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TO Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

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FROM Chief of Station, WH/Miami

SUBJECT **Manuel Eugenio VEGA Perez (201-334253)**

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Reference: UFAS-551, 20 May 1969

1. Following a review of Subject's file, we believe Headquarters has copies of all of our information. Attached herewith is AMOT report CC-1234 dated 7 June 1965 which contains extensive biographic information. You are also referred to HMMA-24080 dated 11 August 1964 for similar information.

2. The most recent AMOT information on VEGA is an LITAMIL-3 report dated 23 October 1966 which states VEGA had returned to Cuba from Mexico and had been appointed Director of International Relations of the Cuban National Council on Culture.

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Attachment: CC-1234 (h/w)

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REF: RE-390, CC-425.

CC-1234.
7 Jun 65.

SUBJECT: Manuel Eugenio VEGA Pérez (aka "Barcos").

SOURCES: Pedro ROEZ Ortega and Ramón PACIDE Curros.

REF: Your request dated 23 Oct 64.

1. The following information was obtained from ^{05 08} Pedro ROEZ Ortega ⁰⁸ Former [Commercial] Representative of the Cuban Government accredited in Mexico. Graduate of the School of Espionage and Counter-Espionage in Havana in 1961.

a. Source met Manuel Eugenio VEGA Pérez, aka "Barcos," in the month of August or September 1961. In those days, VEGA Pérez was an instructor at the Officers Academy of the Castro regime and was also teaching an intensive course on espionage and counter-espionage to the future agents of the Castro regime in Latin America.

b. VEGA Pérez is white, was born circa 1919 in the City of Havana, is about 5'10" tall, about 190 lbs., has dark brown hair, is single, and, according to source, is a homosexual. He is a close friend of Manuel PINERO Lozada, aka "Barba Roja."

c. According to source, Foreign Service and Prensa Latina personnel graduated from the School or Academy of Espionage. VEGA Pérez arrived in Mexico as Cultural Attaché of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. However, at that time there were too many Cultural Attachés so VEGA Pérez was appointed as Cuban Press Attaché in Mexico. One of VEGA Pérez' functions was to act as contact or liaison between the foreign representatives of another country who arrived in Mexico and the Castro regime.

d. In 1962, VEGA Pérez engaged in the purchase of photographic equipment and films to be distributed together with the Communist propaganda throughout Latin America. Between 1961 and 1962, VEGA Pérez was the Second Chief of the Center of all subversive, espionage and counter-espionage activities in Mexico.

2. The following information was obtained from the same source on Ramón César CUERCA Montoto, who is mentioned in paragraph 1.c. of your request dated 23 Oct 64. Source reported the following information on CUERCA Montoto:

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CC-1234, CB, 7 Jun 65 (cont.)

a. Ramón César CUENCA Montoto was introduced to source in Havana by a man named (fnu) MONTENAYOR who was an old member of the Spanish Communist Party. This MONTENAYOR was the Director of the Espionage School in Havana and was in charge of placing personnel in other countries.

b. MONTENAYOR told source that he would receive orders in Mexico from CUENCA Montoto, who was the sole person authorized by the Castro regime to give the instructions. CUENCA was doing very active espionage and counter-espionage work in Mexico, and was the man in charge of taking care of every important personage who passed through Mexico.

c. CUENCA Montoto was born circa 1936, is about 5'11" tall, about 190 lbs., has rather blond hair, is from Havana, and wears glasses constantly.

d. In 1962, CUENCA Montoto was acting as chief of the Consulates in Veracruz, Tampico and Islas Mujeres, and, according to source, these were key Consulates for Communist subversion. CUENCA Montoto had close contact with a brother-in-law of Lázaro CÁRDENAS, former Mexican President, who was a peasant leader. Through that individual, he contacted various peasant leaders from different zones of the country, and CUENCA Montoto made a trip through the interior of the country for that purpose.

e. The following information was furnished by ^{OS} Pedro ROJO Ortega on Rogelio RODRIGUEZ López, who is mentioned in paragraph 5.a. of your request dated 23 Oct 64:

a. Rogelio RODRIGUEZ López was acting in Mexico as Second or Third Secretary of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico, and enjoyed the full confidence of the personnel attached to said Embassy. RODRIGUEZ López was a very close friend of the code clerk of the Embassy, and used to stay in the room where the code clerk deciphered the messages received.

b. RODRIGUEZ López is white, born circa 1935, about 5'10" tall, black hair, wears glasses constantly due to sight defect, and was married in 1962 (source does not remember the wife's name). According to source, RODRIGUEZ López had bourgeois tastes and source doubts that RODRIGUEZ López is a Communist.

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CC-1234, CE, 7 Jun 65 (cont.)

4. The following information was obtained from [redacted]

[redacted] Former Cubana Airlines official in Havana, who is now working for [redacted] at the Miami International Airport. PACIOS furnished the following information on Carlos Luis ALFONSO Ruga, who is mentioned in paragraph 3.c. of your request dated 23 Oct 64:

a. Carlos Luis ALFONSO Ruga was born circa 1924 in Havana, white, about 5'10" tall, about 170 lbs. He is an educated man and has an agile mind. Liked to live well and used to practice sports in the Miramar Yacht Club in the City of Havana.

b. From 1950 to 1954, ALFONSO Ruga was Cubana Airlines Traffic Supervisor. From 1954 to 1959 he was Station Chief. From 1959 to 1961 he was Assistant of the Traffic Chief, and in 1961 he was made Cubana Airlines Traffic Chief in Havana.

c. ALFONSO Ruga belonged to the so called confidential personnel of the CCA (Cubana Airlines), who did not belong to the union. In 1959, he joined the Castro regime and wore the militia uniform in Cubana Airlines.

5. We have the following file traces on Manuel Eugenio VEGA Pérez, Ramón César CUENCA Montoto, Rogelio RODRIGUEZ López and Carlos Luis ALFONSO Ruga:

a. Manuel E. VEGA Pérez: Information reported on this person in ME-497 dated 30 Oct 63, CC-475 dated 18 Nov 64, and CC-619 dated 22 Apr 64.

Manuel E. VEGA Pérez: Traveled from Havana to Mexico on 16 Apr 64, DIP PR-0-62-167. (Source: Passenger list from "friends.")

b. Ramón CUENCA Montoto: Information reported on this person in CC-460 dated 28 Dec 63.

Ramón César CUENCA Montoto: (New data.)

Left Mexico for Havana. Diplomatic visa #1217, 6/10/62. Ref. 2050, Sheet 2011. (Source: Passenger list from "friends.")

Left Mexico on 18 Jun 62. Diplomatic visa, Ref. 1091, Sheet 1141. (Source: Passenger list from "friends.")

Left Mexico on 9/24/62 for Havana. Diplomatic visa #641, 6/7/62, issued in Havana. (Source: Passenger list from "friends.")

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CC-1234, CE, 7 Jun 65 (cont.)

Traveled from Havana to Mexico on 8 Oct 61. Cuban VP-D-61/207, diplomatic. (Source: CCA passenger list.)

Arrived in Mexico on 10/9/62 from Havana with diplomatic visa #1217, dated 6/10/62, issued in Havana. Diplomat. Ref. 3277. Sheet 5089. (Source: Passenger list from "Friends.")

Traveled from Havana to Mexico on 17 Dec 61. PP-DIP-D-3 (sic). (Source: Passenger list from "Friends.")

Commercial Counsellor of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. Chief of the G-2 espionage corps in Mexico. (Source: Pedro L. ROBE Ortega, author of the book "How the Castro Spies Work." 7/24/64.)

Ramon César CUENCA. Former Lieutenant. Witness in Case 373/60 of the Camaguey Court of Instruction for the crime of embarrassment and death threats. (Source: Official Gazette #202, 18 Oct 62, page 12790.)

César CUENCA Montoro: Cuban, 27 years old. Arrived in Mexico on 17 Dec 61 in CCA Flight 464. PP-D-63-553. Diplomatic visa #910 issued by the Mexican Embassy in Havana on 20 Sep 61. (Source: CCA passenger list.)

Traveled from Mexico to Havana on 17 Feb 64. DIP-PP-61/553. (Source: Passenger list from "Friends.")

Rogelio RODRIGUEZ López: Information reported on this person in CC-850, 28 May 64, for a trip he made.

Rogelio RODRIGUEZ López: (New data.)

Traveled from Havana to Mexico on 16 May 64. DIP-PP-D/63/45. (Source: Passenger list from "Friends.")

Second Secretary of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. Traveled from Havana to Mexico by air. (Source: BOY newspaper, 17 May 64, page 7.)

Carlos Luis ALFONSO RUGA: Information reported on this person in CC-699 dated 8 Jul 64, and RE-1649 dated 31 Jul 64.

Carlos Luis ALFONSO RUGA: (New data.)

Traveled from Mexico to Havana on 26 Jun 64. PP-E-60-414. (Source: Passenger list.)

Carlota Luisa ALFONSO: Traveled from Mexico to Havana on 3 Aug 64. PP-614. (Source: CCA passenger list.)

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