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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 said that he had heard the name Hector Pascual GALLO Portieles from Jose Raul VIERA Linages (CSCI-316/01208-64), but source has never met GALLO. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8

Headquarters Comments

1. An [redacted] in a report dated 2 December 1960, said that Hector GALLO Portieles, a Cuban Diplomat in Asuncion, was born in Habana in 1924.
2. A report dated 27 February 1961, from a usually reliable source, stated that Hector Pascual GALLO Portieles had taken over Cuban affairs in Costa Rica when the Cuban government withdrew Ambassador Juan Jose FUXA Saenz on 31 December 1960. GALLO left Costa Rica by air on 26 January 1961 for Mexico and on 12 February 1961, returned to Costa Rica and presented himself to the Costa Rican Foreign Ministry as Charge d' Affaires of the Cuban Embassy. An untested informant told source that GALLO and his helper, Wilfredo GONZALEZ Ramieres, were leaving for Habana on 13 March 1961 and that both were G-2.

3. A usually reliable source learned from a source [redacted] that Hector GALLO Portieles

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formerly second secretary of that Embassy, is now residing in Honduras in an unofficial capacity and probably working for the Cuban Intelligence Service. This report was dated 20 July 1961.

4. In a report dated 15 August 1961, it was reported that Hector Pascual GALLO Portieles was presently the Cuban Charge d'Affaires in Mexico City. He and his wife were renting an apartment there.
5. In a report dated 10 July 1962, a usually reliable source said he saw Hector Pascual GALLO Portieles in Santiago, Chile. GALLO is Secretario Adscripto of the Cuban Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia. GALLO had escorted thirty-one Bolivian students from La Paz to Arica to catch a Cuban plane which transported them from Arica to Santiago, Rio de Janeiro, and Habana.
6. An untested source, in a report dated 21 September 1962, wrote the following character sketch on Hector GALLO Portieles, First Secretary of the Cuban Embassy in La Paz:

GALLO, who arrived in Bolivia in March 1962, gives the impression of being a capable and dynamic worker, with a nervous personality. He is the person in charge of giving scholarships to Cuba. It is said that this job was created by Fidel CASTRO in answer to a request by the Avanzada Universitaria (University group of the official government party). He is seen frequently at the University of La Paz and has many friends among the students. GALLO does not spend much time with the other Cuban diplomats. He is in frequent contact with the leaders of the Communist Youth, and spends a good deal of time in the labor and other union organizations. He is also in contact with the Trotskyist organizations, and makes many trips into the interior of Bolivia which usually do not last more than six days. GALLO meets the Cuban diplomatic couriers on their arrival in La Paz, and it is said that his correspondence is sent separately from the regular Embassy correspondence to Cuba. He is the most active of the Cuban diplomats in La Paz.

7. On 9 March 1963, according to a usually reliable source, Hector GALLO Portieles, a Cuban Diplomat, arrived in Mexico from Santiago, Chile, accompanied by his wife and three children. On 11 March 1963, GALLO and his family departed Mexico for Habana.
8. An untested source who was a former member of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations reported the following information on Hector Pascual GALLO Portieles in a report dated 28 January 1963:

GALLO is the First Secretary of the Cuban Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia. He received his appointment because his brother is an important Communist in the Castro regime. GALLO may have been a member of the Foreign Service before the revolution. He is not very intelligent. His wife is anti-Communist.