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Synopsis:

Military records re subject reveal he was inducted into the U. S. Army 1/28/49 at New York, N. Y., and served on active duty until 1/27/50 on which date he was honorably discharged from active duty and transferred to U. S. Army Reserve Corps until 6/12/54 when he was honorably discharged. Subject validated for emergency service in U. S. Merchant Marine and issued Merchant Marine Document # Z-1068920. Merchant Marine records for subject for period 2/55 through 10/57 set forth. Subject's identification record set forth. Information received from confidential source abroad re subject's past travel in Europe fails to reflect any pertinent contacts made by subject during such travel. The person who allegedly made the allegation on which this investigation was based, namely, that subject in the past planned to travel to Europe and Moscow, advised that he has been unable to develop any information to change source's opinion that subject is anti-CASTRO.

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DETAILS:

A review of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for ORESTES FARNICIO PENA, Serial Number 51 061 050, indicated he was inducted into the U. S. Army on January 28, 1949 at New York, New York, and served on active duty until January 27, 1950, at which time he was honorably released from

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active duty as a Private at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was transferred to the U. S. Army Enlisted Reserve Corps where he served in an inactive status until June 12, 1954 receiving an honorable discharge by reason of completion of his military obligation.

Records failed to reflect any foreign service, awards, citations, or decorations. His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent and there is no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave.

At Washington, D. C.

The following information was obtained from a review of Merchant Marine personnel file pertaining to OREST PENA obtained from Miss LUCILE R. SCHILDER, Supervisor, Merchant Vessel Personnel Records and Welfare Branch:

On August 3, 1954, at Port of New York, New York City, Orestes Farnicio Pena, 223 West 195th Street, New York City, executed an application for a United States Merchant Mariner's Document. On this application, Orestes Farnicio Pena showed he was born August 15, 1923, at Colon, Cuba, was holder of a Cuban passport, number 16583, issued June 23, 1949, by the Department of Immigration, Havana, Cuba, also was in possession of United States Immigration and Naturalization alien registration card, number A-6434157. He requested a Merchant Mariner's Document endorsed for duty as an Ordinary Seaman, Wiper and Messman. He was validated for emergency service and on November 2, 1954, was issued United States Merchant Mariner's Document, number Z-1068920. He was described as a white male, five feet eight inches tall, weight 140 pounds, black hair, brown eyes and wearing a mustache. His Social Security Number was shown as being number 068-24-0156. His next of kin was identified as his wife, Paula Pena, at 223 West 105th Street, New York City.

On May 19, 1955, Pena was issued Merchant Mariner's

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Document Z-1068920 in the name Orest Pena. The file reflected he requested his name to be changed to conform with his name as it appeared on his Certificate of Naturalization, number 7426151, issued to him May 6, 1955, in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, New York City. His new Merchant Mariner's Document also showed him to be endorsed for service as Ordinary Seaman, Wiper and Messman.

On January 7, 1957, Pena's Merchant Mariner's Document was reissued at Mobile, Alabama, to show him as an able seaman-any-waters-twelve months. At that time he showed his permanent residence as 515 West 107th Street, New York City, and next of kin was identified as his daughter, Margaret Pena, at the same address.

On April 24, 1961, he was issued a Replacement Document, at which time his local address was shown as 117 Decatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Merchant Marine jacket reflected the following service record for Pena:

Date of Shipment	Place	Name of Vessel	Date Discharged	Place	Rating
2/8/55	New York City	Columbia Heights	4/27/55	Tacoma, Washington	Wiper
6/3/55	New York City	Gulf Service	6/21/55	Lake Charles, Louisiana	Ordinary Seaman
6/22/55	Lake Charles, Louisiana	Gulf Service	12/9/55	New York City	Ordinary Seaman
1/5/56	New York City	Gulf Service	7/3/56	New York City	Ordinary Seaman

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Date of Shipment	Place	Name of Vessel	Date Discharged	Place	Rating
9/21/56	New Orleans, Louisiana	Sue Lykes	12/3/56	New Orleans, Louisiana	Ordinary Seaman
12/8/56	New Orleans, Louisiana	Yaque	12/20/56	New York City	Ordinary Seaman
12/21/56	New York City	Yaque	1/7/57	Mobile, Alabama	Ordinary Seaman
1/7/57	Mobile, Alabama	Yaque	1/23/57	Mobile, Alabama	Ordinary Seaman
1/26/57	New Orleans, Louisiana	Yaque	2/28/57	New Orleans Louisiana	Ordinary Seaman
3/1/57	New Orleans, Louisiana	Yaque	3/15/57	Baltimore, Maryland	Ordinary Seaman
3/25/57	New Orleans, Louisiana	Drake Victory	6/7/57	New Orleans Louisiana	Able Bodied
6/30/57	Houston, Texas	Jean Lykes	7/10/57	Galveston, Texas	Able Bodied Seaman
7/11/57	Houston, Texas	Gibbes Lykes	7/26/57	Houston, Texas	Able Bodied Seaman
7/27/57	Houston, Texas	Gibbes Lykes	8/20/57	New Orleans Louisiana	Able Bodied Seaman
10/25/57	Ostrica, Louisiana	Gulf Flight	10/31/57	Philadel-phia, Pennsylvania	Ordinary Seaman

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Note: Voyages beginning on June 3, 1955,
June 22, 1955, January 5, 1956, and
October 25, 1957, were coastwise;
all other voyages were to foreign ports.

Set out below is the Identification Record pertain-
ing to [OREST PENA:]

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME & NUMBER	ARRESTED OR REC'D	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	Oreste Farnicio Pena #US 51 061 050	1-28-49 NY NY		
USINS-AR	Orestes F. Pena #6434157	FP 1-18-53		
USCG	Orestes Farnicio Pena #Z	FP 8-3-54		
USCG	Orest Pena #Z-1068920	FP 5-18-55		

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On July 9, 1964, NO T-1, a confidential source abroad, revealed that subject resided at the Grand Hotel, 2 rue Scribe, Paris 9, from May 6-12, 1964. Source advised that since that date he has no longer been present in the Paris, France area. Source added that subject is unknown to the records of the various services of the Prefecture of Police in Paris. During his brief stay in Paris he did not come to the attention of the French authorities. (S)

On July 20, 1964, NO T-2, a confidential source abroad, revealed that subject arrived in Madrid, Spain, on May 12, 1964 at Barajas Airport (Madrid). He took up residence at the Hotel Plaza, Madrid, where he remained until May 22, at which time he departed from the hotel. His destination was unknown but it was believed that he had left Spain at that time. Source advised that subject did not come to security notice during his stay in Spain. Spanish records reflected that he was the bearer of U. S. passport #92577 issued to him in Washington, D. C. on June 25, 1963. He arrived in Spain under the auspices of the American Express Company Travel Agency. (S)

Also on July 20, 1964, NO T-3, a confidential source abroad, revealed substantially the same information supplied by confidential source NO T-2. Instant source added, however, that Spanish records reflected that subject was born August 15, 1923 in the United States and that his permanent place of residence was listed by him as New Orleans, Louisiana. (S)

Confidential informant NO T-4, a confidential source abroad, advised as follows on August 7, 1964: (U)

ORESTES PENA, born August 15, 1923, in Cuba, a United States citizen, arrived at Fiumicino Airport, Rome, Italy, on Trans World Airlines flight number 900 on May 22, 1964, coming from Madrid, Spain. PENA bore passport number D-092577, issued at Washington, D. C., on June 25, 1963. While in Rome, PENA lodged at the Hotel Commodoro. (U)

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PENA departed Rome at 1:20 PM on May 27, 1964, on Alitalia flight number AZ-222 enroute to Frankfurt, Germany, from where he was to continue on Air France flight number 370, to Berlin, Germany.

While at his hotel in Rome, he is not known to have had contact of any sort and gave the impression that he was merely traveling as a tourist.

At New Orleans, Louisiana

On September 10, 1964, [GUILLERMO FIALLO, 2003 Laurel Street, } an employee of A-Z Paper Company, {630 South Front Street, New Orleans, } advised as follows:

FIALLO, it is to be noted, is the source of the original allegation on which this investigation was based, namely, that subject had some time ago planned to travel to Europe and Moscow. FIALLO advised on September 10, 1964, that since he was last interviewed by an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 6, 1964 he has endeavored to determine subject's sympathies regarding FIDEL CASTRO. Source advised that he has had close contact with the subject in the past and has seen him several times since July 6, 1964, however, he did state that he has not had too close a contact with the subject during the last 30 days. FIALLO stated that he has endeavored in his contacts with the subject and with other persons who are known to the subject to ascertain whether the subject could possibly be pro-CASTRO or perform any activity on behalf of CASTRO. FIALLO stated that after all of his efforts he still retains his original firm belief that the subject is definitely anti-CASTRO and added that he has learned nothing that would cause him to believe that subject was anything but anti-CASTRO.

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