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Victor Panegre.

- 1 pkg. loose documents
- 1 pkg. DCD documents
- 1 Volume C1/OA documents
- 1 Volume - DDO documents

DDO Volume

① 24 October 1960.

Personality File Request

Victor Panegre - 201-286 382

Reportedly an agent of DIER

Central Intelligence Agency
has no Objection to Release
Date: AS SANITIZED

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② Undated document giving Panegre's background political activities. All 1960 information.

1. On arrival in U.S., stayed with Orlando Bosch, suspected Castro agent.
- ② Associated with leader of MRR "Camilo Cienfuegos" Carlos Rodriguez Castro, suspected Castro plant in U.S.
- ③ Reportedly spent 2 hrs. with Raul Castro before defecting.
- ④ Major Sanjens, former Chief G-2, says Panegre of GOC agent.
- ⑤ Organizacion Autentica reporting to State Dept that Panegre is a Castro plant.
- ⑥ [OO-A 3168667] reports Panegre one of two DIER plants at Uni. of Havana & students planning to assassinate him. 5003452
- ⑦ Cuban businessman says Panegre is G-2 plant.
- ⑧ CIA reported to FBI that subject from G-2.

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Panque

③ April 29, 1959 Classified Message to Director from Havana says Raul Castro has begun a major purge of Cuban Armed Forces. Among those to be eliminated are Victor Panque, aka "Diego"

④ 18 Oct. 1960

Conversation with Major Victor M. Panque (Comandante Diego, 6 October at 900).

When Panque arrived in Miami, he got together with Alianza de Liberacion through Dr. Luis Conte Aguero. He could not get immediate help from this group, so resigned. Also said he had tried to get help from U.S. govt. but unsuccessful.

Panque is convinced that the only thing needed to overthrow Castro is arms & supplies. Has a plane which he intends to fly into Cuba with cargo of arms.

Author of memo recommends that CIA offer assistance to Panque independent of all other organizations as he seems to be capable of becoming an important factor in the future.

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⑤ Nov. 2, 1960 Cable to Director from Wash

Panque & 8 men leaving for Cuba night of 1 Nov on 40-foot yacht, Trudy Lou. Craft purchased by Orlando Bosch.

DIER - Departamento Investigativo
Del Ejercito Revolucionario

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⑥ 14 Dec. 1960

Cable to Director from Havana. IN 16758

Panque reportedly under arrest at Habana
Prison & his wife at Women's prison, on charges
of aiding Escambray fighters

⑦ Jan 13, 1961

Cable to Bell from IN 1688

Alexander Bourke gives information that Frank
Giorini & Orlando Bosch ^{of Miami} represent Panque in Cuba.
Giorini & Bosch recruiting & equipping force for
assault on Cuba 18 Jan. Receiving financial aid
from Anti Communist International Association
of NYC.

⑧ 14 March 1962

Dispatch to Chief, Task Force W from COS/SMWAVE

Panque organized a Hunger Strike by Cuban
Exiles & held a rally 13 March 1962. Purpose was
to show JFK that Cubans are willing to die
in exile if their right to defend Cuba from
Communism is negated. Motto of strike is
"Hunger or War".

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⑦ [PRQ part 1 - July 4, 1964.

Aliases: Diego Rene Ricardo (Clandestine Activity)

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⑦ Request for Information & Review 5 Nov. 1964
[FOIA granted 13 Nov 1964]

⑧ 8 Oct 1964

Report of Covert Assessment
from Assessment & Evaluation Staff, Medical Staff

Panque one of 6 members of the "radops
trainees (radio operators?) given psychological
assessments in Aug 1964. Panque is oldest,
(DOB 18 Sept 1920) ~~and~~ least intelligent, most
experienced of the group. Likely he would
try to dominate the group because of his
past experience. His shortcomings seem to
outweigh his assets.

⑩ 17 Nov 1964 Classified Message 16 22582
[Panque assigned AMRUG-5]

⑪ 19 Dec 1964

Memorandum of Oral Commitment

Panque engaged under oral contract on 1 Dec 1964.
To receive \$275.28 per month following
completion of satisfactory service. Will
receive raise of \$50 per month on completion
of training & \$50 raise upon infiltration.
(Possibly an infiltration of Oriente Province) ^{see item}
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(12) 1 Oct 1965

Dispatch from COS/JMWAVE

Panque terminated as of 31 Oct 1965. Agent Service record recommends him for re-use, on basis of his knowledge of internal contacts in Northern Oriente.

(13) 15 Sept 1977 to [redacted] # 095686

Panque participated in Cuban spide activities in New York area in 1962 and later registered in ISR to Dept of Army in August 1962 (Dropped without prejudice 18 Nov 1963.) In 1964 Panque was member of MDC infiltration team. Recruited by Miami station as radio operator/infiltrator and favorably sworled on 5 August 1964. POA granted 13 Nov 1964. Paid \$275 monthly beginning 1 Sep 1964. Trained by Cuban agents in Miami but never used operationally. Amicably terminated 1 Oct 1965 & recommended for re-use. Reported in 1969 as conducting clandestine trips inside Cuba on behalf of Junta Militar de Cuba.]

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Third agency deletions ^{mine} sealed envelopes.

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Volume C1/OA - No notes necessary.
Victor Manuel Paneque Batista - C-286382

Deletions - 1 sealed envelope.

FBI report 3 Nov 1960 and Office of Security
polygraph interview.

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Victor Paneque

DCD Documents - no notes

Loose Documents - Victor Paneque

17 Feb. 1972

Subject: Identification of PCC, DSE, USC Members, etc.
page 3 - Item 9: Information acquired through
interrogation of CC-4993, Jacinto BAEZ Galiano, a
Cuban refugee & former resident Rogla, Havana
Province, who left Cuba 22 Nov 1971. Subsource
worked for Superphosphates Enterprise from 1950-1968.

Victor Manuel Paneque employed until 1968 as laboratory
Chief of Superphosphates, is a member of the PCC,
militia, & Defense Committee (CDR). He is an
agronomist & former director of School of Agronomy,
Havana University. He is described as
Caucasian, 5'2" tall, weight about 165 lbs,
born 1927-32, black hair, dark-colored eyes.

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Victor Paneque Batista is 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes,
born 1920.

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Morales - Response to 24 July 1978 Request
20 Jan. 1961 dispatch to Chief/W4 from
Chief, SMWAVE

Subj: Operational [SMATE/AMOT]

Ref: Bell - 0447

When info of referenced cable passed to
[AMOT/2] he stated he had received some
info from Felipe Rodriguez de la Torre. According
to [A/2] he already alerted [AMIRON] [A-2] said
that Subject has, as of 13 Jan 1961, not attempted
to enlist in [AMIRON]. Both have WAVE and
[AMOT] are attempting to locate subject.

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