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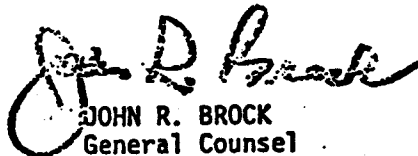
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Information report from U.S. Attache Caracas dated 30 July 1960

The subject report was verbally requested of this Agency. Although not located in the files of DIA, a copy has been furnished from the historical files, Department of the Navy, and is attached hereto.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1 Enclosure a/s


JOHN R. BROCK
General Counsel

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INFORMATION REPORT
OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

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DATE OF INFORMATION
16-21 JULY 1960

SERIAL NO.
142-60
DATE OF REPORT
30 JULY 1960

FROM
U.S. NAVAL ATTACHE, C.R.A.C.S

SOURCE
Personal Contact

EVALUATION
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REQUEST NO.

SUBJECT
VENEZUELA/CUBA - Request for assistance by former Cuban army officer

BRIEF (FOR REPORTS OF MORE THAN ONE PAGE, ENTER CAREFUL SUMMARY)
This report covers the visit of two Cuban nationals to the office of the Naval Attache.

- Background.** On 16 July, The Chief of the U.S. Naval Mission to Venezuela called the Naval Attache and said that two Cubans had approached him in an effort to obtain assistance in getting visas to the U.S. He stated that he had directed them to the office of the Naval Attache.
- Interview.** Shortly thereafter the two men arrived at the ONA. The identified themselves as:

Sergio ARCACHI Smith
Hotel Tiuma
Avenida Urdaneta #11, esquina La Pelota
Telephone 32 07 92

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He possessed a valid Cuban passport and stated that he was married to a Spanish subject who had a valid Spanish passport. Claims his grandfather was an American and that he is a graduate of Columbia University. Stated he had been in the Cuban diplomatic service briefly and that he presently represented several U.S. firms in Venezuela, primarily in textiles. He was acquainted with CHNAVRES from business calls he had made at Venezuelan Naval Headquarters selling uniform equipment. In showing his papers he exposed a police type shield. When queried stated that it was an honorary police badge of the New York Police, given to him by Paul Taylor, whom he said was Deputy Police Commissioner, NYC.

Venezuela 1000-0800
Cuba 3165-0520
Tiuma 2
Venezuela 3165-0520

and Rolando ZUBIZARRESTA y Besu

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He stated that he was a former Cuban Army Captain in the Batista regime and had been a professional soldier - without politics. Had been officer in charge of the army detachment at the MTA HAMBE copper mine, Impinaldo Rio. He left Cuba and came to Venezuela on 5 June 1959. He had legal sized piece of paper with photo and signed by the Cuban Ministry of Interior giving him permission to leave Cuba. It was captioned "Special Passport". Stated he had been jailed 4 times between 1 January, and 5 June 1959, by CASTRO. ARCACHA stated that he had been arrested and jailed on 29 June during the big cleanup following the attempt on the life of President Betancourt. He was confined for 15 days and released fine on 14 July. ZUBIZARRETA was arrested by DIBEPOL on 1 July and confined without charges until 12 July when he was released. At that time he was given a "Salvoconducto" #24030-3 by the Venezuelan Ministry of Interior dated 15 July, 1960 and expiring 15 January 1961.

ZUBIZARRETA spoke almost no English and it appears that ARCACHA was accompanying him to aid in interpreting if necessary. He said that he feared for his life both in Venezuela and at possible extradition to Cuba where he might be tried and executed although he claimed to be been guilty only of having been in the Army in Batista's time.

Both spoke contemptuously of CASTRO and tried to draw the HA into conversation and controversy. They were taken to the Visa Section of the Consulate and turned over to the Vice Consul.

3. Subsequent Visits. The next morning ZUBIZARRETA appeared with his papers partially filled out and requested assistance in completing them. This was done and he left. Two days later ARCACHA and ZUBIZARRETA returned together, the former claiming that he had additional character and financial references that he wanted to offer to assist ZUBIZARRETA if obtained his visa more quickly. ARCACHA volunteered that he wanted to warn me about a CASTRO agent, whom he stated was in charge of intelligence for CASTRO in Venezuela. This person, named Juan Antonio DOLL was alleged to be a partner in an armored car service that has recently opened in Caracas. He also advised that another Cuban, Crespo VASOHA, a journalist was very dangerous to the U.S. The interview was cut short and they were again turned over to the Vice Consul who stated no additional information was needed and that it would probably be a month before information upon which a visa could be issued would be received from Havana or Washington. ZUBIZARRETA expressed fear that he would be picked up and extradited before the time. The HA mentioned that the U.S. was full of endless and that sincere anti-Castroites could do more good spreading the gospel in Venezuela. This shook both of them considerably and they replied that at present it was almost as dangerous for an anti-Castro on the streets of Caracas as it was on the streets of Havana. They left after being discouraged by the C on the prospects of a decision in the near future. ARCACHA did not appear too worried for himself and a check proved that he had a valid tourist visa issued to him on 18 November, 1959. His wife, being a Spanish subject, is going to have considerably more difficulty.

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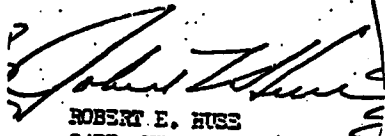
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Preparer and Forwarding Officer's Comments: Local files show nothing on DULL and V. The principal owner of the armored car service referred to is a Pan American pilot, RUIZ and friend of the Army Attache. He has one or two Cuban partners and recent inquiry reveals that their original company in Havana has been appropriated by CASTRO. They state that it is a former employee of theirs but was released some time ago.

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