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DISPATCH No. TKH-A-263 ✓

DATE: 13 February 1948

TO . Chief, Foreign Branch T (KAPCE)
FROM . Chief of Station, Habana, Cuba ³³⁵
SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational
SPECIFIC - Rolando ^{o x D} YASPERER Rojas - Personal History Data

In accordance with Field Memorandum No. 6 there is attached biographical data available at the present time concerning subject individual. As other information becomes available it will be forwarded immediately to headquarters.

Attached: Personal History Data on subject (#34)
(4 pp. in dupl.)

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1. MASFERRER Rojas, Rolando
2. Home address - Calle Jovellar #118
Second Floor
Habana, Cuba

Presently resides Miramar section,
Marianao, near Habana, Cuba.
3. Birth - - - - Habana, Cuba; now 35 years of age.
4. Citizenship - Cuban, by birth.
5. Education - Known to have graduated from University
of Habana with degree Doctor of Law.
Date unknown.
6. Occupation - Newspaperman employed by "Tiempo en Cuba",
Calle Aguiar #601, Habana, Cuba.

Also holds a professorship in English at
the Instituto Marianao. This is a
"botella" and MASFERRER performs no work
in order to be remunerated.
7. Financial Status - Not believed to possess any funds or
personal income other than that received
from his employment described above.
8. Organizations of which he is a member - The only
organization he is known to be affiliated
with at the present time is the Movimiento
Socialista Revolucionario (M.S.R.). He is
considered to be one of the leaders of
this organization.

Organizations of which he has been a member - For seven
or eight years prior to 1945 he was a
member of the Partido Socialista Popular
(Communist Party of Cuba).

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9. Religion - - - None
10. Political Affiliations - Movimiento Socialista Revolucionario. This organization is considered a political party. Formerly member of P.S.P. until 1945.
11. Acquaintances or Friends - This man has numerous friends and acquaintances representing all phases of life in Cuba. For example, he is well acquainted with the President of Cuba, Ram6n GRAU San Martin, and with the Minister without Portfolio, Jos6 Manuel ALEMAN. By the same token, he is well acquainted with many "campesinos" in Cuba, particularly in Oriente Province.
12. Physical Description -
- | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Height | - - - - - | 5'6 1/2" |
| Weight | - - - - - | 160# |
| Build | - - - - - | Muscular |
| Eyes | - - - - - | Brown |
| Hair | - - - - - | Brown |
| Complexion | - - - - - | Dark with ruddy tinge |
| Race | - - - - - | White |
| Scars | - - - - - | Bullet wound scar on heel of either right or left foot. Has other scars on body received in fighting in Spanish Civil War 1938. |
| Eyeglasses | - - - - - | Outdoors constantly wears heavy shell-rimmed colored glasses. Also wears steel-rimmed glasses as he is near sighted. |
| Distinguishing Characteristics | - - - - - | Usually aggressive in speech. |
| Picture Available | - - - - - | No |
13. Hobbies - - - Firearms and their use.
Sports - - - - Unknown.

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14. Difficulties encountered - None known.
15. Enemies - - - In the Latin American sense this man has innumerable enemies ranging from a former close collaborator, Eufemio FERNANDEZ, to General Genovevo PEREZ Damera, Chief of the Cuban Army. There are lots more in between them, including every leading official of the P.S.P.
16. Marital - - - Married
Status
Wife - Name unknown.
Nationality - Cuban
Citizenship - Cuban, by birth
Education - - Attended University of Habana and lacks only credit for course in English for doctorate in political science and diplomacy.
- Date and place marriage - Unknown.
Previous marriage - Not believed to have been previously married.
17. Children - - - One child, name unknown. Age - infant about one year of age.
18. Foreign Travel - In Spain about 1938. Reason - In order to engage on Loyalist side in armed forces. Innumerable visits to the United States for many years past.
19. Miscellaneous - This man speaks and understands English with a fair degree of proficiency. His ability to read English is better than his ability to speak and understand it. VASFERRER, as stated above, holds a professorship at the Instituto de Segunda Ensenanza de Marianao.

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19. Miscellaneous- (Cont'd.) He has won the national award for attorneys, known as the Ricardo Dolz Award, given by the National University of Habana. In the past he supplemented his income by the practice of law, although it is not believed that he is devoting much time to this at present.

He is regarded as a cultured individual. He has a liking for good music and is a member of good standing of the Bar in Cuba.

MASFERRER, who had been a member of the P.S.P. since 1933, was expelled in August of 1945, together with four other leading Communists. MASFERRER stated that the leaders of the P.S.P. had collaborated with capitalists and had thereby deviated from the Lenin-Marx Communist line. The President claims that he is a Socialist.

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