

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE <b>9/18/64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/9/64 - 9/10/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>OREST PENA, Aka.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA WARREN C. DE BRUEYS</b>	TYPED BY <b>:jas</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>IS - CUBA</b>	

**REFERENCES:**

Report of SA WARREN C. DE BRUEYS, 7/17/64, at New Orleans.  
 St. Louis letter to the Bureau, 8/25/64.  
 Miami letter to New Orleans, 8/31/64.  
 Bureau airtel to New Orleans, 7/21/64.  
 WFO airtel to Director, 7/30/64.  
 Legat, Paris letter to Bureau, 7/27/64.  
 Legat, Bonn letter to Bureau, 7/30/64.  
 Legat, Rome letter to Bureau, 8/11/64.  
 New Orleans letter to Bureau, 9/10/64.

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**ATLANTA DIVISION**

AT COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

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Atlanta Division in referenced New Orleans report.

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Will expedite coverage of leads set forth in referenced New Orleans report dated 7/17/64 and will also report pertinent information regarding this subject contained in the report of SA J. WILLIAM LOVE dated 11/30/62 at New York and captioned, "CUBAN SABOTAGE EFFORTS IN THE UNITED STATES" (New York file #105-58712). New York should submit results of investigation in report form.

INFORMANTS:

<u>IDENTITY OF SOURCE</u>	<u>FILE WHERE LOCATED</u>
NO T-1 is the [REDACTED]	NO file 105-1926-26
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Copy to: 1 - Immigration and Naturalization Service,  
New Orleans, Louisiana (REGISTERED MAIL)

Report of: SA WARREN C. DE BRUEYS Office: NEW ORLEANS  
Date: September 18, 1964

Field Office File No.: NO 105-1926 Bureau File No.:

Title: OREST PENA

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

## Synopsis



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Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

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	Philadelphia, 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.

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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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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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File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana  
September 18, 1964

Title : OREST PENA  
Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA  
Reference: Report of SA WARREN C.  
DE BRUEYS dated September 18,  
1964, at New Orleans

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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NOrep of SA WARREN C. DE BRUEYS, 7/17/64.  
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 NYairtel to Bu, 9/24/64.

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The information in report of SA J. WILLIAM LOVE, dated 11/30/62, at NY, captioned "CUBAN SABOTAGE EFFORTS IN THE UNITED STATES," (NYfile 105-58712 and Bufile 105-115667) on page 33, sets forth the name ORESTE ALFONSO as a person known to MANUEL BETANCOURT SANCHEZ back in Cuba.

MANUEL BETANCOURT SANCHEZ, 3022 34th Street,  
Astoria, NYC.

has been interviewed on several occasions by SAs of the NYO, wherein he has expressed a cooperative attitude and voiced opposition to the present Cuban regime. SA JOHN D. HURLEY, Jr., contacted BETANCOURT on 9/22/64, at which time he advised that the only ORESTE ALFONSO known to him is still residing in Cuba and would be approximately 34 or 35 years of age at this date. He stated that ALFONSO was this individual's family name, not his matronymic name; consequently, the ALFONSO known to him cannot be identical with ORESTES FARCICIC PEÑA ALFONSO, wherein ALFONSO is used as a matronymic name.

Information copies are being furnished the offices as designated since they have received prior correspondence in this matter.

The Indices of the NYO contain no identifiable information pertaining to PAULA PEÑA.

The Indices of the NYO contain no references to subject other than prior correspondence from the OO.

Contact with the Credit Bureau of Greater New York was made by IC JOHN M. DUNN, and contact with BCI, NYCPD, was made by SA AUGUST J. HICER concerning the subject, with negative results.

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INFORMANTS:

<u>INFORMANT</u>	<u>DATE OF CONTACT</u>	<u>CONTACTING AGENT</u>
[REDACTED]	9/1/64	JOHN D. HURLEY, JR.
[REDACTED]	9/16/64	VINCENT G. VARGER
[REDACTED]	9/17/64	MAURICE E. LAUZIERE
[REDACTED]	9/17/64	JOHN E. HANNETT
[REDACTED]	9/21/64	"
[REDACTED]	9/21/64	"
[REDACTED]	9/21/64	C. DALE SCIFANT
[REDACTED]	9/22/64	J. E. HAGY

Since no further leads remain outstanding in the NYO, this case will be considered RUC.

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Report of: JOHN D. HURLEY, Jr.  
Date: 9/30/64

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 105-88656

Bureau File #:

Title: OREST FEHA

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Synopsis: Subject unknown at NY employments. Subject only known at one NY residence, that of 49-06 66th Street, Queens, NY, where he lived for about one year with his wife PAULA. Credit and criminal checks negative.

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DETAILS:

NEW YORK RESIDENCES:

On September 1, 1964, [REDACTED] 530 West 123rd Street, New York City, advised that he had no record of the subject ever having resided at instant address. He further advised that there was no tenant presently living in the house who had resided at this address prior to 1950.

NY 105-68666

On September 9, 1964, [redacted] 49-06 66th Street, Woodside, New York City, owner of the house at this address, advised that he has resided at this address for the past five years, and that he is unaware of the present whereabouts of the previous owner. Consequently, [redacted] advised that he would have no knowledge regarding the subject's ever having resided at this address during the period 1952-1953.

On September 1, 1964, [redacted] 49-06 66th Street, Queens, advised that she vaguely recalls the subject as having resided at this address. She advised that his wife's name was PAULA, and that he resided in an apartment at this address for about one year approximately 12 years ago. She advised that she could furnish no information regarding the political beliefs of either the subject or his wife.

[redacted] owner, 135 West 69th Street, New York City, advised that the subject never resided at this address. She further advised that she has owned this residence for at least the last five years.

[redacted] Superintendent, 130 West 71st Street, advised after a review of subject's photograph, that the subject looked familiar, but that he does not know whether the subject ever resided at that address. He stated that the individuals residing at this address were mostly transients and that no one presently residing here has lived here for more than a year.

[redacted] 304 West 77th Street, New York City, who is acquainted with many individuals in the vicinity of 130 West 71st Street, New York City, advised that the subject is unknown to her.

NY 105-5266E

On August 19, 1964, [redacted] owner, Elnord Residence Hotel, 209 West 87th Street, New York City, advised that he has no records of tenants dating back more than five years ago. (It is noted that this residence was completely renovated during the last two years).

On September 1, 1964, [redacted] Superintendent, 223 West 105th Street, New York City, advised he has no records of tenants residing at this address prior to 1959. He further advised that there are no tenants presently residing at instant address for more than two years.

EMPLOYMENTS:

Pan American Laundry

The City Directory for the City of New York reflects no such address as 38 LaSalle Street, New York City. It is to be noted that the numbers in this particular street begin with #55.

Special Agent (SA) JOHN D. HURLEY, Jr., reviewed the area of LaSalle Street and noted that it has been torn down and renovated within the last five years.

Tri Vet Belts

[redacted] Tri Vet Belts, advised on August 20, 1964, that his payroll records only go back six years, and that he has no knowledge as to whether subject was ever employed at instant firm. He further advised that he employs a large number of Puerto Rican and Cuban individuals at instant firm and that there is quite a turnover in employees each year.



NY 105-60666

Starlite Belts Corporation

On August 18, 1964, [redacted] former manager of the property at 545 Eighth Avenue, New York City advised that he managed instant property from 1947 through December, 1963. He stated that the Starlite Belts Corporation had been a tenant in instant building sometime during that period, but that this firm had gone out of business. He further advised that he does not know the present whereabouts or the name of the owner of the defunct Starlite Belts Corporation.

On August 18, 1964, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised that she could locate no record of the subject in her files.

On August 27, 1964, the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, advised that they could locate no record of the subject or his wife, PAULA PERA, in their files.

Cuban sources in the New York area who are cognizant of pro and anti-CASTRO activities and individuals were contacted during September 1964 regarding the subject, with negative results.