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then working closely with Barker in Cuban exile (unity) activity on behalf of Artime. At the time Cardenas met IUSTEER/1 at the Figrini home, he told IUSTEER/1 to go to a house on Brickell Ave. IUSTEER/1 did and there he met Artime for the first time.

c. (At this time a Case Officer named "Jimmy" was handling both Barker and Cardenas. "Jimmy" spoke excellent Cuban Spanish.)

d. From 1962 to 1965 Cardenas worked with the Agency under the cover firm Consolidated Engineering. (Cardenas' Case Officer during this period was Chris Frederick.)

e. In 1965 the Agency sent Cardenas to IUSTEER/1 for duty in the Congo. In the Congo Cardenas claimed to have a heart attack and was hospitalized. He was later proven medically sound and released from his Congo assignment.

f. During 1967-1968 Cardenas drove a truck in the Miami area. Between 1969 and 1970-71 Cardenas sold mutual funds in South America (GRANCO and others). This ended when the funds went bankrupt.

g. In 1971 Cardenas was economically down. In early 1972 he started traveling again and became affluent. IUSTEER/1 believes Cardenas is involved in drugs.

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