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SOURCE: A former Cuban IS officer who served with the Cuban Intelligence Service until April 1964.

Headquarters Comments

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1. Norberto HERNANDEZ Curbelo, pseudonyms "Bucareli" and "Noel," is the officer in charge of the Guatemalan Desk in the Departamento de Liberacion Nacional (National Liberation Department - LN) in the Direccion General de Inteligencia (General Directorate of Intelligence - DGI).

2. Source first met HERNANDEZ in 1959 when they were introduced by Ramon VAZQUEZ Montenegro. In mid-1959, HERNANDEZ started working for the Cuban G-2 under the command of VAZQUEZ and Eduardo DELGADO.. When DELGADO was replaced as Chief of the Check Up and Vigilance Bureau in 1960, HERNANDEZ was also discharged from the G-2.

3. In late 1960 or early 1961, HERNANDEZ started working for the Cuban Electric Company as a simple laborer for street work along with another former G-2 member, "Pelencho." In 1960 or 1961, there was a public demonstration by the employees of the Cuban Electric Company who were dismissed because they were suspected as counter-revolutionaries; HERNANDEZ attacked the demonstrators by hitting them with guns and arresting some of them. In front of the Electric Company was a Communist Party site and HERNANDEZ visited these offices frequently and was usually seen in the company of new and old Communists.

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4. In December 1960, Ramiro VALDES formed a group of twenty-five men who were former members of the 26th of July Movement in Habana and former G-2 members. VALDES formed this group on the pretext of an expected invasion from Guatemala and this group was to stay with him if the invasion should take place. HERNANDEZ was a member of the group.

5. HERNANDEZ was transferred from the Cuban Electric Company to the Departamento de Seguridad del Estado (Department of State Security - DSE) and later to the DGI.

6. In September 1963, HERNANDEZ spent a day in Jamaica in order to establish contact with some Dominicans who were, according to source's information, to be transported to Cuba. He once tried to get to Mexico, but was denied a visa. HERNANDEZ studied for a time in a "Revolutionary Instruction" School in Habana; he seems to be very convinced about the government.

7. HERNANDEZ was born about 1939, is six feet one inch tall, 145 pounds, has a slim build, a fair complexion, and short hair. He is married and has a daughter who was born in 1962 or 1963. HERNANDEZ's father lives in Camaguey Province, his mother is dead. HERNANDEZ's address is 70th Street #908, between 9th and 11 Streets, Habana, Cuba; his telephone number is 29-5927. 1

Headquarters Comment

1. The records of this Agency reveal no identifiable information on HERNANDEZ.

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