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1. During his most recent trip to Havana, DEGRIP established contact with a Cuban photographer named Roberto *SALAS, a "Patricio o Muerte" type of revolutionist who is now residing in Havana where he works for the newspaper *Revolución*. SALAS claimed to have been working in New York City during the Insurrectionary days of Fidel CASTRO. In 1959 he was arrested by American authorities, accused of illegal carrying of firearms and espionage activities. He says that the House Committee on Un-American Activities zeroed in on him at this time. He was released on $5,000 bail posted by Cuban Ambassador (fnu) HISHE, and soon thereafter left the country, jumping bail. He admits to having been guilty of just about everything he was charged with. From the US he went to Guatemala and was in that country at the time an ill-fated CASTRO-organized expeditionary force invaded Panama.

2. SALAS put on an exhibit of his photographs in Havana during DEGRIP's presence there and insisted upon taking DEGRIP to see his work. The printed exhibit program revealed that SALAS was born in New York in 1940 of Cuban parents, studied in the US and Cuba, worked as a photographer, worked for the revolutionary paper *Sierra Maestra* in New York, and later returned to Cuba where he now works for the newspaper *Revolución* and the magazine *Cuba*.

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