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Victor Panague.

- 1 pkg. loose documents
- 1 pkg. DCD documents
- 1 Volume C1/0A documents
- 1 Volume - DDO documents

DDO Volume

① 24 October 1960.

Central Intelligence Agency  
has no Objection to Release

Date:

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Personality File Request

Victor Panague - 201-286 382

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Reportedly an agent of DIER

- ② Undated document giving Panague's background political activities. All 1960 information.
  - 1. On arrival in U.S., stayed with Orlando Bosch, suspected Castro agent.
  - 2. Associated with leader of MRR "Camilo Cienfuegos," Carlos Rodriguez Castro, suspected Castro plant in U.S.
  - 3. Reportedly spent 2 hrs. with Raul Castro before defecting.
  - 4. Major Sanguinis, former Chief G-2, says Panague of GOC agent.
  - 5. Organization Autentica reporting to State Dept. that Panague is a Castro plant.
  - 6. [OO-A 3168667] reports Panague one of two DIER plants at Uni. of Havana & students planning to assassinate him. (103468)
  - 7. Cuban businessman says Panague is G-2 plant.
  - 8. CIA reported to FBI that subject from 1960 to 1962 was G-2.

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Panogue

③ April 29, 1959 Classified Message to Director from Havana says Raul Castro has begun a major purge of Cuban Armed Forces. Among those to be eliminated are Victor Panogue, aka "Diego".

④ 18 Oct. 1960

Conversation with Major Victor M. Panogue (Commandante Diego, 6 October at 900).

When Panogue arrived in Miami, he got together with Alianza de Liberacion through Dr. Luis Conte Aguirre. He could not get immediate help from this group, so resigned. Also said he had tried to get help from U.S. Govt. but unsuccessful.

Panogue is convinced that the only thing needed to overthrow Castro is arms & supplies. Has a plane which he intends to fly into Cuba with cargo of arms.

Author of memo recommends that CIA offer assistance to Panogue independent of all other organizations as he seems to be capable of becoming an important factor in the future.

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⑤ Nov. 2, 1960 Cable to Director from Moscow

Panogue & 8 men leaving for Cuba night of 1 Nov on 40-foot yacht, Trudy Lou. Craft purchased by Orlando Bosch.

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DIER - Departamento Investigativo  
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(6) 14 Dec. 1960

Cable to Director from Havana. IN 16758.

Panque reportedly under arrest at Havana  
Prison & his wife at Women's prison, on charges  
of aiding Escambray fighters.

(7) Jan 13, 1961

Cable to Bell from Guatemala City. IN 1688.

Alexander Bourke gives information that Frank  
Giорини & Orlando Bosch<sup>of Miami</sup> represent Panque in Cuba.  
Giорини & Bosch recruiting & equipping force for  
assault on Cuba 18 Jan. Receiving financial aid  
from Anti Communist International Association  
of NYC.

(8) 14 March 1962

Dispatch to Chief, Task Force W from COS/MWAVE

Panque organized a Hunger Strike by Cuban  
Exiles & held a rally 13 March 1962. Purpose was  
to show JFK that Cubans are willing to die  
in exile if their right to defend Cuba from  
Communism is negated. Motto of strike is  
"Hunger or War".

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(9) [PRQ part 1 - July 4, 1964.]

Aliases: Diego Rene Ricardo (Clandestine Activity)

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(1) Request for Information & Review 5 Nov 1964  
[POA granted 13 Nov 1964]

(2) 8 Oct 1964

Report of Covert Assessment  
from Assessment & Evaluation Staff, Medical Staff

Panogue one of 6 members of the "radop  
trainee (radio operators') given psychological  
assessments in Aug 1964. Panogue is oldest,  
(DOB 18 Sept 1920) ~~and~~ least intelligent, most  
experienced of the group. Likely he would  
try to dominate the group because of his  
past experience. His shortcomings seem to  
outweigh his assets.

(3) 17 Nov 1964 Classified Message 162258Z  
[Panogue assigned AMRG-5]

(4) 19 Dec. 1964

Memorandum of Oral Commitment

Panogue engaged under oral contract on 1 Dec 1964,  
to receive \$275.28 per month following  
completion of satisfactory service. Will  
receive raise of \$50 per month on completion  
of training & \$50 raise upon infiltration.

(Possibly an infiltration of Oriente Province) <sup>see item</sup> 13

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(12) 1 Oct 1965

Dispatch from COS/JMWAVE

Panague terminated as of 31 Oct 1965. Agent Service record recommends him for re-use, on basis of his knowledge of internal contacts in Northern Oriente.

(13) 15 Sept 1977 To [redacted] # 095-686

Panague participated in Cuban exile activities in New York area in 1962 and later registered in ISR to Dept of Army in August 1962 (Dropped without prejudice 18 Nov 1963.) On 1964 Panague was member of MDC infiltration team. Recruited by Miami station as radio operator/infiltrate and favorably swirled on 5 August 1964. POA granted.

13 Nov 1964. Paid \$275 monthly beginning 1 Sep 1964. Trained by Cuban agents in Miami but never used operationally. Amicably terminated 1 Oct 1965 & recommended for re-use. Reported in 1969 as conducting clandestine trips inside Cuba on behalf of Junta militar de Cuba.]

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Third agency deletion <sup>mine</sup> & sealed envelopes.

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Deletions - 1 sealed envelope.

FBI report 3 Nov 1960 and Office of Security  
polygraph Interview.

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Victor Panque

DCS Documents - no notes.

Loose Documents - Victor Panque.

17. Feb. 1972.

Subject: Identification of PCC, DSE, CSC Members, etc.

page 3 - Item 9: Information acquired through  
interrogation of CC-4993, Jacinto BAEZ Galiano, a  
Cuban refugee & former resident Rolda, Havana  
Province, who left Cuba 22 Nov 1971. Subsource  
worked for Superphosphates Enterprise from 1950-1968.

Victor Manuel Panque employed until 1968 as laboratory  
Chief of Superphosphates, is a member of the PCC,  
militia, & Defense Committee (CDR). He is an  
agronomist & former director of School of Agronomy,  
Havana University. He is described as  
Caucasian, 5'2" tall, weight about 165 lbs.,  
born 1927-32, black hair, dark-colored eyes.

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Victor Panque Batista is 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes,  
born 1920.

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Morales - Response to 24 July 1978 Request.  
20 Jan. 1961 dispatch to Chief/W4 from  
Chief, SWAVE

Subj: operational [SMATE/AMOT]

Ref: Bell - 0447

When info of referenced cable passed to  
[AMOT/2] he stated he had received some  
info from Felipe Rodriguez de la Torre. According  
to [A/2] he already alerted [AMIRON] (A-2) said  
that subject has as of 13 Jan 1961, not attempted  
to enlist in [AMIRON]. Both have WAVES and  
[AMOT] are attempting to locate subject.

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