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SOURCE: A former Cuban IS officer who served with the Cuban Intelligence Service until April 1964.

Headquarters Comments

The following report is one of a series containing personality information provided by the source and includes supplemental information from the records of this Agency.

It is requested that the addressees take no action on any of the individuals mentioned in the personality reports without first checking with this Agency.

Upon further questioning of source, he revealed that the full name of Armando, subject of the above referenced report, is Armando TORRES Mesones, alias "El Francés." He is the curriculum administrative officer in the Departamento Escuelas Especiales (Department of Special Schools - EE), responsible for guerrilla warfare training, in the Direccion General de Inteligencia (General Directorate of Intelligence - DGI). Operations officers from the Departamento de Liberacion Nacional (National Liberation Department -LN) of the DGI send TORRES a statement as to what an individual agent, or groups of agents, is expected to do upon returning to his native country and TORRES arranges a training schedule which will prepare each individual for his assignment; he decides how many hours of instruction each trainee will have and in what subjects. In addition, he arranges the schedules of the instructors in the various schools and handles the overall administration for them. TORRES does not teach courses himself although he ranks as the chief instructor. He works particularly close with the Venezuelan desk officers and has relatively less to do with other LN Department operations officers.

Headquarters Comment

- 5 1. Aside from the information forwarded with the above referenced report, this Agency has no additional identifiable information on TORRES.

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