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1. The following information has recently been received by this Agency from [redacted] on Gustavo DURAN Martinez with the request for further traces on Subject. This Agency would appreciate the receipt of any Bureau information on DURAN that can be passed by us to [redacted] (S)

An article published during the first part of October 1960 in a New York newspaper and written by David Sentner noted that one Gustavo DURAN has recently been promoted to an important position in the United Nations.

Gustavo ~~DURAN~~ Martinez was 39 years old in 1936 or 1946, is the son of Jose and Petra, is a pianist-composer, and has the nickname of "the man of porcelain".

Foreign

A document dated 16 October 1937 and signed by the Chief of the General Staff of the Republican Army of the Center names Subject as Chief of the SIM of the First Corps of the Army with complete authority to organize said Military Intelligence Service. He was a commander of an International Brigade. Before the beginning of the Spanish Civil War Subject used to travel to foreign countries frequently, but his morality was deplorable and he associated with men of doubtful morality and was considered a homosexual.

Subject was an aide to General KLEBER. Entering the War as a Major, he was promoted to Lt. Colonel on the recommendation of "El Campesino", LISTER, and MODESTO. During the Republican era Subject helped infiltrate the Socialist and Communist youth groups with Communism. He brought about arrests and took part in assassinations.

On 30 April 1939 he was denounced as one of the leaders of the assassination of a group of 23 persons who were going to be taken to the National Zone. This deed is known as the assassination of the "Tunnel of Usera". Subject is wanted by the Military Judges for numerous assassinations on the Levantine front and in the Barrio de Usera.

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