

Award for Heroic Action or Acceptance of Hazard: Was act voluntary? Describe why act was outstanding, and if it was more than normally expected. Explain, why, and how. If an aerial or marine operation, describe type and position of craft, crew position of individual, and all unusual circumstances. Indicate results of the act.

Award for Achievement, Service, or Performance: State character of service during period for which recommended. (Give complete description of administrative, technical, or professional duties and responsibilities if not covered in Section C; include dates of assignment and relief.) What did the individual do that merits the award? Why was this outstanding when compared to others of like grade and experience in similar positions or circumstances? If appropriate, include production records and assistance rendered by other persons or units. What obstacles were encountered or overcome? Indicate results of achievement, service, or performance. Include reference to Fitness Reports, Letters of Commendation, or other documentation already on file which supports this recommendation.

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 [Rodriguez]

Mr. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ has been a contract agent since April 1960. He was married to a U. S. citizen and was educated in the United States. He became a citizen by naturalization.

Initially, this agent was employed by the Havana Station where he served as a cutout to two principal agents. Having demonstrated his capabilities he was made principal agent for a staybehind net. When diplomatic relations between the U. S. and Cuba were broken, subject was on a vacation in the United States. He immediately left for Cuba to assume his duties, knowing that the risk was even greater now, but he was aware that his services at this point were very important. He arrived in Cuba the following day.

He was harassed numerous times and lived under continuous strain subject to arrest by the Cuban G-2. On four different occasions he was actually taken into custody by the Cuban authorities and questioned at some length. Despite this danger and risk he remained until June 1961 and did an outstanding job in the handling and reorganization of the staybehind net.

The request for award is based particularly on his successful activity during this period on our behalf and under extreme hazardous conditions.

Mr. Ralph Sechafer can be reached on extension 4448 for further details, if necessary.

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ENCLOSURES (List individually) If originator is not an eyewitness or does not have personal knowledge of the act or performance, attach affidavits of eyewitness or individuals having personal knowledge of the facts.

- 1. PROPOSED CITATION **Intel. Medal of Merit.**
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RECOMMENDATION INITIATED BY <i>ESL</i> E. W. Schmidt	43. TITLE AND SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL MAKING RECOMMENDATION AO/RHD	44. DATE 1-2-62
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Section E Recommendation Forwarded Through Officials Concerned For Their Information

Head of _____ Career Service <i>(Career service of nominee)</i>	TITLE AND SIGNATURE ID/P	DATE
Deputy Director of Operating Component	TITLE AND SIGNATURE DD/P	DATE
Deputy Director of Career Service	TITLE AND SIGNATURE DD/S	DATE

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