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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.

ARSENIO FRANCO Villanueva holds the rank of captain and is Chief of the Patrol Section of the Departamento de Seguridad del Estado (Department of State Security - DSE). 1,2,3,4,5

Headquarters Comments

- 1. In a report dated 1 December 1961, an untested source said that sometime in 1960 he joined the MRR and was assigned to the Sabotage Section under Jorge Francisco DIAZ. His MRR group was penetrated by a captain of the Municipal Police of Habana, Arsenio FRANCO Villanueva. FRANCO reported the groups activities to G-2 during the Playa Giron landing.
2. In a report dated 2 October 1962, an untested source provided a list of G-2 agents, Communists and individuals connected with the Communists. Included on this list was Arsenio FRANCO, alias "El Gallego," who was reportedly a captain in G-2. Source said he was born about 1937, was between 150 and 160 pounds, about six feet tall, had a white complexion, brown hair, and green eyes.
3. An official travel manifest revealed that on 5 October 1962, Arsenio FRANCO Villanueva, an active Communist Party member,

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arrived in Madrid from Habana. He was greeted at the airport by ESTEVEZ, an employee of the Cuban Embassy in Madrid.

4. A member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection and who have provided useful reports for two years said, in a report dated 14 May 1963, that Arsenio FRANCO Villanueva, a Cuban Police Captain, was a member of the Cuban Delegation to the San Paulo games.
5. An untested source in a report dated 4 May 1964, said that Arsenio FRANCO Villanueva, was a captain in the Departamento de Seguridad del Estado (DSE) and in charge of all DSE patrol cars in Habana. His office was located at Las Maristas, La Vibora, Habana. FRANCO, a Sierra Maestra veteran and formerly a Habana municipal police captain, was transferred to the DSE in 1963. He is married and his wife works at the municipal JUCEI in Habana. They live on 26th Street, Miramar, Habana, a block from "Che" GUEVARA. FRANCO had a reputation for ruthlessness and smoking marijuana cigarettes. Source described him as Caucasian, born about 1938, six feet tall, 160 pounds, dark complected, with dark eyes and brown hair.