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posts overseas. For example, DGI officers have been assigned to the Casa De Las Americas in preparation for assignments as Cultural Attaches. Orlando CASTRO Hidalgo also reported that the Cuban Institute of Friendship with Peoples is now under the control of the DGI.) Reference A also advised FBI/Miami that this Station had no information on VEGA Perez activities subsequent to October 1966.

- 3. Reference E noted that one "Marcos" (true name unknown) was assigned to Section III of the DGI. (Section III is divided into nine sections: CIA, Counter-Revolution, UN, Mexico, Canada, USSR, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, and a False Documentation Support unit.) Perhaps this "Marcos" is Manuel Eugenio VEGA Percz: seems likely in view of VEGA Perez! background.
- 4. It should also be noted that FBI/Miami provided information that one "Marcos" LNU made a call on 1 June 1971 from Miami telephone 374-2173 (a pay phone) to "Catalina" LNU at Santiago de Cuba telephone number 5-4792. Although this Station was unable to find any record of Santiago 5-4792, Havana 5-4792 appeared on a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of persons believed to be members of Cuban G-2. The list, provided by INS/Miami in July 1961, lists this Havana number as belonging to one Jorge FERNANDEZ (LNU). The list was compiled by INS from a notebook belonging to Salvador MIZRAJA Behar, born 22 September 1926 in Havana, Cuba. MIZRAJA Behar, a naturalized U.S. citizen, was a Captain in Cuban Army Intelligence in 1959 and 1960. He returned to the U.S. in 1961.
- 5. The possibility exists that an error was made in the original notation by MIZRAJA Behar; he may have intended to write "Santiago 5-4792" rather than "Havana 5-4792". Another possibility is that names of cities were unintentionally transposed later in copying this list. Although the connection -if there is one- is very tenuous, there is also the possibility that the "Marcos" who called from the pay phone on 1 June 1971 is Manuel Eugenio VEGA Perez, new operating as Chief of a DGI (or DSE) Center in Miami. The Station believes, however, that this latter possibility is worth further investigation and that the place to begin is to attempt to trace VEGA Perez' assignments since October 1966.
- 6. Action Requested: (A) Traces on Manuel Eugenio VEGA Perez, aka "Marcos", with particular attention to period October 1966 to the present; (B) Traces on Salvador MIZRAJA Behar, DPOB: 22 September 1926, Havana, Cuba; (C) Traces on Antonio CASTRO, Havana telephone number 99-4282, and on Albio CASTRO, Miami number 885-4194. (Station WH/Miami has several traces on the name Antonio CASTRO but none identifiable with Cuban Intelligence. There is one Antonio CASTRO listed in the 1967 Havana telephone directory at 19 No. 552, Vedado, telephone number 32-8160. The Station has no traces on Albio CASTRO.)

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