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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, EE/H
SUBJECT : General: AMMUG/1 Debriefing Report #257
Specific: Cuban Intelligence Service Relationship with Czechoslovakia

In one respect the DGI (Cuban Intelligence service) has a special relationship with Czechoslovakia. When a Cuban national or agent of other citizenship goes through Prague, he must obtain a Czechoslovak visa. For DGI staff and agent, liaison is conducted by "ALBERTO." The agent submits to "ALBERTO" his Cuban and own nationality passport, and "ALBERTO" gets the visa. When an agent arrives in Prague, he is supposed to telephone 6-9670, which is a Czechoslovak security service number. The service arranges, when the agent reports his name and passport number, to meet him somewhere, probably his hotel; the Czechoslovak security service then picks up the passport at the meeting. The Cubans never see it again and do not know what becomes of it. Of course, it is quite possible the Czechs may turn the passports over to the Soviets, but the DGI at the operational level has no knowledge of what happens to passports when they have been picked up in Prague. Since the arrangement depends entirely on the agent, it has some loopholes; in some instances agents have not followed their instructions, have not telephoned the number in Prague, and have gone on their further travels still in possession of the Cuban passport issued them in alias to get to Prague. In such cases there is nothing the case officer can do.

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