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On May 1, 1978, an operational asset, who has provided reliable information in the past, provided the following information: (S)

On April 26, 1978, the asset departed San Juan, Puerto Rico, and flew to Miami, Florida. That evening the asset attempted to call ANTONIO VECIANA, however, was informed that he was in Washington, D. C., and would not return until later. The following day, the asset visited with VECIANA. VECIANA stated that he went to Washington, D.C. to testify in the United States House of Representatives regarding the KENNEDY assassination. VECIANA showed the asset a paper which he (VECIANA) had been given which reflected that VECIANA was granted immunity to testify before the Committee. VECIANA stated that he gave the Committee the names of the people involved in the 1971 attempted assassination of FIDEL CASTRO in Chile. VECIANA gave the names of SECUNDINO ALVAREZ, ANTONIO ARROCHA, and LUCILO DE LA PENA. VECIANA said that he did not give the asset's name to the Committee. The Committee was interested in knowing the identities of the people in Chile who assisted VECIANA in this assassination attempt, however, VECIANA did not give the Committee these names.

VECIANA stated that he gave information to a Miami newspaper that ROGER REDONDO had gone to Jamaica with SALVADOR ALDEREGUIA. VECIANA wants to make as much publicity as possible concerning the arrest of ALDEREGUIA, as he believes this will help to retard attempts to renew relations between the United States and Cuba. VECIANA stated that he made no mention of REDONDO and his relationship with ALDEREGUIA before the Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., but only gave this information to the Miami newspaper. VECIANA did not indicate to which newspaper this information was given.

On April 28, 1978, the asset departed Miami, Florida, at 1:35 PM on a Mexicana Airlines flight arriving in Mexico City, Mexico, at approximately 6:00 PM. The asset went to

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(the Diplomatic) Hotel, where he was given Room (504) (The asset) (S) went to the (Cine Marina), arriving there at approximately 8:00 PM. (S) (The asset) was met at the (Cine Marina) by a representative of the (S) Cuban Intelligence Service (CUIS) known to (the asset) as (PEDRO (S) CAMPOS SANTO. CAMPOS) arrived in a taxi cab, called for (the asset) (S) and (the asset) entered the cab and they departed the area. They (S) went directly to a restaurant, the name of which (the asset) was (S) unable to ascertain. (The asset) advised that this restaurant (S) was located in a hotel across the street from the hotel (Sevilla) (S) (S) There is also a park across the street with a monument to (Las (S) Madres.) The restaurant was located in a hotel that was beside (S) a funeral home. At the restaurant they had dinner and talked.

(CAMPOS) did not utilize (a tape recorder) but took (S) notes on a piece of paper. In addition, (CAMPOS) had notes (S) written on a piece of paper from which he asked (the asset) (S) questions.

The discussion started by (CAMPOS) giving (the asset) (S) a letter from (the asset's sister) who resides in Cuba. The (S) letter congratulated (the asset) for the quality of work he had (S) done at the behalf of the Cuban government in obtaining informa- (S) tion for them and expressed the appreciation of both (the sister) (S) and the Cuban government for (the asset's) work. The letter (S) stated that of particular interest and value to the Cubans was (S) the information regarding the bombing of the Girasol Travel Agency. (The asset's sister) wrote that this information was (S) particularly important because there had been a meeting of the Partido Socialista Puertorriqueno (Socialist Party of Puerto Rico) (PSP) at the Girasol on Sunday night, the night of the bombing. (As the asset) had given the Cubans information (S) regarding the possibility of this bombing, the Cubans were able to pass on to the PSP that there might be an attempted bombing. Because the PSP was in receipt of the information of the bombing, someone at the meeting was able to deactivate the bomb before it was exploded. As a result, (the sister) (S) continued, lives were probably saved. (The sister) also wrote (S) that (the asset) had to understand why his trip to Cuba had been (S) cancelled and he would not be able to go right away. (The sister) (S) stated that (the asset) should not worry about finances, as the Cubans had a plan for a business into which (the asset) could (S) enter into after returning from his training trip to Cuba.

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(The asset) told (CAMPOS) that LUIS CRESPO had been (S) arrested and was now in jail on a charge of having in his possession a rifle and handgun. (The asset) did not tell (S) (CAMPOS) anything regarding (the asset's) involvement of securing (S) dynamite from CRESPO and the subsequent discovery of the dynamite by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at the Miami International Airport. (The asset) told (CAMPOS) that (S) the situation in the United States was very "hot" and there was very little activity due to the efforts of the various law enforcement agencies. (The asset) told CRESPO that he was (S) now doing a lot of work for the upcoming Cuban Arts Fair to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on May 20, 1978. (CAMPOS) (S) asked (the asset) how much were his expenses in coming to (S) Mexico City. The asset related what his expenses were and (S) (CAMPOS) gave him \$500.00 in fifty-dollar denominations. These (S) bills contained the following serial numbers:

B59532620A
B59532619A
B59532617A
B59532618A
B59532638A
B59532637A
B59532635A
B59532636A
B59532633A
B59532634A

(The asset) told (CAMPOS) that he needed more money and (S) (CAMPOS) responded by asking him how much the arts fair was (S) paying. (The asset) told him he was receiving no money from (S) the arts fair, nor were any of the other people working for the fair receiving any type of payment.

(CAMPOS) told the asset that "CARLOS" and the "others" (S) were not leaving Cuba now as the situation was too "hot" as a result of the arrest of ALDEREGUIA. (CAMPOS) stated that all (S) of these people were afraid of being detected. (CAMPOS) asked (S) (the asset) if he heard that MAX LESNICK and REDONDO had met (S) with "JORGE" in New York, New York. (The asset) told (CAMPOS) (S) that he had not heard this. (CAMPOS) told (the asset) that he (S) knows ENRIQUE GARCIA, (the asset's) CUIS contact in Panama, as (S) RODOLFO, commenting that the two of them had attended a Communist school together.

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(CAMPOS) gave (the asset) the name of (ARSENIO LARA) to (S) be used in all contacts and communications with CUIS instead of his old cover name, (Doctor MIRANDA PRADO. CAMPOS) instructed (S) (the asset) to use only (Mexico) for communicating with CUIS, (S) and not to use (Jamaica or Panama). Should an urgent situation (S) arise, dictating the necessity of a contact with CUIS, (the asset) (S) is to go to (Mexico City) and call (CAMPOS) at the Cuban Embassy (S) (S). The asset only needs to say that "Senor Lara is in town and (S) would like to see him". The asset then is to go to the (Gigante (S) Mixcoac, Revolucion) and (San Antonio, Mexico City) at 5:00 PM, where he will be met. Should the Cubans need to see (the asset), (S) (the asset's sister) will call and in the conversation will say, (S) "CARLOS needs some hair cream". As soon as the message is (S) received, (the asset) is to go to (Panama) as early as possible (S) and call (ENRIQUE GARCIA) at the Cuban Embassy in (Panama City). (S) The asset is to tell (GARCIA) that Senor LARA is in town and (S) would like to see him. The asset then is to go to the (Cine (S) Astor) at 5:00 PM, where he will be met. (CAMPOS) instructed (S) (the asset) that should (GARCIA) not be in (Panama), he will be (S) approached by someone who will say, "You look like the brother (S) of ARSENIO LARA." The asset was instructed to reply "Yes, I (S) am ANDRES." In (Panama), (the asset) is to stay at the (Soloy Hotel) (S) and should for some reason he not be met at 5:00 PM at the (Cine Astor, the asset) will be called at the (Soloy Hotel). (S)

(CAMPOS) instructed (the asset) to go to (Panama) on Friday, (S) (June 9) 1978 to meet again with CUIS. (The asset) is to go to (S) (the Cine Astor) at 5:00 PM on this date, where he will be met. (S) (CAMPOS) stated that (the asset) will be given a date for his trip (S) to Cuba in (Panama). The asset asked (CAMPOS) when this trip (S) would be. (CAMPOS) replied that he did not know, but maybe it (S) would be after the Communist Youth Festival held in Cuba. (CAMPOS) (S) indicated that they wanted (the asset) to be available in Puerto (S) Rico in case anyone tried to bomb the plane or boat in which (S) the delegates might travel.

(CAMPOS) next asked (the asset) if he knew a (CARLOS VIERA) (S) RAMOS. CAMPOS stated that (VIERA) was with (GUITIERREZ MENOLO) (S) in the Segundo Frente de Escambray. (The asset) told (CAMPOS) that (S) he knew a (VIERA) that lived in (the asset's) home for approximately (S) six months in 1964. The asset gave a brief description of this (S) individual but told (CAMPOS) that he did not know if this was the (S) same person. (CAMPOS) stated that he thought it was the same (S) individual and that "this is bad". The asset asked why is this (S) bad, adding "Is he in Cuba?" (CAMPOS) stated that (VIERA) was not (S) in Cuba, but did not explain why it was bad that the man that (S) lived in the asset's home in 1964 was probably the same as CARLOS (S) VIERA RAMOS. (S)

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(The asset explained) to the interviewing Agents that (S) (CAMPOS) gave him a second name for (VIERA) but was unable to (S) recall it. (The asset believes) that it might be (CARLOS JULIO (S) VIERA RAMOS, but is not sure. (The asset further explained) that (S) (VIERA) was the boyfriend of (CARMEN "Nena" ACEVEDO, who resided (S) in the second floor of the asset's home until approximately two years ago. (The asset) related that (ACEVEDO) asked him (S) approximately six months ago if he knew where (VIERA) was. (S) (The asset) stated that he had no contact with (VIERA) since 1964, (S) and had no idea as to where he might be located. (The asset) (S) further stated that (VIERA) was with Alpha 66 in 1964, and may (S) be possibly involved in drugs.

At approximately 10:30 AM, the meeting terminated and (the asset) returned to the (Diplomatic) Hotel by taxi cab. (S) The following day, (April 29, 1978, (the asset) departed (Mexico (S) City, Mexico, and flew to Miami, Florida.

On (April 30, 1978, (the asset) went to the business (S) of ANTONIO VECIANA. At the business, (the asset) saw ROGER (S) REDONDO and had an opportunity to speak with him. REDONDO asked (the asset) if he had had any contact with the Cubans. (S) (The asset) told REDONDO that he had not had any contact, that (S) he was happy that (his sister) had not called, and that he did (S) not want to have any more contact with the Cubans. REDONDO appeared very nervous, and stated that he had had to go to a doctor for this affliction. REDONDO did not say anything regarding the current situation with ALDEREGUIA.

(The asset) departed Miami, Florida, at approximately (S) 4:00 PM on (April 30, 1978, and returned to San Juan, Puerto (S) Rico. When (the asset) returned, his wife told him that REINOL (S) RODRIGUEZ had called and wanted to see (the asset) as soon as (S) he got back.

(The asset) gave the following as expenses incurred during his trip to Mexico City, Mexico: (S)

Air fare	\$	413.20
Hotel, Mexico		20.00
Taxi, Mexico		10.00
Exit tax, Mexico		5.00
Food, Miami		50.00
Total	\$	<u>498.20</u>

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