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Victor Panegue.

- 1 pkg. loose documents
- 1 pkg. DCD documents
- 1 Volume CIOA documents
- 1 Volume - DDO documents

DDO Volume

① 24 October 1960.

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Personality File Request

Victor Panegue - 201-286 382

Reportedly an agent of DIER

⑤ Undated document giving Panegue's background political activity. All 1960 information.

1. On arrival in U.S., stayed with Orlando Bosch, suspected Castro agent.

⑥ 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 Panegue of GOC agent.

⑤ Organization Autentica reporting to State Dept that Panegue is a Castro plant.

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⑥ OO-A 316866.7 reports Panegue one of two DIER plants at Uni of Havana + students planning to assassinate him.

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⑦ Cuban businessman says Panegue is G-2 plant.

⑧ CIA reported to FBI that Subject has been reported as G-2.

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Panegue

- X 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 Panegue, aka "Diego"

④ 18 Oct. 1960

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

When Panegue 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.

Panegue 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 Panegue independent of all other organizations as he seems to be capable of becoming an important factor in the future.

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- * #6 ⑤ Nov. 2, 1960 Cable to Director from Wash

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Panegue & 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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Paneque

⑥ 14 Dec. 1960

Cable to Director from Havana. IN 16758

Paneque reportedly under arrest at Cabana prison & his wife at Women's prison, on charges of aiding Escambray fighters.

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⑦ Jan 13, 1961

Cable to Bell from Guatemala City. IN 1688

Alexander Bourke gives information that Frank Giromini & Orlando Bosch^{of Miami} represent Paneque in Cuba. Giromini & 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/UNWAVE

Paneque organized a Hunger Strike by Cuban Epiles & 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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- ① Request for Information & Review 5 Nov. 1964
FOIA granted 13 Nov 1964

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- ② 8 Oct 1964

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

Panque one of 6 members of the "radop
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.

- ③ 17 Nov 1964 Classified Message 16 2258Z
Panque assigned AM[RUG-5].

- ④ 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 13}

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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.

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(13) 15 Sept 1977. to ¹¹⁶⁻²² Managua # 095686

X Panque participated in Cuban exile 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 viewed 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.

Thru agency deletions ^{nine} sealed envelopes.
8 - FBI 1 Dept of Army.

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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 Regla, 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.

(note)

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

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