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Dino Vincent Cellini 201

inclusive dates - 1971-1975

File status - closed - 9 Jan 1975

1- Dispatch - Chief of station (ATTN)

Headquarters Trace Results on Dino Vincent Cellini

April 1971 -

1- Dino Cellini is also mentioned in UFGW-157, 15 Dec 1960 but unable to locate this document as of this date.

2- WAVE 3608- 13 Feb 1961- Source: AMOT-2 reported Cellini worked at the casinos Tropicana & Riviera in Cuba before going to Haiti. Subject now residing in 12459 Key Stone Road, North Miami, Florida.

3- reported - 18 Jan 1966 that Cellini is a well known Wash D.C. gambler - ~~also~~ and "is or was a close friend of D.C. Joseph Francis Veslini."

4- refers to ^{True} ~~True~~ Magazine article - April 1970 pp 83, 87 also LVERGE reports dated 21 Dec 1960, 18 Jan 1961, 10 July 1971

2- FBI document - date 7 May 1973 unclassified

subj: Cellini. No file #

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Varona - Security File DOB 25 Nov 1908 Camaguey Cuba

- 1- PRQ-1 - Biographical information
- 2- As of 16 Dec 1957 - Varona was pres of the Council for the Liberation of Cuba, an org created to form a United Front against Cuban Batista govt.
- 3- memo - 13 Jan 1958 For Chief CI/OA From DDS
re operational approval for V's use as an informant in Cuba by WH Division. - Should establish "suitable controls" to prevent "the possibility of his becoming a source of embarrassment to the Agency."
- 4- V granted OA on 1-20-58
- 5- V " OA (amended 28 Aug 1959)
- 6- memo for Chief of Security Support Division, Office of Security Attention: Mr. Pennington, Alien Affairs Staff - From Esterline dated 11 April 1960 - **11110085**
subj: request for Assistance in Facilitating Entry of Dr. Varona.
V. plans to leave Havana 17 or 18 April for Caracas to attend Congress for Democracy which convened there 21 April. Will apply US visa upon arrival Caracas.
- 7- memo to file from Acting Chief, Alien Affairs Staff - 14 April 1960
Case discussed @ Mr. McCarthy of I&NS - V would be admitted as a visitor on the basis of his visa, but he would be paroled into the U.S. under the Special Agreement between the Attorney General and the DCI.
- 8- memo for Director of FBI At: Mr. Papish - dated 15 April 1960 - from Streffeld Edwards.
- Sub-"V" is being considered in connection with Project ZENITH. Requests check of FBI files.
- 9- TO file From Chief Alien Affairs Staff - date 13 May 1960 -
subj: Varona - V arrived in Miami unannounced -
convinced Immigration Inspector they were going back. Admitted as visitors. **SECRET**

10 TO File from Alien Affairs staff, dated 3 June 1960

June 2, 1960 - V arrived in Miami, detained by Immigration office. The subj. was paroled into the states under

Par 3 of JMARC Field Handling Procedures. - Mr. Droller

"~~Mr. Reynolds stated that~~ had not made arrangements, for subjects entry.

V originally arrived us on 4 May 1960. - NYC

V left Miami 27 May 1960 to Caracas.

11- V arrived at Houston Texas on 28 June 1960 at 7:50 P.M.

Departed for N.Y. - 10:00 P.M. on same day.

V said his destination was the Statler Hotel and would contact a Mr. Pujan at the Pierre Hotel the morning of

the 29th. He would remain in NYC until 3 July, when

he would go to Miami for 3-4 weeks then return to Mexico City

Mr. Sanchez arrived evening of 28 June 1960 - 8:47 P.M.

12- memo for chief OS/AAS From Martha Thorpe dated 14 June 1960

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re "Planned Travel Outside United States of JMARC members in Miami." dated 14 June 1960

1- V. = To Wash 14 June; to NY 14 June; To Puerto Rico 17 June; To San Jose, Costa Rica via Panama 18 or 19 June; to Tegucigalpa, Honduras 23 June; to Guatemala 24 June; to Mexico 25 June; to N.Y. 28 June and return Miami 2 July.

2- Justo Carrillo Hernandez - To Mexi 14 June; to San Jose 19 June; to Mexi 23 June to NY 28 June; to Miami 2 July. ^{described as} "one of the top leaders in the JMARC project."

3- Manuel Artime To San Jose 18 June, to Mex 23 June to N.Y. 28 June; to Miami 2 July

4- Jose Ignacio Rasco y Bermudez 1 to San Jose 15 June; to Mexico 23 June to N.Y. 28 June; to Miami 2 July.

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- 13 ²⁰ ~~13~~ Aug 1960 V arrived in Miami. Plans to stay two days in Los Angeles and go back to Mexico.
- 14- 14 Sept 1960 memo - On 14 Sept 1960 V would arrive N.Y. at 6 P.M. via Eastern Flight from Mex. City. Camillo left Mex by automobile bound for U.S. (SP-504) V-
- 15- 14 Sept 1960 - V will stay in NYC for 2 days and then return to Miami ^{on Sept 17} Address: 115 Venetian Way, San Marino Island, Miami, Florida.
- 16- V, Artime, and Antonio Jaime Maceo Mackie will arrive ~~at~~ JMFIS on 19 Feb 1961
- 17- Varona, Artime, Manola Rey, Maceo will ~~depart~~ ^{about} depart for Guatemala on 14 Feb 1961 and return ^{about} 25 Feb 1961
- 18- Subjects = Varona, Artime, Hevia, Alejos, Cardona would depart JMFIS - on 27 March, 1961 (10 P.M.)
- (segura)
19- Elena Bustamente aka Segura (Bustamente), Francisca Ines; Segura, Ines - divorced wife of V
Entered US on 24 Dec 1960
- 20- Report dated 12 Feb 1964 - intention of V to marry Olivia Borges ^{Emelina} Divorced last Aug - (1963) at Miami from Ruiz Sanchez de Varona
- 21- NYT - article 8/22/64 - "Cuban Anti-Castro Chief by Day Selling Cars in Jersey by Night." Working for Carey Chevrolet. Arrived N.Y. about 6 months ago - now works ~~for~~ @ Rescue Democratic Revolutionary Movement. 466 8th Ave.

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living @ Emelina / Only works 5 to 9 P.M on weekdays

22 - Cross Reference Index cards -

- reference to ① a Task Force w Misc. File - # 276544 - Wash
Post Clipping dated 6/25/63

② Howard Briggs FBI report 3/3/61 # 67095

③ By Mackal - FBI rpt. 10-13-61 p.2 EE - 30563

④ others

23 - memo for Deputy Chief, Security Research Staff From
Jerry Brown re Moss, Edward K #172646
dated 14 May 1973 -

found an FBI letterhead memo dated 18 Jan 1961
captioned "Manuel Antonio Varona, Internal Security - Cuba"
contains info furnished to the FBI by a "representative
of an agency of the U.S. government." Info:

A Washington businessman called on me and expressed great
concern about the relationships of one of the reputed anti-Castro
group leaders with representatives of the so-called International
Crime Syndicate. His observations were:

- 1 - V has hired Edward K. Moss as his assistant, for raising
funds to finance operations against Cuba.
- 2 - Julia Cellini is alleged to be Moss' mistress - operates
a secretarial service at 1025 Conn Ave N.W. alleged to
really be a front for Edward K. Moss activities.
- 3 - Julia's father alleged to have been one of big numbers
racketeers
- 4 - Julia's brother - Dino Cellini & his brother are active fronts
for 2 of largest casinos in Cuba during Batista Regime.
- 5 - Alleged that Cellini brothers are in close contact @
Varona through Moss & have offered to contribute
considerable sums of money (reported as high as
a million dollars) through Moss to Varona to

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finance operations against the Castro Regime with an understanding that they would have the major slice. "in the Cuba of the future."

- 6- Harry Tomlinson, 712 E. Oak Str., Lakeland Florida had been offered position of supervisor of fundraising & PR but declined position. Reported that Tomlinson is fully familiar with activities of Moss & relationship @ Varona. - Has taken position @ Upjohn Pharmaceutical Comp, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- 7- Stated Am. business men are being contacted by Moss' organization to solicit funds for Varona's operations.

Dino Cellini FBI# 2198122

Edward Groffredo Cellini & Groffredo Cellini (Dino's brother) were known to be Evening Manager and Afternoon Manager, respectively, at the Casino International in Havana, Cuba. Dino was employed at Tropicana & Riviera → Haiti → 1961 - Miami

1971-72 - Julia Cellini - 8144 Eastern Ave, N.W. Wash D.C

Dino Cellini's 201-885706 DOB 19 Nov 1914. File opened in 1971 when Dino was living in Rome.

Dino Cellini was detained in May 1959 in Havana by Cuban authorities at the request of US Bureau of Narcotics. Released June 1959 for lack of evidence.

OS Files on Meyer Laniky - 623652

Edward Levinson - 463982

Michael McHaney - 509-046

Moss's secretary from 1950-53 was Julia ~~Cellini~~ Cellini "who later became a close business partner of Moss."

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27 - Report dated 12 Oct 1960 from Robert P.B. Lohmann of Chicago office. CHI 60-1438

re meeting with Richard Cain - who reported he had a meeting with the Chicago head of the Counter-Revolutionary Movement in Cuba. Put in touch @ this individual by William Buenz. Also spoke with Jack Mabely - columnist for Chicago Daily News. Arranged for him to go to Cuba to take photos - for Daily News and I.F. Will be flown to Cuba from airstrip in Alabama or Fla.

Cain DOB 4 Oct 31 1947 - at age 15 - joined Army
Discharge 1950 From 1950 to date he has been employed by William J. Burns Detective Agency in Dallas, Texas & in Chicago, Ill.

was in the private investigative business in Miami and worked for a time @ UPS. 1956 - entered Chicago Police Dept. - remained until 1960. Also operated Accurate Laboratories - private investigative business - Speaks Spanish & Italian. Flies aircraft.

30 Cain informed Lohmann on 8 Dec 60 that he was unable to get to Cuba. But did get off shore a couple of times. During stay in Miami, spent time in the Intelligence office of the DRF and learned location of Soviet equipment. Passed info to FBI.

31 - 9 June 1961 report by Lohman.

Richard Cain, "who is doing various jobs for the Cuban FRD, informed me that Angel Salano, one of Tony Varona's men, was approached by two girls in Chicago." Accidental meeting - according to Cain. Salano asked Cain to check on the girls - Christel Mueller - Schuefel - employed by German Consulate in Chicago & Giselle Kruman - of German Tourist Agency.

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- 37 17 May 1961 Lohman report Cain has been hired as a bodyguard for Jose Rasco during Rasco's visit to Chicago. Manny Fetterman has been given authority to collect funds for the MDC. in Chicago. by Rasco.
- 38 - Subj- Cuban Exiles: Interest in Purchasing Arms
 on Aug 7, 1963, a confidential informant of Chicago field office informed that he had learned that while V was in Chicago recently (July 1963), four underworld figures made a contribution of \$200,000 to him. Two of figures unknown; the other two are Moe Giancana and Murray (The Canal) Humphreys. also said Miro Cardozo wanted to buy guns. -Cardozo is employed by American National Insurance Co., Chicago 522-7337.
- 39 - Info concerning - Directorio Estudiantil -
 on 23rd Aug 1963 - Cain reported he had been approached by rep of DE - attempted to recruit to be trained in Central Am. Contact spoke on phone, in Cain's presence to a Senior Salvant ("Salvat") and asked if his group is sponsored by the CIA. Salvat said group was sponsored by "the Pentagon, which is in competition with CIA, and, . . . all activities of the Directory must be kept secret."
- 40 - Cuban Exile Alleged to be ~~Armando~~ CIA rep in Chicago.
 reported on 29 Aug 1963 by confidential source that ~~to~~ 2 Cubans had told him that Dr. Ollivara is Cuban CIA rep in Chicago. - Chicago office has no info but article in Chicago Daily News ^{Oct 1962} that Dr. Armando^o Ollivara, age 33, was elected coordinator of united front of Chicago Council for Democratic Cuba, 30th of November movement, Dem. Rev. Educ. Sta ORE, & Cuban Ass of Chicago. ~~SECRET~~

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41. - Miro Cardozo contacted Cain - 30 Aug 1963 - B wanted help in locating arms. Told " that Duque (phonetic) in Miami was desparate - some men already in Cuba, Cain said he had lost his contacts - In connection @ cons. Horace Goelet (Horace Speed III - 194499) had with Cain, Cain said ~~that~~ that Cardozo told him that the CIA will have nothing to do with the arms sale.
42. Cuban exile activities in Spain - received letter from Angel Solano 1 Sept 1963 went to Spain in 1961 and now an actor. Frio was in Spain last week - same time as Batista, Rumor that an interview took place.
43. Attempts of BRE - Arms - story obtained by source. Agency trying to get picture of Torres
On Sept 11, 1963 - 6PM I met Serapis Montejo, neutralized AM, and a Cuban exile - Torres, ~~that~~ Mantejo was former director of Frente. in Chicago. - associated @ V. I was introduced to ~~Montejo~~ Jose Miro Cardozo by Montejo. in Miami - priv B of P.
- Sr Torres is purchasing agent for BRE. Asked me to assist Torres in purchase of certain weapons. Transport to be supplied by Torres.
- Torres - 25, 5'8", 150lbs, dark straight hair, clean features. He remarked that CIA is using Cuban as a pawn in internat. dealings and his org is concerned @ Cuba exclusively as a national matter.
44. Suspect - Johnny Buvello - report by Jim O'Connell - Buvello called 1966 Dec 1968 - ~~contact~~ told Jim he 'ran into the 'principal' contact of our project. I asked if he meant Tony, and he replied in the affirmative (Tony Varona). He had not

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seen him in several years until this chance meeting at the Fontainebleau Hotel. They had lunch together and during the luncheon, Tony indicated that there were several "strong men" from the Caribbean area in Miami that were determined to overthrow some of the current regimes in their respective countries, Nicaragua mentioned. "Tierona stated that he along with other leaders felt very bitter toward the Agency, and any effort initiated by them would be done without ~~Agency support~~, requesting any assistance from us. The basic complaint was that there were too many leaks in the security of the Agency."

V keeps aware of Cuba activities through brother of a high Cuban official ~~name~~ #5 in Castro regime, - duties to administer athletic program.

45. memo: Johnny Roselli - ^{to DCI dated} ~~no author~~ 9 Dec 1976
in Richard M
- 1) Aug 1960 - Bissell approached Sheffield Edwards to determine if Office of Security had assets that may assist in a sensitive mission requiring gangster-type action. Target - Castro.
 - 2) Small group made privy to project DCI was briefed and gave approval. Colonel J.C. King - was briefed. Concealed from JMWAUE officials. Certain TSD and Communications people participated but were not willing to mission.
 - 3) Mahau was contacted and asked if he could develop an entree into gangster elements as first step.
 - 4) Mahau mentioned Roselli - asked to approach Roselli and pose as a personal relations executive etc. It was to be made clear to Roselli that US govt was not, and should not become aware of this operation.
 - 5) Pitch made on 14 Sept 1960 at Hilton Plaza Hotel NYC - James O'Connell, OS, was present ~~and~~ Jim acted as Roselli's contact until May 1962.

Roselli agreed to introduce Maneu to Sam Gold.

During week 25 Sept. Maneu introduced → Sam at Fontainebleau.
Joe also there.

Joe gave pills to Orta. Orta got cold feet. Another candidate made several attempts. "Joe then indicated that Dr. Anthony Varona, one of the principal officers in the Cuban exile Junta, had become disaffected with the apparent ineffectual progress of the Junta and was willing to handle the mission through his own resources." "He asked, as a prerequisite to the deal, that he be given \$10,000 for organizational expenses and requested \$1,000 worth of communications equipment. Dr. Varona's potential was never fully exploited, as the project was cancelled shortly after the Bay of Pigs episode. Varona was advised that the offer was withdrawn and the pills were retrieved."

46- memo for IG Attention Mr. John Leader 22 May 1975
from Charles W. Kane -DS

Review of OS files relating to Robert Maneu, Johnny Roselli, Gianana disclosed operation against Castro was approved by Dulles.

150,000 was authorized to accomplish operation.
An undated, unsigned memo in Maneu's file indicates 10,000 + 1000 of comm. equip. were given to V.
date or person who pd money are not in file.

- Neither Hunt nor McCord were in charge of Mexico operations in 1963.

Hunt Nov 1963 - was assigned to DDP/CA staff, office of the Chief, Hdq. Collateral duties @ DDP/Domestic Operations Division/Facilities branch.
Had duties from Nov 1961 to Feb 1965.

97 Memo from DS to Chief WH Division.
 25 Sept 1960 through Feb 6, 1961 - To cut out 6900
 11 Feb 1961 → to principal agent 10,000
 31 Jan 1961 - 14 Feb 1961 Commo expenses 10 43, 58
 26 Sept 1960 - 12 Feb 1961 - Miscellaneous ~~887, 67~~
 993, 37

48 - Confidential Funds Posting Voucher, 5-26-61

49 - Nothing in security to clarify 6900 to a cutout

① JUAN ORTA 28 m 29 1906-DOB

1965 - residing Mexico City - but wanted to come to U.S.

② Verona reported to have used son-in-law in assass. effort.

JCKing - retired at 10713 Miller Rd, Oakton,
 Vir. 22124.

Bissell - 22 Mountain Rd, Farmington Conn.

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3d Agency material

- 1- Results of 1957 Name Check / ACSI + FBI
- 2- Investigative Data - Partial BI conducted in 1957
I + NS file Review
- 3- FBI results of 1960 Name Check
- 4- FBI - 1 page report dated 28 Feb 1961 at
NYC re Varona
- 5- FBI report dated 13 Oct 1961 in name of
Roy Paul Mackal aka Markie
- 6- Personal info -

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