

Other Individuals and Organizations
Involved or Interviewed

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DETAILS: Reference is made to the report of Special Agent LIONEL E. BELANGER, dated December 10, 1963 at Tampa, Florida. Page 4 of that report relates to a taped television interview of Dr. FERNANDO PENABAZ. In that interview, made on December 5, 1963 by Station WESH-TV, Orlando, Florida, Mr. PENABAZ described a cartoon which he alleged appeared in the Cuban newspaper REVOLUCION about a week before the assassination of President KENNEDY. The cartoon was said to depict "Uncle Sam" laughing at the damage which Hurricane Flora had wrought in Cuba, and in a second drawing, depicted the coffin of President KENNEDY with FIDEL CASTRO laughing. The cartoon was said to be captioned "He who laughs last, laughs best."

On June 2, 1964 a confidential source, who is a former Cuban police official, stated he did not recall having seen any cartoon such as that described by Dr. PENABAZ. The source stated he obtains and reviews for intelligence information the Cuban newspaper REVOLUCION and other Cuban publications. The source made available his collection of REVOLUCION, covering the period October 1, 1963 to December 15, 1963. All issues were available except those for November 23 and November 28.

The edition of October 5, 1963, reported Hurricane Flora had arrived in Eastern Cuba on October 4, 1963.

Review of REVOLUCION for this period (except issues for November 23 and 28, 1963) reflected no cartoon as described by Dr. PENABAZ.

On June 5, 1964 review of all issues of REVOLUCION for the period October 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963, was

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made from the microfilm maintained at the office of the U.S. Information Agency (USIA), Miami, Florida. No cartoon such as that described by Dr. PENABAZ, was located. Mr. GEORGE VOLSKY, writer and researcher for USIA, stated he did not recall any cartoon such as that described by Dr. PENABAZ having appeared in any Cuban publication.

On June 5, 1964 Dr. FERNANDO PENABAZ, 15 Madeira, Coral Gables, Florida, Cuban exile attorney and writer, stated he had not actually seen the cartoon to which he referred in the taped television interview, but had been told about it by Dr. JORGE GARCIA MONTES, former Prime Minister of Cuba during the regime of FULGENCIO BATISTA. Mr. PENABAZ said he believed he had been told about the cartoon by still another person, but was unable to recall the identity of such person. He believed the cartoon appeared in REVOLUCION prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

On June 7, 1964, Dr. JORGE GARCIA MONTES, 520 Gerona Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, advised that he first became a Congressman in Cuba in 1922. He had also served as legal counsel for several United States owned companies in Cuba, while continuing in Cuban politics. He said he served as Prime Minister in Cuba from February, 1955 to April, 1957, at which time he resigned and was appointed Minister of Education.

Dr. GARCIA stated he had no knowledge of a cartoon such as that described by FERNANDO PENABAZ. He believed PENABAZ had possibly confused the existence of such a cartoon with a photograph which he, Dr. GARCIA, had given Dr. PENABAZ about 6 or 7 months ago. He said

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