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- S. Antonio CUESTA came to the U.S. from Cuba on 31 May 1960 as a refugee. According to his 201 file, he has had the following U.S. Government association:
 - a. As of February 1961 he was cited as a crewman aboard the M/V TEJANA. A POA was requested on 15 March 1961 for his use in PM maritime ops as a crewman on the vessel TEJANA under Project JMATE. Due to cessation of JMATE activities, processing of the clearance was suspended on 1 May 1961 until new interest was apparent. JMMAVE Station advised the Army of CIA operational interest in CUESTA on 26 May 1962. JMWAVE advised Headquarters on 5 June 1962 that CUESTA was not then being used and requested the basis of other Agency interest. There is no indication in pertinent maritime files or his 201 file that he was ever used on an operational mission by CIA.

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- b. ISR records show that CUESTA was registered as an Army source on 22 May 1962. There is no indication that he was dropped; however, it is recorded that he was reinstated on 12 August 1965. He was dropped again on 10 May 1966, without prejudice. There is no further record of Army association. The specifics of his association with the Army are unknown to the Agency.
- 6. From the time he came to the U.S. in 1960 until he was arrested by the Cuban Government, CUESTA was associated with the MRR, UR, Alpha 66 and Commando L organizations. The hit and run raids made by these groups were well-known to all government agencies and, in fact, openly known in Miami because of the propensity of the Cubans to talk. There were a number of discussions at the highest level (President) concerning what should be done about such raids. They were not sponsored by or connected with the U.S. Government. Two of these unauthorized raids are the ones referred to (attempts 21 and 22) in the article attached to Mrs. CUESTA's letter.
- 7. Mrs. CUESTA was born 21 May 1936 in Madrid, Spain. As of 30 March 1963 she was married to Antonio CUESTA, had one small son, and reportedly resided with Antonio in Miami, Florida. She currently refers to him as her ex-husband, but particulars of a separation or divorce are unknown. She is also known as Mrs. Maria Viza CUESTA, Maria Luisa Viza Blanco and Mrs. Vincente CUESTA. Following are items of interest:
 - a. Antonio CUESTA told the FBI that she lived with him in Miami, Florida as of 30 March 1963.