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COMPETTS

This is one of the individuals who participated last wask in the DRE raid on Havana. He had no leadership role, went along as a rifleman, stayed on the larger of the two vessels while the smaller moved in for the shelling. At no time were they reached by opposition gunfire and they experienced no near dangers. He reports that he held up well under this stress, as he had on past jobs inside, although he was nervous before and after.

Subject became involved in the DRE in 1959 when it grew up in Cuba. His immediate associates were students at the University of Havana whom he had known for years, attending the Belen College under the Jesuits as boys. His participation in this group appears to have been primarily as a "coordinator," that elusive role which appears to mean interacting with others and talking about what to do but not becoming involved in much activity. He claims to have participated in one or two minor bombings. Later he was GH leader for his group in Pinar del Rio (before the invasion)—no fighting, but organization and preparation. The group broke up in 1961 after the invasion and he went into the Venezuelan Embassy and later on to the U.S.

Motivation for the proposed assignment of infiltration is based upon above experience and recent involvement in the DRE activities—the recent raid was his first trip back to Cuba, he claims. He also takes pride in his grandfather having been a senator at one time in Cuba and his older brother having been national chief of support for the MRR in Cuba prior to the invasion. (His father died when he was about five years of age.) These are models which he is pushing himself to keep up with. He prefers raid—and—commando types of assignments if such are possible. If not he expresses a willingness to go on an infiltration mission provided he has assurance that it is part of an overall organized plan that has a possibility of leading to the downfall of Castro. He would not want to go in to remain in place, if the objective were merely for intelligence without being part of a plan.

Intellectually, this individual's performance is characterized by great variability. He will absorb information fairly rapidly and he should show good practical judgement in most daily problems. However, any performance requiring analysis of a problem and coordination of visual perception with manual dexterity such as in the assembly of a

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weapon, motor, etc. is most difficult for him. On certain test problems of this type, he froze completely, and deteriorated to simless movements. His memory of numbers and recall of designs which he was required to draw were poor compared to his other abilities. However, he appears capable of relating a clear, logical sequence of events.

All in all, this individual does not have much leadership potential in terms of experience, self-confidence and drive; he needs strong guidance. He feels he must do something and is pushing himself to volunteer provided he can get reassurance that his job is part of a bigger plan. Although he is sincere and basically a bright person, his performance is apt to vary a good deal and at times become confused and almost immobile.

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| 10. | He will be fairly easy to get along with | | x | • |
| 11. | He will make a good team member | | x | |
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| 17. | He is capable of acting independently but needs guidence | | × | • |
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| 28. | He is emotionally stable | | X | |
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