

QUALI Defection

It will be recalled that QUALI/1 defected in Paris in late March 1965, a defection arranged and supervised by Paris Station, and was exfiltrated back to Germany by air immediately following the surfacing press conference.

URGONI queried us on the case immediately thereafter and pressed the Station for an admission that KUBARK had played a part in QUALI/1's defection and, especially, his trip from France to Germany. We at first pleaded ignorance but on 7 April, BULLJICH presented URGONI/11 with the agreed upon cover story that QUALI/1 had made his own way to Germany with false Latin American passports.

To sum it up, URGONI appeared to unhappily accept this cover story but probably did not believe it. BULLJICH opined that either URGONI knew the truth of the matter, via penetrations -human or technical- of KUBARK offices or residences, which URGONI certainly could not admit; or, they simply suspected that we were involved.

The current surfacing of QUALI/1 name as connected with the AMASH affair will almost certainly confirm to URGONI what they knew or suspected - that KUBARK was involved with QUALI/1 at the time of his defection. Whether or not they can prove that Paris Station exfiltrated QUALI/1 back from France is another question. In any event, they will know (if they believe the press concerning the AMASH case) that we lied to them in March/April 1965.

Other revelations

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We know (from URGONI/9) that the French were (in 1965) interested in AMASH/1 since they queried URGONI/9 at least once about AMASH/1 and knew that he was in the country. They were probably also aware of AMASH/1's trips to France and, by comparing timing, would discover the probable connection between AMASH/1 and AMASH/2. Also, URGONI/8 has always been considered as an URGONI or URGONI informant and URGONI/8 was aware of AMASH/1 in Paris and of AMASH/1's connections with URGONI/9, AMASH/1, and, probably, AMASH/2 and /3. URGONI/8 may have kept tabs on AMASH/1 on behalf of the French since as early as 1962/3. This, however, is only speculation.

As a final note, I mention that I surfaced the name of URGONI/9 as a Cuban acquaintance to the URGONI official who interviewed me in July 1965.

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