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Forwarded herewith, from SMABOVE, are 22 reels of LANGOSCH's interrogation of Subject reference while in Canada. A transcript of these interrogations would be appreciated by the Ottawa Station and the SMABOVES.

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DEBRIEFING OF AMUG-1

30 April 1964

SUBJECT: Documents Brought Out by AMUG-1 and His Comments Concerning Them.

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and LANGOSCH

would enter the

brief summary in English of points of interest. Attached are three

transcripts made by the RCMP of English comments made by LANGOSCH, *corrected*

where necessary. Attached the original transcripts were These are inaccurate in some respects but substantially reflect those parts of the interviews which were summed up in English.

2. LANGOSCH suggested to the RCMP that duplicate copies of the tapes be made so that the RCMP could provide KUBARK with a copy, retaining the original for the RCMP. LANGOSCH promised that anything affecting the interests of ~~the~~ Canada would be translated and furnished to the RCMP and that, in addition, personality ~~and~~ information concerning CUIS officers would be provided to them.

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INTERVIEWS
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 me. One problem he raised is that he wants to go to the U.S.
 He has relatives there and that his intention was to work in
 the States in matters like this, because he feels this is
 where he will be most useful. His father-in-law and wife are
 both in Cuba and he is worried about his getting them out.
 He has given me his true name which is that which you have
 already mentioned to me, the pseudonym which he used just
 for passport purposes to cover the trip outside. He also
 gave me the pseudonym which he uses for his work inside
 which is Victor. ^{HISTORY} Very briefly, after he left school he had
 a couple of jobs and then he began working with the 26th
 of July movement. This is ^{an} ~~the~~ movement which is an anti-
 Batista movement and his work in this movement was the work
 of many others. He was to commit acts of sabotage inside
 Havana and also to do propoganda work, ~~and~~ while he was
 engaged in such activities he was taken prisoner in 1957

Castillo Prinsapay

This was after a fire-fight, He was in a ~~fire~~ ^{car} with another fellow, two police cars came up, they exchanged shots but they were captured. He was beaten up and stayed in the ~~Castillio Prinsapay~~ which is a jail in Havana, and He was kept in jail until ¹¹ February 1958 when he got out. When he got out of jail he went into the Sierra Maestra mountains ^{where he fought} and he worked with ~~the~~ ^{Colonel} ~~Colonel~~ ^{which is the column of Rubero Mantoz} who is a real ~~gun-~~ ^{gun-} sort of fellow. He did engage in some ten or twelve fights, there is, fire-fights, during the time he was with ~~Rubero Mantoz~~. ^{Then} When the Batista Government fell in January 1959, the column with which he was fighting was in ~~Santa~~ ^{Santa} ~~Avre~~ ^{Avre} de Cuba, and he went to Havana with Miro ~~Pardonez~~ ^{Pardonez} and a group of fellows close to Miro. When he got there he was assigned to the investigator ^(95 1st Lt) department which at that time was headed by Aldo Veraz Serafim, and His particular job in this investigating department was to conduct investigations of illegal gambling, that is, gambling which was done outside of the cabares and the gambling houses. He stayed in that job until November ²¹ of 1959 when he was transferred to the 18th. precinct, a police station. There he was the second chief, and He stayed there ~~and he stayed~~ until January ²⁶ of 1961. At that time he was transferred to National Police Headquarters but he did not have any ~~specific~~ assignment. He was ^{as} the stand-by officer and ~~he stayed there~~ without having any specific duties. He just signed the roster in the morning and took off, until the end of 1961 at which time he was transferred to a police ^(1st Lt) battalion, and He

remained with the police batallion until ³ September of 1961. At this time he was transferred to the Castillo ~~de~~ ^{de} Moro to study. This was a basic study and did not have anything to do with intelligence work. He was in school there until ²⁰ December of 1961 when he got holiday leave. He decided that he did not want to stay in the Army anymore because this police work was still an assignment while he was in the Army. He had already begun to have doubts about continuing to work for the Castro government and was thinking in terms of getting out. When he resigned from the Army his papers were not processed right away, ~~and~~ ^{he did not report} and he was reported for being away without leave. Because of this difficulty, he had some difficulty getting work and he was out of work until ² April 1962, when he got a job in the Ministry of Exterior Commerce. The particular section in which he worked had to do with the importation of vehicles. ^{He had a} ~~and~~ He remained there until August of 1963, ¹⁶ ~~and~~ He had a friend named Saul Gonzalez who was an intelligence officer and through this friend he got a job in Intelligence. This particular friend is either the Chief or the 2nd Chief of what they call the ^{"B"} illegal section - this is a section which specializes in training agents for assignments abroad, particularly in Latin America. When our friend here began working in Intelligence he was assigned to the Salvadoran Indexis ^{that is the area about which he himself knows most} from his own personal knowledge. This Intelligence Service for which he worked is called Section ^(M) ~~(B)~~ in loose language but is properly known as ^{Directoria} ~~Directoria~~ General ^{Inteligencia} ~~Inteligencia~~.

* Source later clarified this, identifying Ramon Coar as the chief of Section B of the illegal department and Saul Gonzalez as the chief of the principal offices in the department.

Now this section is engaged in, let us call them, "aggressive" intelligence operations. In other words, it is an organization which exists for the purpose of collecting intelligence in other countries. It is distinct from the D.S.S., the Department of State Security, which is a counter intelligence group. The two of them ^{are} completely separated but both ^{are} intelligence organizations, and ^{he} knows most about the ^{one} ^{of} the intelligence directorate, of which Manuel Pineda, ^{was} well known as ^{AKA W} Red Beard, ^{he} is the Chief. The other ^{section} is headed by ^{AVARANTES} Avarantes. I asked some questions to which I already knew the answers and he also knows the answers, so I am not going to go over them, because they are not so important as ^{they are} ~~just~~ more or less test questions. I would say now that he does know what he is talking about. ^{RECENT INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION}

This is not all invention. He recently made a trip to Mexico, ~~and~~ He made the trip to Mexico in order to contact a Communist Party group which was coming from ^{El} Salvador. These were people with whom he had contact. They did not appear for the meeting, ^{so} the meeting did not take place. He was in Mexico from the 14th. of March until the 23rd. of March and during that time ^{although} ~~one~~ of his own operational meetings did not take place, he did meet some people of interest. Two people from ~~the~~ Nicaragua, ^(Professor Torres and Abel Gonzalez) one of whom he met in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico and the other whom he met in a private house while in Mexico. In Mexico ^{city} he knows who the intelligence people are, and ^{MIRADAL} one is the Cuban Consul Alfredo Miravel. He is called the Chief of the Centre, that is his title but he is actually the intelligence chief,

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Or at least, he was until the 16th. of April at which time a replacement was sent to Mexico to take over, and this fellows name is Manuel Vega. ²⁰¹⁻²²¹²⁵⁻²¹⁴ He says that the Commercial Attache whose name is Ricardo ²⁰¹⁻¹⁷⁵³⁰⁻¹⁴¹ Concepcion ^{is not sure is} an intelligence officer and another one is Rogelio. (I might say that some of these names are familiar to me.) He also knows that in Italy the intelligence officer is Roberto Moro who has the cover job of 1st. Sect. ²⁰¹⁻⁰³⁵⁵⁰⁻²³ ^{As far as} communications are concerned he says that they have been using mostly accommodation addresses and secret writing. He says this has not been too successful, however, because the M-developers dont work so ^{that is} they get the letter and they go to develop it, and they cant read it. They also use radio ^{and} they are using a two-way radio which is quite interesting. Some of this radio is used for, lets say "normal" transmissions back and forth, particularly in the case ^{of} the Venezuela. Some of the radios which are issued are really only for emergency use. People are not supposed to use them except in dire emergencies such as an attack on Cuba. They normally are supposed to use ^{Secret Writing} Now, he said a couple of other things, of which I did not take note, but ^{which} are of interest to all of us, for example, on arrangements for ^{agencies} there. - If they want to send someone out on an intelligence assignment and the assignment is one to a Latin American country (where they send most people) this ^{could} would be taken up by Piniero Valdes and ^{Julio} Piniero Valdes is the Minister of the Interior but he has another hat, he is the chief, overall chief of Intelligence

Normally this would also be taken up with Fidel Castro and
the orders would be issued and passports would be given to
^{the reports} them to go out. Now, this is where they are sending some-
one out on a more or less permanent assignment under
diplomatic cover. If, however, they want to send someone out
(such as himself on this ^{went} trip to Mexico) for a short T.D.Y.
they just say give us a passport ⁱⁿ and such and such a name
^{and} as its ^{is} issued (and no fuss or frill about it). Now the
situation is a little different where a passport or visa is
to be secured for travel to one of the "Socialist" countries.
There this has to be laid on through the Cuban Embassy in
that country. - For example he says that in Czech, ^{there} is
a Czech Intelligence Officer in the ~~Mexican Embassy~~ - I mean
ⁱⁿ the Cuban Embassy. He is the guy who decides if the visa
will be granted. ^{discusses} Now, in order partly to establish his own
bona-fide ^{the answer} his own good faith, he brought us these documents
from the files so that he could show that he was not
inventing, ^{and} the documents which he brought out, in general,
are these that I will go over right now. He brought out some
passports. He says ^{that} these are ~~some~~ falsified Cuban passports,
that is, they are falsified in the sense that they are issued
in other than a true name, ^{as he brought} and some legitimate passports
which have been secured in various Latin American countries.
He also brought out some ^{cedulas} ~~sedulas~~, which are identity documents,
which were issued for trainees who came to Cuba for training.
Parenthetically, I might mention one thing on which I did not
make a note which is quite interesting. ^{GUERRILLA WARFARE} Most of the trainees
who have come to Cuba have come ^{ostensibly} ~~ostensibly~~ for guerilla
training ^{after which they} and then will go back and export the revolution.

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in their own countries. But when these people are in Cuba for this type of para-military training he and other officers like him would select those that they thought most useful for intelligence purposes and these would be separated from the group and would be trained for intelligence missions without the knowledge of the others and without the knowledge of the Communist Party which sponsored the sending of the people to Cuba. He also brought out one Mexican passport which is of interest in that this was secured through a contact of the Communist Party ~~there, ⁱⁿ the Communist Party~~ in El Salvador, and it was sent to Cuba to be used in covering the travel of somebody that they might want to send in and did not have documents or who would have to travel in a nationality other than his own. He has a Salvadoran passport which belonged to a Salvadoran who actually fled to Cuba. He brought one ^{operational} file which, he says, he thinks we can review because it is quite interesting, showing exactly how they run a case. He said, altogether, ^{that} he brought out three of these ^{operational} cases. He also brought out a financial report of the F.L.N. which is a National Liberation Front in Nicaragua. He also brought out photographic copies of certain documents which he thinks are of particular interest because: ⁽¹⁾ ~~one~~ they are related to the intelligence activities, ⁽²⁾ ~~two~~ - because they have inter-collations, ⁽³⁾ ~~three~~ is in ciphering and de-ciphering, and these inter-collations are, he said, not done by desk officers like himself but are done by a special section which is called the Central Cipher Section. About agents, ^{he} said that he himself knows of the following:

Two Guatemalins ^{He} saw one of these two in Mexico very recently on his trip there and the fellow was advanced \$120 ^{dollars} to get to Guatemala. ~~He~~ knows ^{one} Honduran agent, ^{Two} Panamanian agents, ^{Three} Salvadorans ^{he} knows personally, and ~~he~~ knows two more who are in Salvador but ^{he} does not know ~~them~~ personally. ~~He~~ knows ^{Three} agents in Mexico, ^{one} of them is a C.P. ^{ES} contact named ^{MAURICIO} de la ^{SALVA} and ^{two} of them are Nicaraguans who are in Mexico. ~~He~~ knows ^{one} Nicaragu agent who is now in Cuba, ~~he~~ knows ^{two} from Santo Domingo who are now in prison in Santa Domingo, and ~~he~~ knows ^{one} from Haiti who is now in Cuba. ^{to be sure} ~~Now~~ I did not get the names, ^{this} is going to take a little while ^{to} get the whole thing down, but from what I have told you I think you can see ~~that~~ pretty much what the situation is.

April 24, 1964

SUMMARY OF
RECORD
INTERVIEW

Vladimir Rodriguez
LAHERRA

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PROCEDURE

What I am doing here is going over these things and trying to sort them out in different envelopes so we can get back to them whenever we need them before they are stuck away in the file. As I am doing it, I am sorting ~~them~~ out into people who are Staff Officers as distinct from people who are Agents working outside under the direction of the Staff Officers. ⁹¹ Of the Staff Officers covered so far we have one DETAILS ON STAFFERS whose name is Ibrahim VILA. This man is located in Prague, Czechoslovakia in the Cuban Embassy and our friend here, Rodriguez, was given a letter of introduction to him by another Headquarters Staff Officer. The Staff Officer at Headquarters who prepared the letter is better known under the pseudonym Augusto. He is also referred to as Chair, which might or might not be his true name, but he is often referred to by that name in the Ministry of Foreign Relations ^(MINREX). This man is a Deputy to the Head of the Service, in other words, he is number two man in the Service and he replaces the Head of the Service named ^{Piñero} Piñero when Piñero is on trips. A Third Staffer whom we have covered up to the present time is JULIO DAMASO VAZQUEZ ^{who} ~~Julio Damaso Vazquez, Vascas is the last name and he uses~~ the internal pseudonym Sergio, and I will tell you a little bit more about him later in connection with one of the

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agents. Now the agents whom we have covered, we have covered incidentally to those people who came to Cuba from other countries for guerilla training. Of these people some are selected to be agents, but (We are just taking them as we get them to keep things in order, otherwise we would be hopping around like grasshoppers.) Of those who came for training I have made a list of names. I won't go over all the names because they would not mean too much at this stage, except that what I have done here has been to note the name, the nationality, whether or not ^{Thomas} he does know them personally. The ones who not only received guerilla training but who are agents are the ones, of course, we are most interested in, and they are first of all a man whose last name is SOSA. This man is a Honduran Citizen and probably is in Costa Rica at the present time. It is the opinion of Vladimir Rodriguez here that Sosa was deported from Honduras, and they refer to his case as the "International Case" because everybody in the family seems to have different Citizenship. He travelled with his family, and the Grandmother had one Citizenship and the child had another and so on, and so it was pretty well messed up as far as ^{nationality} that is concerned. This fellow SOSA was given training as an Agent, and his training covered the use of radio, the use of code, ^{and} decipher and the use of secret writing, and he was given an accommodation address. Now this man, as I mentioned before, had a case officer and I listed the case officer or the staffer up above. I will give you the rest of the data on the staffer now.

