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

Headquarters Comments

The following report is one of a series containing personality information provided by the source and includes supplemental information from the records of this Agency.

It is requested that the addressees take no action on any of the individuals mentioned in the personality reports without first checking with this Agency.

Source identified a photograph of Jose Raul VIERA Linares, pseudonym "Gomez," and said that he is the desk officer for Colombia in the Seccion Sur (South American Section) of the Departamento de Liberacion Nacional (The National Liberation Department - LN) in the Direccion General de Inteligencia (General Directorate of Intelligence - DGI). VIERA was a DGI officer stationed in Bolivia, but returned to Cuba at the end of 1963. He has not traveled since his return to Cuba. 1,2,3,4,5,6

Headquarters Comments

1. A usually reliable source, on 24 February 1961, reported that Jose Raul VIERA Linares, born on 20 April 1940 in Cienfuegos, Cuba, arrived in Madrid from Mexico-Habana on 19 February 1961, for a position in the Cuban Embassy in Madrid. He carried Cuban Diplomatic passport number 28, issued in Habana on 3 February 1961. He was residing at the Hotel Rosalia de Castro in Madrid.

2. In a document dated 3 July 1961, it was reported that the Bolivian Foreign Ministry announced on 23 June 1961, that it had asked the Cuban Foreign Ministry to recall their Cuban

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Charge d' Affaires because he had interfered in Bolivian domestic affairs. The Cuban Foreign Ministry apologized and said they would withdraw him. In the same message provisional accreditation was asked for Jose Raul VIERA Linares for the position of Charge d' Affaires in Bolivia. On 24 June 1961, VIERA arrived in La Paz from Santiago, Chile, where he was First Secretary in the Cuban Embassy. It was also stated that VIERA was born in 1920, that his first diplomatic post was Santiago, and that he was a voluntary teacher in Cuba prior to entering the diplomatic service.

3. A fairly reliable source, in a report dated 15 March 1963, said that he met Jose Raul VIERA Linares, a Cuban diplomat assigned to La Paz, in Santiago about 21 February 1963. VIERA is married to Maria Cecilia BERMUDEZ de Viera and they have an infant daughter, Isabel VIERA Bermudez.
4. A report dated 20 March 1963 gave the following information on Jose Raul VIERA Linares:

VIERA replaced Mauro GARCIA Triana as Interim Charge of the Cuban Embassy in La Paz in late June 1961. He held this position until the arrival of Ramon AJA Castro on 13 March 1962. An untested source said that AJA severely criticized VIERA after his arrival and relegated VIERA to Cultural Affairs officer, a relatively low position. Another untested source said that VIERA has been meeting Cuban couriers at the airport which would seem to indicate that VIERA has not climbed back up into the hierarchy of the Cuban Embassy.

5. A report dated 15 October 1963, stated that Jose Raul VIERA Linares was being expelled from La Paz for attempting to get information from the Bolivian Foreign Office by clandestine means. VIERA was expected to leave La Paz by 15 October 1963.
6. An ²⁴official travel manifest revealed that Raul Jose VIERA, his wife, Maria VIERA Cecilia, and his daughter, Isabel VIERA Beatriz, went to Habana from Mexico City on 14 October 1963.

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