

SECRET

May 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Antonio Carlos VECIANA Blanch (AMSHALE-1) 201-312966
dpob 1928, Cuba

1. Information from review of VECIANA's 201 file:

a. HKHA 6958, 21 Oct 60:

1960 - President of Association of Public Accountants

1957-61 Employed as CPA and Manager of Banco Financiero, Havana, Cuba, a loan company owned by Julio LOBO /AMEMBER-1, former Agency contact.7

Formerly Chief of MRP (People's Revolutionary Movement) in Havana area.

b. HAVA 7133 (IN 14488) 9 Dec 60:

On 7 Dec 60 VECIANA called on COS Havana with Felix FERNANDEZ Yarzabal, former member of the AMWAIL group, who at that time represented the AMBANG movement in Sagua La Grande area. /AMWAIL was Justo CARRILLO Hernandez' Montecristi Group7 /AMBANG /must have been Cuban Revolutionary Council. Station had contact with CRC member Manuel RAY7. VECIANA told the COS Havana of a plot against Fidel CASTRO, et al., in which VECIANA was involved. COS gave VECIANA no encouragement whatsoever. VECIANA said he had previously spoken with a State political officer (iden not given).

c. 7 Oct. VECIANA entered U.S. at Key West. Had passport, no visa. Came via small boat, received \$100 month refugee assistance.

d. WAVE 0311 (IN 44277) 29 Dec 61:

29 Dec 61 JMWAVE Station requested POA on VECIANA for use as sabotage man for MRP. His wife and children were living in Cuba. His parents were living in Spain. Wife: Sira Antonio MUINO, later came to U.S.

e. JUAN 0636 (IN 24738) 7 July 62:

VECIANA, principal of ALPHA 66 attended meeting 2 July 62 in home of Emilio FUENTES, Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Purpose was to solicit funds from 40 persons attending (above-average Cuban exile professionals). VECIANA pitch was demand rather than request for funds with inference reprisals against any who failed to fulfill this "duty." VECIANA said it was necessary that they undertake an action program outside of U.S. control. In this connection the group was in contact with CIA through person named "Joe" but group was not going to confide in CIA and were taking precaution of avoiding CIA penetration. VECIANA left P.R. 4 July for fund raising junket to Chicago.

f. OOA(s) 3232106 (WH 765) 26 July 62:

VECIANA was interviewed by Harry REAL 23 July 62. REAL was officer of New York Contact Division. VECIANA said they needed Agency help, but under no circumstances would the Agency be identified with its activities. VECIANA said they already had \$50-60 thousand dollars at their disposal scattered in different places in the U.S. and P.R. VECIANA's immediate requirement was conversation with someone in Agency sufficiently highly placed to make commitment.

g. DBA 18681, 8 Aug 62:

VECIANA allegedly went into voluntary exile ca. Dec 61 arriving in Key West via small boat from Cuba. On 5 July 62 he left P.R. for Chicago and New York City to collect funds for Alpha 66 activities. VECIANA had been contacting Cuban exile groups in P.R., Fla., Chicago, and possibly NYC to collect \$64,000 cash to carry out plans. Money was being placed in Banco de Ponce, Santurce, P.R. FBI informant said VECIANA indicated names of following three individuals then in Cuba who were expected to assist Alpha 66:

Vicente NOBLE

Guillermo RUIZ /believed to be VECIANA's
cousin's husband Orestes
Guillermo RUIZ - DGI7.

Bernardo PARADELA

Informant said he knew all three as they had been connected in 1956 with SIM (Military Intelligence Service) in the D.R. VECIANA said PARADELA was then in jail in Cuba, but NOBLE

and RUIZ were on the loose in Cuba, and were cold blooded killers.

h. DIRECTOR 73652, 6 Sept 62:

Alpha 66 meeting conducted in San Juan on 30 Aug 62 by Geronimo ESTEVEZ attended by 200 Cuban exiles. Meetings were held weekly. Had plans to recruit young Cubans in Venezuela, P.R. and Miami.

i. DBA 25402, 22 Oct 62:

VECIANA was trying to obtain 2 boats from some unknown Americans somewhere in TEXAS. VECIANA's org (Alpha 66) centered in P.R., operated out of unidentified islands in Bahamas, and had representatives in Guatemala and sympathizers in Miami.

j. Memo to FBI from CIA, 6 Nov 62:

Reported that Alpha 66 officer Dr. Ramon PEREZ Daple, assistant to Dr. Jose Luis GONZALEZ, both of whom are Castro Cuban infiltrators.

k. DBA 28528 , 1 Dec 62:

Large sums of money were allegedly donated to VECIANA for Alpha 66 activities by Julio LOBO.

l. Memo for Record, 31 May 66:

VECIANA had roommate in Puerto Rico, Felix ZABALA, who visited Cuba Nov 65 in regard to Camarioca refugee departures. Has an identical twin brother in Cuba. Had sister in Cuba, at that time, who was secretary to Ramiro VALDEZ, Cuban Minister of Interior.

m. JMCOBRA 0490 (IN 63607) 2 Aug 68:

VECIANA told Cuban Affairs officer Miami 1 Aug 68 that Orestes Guillermo RUIZ Perez (DGI) married to VECIANA's cousin, was dissatisfied with Castro regime and receptive to recruitment. VECIANA reported same info. to Cuban Affairs officer in 64. In 68 VECIANA served with AID in La Paz.

n. [LAPAZ]4964 (IN 97745)

VECIANA appeared at State political section 23 Sept 68 with same info. re RUIZ. / VECIANA said Henry TAYLOR in Miami invited VECIANA to visit [CAS La Paz], who would follow-up RUIZ case. cited in m above

o. OGC 74-0019, 4 Jan 74:

Letter to U.S. attorney N.Y. from OGC, John Greaney re Antonio VECIANA and Ariel POMERES in re unlawful acts of both from 1 Nov 72 to Jan 74 re unlawful importing of cocaine or other narcotics.

2. N.B. The Guillermo RUIZ married to VECIANA's cousin:

- a. lived in the U.S. illegally in 57.
- b. was assigned to Cuban Embassy, Mexico City, Sept 63 as diplomat. DGI activities, was to penetrate counter-revolutionary organizations. He flew from Mexico City to Havana on 22 Nov 63.
- c. Married to VECIANA's cousin.
- d. Reported by VECIANA to support Alpha 66 activities.

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N.B. VECIANA has allegedly been involved in several assassination attempts against Fidel CASTRO which for one reason or another never came off. They were not connected with the Agency.