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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Domestic Contact Service  
SUBJECT : Vladimir RODRIGUEZ LaHera

1. Subject was engaged 1 May 1964 under a "Memorandum of Oral Commitment" for use as an agent in support of Cuban Operations, particularly in the recruitment and defection of Cuban intelligence personnel and diplomats. The Western Hemisphere Division will continue to employ Subject as an agent and will maintain primary responsibility for Subject following the granting of his request for permanent residence in the United States.

2. Subject is a caucasian male born 6 February 1937 in Havana, Cuba. He is 5 feet 2 inches tall, and weighs approximately 130 pounds. He has a long face, medium complexion, black hair and brown eyes, and is neat in appearance. Subject is the son of Carlos RODRIGUEZ Ferrer and Josefa LAHERA Marreao, who reside in Havana, Cuba.

3. RODRIGUEZ attended Escuela Publica #46, first to sixth grade; Primaria Superior #19, seventh and eighth grade; Artes y Oficios (Construction Civil) one year; and Instituto de Habana for two years.

4. Subject was a member of the Cuban Rebel Army from 1957 to 1961, during which time he advanced from the rank of Private to Lieutenant. He was imprisoned at Castello Principe, Cuba, from 14 July 1957 to 11 February 1958 for participation in sabotage and propaganda activities on behalf of the 26th of July Movement. He then joined Fidel CASTRO's forces in the Sierra Maestra and remained there until the end of 1958 when he returned to Havana upon the fall of the BATISTA Government. He was a precinct lieutenant of the Cuban National Police from November 1959 to December 1961, at which time he resigned from the Army under which he had held his position in the National Police. He was out of work until April 1962, at which time he was employed by the Ministry of Foreign Trade where he remained until he became a staff member of the General Directorate of Intelligence in August 1963. He was a member of this

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organization until his defection in April 1964.

5. Subject's only travel prior to his defection was a trip to Mexico City in March 1964 to hold intelligence meetings.

6. Subject was never associated with the Communist Party. Other than his participation in the anti-Batista struggle in 1957 and his services for the 26th of July Movement, Subject is not known to have engaged in any political activity. In 1958 he joined Fidel CASTRO's forces in the Sierra Maestra, returning to Havana upon the fall of the Batista Government.

7. Subject is currently in Miami employed as an agent for CIA for which he receives a salary of \$600.00 per month and on which he pays U.S. income tax. It is expected that his employment by this Agency will continue as long as the present government in Cuba is in existence. If the CASTRO Government were overthrown in favor of a non-Communist form of government and Subject's usefulness to CIA were obviated, the Agency would assist him in gaining employment with an American firm that has business associations with outlets or firms in Latin and Central America where he could use his native language and knowledge of Latin Americans and their methods. However, it is believed that Subject would prefer to return to Cuba if a non-Communist Government were in power and that he would be an asset in the establishment of that government. The only Agency commitment made to Subject is that he would be assisted in obtaining permanent residence in the United States.

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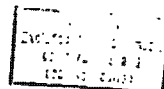
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