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Eusebio Azene Lopez, ex Cuban Consul in Mexico was born circa 1911 in Havana Cuba. His passport number was D/59/459.

Circa 1952 Azene was living in France and was arrested by French authorities on charges resulting from his involvement in smuggling gemstones and other antiques into France. He was in jail for 16 months.

In a January 3, 1963 report, Headquarters reported extreme interest in mounting an operation aimed at the recruitment of Azene. The report states that Azene was an architect, intelligent, who felt for Cubans but unfortunately has communist tendencies. Most of the file deals with the efforts of Carlos Rodriguez to recruit Azene for the CIA. Amongst those reporting on Azene for CIA and attempting to recruit him were [L-3], [L-7, OI L-9], and [Am. Kub. - 1].

Lawrence P. Barker met E [L-9] <sup>Nov. 4, 1963</sup> who stated that he saw Azene talking with Sylvia Duran recently in the office -- checking her for being a Communist. Sylvia replied, "It's not true. I am not a Stalinist and I have never been interested in Party membership." [L-9] thinks Sylvia is a very intelligent girl. He thinks we may be able to gain her cooperation by getting a desirable male next to her -- she is, according to [L-9], "a little pretty" (this memo is not complete.)

Azene left for Cuba Nov. 18, 1963.

There is a Target Personality Data form filled out on him completed March 10, 1967. <sup>begin Jan 67</sup> In the Table / Contents is:

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Curriculum Vitae

1911 - mid 1950's Spain employed at Cuban Embassy in Madrid in Spain

1952 France Smuggling activities

1953-1958 Mexico

1958-1963 Nov 18 Mexico Cuban Consul smuggling guns +

Nov 63-65 Cuba → ammunition to Cuba

Nov 5, Dec 17 employed as Jose Plan

1945 - Official of National Council of Culture responsibility of the National Council of Culture

est dated report

Memo for Report - [Stamp - 9], Nov. 15, 1966

Ayene was called in about Sept. 16 by Ospania Cienfuegos and almost fired from his job. Also Sanchez was also critical of Ayene. Ayene who had been given the responsibility of the Pavilion at the Expo 67 in Montreal had apparently failed miserably in fulfilling his job. Cienfuegos who considered the Expo 67 affair a very very important event told Ayene he had "abandoned" the project and done nothing. Ayene was at the point of being fired when he produced a letter he had written to a govt organization which asked for assistance and it had not been forthcoming. This letter apparently "saved" Ayene from being summarily fired from his post but it did not stop Cienfuegos from relieving Ayene of his responsibilities re Expo 67. This run-in with Cienfuegos has made Ayene a very bitter man and he wants to get out of Cuba as soon as possible. His plans are to leave Cuba for Mexico around the end of the year (in pencil '66). Ayene plans to use a bad vertebrae as "cover" to get to Mexico.

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Elena Garcia de Paz also supplied information on him but unreliable.

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CIA went as far as to contemplate getting agent involved in a sting but, allowing him to embarrass himself and then attempting to recruit him.

We do not know if agent ever went to Moscow as planned in late 66 for the file ends and no further reports are included.

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