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TO : WH/C/FI 22 September 1965  
FROM : Interrogation Research Division  
SUBJECT : TEPEDINO, Carlos IRD#69405  
S. F. #211900

IDENTIFYING DATA

Subject is a forty year old married male who is a citizen of Cuba. He has been cooperating with the Agency since about 1959, without receiving salary and being paid only expenses incurred in operational assignments. Subject has been residing in the United States since March 1961. Subject is being utilized in a covert capacity as an FI asset. Subject's file number is 201-211900.

PROCEDURE

Subject was given a polygraph interview at the request of (Harry WEBSTER, case officer, WH/C/FI. The interview was held at a covert site in Washington, D. C. on 27 August 1965. The interview was conducted in the English language, in which Subject appears to have limited and seemingly adequate proficiency. Subject sometimes expressed difficulty in understanding certain words or phraseology in reviewing test questions, but generally stated that he understood definitions and meanings for testing purposes. Throughout testing, Subject claimed that he understood the test questions; during a discussion at the end of the interview, Subject stated that he found himself during tests translating the interrogator's questions into Spanish for himself and then providing his answers, even though he had heard the questions before testing and had arrived at a judgment on them.

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PURPOSE

It was requested by the case officer that polygraph testing attempt to determine the following: (1) Any connection with another intelligence service, especially Cuban; (2) Whether Subject has told the truth about the nature of his relationship with Rolando CUBELA and has been reporting the truth to us about CUBELA and CUBELA's activities; (3) Whether Subject has told the truth about his relationship with CARRILLO, Cuban Ambassador in Paris. In addition, it was requested that testing include the specific issues requested for coverage in an attachment to a contact report dated 28 June 1965. These issues include Subject's true name, Communist connections, intelligence or

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security connections, relationships with CUBELA and CARRILLO, reporting of Agency assignments and CUBELA activities, smuggling or illegal activities in the United States or Europe, disclosure of CIA connection to any intelligence service or to the Castro Government. It was suggested that the smuggling issue not be included or stressed during current testing, and that it should be pressed if there was any indication that Subject might be vulnerable to blackmail or might be using his CIA connection primarily to protect or advance his own business purposes. The issue was not entered into during testing. It was agreed that merely an emotional question using the word "smuggling" be inserted to draw out Subject's comments or work as an indicator or later a wedge into any illegal activities or exploitation of CIA on the part of the Subject. It is noted that such a question was reserved until the very last test administered to the Subject so that there would be no risk of emotionally disturbing the Subject prematurely or clouding the relevant intelligence issues.

#### CONCLUSION

From a technical analysis, Subject's charts exhibit a combination of nervous tension, erratic patterns, reactions, and inconsistencies throughout three separate phases of testing. The charts also show a marked increase in emotional disturbance and tension and progressively worse reactions as testing advanced. From the standpoint of Subject's tension and sensitivity, it is possible that Subject is practicing deception during testing and that his unusual test performance is the result of attempts to withhold pertinent information in one or more relevant areas. Overall testing could not conclusively pinpoint the reactions on all questions pertinent as deception reactions, and Subject's reactions are unresolved at this point. Due to certain other factors which may have influenced testing, it is necessary to term this case inconclusive and incomplete. To resolve the factors, it is recommended that Subject be re-interviewed at a later date and that the interview be conducted in the Spanish language. It is believed that only testing in Spanish can conclusively confirm or eliminate any indications and significant problem areas arising from current tests. In the meantime, Subject's admissions in certain areas and Subject's reactions on questions of specific concern to the case officer are presented in this report, although the true significance of the cited reactions may not be conclusive until a test in Spanish can be administered.

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The factors present during this interview that might have affected technical testing are as follows: .

- (1) Subject claimed to be sick, to have been feeling ill since the previous evening and to have debated with himself whether to fly to Washington for the interview that same morning;
- (2) Subject claimed to be "in a hurry" because of "business problems" and stipulated that the interview should not take too long so that he could catch an early plane back to New York;
- (3) Subject has a rather limited command of the English language and there are indications that a language problem may have been encountered during testing.

On the basis of these factors, Subject has been temporarily given the benefit of the doubt in testing, but by no means has been given a clean bill of health on the basis of current test performance; inasmuch as the case is considered incomplete, arrangements should be made for a follow-up polygraph interview in the Spanish language at a later date.

#### DETAILS

1. Specifically, Subject did not reflect consistent reactions on the general question of working for another intelligence service, but he did reflect reactions on specific questions of having a secret connection with the Castro Government, telling another intelligence service about his connection with us, having a secret connection with any Cuban Intelligence or security organization, reporting information about American Intelligence activities or representatives to anyone unknown to us, giving false or misleading information to any American Intelligence representative, and being approached to work for another intelligence service.

Subject further reflected extreme emotional disturbances on many questions regarding his relationship with CUBELA and his knowledge of CUBELA's activities or sentiments. He also reacted on questions dealing with his relationship with CARRILLO.

On questions that used the words such as "hiding," "concealing" (inform-

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ation from us), "deliberately keep secret from us", "security" incidents breaches, etc., "blackmail", "pressure" (by an intelligence service), Subject professed ignorance of the terms and attempts at definition and clarification of the meaning of questions using these words seemed to fail.

2. During the pre-test discussion, Subject was asked the question, "Have you told anyone about your connection with American Intelligence?" Subject replied nodding his head, that he definitely had, that he had told "many many people." Asked to identify these people, Subject stated that it would be almost impossible, because so many knew in New York, in Cuba, in Europe, etc. It was pointed out to the Subject that the question referred to American Intelligence and not to American Government. Subject stated that he understood completely. Subject was asked to make an effort to enumerate some of the people whom he had told about his intelligence connection, even though he might find it difficult to do. Subject then stated that he had told his wife, his father, and other relatives about his connection with us. He said that his office employees in New York also knew about his connection. He further stated that others knew, like Ricardo MADAN and Ricardo RIVAN. He said that in Cuba there were many people who knew, like Rolando CUBELA, El LOCO, El MAGO, Roberto (Roberto?), and others. He said that it was no secret that he had told his friends about his connection, and that many others simply knew about his intelligence connection. Subject was asked whether there was anyone he had told who should not know about his connection or whom he had not reported to us; especially individuals with intelligence backgrounds. Subject said that he assumed that Cuban Intelligence may have found out or guessed about his relationship with us, but that he had not told them himself. He also stated that he felt that the people he had told were known to us. The pertinent question was changed accordingly to, "Have you told anyone we do not know about about your connection with American Intelligence?" Subject stated that he could answer in the negative on the question in this form. During testing, Subject reflected reactions on the question. (Writer's Comment: It is obvious that the qualified question is vague and technically unanswerable, but in light of Subject's statements a need is indicated for the debriefing of the Subject on all people he has told about his intelligence connection. Subject agreed to provide names and details to the case officer later in a more lengthy meeting.)

3. During later tests which included specific questions on whether Subject had told any intelligence service, the Castro Government, or CARRILLO about his connection with us, Subject also reflected strong reactions on these questions and was interrogated. Subject denied having revealed his connection to any of

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these sources.

4. Subject was interrogated on the basis of pronounced reactions on the question, "Have you ever deliberately reported false or misleading information to any American Intelligence representative?" Subject stated that he had never reported false or misleading information on any assignment or task, including his missions to Mexico and Switzerland, and concerning his activity vis-a-vis CUBELA.

5. Subject stated that he had not been approached to work for any other intelligence service besides American, despite reactions on this question.

6. Regarding his name, Subject stated that he has used the name Carlo TEPEDINO Gonzalez since 1946. Before 1946, he used the name Carlos LOPEZ his true name from birth. During testing, there were no reactions to questions covering these two facts, but there were reactions on the question, "Have you ever used another name to hide your true identity?" Answer: "No." Subject stated that he had never used any name to hide his true identity and that he understood the meaning of the question to refer to any secret or intelligence use of another name that was unknown to us.

7. Subject reacted prominently on various questions dealing with CUBELA. During the pre-test discussion, the interrogator had asked the Subject the following question: Does CUBELA have a plan to overthrow Castro? Subject replied that there is no plan that he knows of, and he does not consider CUBELA's various activities as constituting a plan for such an objective. Asked how he might describe CUBELA's attitude toward Castro, Subject said that CUBELA was opposed to the Castro government and that Subject felt that CUBELA had a "desire" to overthrow Castro, rather than any plan. When Subject was asked whether he considered CUBELA's group to be a genuine anti-Castro and anti-Communist group, Subject replied that CUBELA did not have a group and that he knew of no group he ever had. Asked how he would describe any individuals who supported CUBELA as friends, or promised him support in any undertaking, or who might be counted on for support if he were ever to follow through with his "desire" to overthrow Castro, Subject shrugged and said he did not know what to call them, that he did not think CUBELA had any control over all his friends or supporters, that he did not even think they would all help CUBELA in any crisis or that CUBELA could depend on any of them in any undertaking. He said that a group as such was non-existent and that he could not even regard CUBELA's following as a group of

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friends, an organization of any kind, a social circle, a band of sympathizers, etc. Subject also stated that he had complete confidence in CUBELA and would trust him in whatever he did.

During testing, Subject reacted on the question regarding CUBELA's desire to overthrow Castro. Subject stated during interrogation that he had no doubt at all regarding CUBELA's desire to overthrow Castro and he could not understand the reason for his reaction on such a question. Subject repeated that he had complete confidence in CUBELA.

Subject was also interrogated on his reactions on the question, "Do you believe that CUBELA is anti-Castro and anti-Communist?" Answer: "Yes." Subject said that in his opinion, CUBELA was against the Castro government, but that he felt that CUBELA admired Castro. He said that in spite of CUBELA's strong admiration for Castro, CUBELA was still opposed to him and to his methods.

8. During discussion of questions before testing, Subject was asked the question, "Does CUBELA have any connection with Cuban Intelligence or Cuban Security?" Subject replied, "Yes." Asked to explain, Subject stated that CUBELA definitely had an "inside track" with Cuban intelligence and security elements, knew quite a few intelligence people, worked with them closely, had daily contacts with them, knew what was going on in intelligence circles, etc. Subject was asked whether he meant that CUBELA was working for or cooperating with Cuban Intelligence or Security elements. Subject replied that CUBELA, of course, had strong connections with Cuban Intelligence and was probably cooperating with them in various ways. Subject added that he had to in order to gain their confidence and to be able to know what Cuban Intelligence was doing. He also added that even though he had these connections, he was still opposed to the Castro Government and would probably take an opportunity to work against it. Subject said that CUBELA would not be able to exist in Cuba as he does today if he did not have the confidence of the Castro Government and intelligence services. Subject was asked how he knew so well about CUBELA's connections with Cuban Intelligence; Subject replied that CUBELA had told "everyone and had told me" and "everyone knew about CUBELA's contacts with Cuban Intelligence."

Subject was advised that the question would not be asked as proposed, and was asked what his answer would be to the following question, "Is CUBELA

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an agent of Cuban Intelligence or Cuban Security?" Subject said that he would answer, "No." During testing, Subject reflected reactions on the question.

9. Subject reflected reactions during tests on the question, "Have you told us the complete truth about your relationship with CUBELA?" and "Have you deliberately attempted to hide or keep secret from us any information about Rolando CUBELA?" Subject did not show reactions on the question, "Have you told us the complete truth about your relationship with CARRILLO?", but he did show reactions on the question, "Have you told CARRILLO about your connection with American Intelligence?" Answer: "No." Subject was interrogated on the basis of the reactions, but furnished no pertinent information. Subject insisted that he had not told CARRILLO about his connection with us, and that he had told us everything about his relationship with CUBELA. Subject stated that he considered CUBELA his friend, but he could not classify CARRILLO as a friend. Subject was asked whether CARRILLO was friendly to the Subject and whether they were both on amicable terms, and Subject replied that these statements were true.

10. In a final test, the following questions were asked:

Have you ever reported information about American Intelligence activities or representatives to anyone you have not told us about? No.

Have you told any intelligence service about your connection with us?  
No.

Have you told the Castro Government about your connection with us?  
No.

Do you have any secret connection with the Castro Government? No.

Do you have any secret connection with any Cuban Intelligence or Security organization? No.

Do you have any secret agreement with CUBELA that you have not told us about? No.

Have you ever engaged in smuggling activities for any government or intelligence service? No.

Did any intelligence service instruct you to work or cooperate with

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American Intelligence? No.

Is there anything important in your background that you have not told us about that could be used against you for blackmail or pressure by another government or intelligence service? No.

Are you an agent of the Castro Government? No.

Does CUBELA have contacts with Cuban Intelligence? Yes.

Is CUBELA an agent of Cuban Intelligence? No.

Have you told us the complete truth about your relationship with CUBELA?  
Yes.

Have you ever been asked to work for any intelligence service besides us?  
No.

Have you ever worked for or cooperated with any intelligence service besides American? No.

During two final tests including these questions, Subject reacted prominently but inconsistently on most questions, and exhibited overall emotional disturbance throughout the tests. An additional question which had been included, "Is there a CUBELA group?" was not answered by the Subject during testing. Before testing Subject had stated that he understood the question and had agreed to answer No to the question according to discussions on the topic. Later, Subject explained that he could not answer the question. The question was followed up by, "Does CUBELA have many friends who support him against Castro?" on which Subject answered Yes, according to agreement. Regarding the smuggling question, Subject appeared quite concerned and asked for an explanation of the question three times, whereupon he indicated that he understood the question perfectly. There was only a slight disturbance on the question during testing which did not appear significant to the interrogator. Subject was not interrogated on this question or asked any questions about smuggling.

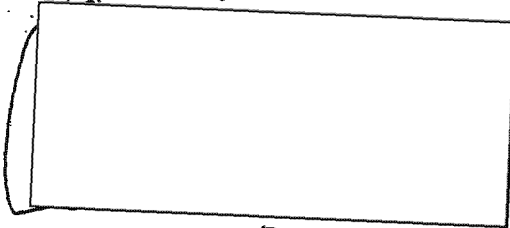
11. During various post-test discussion periods, Subject was asked whether he understood the questions asked or whether he had experienced any difficulties in comprehension during testing. Subject generally retorted that he understood the questions and knew just what they meant; in addition, Subject would sometimes

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put the questions into his own oversimplified expressions to indicate that he understood the meanings. Questions on which Subject expressed difficulty in comprehending were explained and re-phrased prior to testing. During later discussions, Subject stated that he found himself ~~using the test procedure~~ mentally changing the questions asked into Spanish and then answering them, even though he was aware of the question and his answer prior to testing. There did not seem to be an obvious language difficulty during test preparation with the Subject, however, Subject's command of English can not be rated as fluent or even proficient. It is also possible that Subject might have been attempting to do more than his language ability permitted or failing to recognize a true language or semantics problem in the test procedure.



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