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All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as set out on page 2.

Also searched as Oscar Diaz. See page 72 in summary.

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed on page 2. All references under these names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

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On 1/20/59, Confidential Informant MM 639-S (134-6356) advised that Carmen Villamia, wife of Mario Villamia*, talked to Juanita Castro, sister of Fidel Castro, while recently in Havana. Carmen informed Juanita that MM 639-S was put out of Cuba by Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz. Juanita, who was a friend of informant, talked to Raul Castro concerning this. Raul was upset by Diaz' action, as informant was highly regarded by Raul.

134-6356-18
(47,81)

*July 26 Revolutionary Movement member.

Mario Rosado Amat, 790 SE 6th Place, Hialeah, Fla., uncle of Hipolito Adolfo Canal Rosado (97-4329), advised that he visited in Cuba in February, 1959, and Hipolito was in Cuba at that time attempting to contact Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz who was then in charge of the CAF, relative to painting work. Diaz Lanz did not want to do business except with military personnel.

97-4329-20 p.B,11
(28,93)

CIA furnished a copy of the undated de-briefing memorandum of Olga Georgina Goicochei Salas (105-129981) who stated that she and her husband were eating in the Pekin Restaurant, Vedado, Cuba, in March, 1959, when Fidel Castro entered. It was then that she learned of Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo's interest in the revolutionary activities of other countries. She indicated that she asked Castro for weapons with which to aid the anti-Somoza guerrillas in Nicaragua. Castro instructed him to see Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz then Air Force Chief, and to take 800-odd weapons which Diaz Lanz had available. (X)(u)

[105-129981-11 encl. p.5] (X)(u)
(38,103)

The 3/31/59 issue of "Diario Las Americas", a Spanish language daily newspaper published in Miami, Fla., carried an article captioned "Organized Executive Committee of Aid to Cuba in the County-Prominent Personalities in the Campaign to Collect

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On June, 10, 11 and 12, 1959, Captain Francisco Rodriguez Y Tamayo, (105-78976) Cuban Army Captain, and his attorney cousin Francisco Maria Rodriguez Couceiro, stated that Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz was sympathetic with the anti-Castro movement and that they both knew that Diaz Lanz was in fear of his life. They stated that recently Diaz Lanz took leave from the Air Force, claiming to be sick with typhus. They believed that Diaz Lanz was suspected of sabotaging an airplane carrying Raul Castro which crashed in the Cuban marshes approximately three weeks before.

It was noted that leading collaborators who were secret members of the Crusade of Revolutionaries Against Communism (no date) included Diaz Lanz.

105-78976-13 encl. p.12,14
(30,96)

Captain Francisco Rodriguez Tamayo advised on June, 10,11,12, 1958 that the underground movement of Crusade of Revolutionaries Against Communism (CRAC) (97-3856) made considerable progress. Important government and military leaders of the Castro regime were secret members of CRAC, one of whom was Major Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz.

97-3856-9 p.16
(25,90)

MM 635 advised on 6/16/59 that Major Juan Almeida, who fought with Fidel Castro in the Sierra Maestra, as of above date, was Acting Chief of the CAF in the absence of Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, who went on sick leave recently. On 6/15/59, Diaz asked Almeida for his office back and he replied that Diaz would have to wait until the Cuban Army and Air Force were united under Castro. Diaz was anti-communist and pro-US. In the absence of Diaz, Almeida removed between forty and forty-three pilots and co-pilots from the Air Force. Diaz decided to stay with the Air Force thirty days more and then reaccept leadership only on the condition that he would not serve under Raul Castro. Air Force staff members loyal to Diaz planned an emergency escape from Cuba. Castro informed Diaz to get the Air Force ready for an attack on the Dominican

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[] [] Cine Revista magazine, Havana, Cuba (protect identity), advised that Guillermo Ramirez, a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary Air Force, stated that four Russians, names unknown, were giving training to Cuban military personnel at a farm known as "El Cortijo" on the outskirts of Havana. Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, who resigned on 6/30/59 was head of the CAF, in his letter of resignation he stated in part that communist elements exerted pressure to achieve a plan of indoctrination in a school that functioned at the above-mentioned farm and that they knew well who they were, where they were, and what ends they pursued.

64-211-210-520 encl. p.1
(23,88)

During the first part of July, 1959, Armando Carmelo Lopez Frega (97-3863) advised that several individuals were ordered back to Cuba for questioning. Lopez believed that this questioning was intended to determine the extent of sympathy toward Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, former Chief of the FAR who fled from Cuba on 7/1/59, charging that the Castro Government and military forces were communist-influenced. Lopez stated that Jorge Merlo, former Chief of Maintenance of the fighter squadron of the FAR, was a friend of Pedro Diaz.

97-3863-5 p.5,7
(25,90)
SI 97-3862-2 p.2
(25,62)

The following references in the main files of the individuals listed below set out information to the effect that these individuals were officers or members of the Cuban FAR which was headed by Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz as of January, 1959, who resigned as Chief and defected to the US on 7/1/59. These individuals also left the FAR and returned to the US.

INDIVIDUAL	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Eduardo Alberto Felix Ferrer Y Del Castillo	97-4168-249 p.12,33	(27,92)

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INDIVIDUAL	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Confidential Informant MM 635-S	134-5991-11 p.1 -19	(16,80) (16,47, 80,112)
Manuel Joaquin Diaz	105-75110-10 p.3,5	(29,66,95)
Raul Manuel Rebenga Fernandez	105-149783-1 encl. p.12	(13,74)
James Linwood Gentry, Jr.	105-78365-6 encl. -10 encl. p.4 -53 p.41,42,45,46 (Interview p.41,42 8/23/60) -90 p.20,22,23,34 -92 p.5	(30,95) (7,67) (30,95) (7,30,67) (30,96)
Paul Joseph Hughes	105-72805-64 p.3	(154)
Douglas Leftbright	105-81194-2 p.2,3 -7 p.2,3	(160) (8,68)
Carlos Lazaro Hernandez Lopez	105-84950-8 p.5	(10,69)
Fernando Estanislao German Franca Y Martinez	105-173084-1 encl. p.2	(13,74)
Gregorio Enrique Hernandez Moya	105-178132-6 encl. p.2	(13,75)

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INDIVIDUAL	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Raul Manuel Cros Quintana	105-90526-2 p.8,10,11	(35,100)
Manuel Iglesias Rodriguez	105-100005-4 encl. p.3	(36,101)
Hector Ricardo Garcia Soto	105-84951-22 p.4	(34,99)

The 4/11/59 issue of the "Miami Herald" revealed that fifteen Cubans were rescued from their cabin cruiser in the Gulf of Mexico by the US Coast Guard.

MM 635-S advised on above-mentioned date that the fifteen Cuban men admitted upon being interviewed by Major Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz that they were en route to Nicaragua with guns to start a revolution at the time their boat ran out of gas.

On 7/2/59, Diaz Lanz in an interview advised that Robert Verdaguer, Cuban Air Force Pilot, flew a plane to Nicaragua under the orders of Fidel Castro during the recent invasion of Nicaragua.

109-12-222-627 p.25,26,33
(41,106)

On 7/4/59, [WF 1133-S*] advised that [Doctor Joaquin E. Meyer, Cuban Financial Counselor] discussed the present Cuban internal situation with [Cuban Ambassador Ernesto Dihigo. Meyer] pointed out that the former head of the CAF Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz was being actively sought as a traitor to the Fidel Castro regime. Lanz was one of the "inner circle" of the Castro revolutionary regime. [Meyer] felt that the case of Lanz revealed that there was a serious split in the revolutionary forces of Castro [X]

[62-60269-227 encl.](X)(u)
*(52,117)-

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The 7/23/59 edition of "El Mundo" contained an article captioned "Two UPR Students Attend Forum on Agrarian Reforms in Cuba, Obtain Support for Independence of Island". Portions of this article (set out) revealed that Norman Pietri Castellon (105-75686) University of Puerto Rico student, in Cuba from 7/3/59 to 7/20/59, attended the Forum on Agrarian Reforms by invitation from the Cuban Revolutionary Government. Pietri stated that Air Force Chief Diaz Lanz helped to unite people in support of the revolution; since even the reactionaries who were opposed to the agrarian reforms made manifestations in favor of the revolution.

105-75686-7 p.12
(154)

On 7/30/59, William Alexander Morgan (105-70973) stated that Dominick Bartone was a friend from Toledo, Ohio, who lived in Miami. He stated that Bartone attempted to sell a C-74 airplane to the CAF at one time, and in order to assist him, he introduced him to Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, who was then head of the CAF.

This reference indicated that one Dominick, described as a member of the Mafia, might possibly be identical with Dominick Bartone.

105-70973-57 p.31
(29,94)
SI 105-80291-7 p.23
(31,96)

On 8/5/59, [WF 1134-S*]^(S) advised that [Cuban Military Attache, Captain Angel L. Saavedra] desired confirmation from [Major Juan Almeida, Chief of the CAF] that Allen MacDonald, phonetic, was accredited to act as purchasing agent for [the CAF]. Almeida stated that MacDonald was not the purchasing agent but that it was possible that MacDonald was so designated by the former Chief of the CAF, Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz. [X]

[62-60269-244 encl. p.2] [X] [u]
(19,87)

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The following references in the file captioned "CP, CUBA", set forth information regarding the activities of Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz during the approximate period 6/26/59 to 8/23/59, in Cuba. Diaz Lanz was replaced as Air Force Commander because he was anti-communist. The "Sierra Maestra" newspaper criticized the US for inviting him to testify before one of its committees. He fled Cuba and came to the US and was thereafter condemned by the communists as a traitor.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

64-200-210-2118 p.1
-2168 p.2
-2180 p.1,2
-A "The Houston Post" 7/21/59
-A "The Worker" 7/26/59
-A "The New York Daily News" 8/1/59
-A "The Evening Star" 8/23/59

(22,87)
(153)
(22)
(22,88)
(23,88)
(23,88)
(2,57)

On 9/8/59, INS, Miami, furnished a copy of an INS report (set out) concerning an alleged plot to kidnap or kill Esteban Ventura Novo (105-75776). This report revealed that in this connection Amelia Cubria Ramos, sister of Armando Cubria, Mayor of Havana, had a letter (no date) which was written by her sister, Frances, which stated that she should go to Washington and try to obtain as much information as possible regarding Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz and that she should relay all of this information to a person whom she knew so that the data could be sent on to the OEA (not further described). This letter instructed her to go to Miami and continue the plan in accordance with instructions given her by Raul Castro.

105-75776-10 p.9
(30,95)

Richard Bowman Jaffe, PSI (protect identity) advised that on 9/15/59, "Alberto" Lopez, 1239 SW 5th St., Miami, directed a letter to Anthony Chao, Concordia 960, Havana, Cuba. This letter disclosed that Lopez and others knew about conversations between Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz and Frank Fiorini and others who were involved in a conspiracy. (no further information)

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On 10/22/59, Diaz, active in the anti-Castro revolutionary movement, advised that he had no reason to believe that Napier was connected with or showed sympathy towards the government of Cuba and the Dominican Republic, or the political exiles in Miami who opposed those governments.

97-3640-8 p.14,17
(24,90)

MM 639-S advised on 10/26/59 that Fernando Coba was considering sending three or four men to the US in order to assassinate "revolutionary" pilots, the targets being Evelio Alpizar Perez (105-78969), (Pedro) Diaz Lanz,* and others.

This reference indicated that Coba was a sergeant in the Cuban police who previously engaged in Cuban revolutionary activities in Miami.

105-78969-5 p.6
(8,67)

*Miami

On 10/26/59, Enrique A. Garcia, Jr., (105-58656) advised that while in Miami, Fla., he was in contact with ex-Major Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz and several other individuals (set out) including an American who fought during the recent Cuban revolution, Alan McDonald. He stated that McDonald was connected with Diaz Lanz but recently there was a falling out and McDonald was not, as of the above-mentioned date, working with Diaz Lanz.

105-58656-94 p.3,4
(29,94)

On 10/26/59, PCI Charles William Hormel, free lance pilot in close contact with the Cuban element in Miami (protect identity), advised that Joseph Manuel Paula, Miami restaurant operator and member of the July 26 Movement, stated that Pedro Diaz Lanz, Carlos Echegoyen, Anthony Zarba (97-3968), and several others (set out)

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The Miami Office advised on 11/20/59 that Fidel Castro had recently made false accusations against the US, claiming that this country permitted a plane piloted by Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz to leave Florida and drop leaflets and bombs over Havana.

26-246626-28 p.3
(22,87)

HAV-23 advised that on 11/30/59, a PSP meeting (64-200-210) was held in Havana, Cuba. The main speaker was Segundo Quinones, Barrio Puerto PSP leader. Quinones stated that all PSP members should be willing to make sacrifices and that it was nobler to be a martyr than a coward like Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz. Quinones stated that Diaz Lanz, with the permission of the US authorities, savagely bombed Havana from the air.

64-200-210-2351 p.3
(22,87)

On 12/11/59, Manuel Calixto Rojas Y Diaz (97-3726) at Miami, Florida, advised that an organization was in the process of being set up which would be a better organization than the Anti-Communist League of America, which was dissolved. This new organization would include Pedro Diaz Lanz as a member.

97-3726-32 encl. p.15
(3,61)

Julio Guasp Y Toro, 128 Weeks Road, North Babylon, LI, NY (protect identity) advised on 12/11/59 that Rolando Masferrer and his associates were seeking to have Pedro Diaz Lanz, believed to be at that time affiliated with the White Rose, an anti-Fidel Castro organization, join the Masferrer forces.

Subject of the file is "Invasion of Cuba to be Headed by Rolando Masferrer, January, 1960".

2-1573-4 encl. p.4
(2,55)

The Legat, Madrid, advised that on 1/26/60, Rafael Miralles Bravo, former Press Attache of the Cuban Embassy in Madrid during the Batista regime (protect identity), stated that complete unity and agreement were reached between Major Pedro Diaz Lanz and Emilio Nunez Portuondo, former Cuban Ambassador to the UN during the Batista regime. They agreed in the event of a successful overthrow of the Castro government Carlos Marquez Sterling would be named the Provisional President of Cuba.

This reference indicated that Sterling was an unsuccessful candidate for President in the elections held in November, 1958, by the Batista government.

105-81376-8 encl.
(8,68)

PSI Bernard Holmes Brennan, Miami Beach, Fla., newspaperman (protect identity), advised that Alberto Rafael Rafael (105-84115) and Carlos Sanchez, employee of the Cuban Consulate, Miami, met three unidentified Cubans on 1/28/60, at the America Hotel, Miami. Sanchez stated the individual returned to Cuba with film of the 1/28/60 ceremony in Bayfront Park, Miami, where Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, Castro defector, made a speech.

Above-mentioned informant stated that Sanchez discussed the speech to be given at the statue of Jose Marti by Diaz Lanz on 1/28/60, with the three unidentified Cubans.

105-84115-8 p.1,3
(33,99)

On 1/28/60, PSI [redacted] advised that responsible Cuban exile groups in Mexico City and the US, who supported Dr. Emilio Nunez Portuondo, were convinced that General Jose Eleuterio Pedraza Cabrera, who commanded a group of military exiles in the Dominican Republic, would not be a wise selection as the military leader of the attempt to overthrow the Castro government. These Cuban exile groups believed that Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz would be a much better military leader.

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109-12-221-417 p.5
(41,106)

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Carlos Marquez Sterling, former PSI (protect identity) (109-321) advised on 1/29/60 that Rafael Diaz Balart of the La Rosa Blanca group and the group headed by Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz in Miami were the only two revolutionary groups which had not yet agreed on unification. Sterling stated that Balart was a former member of the House of Representatives under Batista and Diaz Lanz was former Chief of the CAF under Fidel Castro, both of whom were opposed to the present government of Castro.

109-321-6 p.4
(41,106)

The State Department furnished a copy of an Operations Memorandum from the American Embassy in Mexico dated 10/22/68, regarding Visa Applicants-Cuba (105-7-210). This memorandum revealed that Manuel Fernandez Turro, a resident of Mexico who was born in Havana, Cuba, stated that his first detention by the Castro Government was in February, 1960. He returned from Miami where he was working, to contact Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, an active anti-Castro agent. He was arrested upon his return to Cuba but was released after several days of interrogation.

105-7-210-4921 encl. p.2
(29,94)

The following references in the main files of the individuals set out below set forth information which revealed that these individuals were suspected of being Cuban intelligence agents and Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, Miami, advised on 12/15/59 and 2/2/60 that they were unknown to him and that he had no information concerning them.

INDIVIDUAL	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Luis Miguel Bulnes Menendez	97-3992-3 p.4	(25,91)
Miguel Merino	97-3994-3 p.5	(26,91)

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Emil E. Behre, Laurel Lane, Black Mountain, NC, advised that in late Fall 1959, Dan McMahon asked him if he would like to make a lot of money. McMahon contacted him again in April 1960, in Miami and stated he wanted him to meet someone in the home of Pedro Luis Diaz. Behre went to the residence of Lanz, who was absent, and met an individual named Fiorini, described by Behre as a soldier of fortune for Castro. He also met Bill Gash and a third unknown individual at this residence but nothing materialized and he became disgusted and left. On April 12 or 13, 1960, McMahon again contacted Behre and stated that he had disassociated himself from Lanz and Fiorini.

105-88521-18 p.11,12
(19)

The 4/15/60 issue of the "Miami Herald" contained an article captioned "11 Bodyguards for Ex-American". This article revealed that Commandante William A. Morgan (105-70973) was living in Havana, Cuba and was holding the highest rank in Fidel Castro's rebel army. Morgan on interview stated that a sore point with Cubans was the fact that hated Batista henchmen like Rolando Masferrer and Esteban Ventura were permitted to live in Miami. The commandante also took a blast at Castro's air force chief who defected, Major Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz. He stated that he knew Diaz Lanz well and that he was incompetent.

105-70973-66 p.12
(29,94)

(S) [MM 709-S*] advised that on 4/19/60, an individual known only as ["Toto"] (S) but who was apparently performing intelligence investigations for Carlos Sanchez (105-83259), informed Sanchez (S) that he would attempt to take photographs of unidentified persons living in a "pink house" in Miami, and that he wanted to try to photograph Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz. (X)

(S) Above-mentioned informant further advised that on 4/20/60, ["Toto"] again contacted Sanchez (S) and stated he was unable to obtain photographs of Diaz Lanz. (X)

105-83259-14 p.16
(33,98)

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[105-75928-30] encl. p.1 (X)
(7,66) (S)
SI to para. 2
[105-75928-34] encl. (X)
(7,66) (S)

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Miami Office advised on 4/28/60 that Gilbert Barreras (134-9101) stated he was approached by a group of Cuban exiles who wanted him to teach them combat training and self-defense and Barreras planned to meet with them during April, 1960. These were young men some of whom were sons of former Cuban officials during the Batista regime. They included Jose Villa Lobos who was in constant contact with Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz.

134-9101-2 p.3
(47,112)

PSI Gilbert Barreras (protect identity) advised on 4/26/60 that Jose Villalobos, 130 Northwest 24th Court, Miami, former Mayor of Guanabacoa, Cuba, was in contact with Rolando Masferrer (100-344127) and expressed a desire to have Masferrer meet with Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz.

As of 5/3/60, above-mentioned informant advised that Villalobos was unsuccessful in his endeavor to unite Diaz Lanz' group with Masferrer's group in Miami, although Masferrer was agreeable to meet with Diaz Lanz.

On 5/12/60, Diaz Lanz stated that Masferrer was associated with 28 unnamed supporters who were willing to fight against the Castro Government in Cuba at the request of Masferrer.

100-344127-45 p.6,9
(28,93)

On 5/5/60, Jorge Rafael Costas Y. Rodriguez (105-82035) advised that he was not acquainted with Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz. He stated he once talked to Diaz Lanz on the telephone at Miami, in an effort to locate a friend of his, whom he declined to identify. He was never involved in any plot or activity directed against Diaz Lanz, or anyone connected with Diaz Lanz.

Miami Office advised on 5/25/60 that PSI Ricardo Madan Rivas (protect identity) stated one "Costa" was reported to be a Cuban G-2 agent who was planning unknown action against Diaz Lanz.

105-82035-17 p.B,2,22
(32,97)
SI to para. 2
97-4072-9 p.29
(26,91)

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On 5/27/60, Fabio Freyre Aguilera (97-3905), Palm Beach, Fla., advised during interview in connection with another matter that he was no longer associated with Cuban revolutionists and had no contact with several individuals (set out) including Pedro Diaz Lanz. He explained that he did not know and had never met Lanz.

MM 639-S advised (no date) that the above-mentioned Diaz Lanz was former Chief of the Cuban FAR.

97-3905-7 p.2,3
(4,62)

MM 639-S advised on 5/2/60 that Pedro Diaz Lanz and Anselmo Aliegro, former Cuban Prime Minister, met at the Aliegro residence (no address or date given) and discussed Manuel Calixto Rojas Diaz (97-3726). At this meeting, Diaz Lanz defended the reputation of Rojas while Aliegro indicated that he did not think much of him.

On 5/28/60, Manuel J. Diaz, 2151 Southwest 21st Terrace, Miami, advised that he was formerly employed at the Cubana Airlines ticket office at Miami International Airport. He stated that he was questioned by the Department of Investigations of the Revolutionary Army and on the basis of the questioning it was obvious that he was being accused of making contacts with Diaz Lanz and Rojas in Miami.

97-3726-50 p.11,19
(3,61)

MM 639-S advised that an agent of Fernando Fuentes Coba, known only as "John", arrived in Miami on 5/30/60 and that he planned to entice Evelio Alpizar Perez (105-78969) to Cuba or Mexico by trickery. Informant stated that Coba wanted Alpizar more than Pedro Diaz Lanz, residing at that time in exile, in Cuba.

105-78969-15 p.4
(8,67)

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INDIVIDUAL	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
David Kass	100-433659-1 encl. p.1	(6,65)
Harry Kernes	100-169135-51 p.3	(5,64)
Shirley Rothkrug	100-335205-26 p.3	(6,64)
Hannah Sigel	100-182414-38 encl. p.1 -39 p.6	(5,64) (5,64)
Nathan Vann	100-434748-2 p.2	(6,65)
Anita Parkhurst Willcox	100-390292-122 encl. p.1 -127 p.8	(6,64) (6,64)

On 7/27/60, Pedro Diaz Lanz, Miami, advised, in connection with the Unidad de las Fuerzas Armadas de Cuba (105-91729), of an effort to unite former military and police officers but he had no firsthand knowledge of this effort and no invitation to join. He understood the effort might have to do with the fact that many of the individuals involved were unable to become part of the FRD, a unity of several anti-Castro groups, and were forming this organization in order to be in a position to bargain with the FRD.

105-91729-1 p.5
(11,71)

On 4/25/60, RCMP (protect identity) advised that R.J. Norris, Miami, a taxi driver, was reported to be associated with several individuals in a scheme to form a military expedition to fight communism in Latin America. This organization was alleged to have a front known as the Inter-America Business Corporation. One D.F. Lance was ranked as a major in this organization and Norris was a first lieutenant. [S]

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On 8/23/60, MacAulay stated that he returned to Miami on 7/24/60, from California and contacted Diaz who indicated that he was not interested in any immediate action against Cuba. Frank Fiorini, former member of the Cuban FAR, tried to talk Diaz into allowing Fiorini to take fifty men and attack Cuba. MacAulay stated that he was not associated with these two individuals, and had no further contact with them. ~~(S)~~ (u)

2-1612-4 p.2 encl. p.2
(21,86)

MM 639-S advised on 8/29/60 that Morton Adler of Adler Construction Company, Hialeah, Fla., was in contact with Rolando Masferrer (2-1622) and Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz (no date) currently residing at Miami in exile. Adler planned to back a counter-revolutionary group and Masferrer was seeking his help.

2-1622-38 p.17
(21,87)

[NY 2494-S*] ~~(S)~~ advised that Jose Maria De Poo (105-99025) ~~(S)~~ contacted [the Cuban Consul General] ~~(S)~~ in NYC, [Manolo Guillot] ~~(S)~~ and stated that on 9/10/60 he attended a function at the Cuba Cubana Inter-americana where he met [Dr. Anna Maria Perera] ~~(S)~~ phonetic), who was introduced to him as an [UN employee]. De Poo ~~(S)~~ indicated that [Dr. Perera] ~~(S)~~ sat at the honored guests' table at this function and Major Pedro Diaz Lanz was also present. [De Poo] ~~(S)~~ knew both of these individuals to be counter-revolutionaries and he became incensed about their attendance and left the function. ~~(S)~~

[105-99025-3 p.2] ~~(S)~~ u
(12,72)

The following references in the file captioned "Committee of Industrial Commission", set forth information regarding the anti-Castro activities of Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz during the period 5/9/60 to approximately 9/14/60, in Miami. The members of this Commission were to donate financial support to Diaz Lanz in his efforts to

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This reference revealed that the Sociedad Ayuda Cubana Anticomunista, aka Society for the Aid of Anti-Communist Cubana (105-90347) sponsored rallies at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, Calif., on 9/25/60, where Pedro Diaz Lanz spoke. He was scheduled to speak at a press conference at the Los Angeles Press Club on 9/23/60.

105-90347-4 p.1,6,7,8,10
(11,71)

On 12/2/60, Miguel Antonio Sanchez Ramos (97-4351) advised that on or about the end of March or early April, 1957, he met Carlos Rodriguez at the Jaragua Hotel in Ciudad Trujillo. He stated that he had since heard that Rodriguez was the head of the Cienfuegos anti-Castro group in New York. About two months ago he saw a picture of Rodriguez with Major Pedro Diaz Lanz in the Dominican newspaper "El Caribe".

97-4351-28 p.18
(5,63)

Camilo Padreda Vazquez, former member of the Cuban Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities, (protect identity) advised on 10/14/60 that Luis Robaina Piedra, a former General in the Cuban Army during the Batista regime, Miami, stated the FRD (105-87912) within the near future would announce the formation of a provisional government in exile and would name several individuals (set out) to positions of that government. Among those named was Pedro Diaz Lanz as Chief of the Air Force.

105-87912-85 encl.
(10,70)

Dr. Tirso Del Junco, Los Angeles, Calif., head of the anti-Castro Cuban refugee relief organization "Society to Aid Cuban Anti-Communists", advised that in March, 1960, when he was in Miami, Rene Miguel Valdes (97-3805) swore he was anti-Castro and working with (Pedro) Diaz Lanz but Diaz Lanz stated he did not know Valdes. Del Junco stated he therefore did not trust Valdes.

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On 10/12/60, Reginald E. Carles, Los Angeles, stated that a Mr. Dickery or Tyckery of the "People's World" (PW), called him and asked for help in preparing a case against the Diaz Lanz Group. He indicated he received instructions from the San Francisco Office of the PW that they wanted more evidence in order to prepare either a legal case or run a series of exposes on the "un-Constitutionality of the Diaz Lanz Anti-Castro Recruitment" in the US.

Del Junco further stated that on 10/16/60, a man by the name of (first name unknown) Kykiri, who identified himself as an editor of a local paper, the "PW", called him and requested information regarding Diaz Lanz (former head of the Cuban Air Force under Castro who spoke at a public meeting held in Los Angeles on 9/25/60) or any anti-Castro organization recruiting in the US. Del Junco stated he was not interested in recruiting anyone to fight in Cuba.

97-3805-47 p:20-23
(4,62)

CSNY 2822-S, who was in Miami, advised on 10/18/60 that the FRD (105-87912) desired to bring groups headed by Colonel (FNU) Barquin, Pedro Diaz Lanz, and (FNU) Diaz, into the Front.

105-87912-87 encl. p.1
(10,70)

The Washington Capital News Service, datelined Miami, 10/26/60, revealed that Dr. Jose Miro Cardona (105-84334), former Cuban Prime Minister and Diplomat, was named to head a committee working toward unity of revolutionary groups opposed to Premier Castro. He was selected at a meeting attended by about 40 persons including Major Pedro Diaz Lanz.

105-84334-A Washington Capital
News Service 10/26/60
(10,69)

On 7/27/60, Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, Miami, advised that he was acquainted with Antonio G. Mendoza and Father Eduardo Aguirre, both in Cuba and the US. He stated that these two individuals set up the Cuban Liberty Corporation (CLC) (105-89711) to handle funds for his organization, the CCC. The original purpose of this Corporation was to handle moneys which could be used in assisting Cuban exiles in economic difficulty and also to publish propaganda against communism.

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On 10/27/60, Antonio Gonzalez Mendoza Kindelan, 1365 West 60th Terrace, Hialeah, Fla., stated that he became acquainted with Rafael Lorie, a member of the "Alianza de Liberacion", anti-Castro organization under the direction of Diaz Lanz. He stated he worked with Diaz Lanz in an endeavor to transfer the by-laws of the CLC to the Alianza.

105-89711-4 p.2,5
(35,100)

This reference revealed around 11/2/60 that a group from NYC planned to go to a camp in Miami, and among those in the group were members of Accion Cubana Institucionalista (ACI) (97-3983). The ACI and other anti-Castro groups met with the purpose of uniting anti-Castro forces. Pedro Diaz Lanz was affiliated with Dr. Luis Conte Aguero, leader of the anti-Communist Front, an anti-Castro organization. He met with Captain China who was a representative of the anti-Castro group headed by Conte. These organizations were to coordinate their operations with Diaz Lanz.

97-3983-28 p.2-5
(4,62)

On 11/7/60, Dr. Sylva Cuervo, 3400 SW 6th Street, Miami, advised that he had known Victor Manuel Paneque (105-92195) since he was the leader of the underground movement in Havana prior to the Castro government taking control. He stated that Paneque sought exile in the US and aid from Pedro Diaz Lanz, former Chief of the FAR.

105-92195-5 p.14
(12,71)

NY 2865-S advised on 11/7/60 that a meeting took place at the home of (First Name Unknown) Martin, 169 West 84th St., NYC. Those present discussed the possibility of reporting in about two weeks to a hidden camp in Florida where there was equipment and arms

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On 1/8/61, an article appeared in the "Chicago Sun-Times" newspaper, Chicago, Illinois, concerning Major Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, a one-time commander of the Castro Air Force in Cuba. Lanz reportedly broke with Castro when he learned that Castro was planning to establish a Russian system of dictatorship in Cuba. This article was displayed to Roberto Alberto Ramos (65-66226) who recalled meeting Lanz several times in Havana in approximately 1956. He stated Lanz was a member of the Circulo Militar, a social club on the Mariano Beach, Havana, where he frequently visited. At that time, Lanz was a pilot in the CAF and Ramos had no contact with him except in a social capacity.

65-66226-81 p.10
(23,88)

On 1/9/61, James Buchanan, reported for the "Hollywood Sun-Tattler", a newspaper published in Hollywood, Fla., advised that he attended a CCC meeting (no date) in Miami at which Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz was present and Frank Fiorini, assistant of Diaz Lanz, spoke.

It was noted that MM 639-S was involved in Cuban revolutionary activities for three years, was a close associate of Fiorini and was in periodic contact with Diaz Lanz. Informant advised on 1/11/61 that Diaz Lanz was presently a FRD member and was preparing to fly to Central America to make speeches and rallies aimed against communism and the Castro Government of Cuba. He stated that Diaz Lanz, former head of the CCC, associated with Fiorini, and the CCC existed until about July 1960, when Diaz Lanz discontinued it and formed the AL, which never got going and discontinued. Thereafter Diaz Lanz joined the FRD and was still in that organization. Although Diaz Lanz and Fiorini were still friendly, they were not going together and engaged in different pursuits.

105-89923-126 encl. p.2-4
(35,100)

Paul Harol Odez advised that he was approached by Manuel Alfonso Odio Y Rodriguez (105-96639) on 2/24/61 and requested to participate in kidnapping Pedro Diaz Lanz and Michel Yabur. Odez stated that Odio was a Cuban Intelligence Agent and Yabur was a prominent anti-Castro Cuban in Miami.

105-96639-4 p.B,1,2
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Correlator's Note: According to serial 8 of above-mentioned file, Odio denied any involvement or knowledge of the alleged plot to kidnap Diaz Lanz and Yabur.

On 3/6/61, Max Edgardo Lesnick (105-64869), Miami, advised that Captain Rafael R. Huguet Del Valle was very close to Pedro Diaz Lanz who resided, at that time, in the US. He stated that Diaz Lanz trusted Huguet completely. Huguet was also acquainted with Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo, and was present at a meeting held by Diaz Lanz and Menoyo in the US in 1959.

105-64869-6 p.11
(7,65)

PSI (protect identity) advised on 3/13/61 that Gustavo Marin (105-125293) contacted him within the past couple of days in an effort to secure his assistance in organizing a meeting of a new anti-Castro organization of Cubans at Union City, NJ, called Cuba en Armas. Informant stated he did not know Marin and as far as he knew Marin was not from Union City. Marin indicated that he would have Dr. Antonio De Varona of the FRD, the leading anti-Castro organization and Pedro Diaz Lanz, former head of the CAF, present at this meeting. Informant further stated he doubted that Marin would be successful in having these two individuals present.

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105-125293-6 p.6
(13,74)

On 3/14/61, Constantine N. Kangles (97-3606), Chicago, furnished a copy of a letter (set out verbatim). This letter (no date) was addressed to Comandante Raul Castro, Minister of Defense, Defense Ministry, Havana, Cuba, and was signed "Very truly yours, Constantine N. Kangles". In this letter, Kangles stated that Jim Gentry urged him to write to Castro and inform him of the legal problems that faced Gentry in the US. According to this letter, Gentry has a long-standing feud with Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz and he and Lanz were in fact bitter enemies. Gentry felt Lanz invented or instigated the charges against him for reasons of personal revenge. (not further explained)

97-3606-39 encl.
(24,90)

On 3/17/61, Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz* advised that he did not know an individual named Joaquin Maria Perez (105-93439).

105-93439-4 p.2
(36,101)

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The following references in the file captioned "Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionario de Cuba", set forth information regarding the activities of Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, a leader of that organization in Miami, during the period 1/28/62 to 4/15/62. He spoke at a meeting of the MRRC in Tampa, Fla., and resigned from that organization when he and several other Cubans were told to return to Miami by the US Coast Guard when they were stopped in a boat which was on its way to Cuba. This expedition was not in accordance with the MRRC.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-108646-3 p.1,3
-4 p.1,2 encl. p.1-4
-5 p.1-3,5-7,11
-7 p.1

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CIA advised that Louis Jubel (134-9780) on 4/20/62 arrived in Miami and met with several personalities (set out) of the Cuban exile colony including Pedro Diaz Lanz, in a Miami Beach hotel. During the meeting Jubel discussed plans for the liberation of Cuba and promised to reveal them to his numerous contacts among high officials of the State Department and the Defense Department. ~~(S)~~ (u)

134-9780-3 p.2,3
~~(16,81)~~

The following references on Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz appear in the main file of Frank Anthony Sturgis. These references set forth the anti-Castro activities and close association of these two individuals in Cuba, Mexico and the US, during the period 10/27/58 to 7/5/62. They were arrested when they were discovered endeavoring to send arms to the rebels of Fidel Castro Ruz in Cuba. They worked together planning an invasion of Cuba. Sturgis was an officer in the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force when it was headed by Diaz. Diaz acted as pilot and Sturgis co-pilot in a leaflet-dropping mission over Havana on 10/21/59. The plane used in this connection was owned by Sturgis.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

2-1499-11
-12 p.1,2
-16 p.1-3
-17 p.2
-21 p.2,3

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MM 635-S advised that on 3/27/63, Marcos Diaz Lanz, who, together with his brother, Pedro Diaz Lanz, was in the process of planning a separate hit and run raid against Cuba, stated that Ramon Font was chief of the raiding party that left Miami and went to Anguilla Cay in the Cay Sal group* and from there launched their attack in the vicinity of the northern coast of Cuba. This was the Commandos L-66 (105-117222) group.

105-117222-48 p.2
(12,73)
ST 105-117222-46 p.2
(12,73)

*Bahama Islands

The "Washington Daily News", dated 4/1/63, carried an article captioned "War Declared on Ships in Cuba" datelined at Miami, which indicated that spokesmen for a new Cuban underground organization, the Freedom Fighter Commandoes (105-119902), issued a "declaration of war on all communist ships that enter or leave communist Cuba" despite US efforts to halt anti-Castro raids blamed on this country. Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz denounced the US action as "coexistence with Castro".

105-119902-1 encl. p.2
(17,83)

Dr. Jose Morell Romero, Miami, President of the Cuban Committee of Liberation (105-123568), advised that this unity organization was composed of personalities, rather than of organizations. He furnished a copy (set out) of the manifesto dated 5/20/63 which was signed by more than one hundred individuals including Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz as a member of the unity.

105-123568-1 p.8-10
(38,103)

On 9/17/63, Donald A. Miller, 1601 SW 88th Avenue, Miami, Fla., advised that the Antonio Maceo Battalion (2-1813) was no longer utilizing the services of Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz as an instructor for the Battalion.

2-1813-4 encl. p.7
(22,87)

On 12/15/63, MM -S advised that Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, who was a Cuban aircraft pilot in charge of the Cuban FAR in early 1959, was still acquainted with the movements and contacts of Jose Manuel Insua Rodriguez (105-107027). Diaz had telephone number CA 6-3142, in Miami.

105-107027-36 p.19
(37,102)

In connection with the Travel of President in the United States and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (62-109119), on 1/9/64, the Miami Office furnished a list of security subjects including Pedro Luis Oscar Diaz Lanz. A letterhead memorandum on Diaz Lanz was disseminated to the Secret Service as a result of this review.

62-109119-136 p.4
(48,113)

On 2/6/64, Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, 120 Southwest 70th Avenue, Miami, advised that he had a fairly wide knowledge of anti-Castro activities in the Miami area, but was not with and had no knowledge of the existence of any Secret Army of Miami, or any organization known as the Organizacion Ejercito Secreto Anticomunista (105-116172).

105-116172-18 p.13
(37,102)

MM 635-S advised on 3/18/64 that he had recently heard from Pedro Diaz Lanz that the Junta Revolucionaria, the Movimiento de Recuperacion Revolucionario, the Second National Front of Escambray (105-112098), the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil, and the group of Carlos Prio Socarras had united and were preparing an expedition to be sent to Cuba within the next few months.

105-112098-453 p.10,11
(12,72)

On 3/25/64, Haviv Schieber, 316 West 94th St., NYC, Secretary of the Anti-American International (100-434086) advised that since January, 1961, he participated in many anti-communist groups, attended rallies, and spoke wherever he was invited. He also participated

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that they might overthrow the Castro government. Diaz Lanz felt this was a trap and refused to return to Cuba. Gutierrez, Diaz Lanz, and Rafael Ramon Huguet Del Valle, ex-Captain and Paymaster of the FAR, were in contact on numerous occasions and also met with other individuals to discuss the communist infiltration of the air force and other branches of the Cuban Government. Gutierrez decided not to take Diaz Lanz into his confidence. During an interview Diaz Lanz felt certain that Gutierrez was sympathetic toward the communist cause and was a "Castroite".

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-82298-56 p.2-4
-72 p.1-3,7,10,12-17,25
(Signed statement p.13-16)
-76 p.1,4,12-18,21-26
-95 encl. p.7,8
-113 encl. p.10,26,28
-129 p.1B,20,21,32,33,49,51,72
-130 p.10,11,29,45,47
-169 encl.

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105-82371-10 encl. p.1

~~(9,69)~~

MM 492-S advised on 6/9/65 that Cuban propaganda had, as of above date, the unmistakable brand of the communist line. That when Major Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, Fidel Castro's first Chief of the Air Force, turned against him and flew from exile in the US to drop leaflets on Havana in October, 1959, the Cuban anti-aircraft batteries at the La Cabana Fortress, on orders of Castro, opened fire on the plane of Diaz Lanz. The shells fell, killing and wounding forty-seven persons. In a four-hour speech, Castro accused the "Yankees", "the imperialist enemy to the north", of killing innocent people in a defenseless Cuba. He, as of 6/9/65, accused the same "imperialists" of bombing defenseless people in Santo Domingo.

Subject of the file is "DOMSIT".

109-12-211-5357 encl. p.1
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MM 635-S advised on 10/31/68 that Manuel Felipe Rivero Diaz (97-4041) understood that Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, Miami, was interested in making a trip to Cuba to sink a Russian ship. Rivero stated that the idea was good but sinking a Russian ship would cause problems for Cuban exiles in the US and that a Cuban ship should be sunk. Rivero stated further that if Diaz could obtain a launch and the weapons, he would supply the men.

Above-mentioned informant advised that Diaz was contacted and stated that Rivero was untrustworthy and refused to have any contact or negotiations with him.

97-4041-48 encl. p.2,3
(26,91)

REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references on Pedro Diaz Lanz, Pedro L. Diaz Lanz, Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz, Pedro Diaz, Pedro Luis Diaz, Luis Diaz, Oscar Diaz, and One Lanz located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division were not reviewed, and it is not known whether they are identical with the subject of this summary:

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

[65-67951-X54] (S)	(3,60)
64-330-210-2608	(17)
64-330-210-1415	(23,88)
64-330-211-1620	(23)
64-300-213-325 [S]	(23)

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97-4149-10	(27,92)
-14	(27,92)
-26	(27,92)
-949	(27,92)
[64-330-210-4099] (S)	(58)
*105-67845-27240 (S)(u)	(66)
-27359	(66)
[64-330-210-1596] (S)	(118)
66-8603-1-34-478	(119)
[64-330-210-4911	(132)
64-330-210-2-20	(153)
64-330-240-15-47 [S]	(158)
64-330-240-95-14	(158)

The following references contain information of an administrative nature. There is no activity of Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz involved.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
64-4461-975	(23,88)
64-45571-3	(23,88)
105-115227-239	(37,102)

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Although the information is the same it may have been received from different sources.