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Cuban defector, with code name [RAMIRO] ^(S) who is under control of CIA, was interviewed in the Spanish language by SA SAMUEL W. JONES in the presence of SA DONALD J. FITZGERALD, SA FRANCIS I. LUNDQUIST, and CIA officer, [AL AMORI] ^(S), for periods of two to three hours ^(S) daily from 1/18-21/72. [RAMIRO] ^(S) is a former member of the Cuban General Directorate of Intelligence (DGI), who has been active in security and intelligence affairs for the past ten years. He acquired knowledge of some of his information through personal experience and the rest directly and indirectly through contact with other DGI officers. His reliability has not been established ~~(S)~~ (u)

This memorandum is being classified Secret in view of the sensitive nature of the information furnished by [RAMIRO] ^(S) concerning the operations of a foreign intelligence service. The disclosure of [RAMIRO's] ^(S) identity could possibly affect the defense interests ^(S) of the United States adversely. ~~(S)~~ (u)

During the interviews with [RAMIRO] ^(S) he readily furnished substantial amounts of information concerning certain Cuban intelligence operations in the Miami, Florida, area, as well as the operations of the Cuban Intelligence Service (CIS) through the Cuban Mission to the United Nations (CMUN). ~~(S)~~ (u)

[RAMIRO] ^(S) was very cooperative during the interviews and appeared desirous of furnishing accurate and detailed information concerning the individuals on whom he was reporting. Concerning certain unidentified Cuban agents who are supposedly operating in the Miami area, [RAMIRO] ^(S) did not resolve the question of their identity but provided minute details based on his recollections, overheard conversations, and his access to intelligence files at CIS headquarters in Havana. ~~(S)~~ (u)

[RAMIRO] ^(S) described himself as having entered into the DGI as an intelligence officer in [1967] ^(S). He had previously received training in [the Soviet Union] ^(S) and had ~~(S)~~ (u)

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been involved in other Cuban security and intelligence affairs prior to his DGI experience. In the DGI, [RAMIRO] (S) was Chief of the Code Name and Symbol Section. In this position [RAMIRO] had access to [archives] of the DGI and was in charge of receiving and analyzing biographical (S) data reported by Cuban agents. [RAMIRO] pointed out that when [biographical] data reports were received by him, they were in [final] form. He noted that he did not receive the report in its [original] form from the agent such as [secret writing or reduced image photographs] (S) (X) (u)

During the interview [RAMIRO] (S) advised that it was he who was primarily responsible for the form letters of recruitment which were mailed to various Cuban exiles in the United States. As an example, he recalled a letter sent to Cuban exile [PEDRO EUGENIO ANDRES PELEGRINO] (S). These letters sent to Cuban exiles were prepared in the DGI offices in Havana and sent to persons in the Miami area generally. [RAMIRO] said that the DGI had little success with these letters in recruiting valuable agents, but they believed this caused considerable confusion for American intelligence services. (S) (X) (u)

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[RAMIRO] (S) advised that in Cuba he was a member of a small anti-Soviet clique at DGI headquarters composed of himself, [EDUARDO ARAOZ AGEDO] (DGI code name AGE0); [CRESCENCIO PALENZUELA PAEZ] (DGI code name CANDIDO); and [RAMON GHOZA NAVERAN] (DGI code name DEMETRIO). [RAMIRO] (S) believes that members of this clique are likely candidates for future defection. (S) (X) (u)

In referenced airtel information was set forth concerning an individual who had been trained in [sabotage] (S) for assignment to a foreign country. According to [RAMIRO] (S) this person was believed to have left Cuba on or about (S) [10/8/70], by escaping from a military installation and entering the [Guantanamo Naval Base] with the United States as his destination. Interview of [RAMIRO] (S) was initiated to obtain further details concerning this individual; however, CIA officer [AMORI] (S) advised that this matter had been probed in depth by CIA and that an extensive review of the screening (S) (X) (u)

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reports of Cuban exiles entering the United States at Miami was being made by CIA for comparison with [RAMIRO's] (S) information. (S) [AMORI] pointed out that he wished to conclude his aspects of this background investigation and would furnish a complete and detailed report to the FBI. This matter was not probed in depth during the interview because of this reason. ~~(S)~~ (u)

During the interview, [photographs] (S) of several individuals who have been under investigation by the FBI were exhibited to [RAMIRO] (S). Of the [photographs] (S) of persons who have been under investigation by the Miami Office, the only [photograph] (S) recognized by [RAMIRO] was that of [SCATTER]. [RAMIRO] pointed out that [SCATTER] was known to [CIS] as GATO. [RAMIRO] advised that he was instrumental in the recruitment of [SCATTER] after [SCATTER] wrote a letter to [CIS] in 1967 (S) while imprisoned in Florida. [RAMIRO] said that although [SCATTER] was considered to be a very capable and competent agent (S), he was never trusted by the CIS because of his proclivity to furnish false information. [RAMIRO] said [SCATTER] would furnish 20 lies for every truth which made him completely impossible to trust. According to [RAMIRO] (S), the DGI considered [SCATTER] to have been doubled by the FBI at Miami. ~~(S)~~ (u)

[RAMIRO] (S) said this was also true of [PICCOLO] (S) who was given the [DGI] code name PILOTO. [RAMIRO] said that the DGI had no trust in this person because he was considered to be working for the FBI. ~~(S)~~ (u)

[RAMIRO] (S) said that the [DGI] had plans to recruit [UNDERCUT] (S), who was known to them as [TOBITA]. [RAMIRO] pointed out that [UNDERCUT] was asked to travel to New York (S) to meet with an [official] (S) of the [CMUN] (S), but that following the meet, it was concluded that [UNDERCUT] possessed no potential for future development, and he was discontinued at that point. ~~(S)~~ (u)

[RAMIRO] (S) noted that no further efforts were made to develop [PICCOLO] and as far as he knows, the efforts towards the development of [PICCOLO] were discontinued when it was believed he had been doubled. ~~(S)~~ (u)

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[RAMIRO]^(S) said that [SCATTER]^(S) is currently in prison in Cuba. [RAMIRO] saw [SCATTER]^(S) on one occasion in prison after [SCATTER]^(S) had made his trip to Cuba in late 1969. [RAMIRO] said the [CIS]^(S) had initially intended to kill [SCATTER]^(S) because they considered him responsible for the [persona non grata] action against two of their officials at the [CMUN] in 1969.^(S) However, after [SCATTER]^(S) was cooperative in furnishing information about the CIA and FBI, the [CIS]^(S) decided not to kill him but to keep him in prison indefinitely. [RAMIRO]^(S) said there is no plan to utilize [SCATTER]^(S) for any type of future intelligence work ~~(S)~~(S)

[Photographs of female]^(S) Cubans who have been under investigation by the Miami Office were displayed to [RAMIRO]. [RAMIRO]^(S) said none of them were identical with the Cuban agent, [PELOTA]. [RAMIRO]^(S) said he knows [PELOTA's]^(S) true name but is unable to recall it. He has also [seen a photograph]^(S) of her and would recognize her by [photograph]^(S) ~~(S)~~(S)

During the interview [RAMIRO]^(S) furnished information concerning an unknown Cuban agent who had operated in the United States prior to the arrival of [Cuban Agent G-11]. [RAMIRO]^(S) had very little knowledge of the background and identity of this individual; however, he was known to have worked a short while at the [Talisman Sugar] Corporation. Because of some problem which this individual had with the [CIS], he was discontinued as an agent. The Miami Office will open a new case on this Unsub in an attempt to identify him. ~~(S)~~(S)

Miami has instituted investigation to determine the identities and activities of [Cuban Agents G-11, PELOTA, CARLOS ALBERTO SANTANA]^(S) and the unknown individual who reportedly entered the United States around [10/8/70]. ~~(S)~~(S)

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