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#### ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in  
this reference which pertains to  
Alexander Irwin Rorke, Jr. can be  
found in the main file or elsewhere  
in this summary.

DR.....Dominican Republic

NBC.....National Broadcasting Company

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MM 639-S advised that in 1959, Francis John Nelson (105-82088) was involved in the planning stages of an unsuccessful attack launched against Cuba from the DR. During that time, Nelson was involved with Alexander I. Rorke, who was also active in Cuban revolutionary activities. (S) u

105-82088-14 p.1

(S)

On 11/17/59, Alexander I. Rorke, Jr., 51 Chambers Street, NYC, advised that he had received information from a source whom he considered reliable that there would be another demonstration in the Panama Canal area against the US Government. His source related that, in addition to the march through the Canal Zone, riots were also expected in Panama and that they would take place before 11/28/59.

109-12-223-273 encl.p.1

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On 11/30/59, the NY Office advised that during the past two months they had been in contact with Alexander I. Rorke, Jr., 51 Chambers Street, NYC, a free lance photographer, who was held by

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REFERENCE

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97-4474-3 p.1  
-4 p.1,2 (Rorke interviewed on  
11/19/60, in Miami)  
-7 p.1,2 (Rorke interviewed on  
11/19/60, in Miami)

(21)  
(4,21)  
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On 1/27/61, Alexander Rorke, accompanied by Angus McNair III, of Miami, both of whom were then associated with Frank Fiorini, head of La Cruzoda, anti-Castro group in Miami, advised the NY Office that Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz and Luis Ernesto Conte Oguero (105-86025) were then in Washington, D.C. and NYC, for publicity purposes. Lanz was the former Chief of Cuban Air Force under Castro, who defected, and Fiorini had been closely associated with him.

105-86025-23 p.2,3  
(12)

This reference in the file captioned "Victor Manuel Paneque of Batista", a leader of the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria de Cuba (MIRR), an anti-Castro organization, contains information furnished by MM 639-S concerning a trip made in February 1961, by Frank Fiorini, allegedly associated with MIRR, and Alex Rorke, from Miami to Cuba. Rorke returned to Miami within two or three days with instructions from Fiorini to Dr. Orlando Bosch, also an MIRR leader. Later in February, Rorke allegedly visited Fiorini at an unknown place, possibly in the British West Indies. (X)u

105-92195-7 p.25,26  
(20)

The following references contain information concerning the imprisonment of Alexander I. Rorke during August 1959, at the Cuban Army base, Camp Libertad, located outside Havana. Rorke advised that in August 1959, he had gone to Cuba on a TV news assignment and to participate in counter-revolutionary matters. He stated that while there he was arrested on orders of Raul Castro, was shot at, subjected to round-the-clock interrogation, and "brain washing attempts". He stated that he was held for nine days and was

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The Department of Defense commented that no definite connections had been established between [Johnson] and the B-25 piloted by Rourke and Sullivan. (C)

97-4817-1 p.3

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The Miami Office advised that the last known address of Alexander I. Rorke and Geoffrey Sullivan before their disappearance, on 9/24/63, was 5106 Polk Street, Hollywood, Florida, residence of Rorke.

Add. info.

105-139922-3 p.1,2

(8,20)

On 1/27/61, George Lovas, official of the Anti-Communist International (ACI), furnished a printed leaflet setting out information concerning the ACI, which indicated that the ACI could contact Alexander I. Rorke to lecture and make available his half-hour documentary film "Inside the Anti-Castro Revolt."

On 1/3/64, CSNY Mexhid Dibra (protect identity) Secretary, Free Albania Committee, 114 East 32nd Street, NYC, furnished detailed information concerning the anti-communist activities of Cuban exiles, including the following: Haviv Schieber (105-74269) was in the process of organizing anti-communist groups who were willing to commit acts of sabotage outside the US. Schieber stated that earlier the group was not too well organized. He pointed out the disappearance of Rorke in Cuba as an example of the lack of organization. Schieber did not state that Rorke was a part of his group; however, the source got the impression that Schieber was attempting to leave that impression. (X) u

Dibra further advised that Schrieber advised him that on 1/6/64, an individual would contact him concerning the sabotage of transportation equipment in Europe. Dibra stated that later that day he was contacted by an individual in NYC who identified himself as Williams. Williams stated that he was against Schieber because he talked too much and tried to push things too fast. He stated that Rorke was an example of this. He stated that Rorke and his pilot Sullivan flew to a small island near the Honduran coast where they were supposed to make a refueling stop. Unknown (X) u

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to anyone else, Rorke picked up a third man named Garcia. As soon as Rorke was airborne, he radioed that he was changing his course and destination from Panama to Honduras. Williams stated that he kept telling Rorke that he was handling things wrong but that Rorke would not listen. Dibra advised that when Rorke left he had a tremendous amount of money with him and that this money disappeared with Rorke. Dirba stated that after the plane took off from Yucatan it was not seen again and that since no wreckage of the plane had been found, he was convinced that it had been forced down in Cuba. (X)4

This serial indicated that Schieber was an official of ACI.

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105-74269-20 p.6,7,14,20,21,24  
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On 3/25/64, Haviv Schieber (105-74269) 316 West 94th Street, NYC, advised that he was a member of the Anti-Communist International (ACI), and since 1961 had participated in many anti-communist groups, had attended rallies, and had spoken when invited. He stated that Alex Rorke was among the individuals who had assisted him in these activities. He stated that Rorke, whom he met in approximately 1959, told him that he had flown over Cuba to spread leaflets. He stated that Rorke had been in contact with CIA and was never connected with ACI. He stated that Rorke was going to Honduras to set up a cover business when, according to information he received, the plane blew up and no trace of the plane nor Rorke had ever been found.

On 3/27/64, William J. Ferris, attorney, with law offices at 115 Broadway, NYC, furnished information concerning his activities in connection with the ACI during the period of approximately 1960 - 1964. He contributed and furnished legal advice to this organization, but did not participate directly in rallies nor make speeches on behalf of ACI. He stated that he had once met Alex Rorke and had given serious thought to having him speak at a communion breakfast. Rorke, however, would speak only if he received the usual speaker's fee. Ferris thought this did not appear to be very patriotic and did not invite him to speak. Ferris did not know whether Rorke was a member of the ACI.

105-74269-27 p.8,10,23  
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