affaires since the departure of Dr. Salvador MASSEP.] He is a career diplomat but takes his orders from Pablo Agustin ARMANZ Acosta, the Civil Attaché, and Lieutenant Hector CAROLIA Vidal, the Military Attaché.

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D.P.*

(3) Dr. Manuel QUEVEDO Laya, First Secretary, at present on leave.

(4) Dr. Antonio R. IBRAHEM Laredo, Second Secretary. A career diplomat, but like Dr. Ricardo G. VIDAL Dominguez, he takes his orders from ARMANZ Acosta and CAROLIA VIDAL.

(5) (Lieutenant) Hector CAROLIA VIDAL, Military Attaché. [Together with Pablo Agustin ARMANZ Acosta, the Civil Attaché, CAROLIA VIDAL is in charge of all the Communist and pro-Communist propaganda of agitation and subversion which emanate from the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. He also permits for Mexicans and other Communists to travel to Cuba where, if in attendance they receive instructions from Moscow.

*(201-269260) Mexico*

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(6) Enrique LARA Lopez, Attaché. LARA Lopez has lived in Mexico for more than fifteen years and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances among students. He is the contact between the Cuban Embassy and the Communist Party in Mexico.

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Nicaragua, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic who are exiles in Mexico and against whose governments the Cuban Embassy is carrying out a programme of propaganda and subversion.

- at Cuba*
- (7) Pablo Agustín ~~ALONSO~~ <sup>MILAN</sup> Loosta. Civil Attaché. The "cardenoso grise" of the Cuban Embassy, and by far the most fanatical and active Communist of its staff, ALONSO Loosta is in charge of coordinating all Cuban Government activities in Mexico against the Cuban exiles, a task in which he is only assisted by CAROL VIDAL. A frequent traveller between Mexico City and Havana, ALONSO Loosta is said to receive his orders from Fidel CASTRO ~~himself~~. He is in close, almost daily, contact with Pavel Antonovich ~~Garbay~~ <sup>(20/12/29) C.P. USSR</sup> the Third Secretary and Consul at the Russian Embassy in Mexico

City, with whom ~~he~~ coordinates his anti-exile activities. He shares a flat with CAROL VIDAL which is sometimes used as a hide-out for arms which are sent from Cuba in the Cuban diplomatic bag. His activities have attracted the attention of the Mexican authorities who are said to be considering the possibility of expelling both him, and other members of both the Cuban and Russian Embassies as "personae non gratae".

- (8) Luis ALBERTO Souto. The Cultural Attaché at the Cuban Embassy who only concerns himself with his work and does not allow himself to become involved in any other of the Embassy's activities.

- at Cuba*
- (9) Soledad Teresa ~~FRONZA~~ <sup>FRONZA</sup> Fronza. Attaché. ~~A committed Communist~~, Soledad FRONZA Fronza is engaged exclusively on propaganda work in which she is assisted by the Assistant Attaché, Soledad Marta ~~MARQUEZ~~. A Cuban by nationality, she entered Mexico in 1954 as a political refugee and at one time worked for the Mexican Ministry of Education as a teacher. For many years she was connected with the Movimiento Mexicano por la Paz (M.M.P. - Mexican Peace Movement).

NON-DIPLOMATIC STAFF.

- CONVALLER*
- (10) Crispin ~~RODRIGUEZ~~. Maintains contact between the Cuban Embassy and workers and trade unions in Mexico among whom he promotes agitation in accordance

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with the Cuban Embassy's intention of fostering such activity among all disaffected groups in the country. He coordinates his work with that of Eusebio AZQUE Lopez.

(11) Consuelo ESPERON. Mexican shorthand/typist who has been employed by the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City for more than fifteen years. She does not take any interest in politics.

(12) Humberto CAROL. Assistant Attaché who is in charge of the issue and renewal of passports.

(13) Luis GONZALEZ. A consular employee who confines himself solely to his work.

(14) Enrique HERRERA. Consul General. A somewhat reserved man who tends to keep himself to himself and who does not share the views held by the present Cuban Government.

(15) <sup>for file</sup> <sup>see Embassy Mexico</sup> Armando LOPEZ. Assistant Attaché. After CASTRO came to power in January 1959, LOPEZ was appointed as a secret agent of the Presidential Palace guard and later made two trips to Mexico and Central America using a false name. In conjunction with CASTRO agents in Miami, he is working against the Cuban exile groups and has been ordered to plan acts of violence against them. LOPEZ appears to be nothing more than a hired gunman and is an ex-member of a group of Cuban gangsters.

(16) Esclara Gilma MONTAÑE. The wife of the Second Secretary, Dr. Antonio R. MONTAÑE Laredo, Esclara MONTAÑE works in the Consulate.

(17) Esclerita Marta MURDIOYO. Is an Assistant Attaché and helps Esclerita Teresa PROENZA Proenza in her propaganda work.

(18) Carlos MIRA. Assistant to the Consul General. A member of various Cuban student groups, MIRA does not appear to be in sympathy with the aims of the present Cuban Government.

(19) Carlos MORA. Press Attaché.

(20) Regino FERRER. Has only recently arrived in Mexico and may be either a Cultural Attaché or Cultural Councilor.

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