

Dear Jim, Paul Valentine phoned me this morning just after the hearings began. Several other conversations ensued, so I missed much of Mitch. His purpose: he is checking out, esp. dependability, of one Vincent J. Hanard, from whom he has a rather full confession re his anti VVAV activities, his double-agent activities (other for Castro), etc. I told Paul how to check if Hanard was as he claimed a registered agent. PV did and reported back sure enough, as a police agent, in Cuba and in US, from 11/16/59 to sometime in 5/60. He is anti-Castro. In the last of our conversations, after I had given Paul a number of leads, sources, etc., I suggested that perhaps the time had come for the ExPost to gather together all the Cuban names it has and have them run through the Stanford Hispano-American archive. I told him if they decided to do this, perhaps I can make a couple of recommendations. I described you, without naming, explaining how busy you stay. If they decide to do this at a later date, this will let you know what underlies. If they should decide promptly, you'll be surprised! They have had Paul checking out the arrest of the brother of VVAV's Kerry, some kind of seemingly dubious deal. So, the Post is looking in the right directions and with competent people. If there is any way of motivating HV to speak to his Cuban friends, the probabilities of good use could not be better and haven't been, to my recollection. I'll suggest to PV when we speak again that they try to make contact with the remnants of the FPCC and Trotskyites, who seem to have been very active, as the officialese goes, Castro-wise.

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