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24 October 1963

WEAKNESSES (AND DEROGATORY INFORMATION)

NOTE: All derogatory information on Subject's FEU (Federacion Estudiantil Universitario) activities on separate sheets inclusive his whole career as President FEU.

29 November 1956: Batista's SIM agents picked up Dr. Armando de Cardenas y Aranguren, a pathologist at University of Havana, and interrogated him with regard to Cubela and Juan Pedro Carbo Servia, in connection with the slaying of Lt. Col. Antonio Blanco Rico of ^{Servicio de Inteligencia Militar} SIM (Batista's Security Force). Cardenas admitted that Carbo Servia had arrived carrying a machine gun and that he hid both for 4 days. He also admitted under pressure that he was a homosexual and that Cubela was his intimate friend. Source: Ours, from Cuban government official. Also reported that Carlos Prio Socarras, former President of Cuba, had helped Carbo and Cubela to escape from Cuba. This was reported by Avance (newspaper) on 30 November 1956.

1959: "Raul CASTRO Ruz is a known homosexual, and in 1959 in Raul's home in the Camp Columbia Hqs, Raul and Cubela were surprised while making obvious homosexual advances toward one another. Cubela later fell into disgrace with the regime. It is not known whether this was due to his unsatisfactory performance as a student leader or whether he had had a "Lover's Quarrel" with Raul. Source: Latin American revolutionary who lived in Cuba until August 1962 and personally met high Cuban officials. (Ed Note: Perhaps his performance as one-half of the homosexual team was unsatisfactory!?)

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DR Leaders (early Spring 1959):

Faure CHAUMONT (aka CHOMON) Mediavilla - Commander D.R. (Lazaro)

Rolando Cubela Secades - 2nd in command Jose Alberto "Pepin" Naranjo Morales, and Raul Jaime Diaz - Arguelles y Garcia.

Cubela reportedly frankly expressed to Fidel Castro his dissatisfaction with regime privately told intimates he so disgusted with Castro that if he, Cubela, did not get out of country soon, he would kill Castro himself.

(HKH-1830 - 2 April 1959)
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December 1959: A Guatemalan youth leader who spoke to Cubela at some length after the latter's recent (1959) return from C/China reportedly said that Cubela was not too intelligent and primarily a soldier in his attitude and outlook.

January 1960: Swerving of FEU (Federacion Estudiantil Universitario) to left confirmed by its decision taken November 1959 to become full member of IUS (International Union of Students) - part of the Communist-controlled WFDY (World Federation of Democratic Youth).

(CS 3/425,096, 20 January 1960, B from C; 3)

5 August 1960: Cuban businessman (F) reported that a fake anti-Government movement recently initiated by followers of the Castro regime for the purpose of infiltrating true anti-government groups. New movement reportedly headed by Cubela. He using as agents Jose Abrahantes Fernandez of 26th of July Movement (now Chief State Security) and Cmdr Ydilio Jaime FIGUERES y Amas, liaison officer between G-2 and Min of State and PSP member for this movement.

(CSCI 3/761,109, 5 August 1960)

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15 August 1960: Cubela and Jose VENEGAS Valdespino left Havana on 14 August for Geneva to attend 9th International Congress of Students IUS (International Union of Students) EmbTel #746, 15 August 1960.

September 1960: In NYC September 1960 after trip N.Y. - Switzerland was to be in contact with Cuban Consulate, particularly Jose VAZQUEZ Blanco, Consulate Attache, and reported to be a G-2 type who later defected to U.S. and was given bona fides by Colonel Ramon BARQUIN. (DBF 57143, 9 Sept 60)

Reportedly hand-picked by Fidel Castro because he could be controlled. (DIR 16364 (OUT 52976))

October 1960: State Dispatch noted that current rumors indicated Cubela probable sexual degenerate. (7 Oct 60)

October 1960: Subject reported in Cuba, evidently made short trip NY in company Castro delegation. Current rumors indicated subject probably sexual degenerate, also that he puppet following CP line. Emb has no reliable reports that Subject member of CP but action re Emb evacuation notice and violent denunciation of Emb in local press clearly point out his anti-Americanism. Was active leader in subversion of Havana University and present radical extremist youth groups.

(AmEmb Havz Tel 1627, 7 Oct 60)

November 1960: Unidentified source called Cubela one of many "small time" student leaders who made his living by extortion and blackmail. Principal victims were homosexuals who were prominent in social, professional and business positions.

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This report called him an individual without principles or scruples, greedy, ambitious, and one who would betray the regime without qualms should it suit his own interests. OPS #1139. (Ed Note: We must have put this report out, for another card said the following: Among his victims were Miguel Angel QUEVEDO y Lastra, the former editor of the weekly magazine BOHEMIA (now in exile in the US and working for us; however, it is true that QUEVEDO is and was openly known to be a homosexual, and one Dr. Cardenas, fnu, Chief Surgeon of the University Hospital. However, it appears to the editor that source is speaking of Dr. Armando de Cardenas Aranguren, a pathologist who admitted homosexual relations with Cubela during an interrogation by SIM after the killing of Lt. Col. Antonio BLANCO Rico. However, there is no doubt that Cardenas still considered himself a friend to Cubela and as late as 1961 was trying to help get Cubela out of Cuba; this would hardly be true if Cubela had been blackmailing him for years. There are other indications that they appear to be good friends. In any case, this type of blackmail could work both ways - the individuals concerned could put the same charge against the blackmailer, no?)

December 1960: Following derog info subject: Gained prominence FEU (Federacion Estudiantil Univrs'tario) through Raul Castro. Common knowledge that he sold out morally and politically to Raul. Subject actually shared quarters with Raul and much talk of homo relationships. Subject became sort of mediator between Commie and anti-Commie groups in University of Havana after January 1959. But soon his lack of character and political force became known and Raul forced him upon FEU as President in November 1959. Traditionally subject should not

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be FEU President now because electoral period is one year and elections were not held in November 1960.

(WAVE 2236, 14 December 1960)

1961: Contemplated suicide 1961 (HELS 1609) completely distrusts security in any WAVE contact with Cubans and Cuban community.

Wants absolutely no contact nor even their knowledge his connection ^{U.S. Govt.} PBPRIME. He was promised maximum security this area.

1961: His girl friend, Sonia CALERO Sansana, suspected G-2 agent attended marijuana and cocaine parties at home of Police Chief Efigenio Almeijeras in 1961. Whether Cubela also went is not a matter of record, although Almeijeras was friendly enough with Cubela to be one of the witnesses at Cubela's wedding in August 1959. Cubela went to Mexico to represent Fidel Castro at the exercises of the graduating class of the School of Political and Social Sciences at the Autonomous University of Mexico. Although he arrived too late for this, due to missing a plane connection from South America, he represented Fidel at the National Agricultural School in Chapingo. LITAMIL-3 reported that Cubela, who lived at the Cuban Embassy while in Mexico had been drinking heavily since his arrival in Mexico.

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March 1961: Tepedino (from N.Y.) reported to Jack Stewart (MEXI) that Cubela called from Havana 17 March 1961, ordered 2 car springs be given to Manuel "Manolito" PEREZ, member of Cuban G-2 and on the Cuban UN delegation for delivery to Cubela. Tepedino uncertain whether C wanted springs or wanted to tell him of PEREZ's G-2 connection. (MEXI 7686 (IN 4892), 24 March 61)

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March 1961: Cubela reportedly arrested attempting flee Cuba; attempted departure of Subject was alleged to be a trap with Subject witting; it resulted arrest several anti-Castro individuals.

(No ref; no date)

March 1961: Message to DWAKIQ #64 (was a signal plan operator for contact in (FLAME) boat infiltrations and exfiltrations. He is now ANGLEN-9, a stay behind FI operator.) for Henry: "We believe police aware Cubela desire to defect and departure plans. Police also probably alerted area of FLAME (boat exfiltration) activity. Exercise extreme caution your involvement Cubela exfiltration and FLAME group".

(No reason stated) (BELL 3499 (OUT 8812) 29 Mar 61)

March 1961: To DWAKIQ: For Henry. FYI: Cubela told friends he was being followed. Suggest you ignore him for present unless you can circumvent surveillance. (WAVE 5065 (IN 0895) 30 March 61)

June 1961: AMIRE-1 advised that Rolando Cubela very probably will defect on CP ASTA most recently referred to in RIMM 5842. Expect Cubela's arrival Marathon 8 June 1961.

(WAVE 6588 (IN 2846) 7 June 61)

June 1961: The Army Intel report on Sonia CALERO Sansana of 9 June 1961 reported that she attended the marijuana and cocaine parties given by (then) Captain Efigenio Almeijeras, Havana Police Chief. (Now, 1963, the latter is Deputy Minister, Department of Defense, for Special Affairs.) The parties were given at Almeijeras' apartment in Havana.

Sonia CALERO Sansana is one of Cubela's girl friends, and he is friendly enough with Almeijeras to have asked him to be of the witnesses at his wedding to Mirtha NOVOA Delgado in August 1959. Whether

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Cubela ever attended these marijuana-cocaine parties at Almeijeras' apartment is not a matter of record.

August 1961: Report indicated that Cubela likes drinks, is sociable, friendly. Source: Cuban nationals: identical twins, Roberto and Guillermo VERDAGUER Boan, via interrogation center, 319th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Hood, Texas.

January 1962: An eminent physician who arrived from Cuba as an exile told FBI that Cubela probably changed his mind about defecting because he was afraid that he would be incarcerated in an immigration detention camp. Source told FBI that Dr. Armando de Cardenas y Aranguran entered the USA in August 1961 and was held for two months in the I&NS detention facilities at McAllen Texas. Source said considerable common gossip to effect that Cubela was Cardenas' "boy friend". Report noted that Cubela is reliably reported by many sources to be a pervert.

**January 1961: Subject reportedly will come to Spain in the near future under a fictitious name and with his beard shaved off. He will be the Chief of the action group penetrating Spain from Cuba.

(OSMA-11926, 18 Jan 61)

February 1962: Subject did not complete his term of office as President of the FEU and was made to resign in favor of Ricardo ALARCON. The reason for dismissing him was drink and women. Nevertheless CUBELA seems to have retained his position as student leader and carries a great deal more weight than ALARCON. He is consulted not only by student leaders but by University authorities and government officials. (OSMA-11926, 13 Feb 62)

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May 1962: FBI report to us in Bern on Cubela said he wanted to flee Cuba. Will try get permission to visit some European country and defect.

(SOURCE: Miami refugee. Bern 9140 (IN 38859) 22 May 62)

1962: According to Wainwright, in a comment made after the summer meetings in 1962 in Europe, one cannot say whether Cubela has a hidden bent in this direction (homosexuality) but if so, he is not solely so-inclined, but rather AC-DC. He presents a good appearance in a masculine way when dressed up and (according to Tepedino to Wainwright) does quite well with women.

1962 US 4th Army report said Subject likes drinking, loves jokes, social, amiable, and friendly.

August 1962: Cubela was a "special delegate" to Helsinki World Youth Festival by Fidel's permission. Play given was that Subject fatigued and ill, needed a rest, thus he got chance to travel and then meet AMWHIP. (MELS 1609 (IN 39865) 4 Aug 62)

August 1962: Cubela stayed Franklin Hotel, Paris, with Tepedino; then felt must move to Casa Cuba (Cuban House) and see Fidelista friends. He planned to stay one week in France including meetings, and a Riviera trip. Said it was necessary to spend about 5 days in Prague before returning Havana, around 28 August 62. This date given to his mother by mail and to dancer Sonia CALERO Sansana in Havana by tele. CALERO is reported to be Cuban G-2, like her brother Oscar, known Cuban G-2.

(PARI 2581 (IN 45795) 15 Aug 62)

August 1962: AMSTRUT-1 (wife of former Brazilian Ambassador to Cuba) in Miami area on Aug 62 reported she received letter from friend Cuba

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stating that wife, Cubela's Mirth NOVOA Delgado de Cubela, was telling his friends that he does not intend return ^{CUBA} PBRUMEN from Helsinki.

Tepedino commented no chance now of Cubela's reconciliation with his wife as she is too talkative about her anti-regime views and determination leave Cuba. In phone call 22 August 62 with mother in Havana, Cubela learned that she was visited earlier this week by Raul Castro who inquired where Cubela and when he would return. Cubela also in contact with Cuban Embassy personnel Paris.

(PARI 2743 (IN 10511) 23 August 62)

August 1962: AMSPORT-1 contacted by Cubela via Luis Enrique Transancos Arrieta. Studied at Academy of Fine Arts, Chicago, 1957-1958. Living with a Spanish woman at Casa Cuba in Paris and working at the Cuban Consulate, Paris. PARI 2870 and PARI 2869, 30 Aug 62.

August 1962: Told AMSPORT-1 he was thoroughly disgusted present with the situation in Cuba and planned do something about it. Stated he wished to contact AMSPORT-1 on next trip out of Cuba. Stated KUBARK Cuban assets had tried contact him but "he avoided them". Indicated he might be amenable to ^{U.S.} PBPRIME contact next trip out. (PARI 2869 (IN 14299) 30 Aug 62)

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