

RETURN TO CIA
Background Use Only
Do Not Reproduce

DISPATCH

SECRET

Chief, Task Force 4

Chief of Station, MEXICO
Operational/PROSE/INTEK

ACTION REQUIRED: None; FYI

1. Subject was removed from CAC on 3 September 1962 and taken to a safe site where he was debriefed for four days. The purpose of the debriefing was to ascertain the subject's activities in Cuba and determine if he had any relationships with the C-2 or any other security organization.

2. During the course of the debriefing the subject appeared to be willing to cooperate and there were no indications of an attempt at deception. However, it is felt that the subject is a sharp operator, an opportunist and an individual motivated by his wife. He is very verbose, loud and attempts to hold the floor at all times.

3. CRELLANA claims that he had no relationship with the Cuban C-2, that he knew Fausto VALDEZ, Chief of the C-2, and Manuel FINEIRO, Deputy Chief of the C-2, but that he never conducted any business with them. He stated that he knew many C-2 agents by sight but never knew their names. He is of the opinion that all members of the C-2 are Communists and individuals of very low caliber.

4. Subject was granted asylum in the Uruguayan Embassy on 06.08 April 1962, which was obtained through [redacted]

[redacted] he had to seek asylum in the Uruguayan Embassy because he was in danger of being picked up by the Cuban Security Services. He claims that in May, 1961 he was engaged in the transportation of material and personnel from Habana to the "Segundo Frente" in the Tacaray mountains, in the Province of Santa Clara. At that time he was connected with [redacted]

GOVERNMENT [redacted] According to [redacted] was arrested in March 1962 and during the course of his interrogation (continued)

Attachments: herewith
History

Distribution:
3 - C/TF4 w/att

18 Sept 62

OPRA-5775

SECRET

104-10-106

CONTINUATION OF
DISPATCH

SECRET

by the Security Service, "Sanitized" documents and other information on the subject. In view of the above, the subject had

3. [REDACTED] admitted that during the last few months he engaged in negotiations for the purchase of arms from Cuban contacts. This during the month of September 1961 when he was in Los Angeles, California where he traveled for the purpose of purchasing arms from a Juan "RAMON" [REDACTED] of Los Angeles. He said that he did not purchase the arms from [REDACTED] but that he did make arrangements for the use of contact elements to obtain these arms from [REDACTED]. It is noted that the subject may have engaged in other criminal activities which he did not mention. This section is based on the information provided in the attached Personal History statement regarding his travel and the short term jobs he held in the past.

4. Subject also admitted that he was arrested on 26 April 1961 by the DTI because of his connection with a group engaged in the purchase and sale of arms. According to the subject he was a friend of [REDACTED] who was engaged in the purchase of arms. [REDACTED] endeavored to take out of the country. One of [REDACTED] associates, Vicente Benito "MUEL" Hernandez and Juan "RODRIGUEZ" [REDACTED] were arrested by the Security Services. Allegedly [REDACTED] and RODRIGUEZ informed the Security Services that the subject knew the whereabouts of RAMOS. Subject stated that he knew RAMOS and after being held for four days he was let out by MUEL and RODRIGUEZ, who were released a few days before the release of Subject.

5. Subject denies any association with the Communist Party, C-2 or any other Security Service. He claims to be anti-Communism and is willing to do anything in his power to combat Communism and liberate Cuba. Subject is an informant of the [REDACTED] interest and was returned to [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] does not contemplate any future contact with the [REDACTED].

6. JMWAVE traces reflect the following information on some of the individuals mentioned in this dispatch:

a. Eloy GUTIERREZ [REDACTED] - Probably identical with Subject of 281-281349; [REDACTED] 7; July 1961; [REDACTED] 22 August 1961; [REDACTED] 1 September 1961; and [REDACTED] 20 September 1961.

b. Aurelio SILVA - Probably identical with Aurelio SILVA, former member of Cuban National Police. See 281-1847, 19 June 1961.

c. Domingo MENDEZ - Probably identical with Domingo MENDEZ mentioned in HKM-65284, 18 September 1961.

d. General Genovevo PEREZ Davera - [REDACTED] identical with Genovevo PEREZ Davera, one-time [REDACTED] of the Cuban Army. See HKM-5540, 20 October 1954.

There are no identifiable traces on all other individuals mentioned in this dispatch.

END OF DISPATCH

ARMS
[Handwritten signature]