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In an interview with FBI agent Francis J. O'Brien, Alexander Rorke used the alias "Diego" for VICTOR EMANUEL PANEQUE. 9/19/61.

ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, former military chief of Escambray in 1957-58 Cuban revolution and now closely associated with FRD, planned to attend military demonstration at Davie, Florida on July 1, 1961, but did not show up, per FBI report of Robert James Dwyer, Miami. Bureau file 2-1683, Vol 2 of 11, dated 9/8/61.

On August 28, 1961, HEMMING voluntarily contacted Miami FBI office on another matter, but gave information about Revolutionary Junta of National Liberation. Said he had worked closely with Junta. Per FBI file 2-1683, Vol. 2 of 11.

August 22, 1961 - According to GEORGE R. DAMON, HEMMING was in Cuba to blow up generator stations, Per FBI report of Robert W. Coholan, Newark - dated 8/22/61. Report covers period of 7/11 - 8/16/61. Vol 2 of 11, #105-63729-14.

July 5, 1971 - HEMMING in Miami - interviewed by FBI Miami, per report dated 8/9/61. #105-65729-12, Vol 2 of 11.

ROLANDO ARCADIO MASFERRER ROJAS - aka ROLANDO MASFERRER, per FBI report of Lemar L. Stafford, Jr., August 17, 1961.

"ANTONIO DE VARONA organized Rescate to justify his position of leadership in FRD. Rescate is a political organization awaiting the time when it can obtain political control in Cuba." per FBI report of Robert James Dwyer, Miami office, dated August 10, 1961. Bureau file 109-584. Vol 2 of 11, Sec. 2

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Re: Raid on Cuba aboard "Sally" on 12/3/62. Classified documents on this raid read and reported in 11/8/77 memo.

August 29, 1962 - Miami - HEMMING met with ANTONIO DE VARONA, head of Rescate Democratico Revolucionario and invited him to participate in military training. Varona stated he would not sponsor or participate in any military training or action without U.S. government approval. Per informant information to Miami FBI - report dated 11/19/62, File # 2-1693-69, Vol. 4 of 11.

Regarding HEMMING'S arrest in Mobile, he was also questioned about arriving in Mobile in a stolen car driven by CLARENCE ARCHIE ABBOTT, a friend of NAPIERS. Hemming said he hitchhiked to Mobile and had no knowledge of Abbott.

July 28, 1961 - Miami area - HEMMING met with ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, FRANK LITTLE, (FNU) MORTON and one other unidentified Cuban - trying to locate training base outside U.S. for future attacks against Cuba.

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FBI informant supplied following information on Hemming on December 31, 1963.

August 1963 - Miami - HEMMING married to Pat (LNU) with whom he had been living. Expecting a child in five months.

September 30, 1963 - Miami - unemployed.

November 2, 1963 - Ft. Lauderdale - left by private plane for Central America with two Miami attorneys and an insurance representative to search for ALEXANDER RORKE and GEOFFREY SULLIVAN lost in plane crash sometime after 9/24/63.

November 6, 1963 - Returned to Miami after unsuccessful search for Rorke/Sullivan.

December 1963 - Miami - evicted from apartment at 2450 N.W. North River Drive, Miami and moved to 1036 S.W. 5th Street, Apt. 2, Miami, Florida.

FBI informant supplied following information on Hemming on November 14, 1963.

September 22, 1963 - HEMMING returned to Miami from Chicago where he conferred with CONSTANTINE KANGLES, attorney regarding possibility of negotiating a prisoner's release with present government of Cuba. Hemming made some money in Chicago apparently the result of negotiating an arms deal for some Cubans who hang out at a gas station at 31st Street and 22nd Ave., N.W. in Miami.

October 18, 1963 - Miami - HEMMING takes possession of 20mm cannon and parts and sells it to a Cuban exile. Had previously promised it to SANTIAGO ALVEREZ RODRIGUEZ, head of Comandos L.

FBI informant supplied following information on Hemming on September 30, 1963 in Miami.

June 6, 1963 - Miami Beach - HEMMING visited CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, 5070 Alton Road, Miami Beach, former President of Cuba. Prio to support a military training camp.

July 3, 1963 - Left for Dallas, Texas to confer with GENERAL IRWIN A. WALKER who did not wish to get involved with Cuban affairs. Also conferred with LESTER R. LOGUE, Dallas. Logue did not wish to participate with Hemming for fear of offending U.S. government officials. Did promise to put him in contact with some soon-to-be promoted Colonel and Major in the Army Reserve.

August 6, 1963 - Miami - visited by FRANK NELSON of New York City representing a friend who was interested in buying PT boats for shipment to an African country. Nelson and Hemming visited boatyards in Miami.

FBI informant supplied following information on Hemming on June 21, 1963.

June 19, 1963, a.m. - Miami - HEMMING and DICK WATLEY met with MIKE MORINO at Trio Diner. Wanted to know Morino and were planning to rob him of arms Morino kept at 2954 Southwest 16th Terrace, Miami and at Morino's home in Hialeah, Florida.

June 19, 1963, p.m. - Hemming on raid of residence of CARLOS ZARRAGA for part of Morino's supply of arms. Returned ZARRAGA'S arms and proceeded to Marino's house. U.S. Customs had confiscated arms.

FBI report to U.S. Customs Deputy Commissioner from J. Edgar Hoover, dated June 21, 1963 - relates that on June 18, 1963, in Miami, STURGIS and HEMMING took RICHARD LAUCHLI of Collinsville, Illinois around Miami. LAUCHLI (LOCKLEY phonic) has a carload of automatic weapons and is a regional director of the "MINUTEMEN".

April 26, 1963 - Miami - FBI informant says HEMMING living with EARL SIMPKINS who gets Hemming part-time jobs but Hemming still has to borrow money from Miami attorney, CHARLES R. ASHMANN to pay rent and buy food.

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June 20-22, 1963 - Dallas, with LORENZO HALL. In contact with WALLACE H. WELCH, Approved Employers Service. Welch took them to see GENERAL EDWIN A. WALKER. Per FBI report of Wallace R. Heitman, Dallas, dated 4/11/63.

March 20-25, 1963 - Dallas with LORENZO HALL. Stayed at the home of WALLACE WELCH.

January 23, 1963 - Alhambra, California to attend funeral of his father, per interview of Wallace Welch, dated 4/11/63.

Memo from Director, FBI to J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General, re: capture of eight counterrevolutionaries by Cuban armed forces, February 21, 1963. File date, March 22, 1963. ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS supplied money and weapons for raid. One of 8 captured was ELENO OVIEDO ALVAREZ. ROY EMORY HARGRAVES of Interpen on raid but had returned to Miami for additional gasoline when the eight were captured.

Informant report to FBI, dated March 10, 1963, Miami. - Early March 1963 - HEMMING visited people in State Department and Pentagon. Helped by STERLINE COTTRELL, Undersecretary of State, Cuban Affairs. Hemming became friendly with a Marine Corps General stationed in the White House.

February 1956 - August 1960 - in U.S. Marine Corps per FBI memo dated January 8, 1963.

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Many third agency deletions.

April-June 1965 - HEMMING involved in plan to aid GENERAL ANTONIO IMBERT BARRERA of Dominican Republic through the Organization of American States, per FBI report, Miami, dated 4/14/66, #2-1917-25.

No financing received. HEMMING worked with JULIO ATON CONTANZO PALAU. ANDREW ST. GEORGE, photographer and newsman and I. IRVIN DAVIDSON, Washington D.C. public relations man also involved.

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Re: JORGE ANTONIO ZIMERI SAFIE -- many third agency deletions. Circa 1976 and 1977. Through Mexico. Government of Guatemala wanted ZIMERI returned. Should be considered armed and dangerous. Rifles confiscated. Confidential file on this episode reviewed in November 8, 1977 report.

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Consists of FBI background check on HEMMING. Report of Norman E. Bliss, Miami FBI, dated 9/14-67. Hemming applied for position with Agency for International Development.

July 1967 - Moved with family to California, expecting to work for Federal government and go to Viet Nam.

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Hemming sent request for FOIA information at FBI on him from period of August 27, 1975 to April 26, 1977. File contains various correspondence between Hemming in Opa Locka, Florida and the FBI regarding this request.