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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.

Personality File Request

Victor Panegue - 201-286 382

Reportedly an agent of DIER

Central Intelligence Agency  
has no objection to Release  
Date:

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② Undated document giving Panegue'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 Paul 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.

⑥ [00-A 3168667] reports Panegue one of two DIER plants at Uni. of Havana &amp; students planning to assassinate him. 100344Z

⑦ Cuban businessman says Panegue is G-2 plant.

⑧ CIA reported to FBI that Subject from G-2.

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Panegue

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

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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⑤ Nov. 2, 1960 Cable to Director from Wash

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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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 Guatemala City. IN 1688

Alexander Bourke gives information that Frank  
Giorini & Orlando Bosch <sup>of Miami</sup> 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 "radio  
trainers (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.

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

⑩ 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) <sup>see item 13</sup>

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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 **Managua** # 095686

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.) Dec

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. ]

Thud agency deletions <sup>nine</sup> & sealed envelopes.  
8- FBI 1 Dept of Army.

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

Detections - 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.

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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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