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On November 12, 1964, Miss HENRIETTA LORI, CIA covert, Miami, Florida, advised Colonel PEDRO VALDIVIA ROMERO was of operational interest to CIA. ~~(S)~~ (u)

Because of the inactivity of the ICD, this organization case, as well as the cases opened by the Miami Office on the individuals involved in the ICD, are being closed. MM T-1 was very close to Colonel VALDIVIA, the focal point of the activity that took place in these matters. No pertinent activity is anticipated in the near future. (u)

Colonel VALDIVIA has made no pertinent statements since being interviewed by U. S. Customs in Miami. As he is of operational interest to CIA, no further investigation is being conducted concerning him. Cases being closed are:

- 1 - "PEDRO ARMENGOL VALDIVIA ROMERO, Aka. Pedro Valdivia (previously reported as PEDRO A. VALDIVIA ROMERO in another matter); IS - CUBA - HAITI; RA- (MM 105-8591); CUBA - HAITI,"
- 2 - "JOSE ANTONIO MACEO ESTRADA; RA - CUBA - HAITI; IS - CUBA - HAITI," (MM 105-9469);
- 3 - "JOSE ANTONIO PAZ VIGO, Aka. Antonio Paz; IS - CUBA - HAITI; RA - CUBA - HAITI," (MM 105-9349).

Should any further information come to the attention of the Miami Office concerning the individuals mentioned above, the Bureau will be promptly informed. Other Haitian revolutionary matters are being handled separately.

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RE: INSTITUTO CUBANO DE LA DEMOCRACIA
(CUBAN INSTITUTE OF DEMOCRACY) (ICD);
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA - HAITI;
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA - HAITI.

Attention is called to previous memoranda sub-
mitted in this matter, captioned as above, dated October
2, 1964, and September 25, 1964.

MM T-1, a Cuban exile familiar with anti-Castro
personalities in the Miami area, furnished the information
set forth below: X (u)

MM T-1 has been in contact with Dr. Virgilio
Sanchez Ocejo and Colonel Pedro Valdivia Romero during
the period September to December, 1964, regarding the
movement to establish a Cuban government in exile in
Haiti after the Duvalier Government has been overthrown. X (u)

In early October, 1964, Dr. Sanchez informed
MM T-1 that his group had a great deal of potential back-
ing from various sources, but he was not specific as to
who was to back the movement with effective funds, arms,
ships, or other material. X (u)

On October 19, 1964, there was a meeting in the
home of Colonel Pedro Valdivia, 2940 W. Flagler Street, X (u)

[PEDRO ARMENGOL X VALDIVIA X ROMERO
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NY DATA
BORN APRIL 29, 1919
SANCTI ESPRITUS, LAS
VILLAS CUBA
APT 6, MIAMI, Fla

GROUP 1
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MM T-1 advised that on November 14, 1964, Colonel Valdivia left Miami without notifying individuals with whom he was in close contact. He arrived back in Miami from New York on November 24, 1964. Upon his return, he immediately contacted Dr. Sanchez, inasmuch as Sanchez was to introduce him to some individual of importance. X(U)

Early in December, 1964, Colonel Valdivia informed MM T-1 that he had had no further contact with his superior in Haitian matters, and that he had nothing to suggest to further the Haitian movement. It appeared to source that Colonel Valdivia had changed after his trip to New York. He also changed, possibly, because he had been interviewed by U. S. Customs Service and U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) at Miami. MM T-1, at that time, did not expect any new activity on the part of ICD, or individually on the part of Dr. Sanchez or Colonel Valdivia, Antonio Paz, or others, in view of the recent developments. X(U)

On December 6, 1964, Dr. Sanchez informed MM T-1 he had no new information concerning the Haitian affair. Dr. Sanchez mentioned that efforts were being made to obtain some help from possible sources, but no specific mention was made as to any possible source. X(U)

MM T-1, on December 23, 1964, advised that he knew of no activity on the part of Dr. Sanchez, Colonel Valdivia, Antonio Paz, or Jose Antonio Maceo. As to Maceo, the source stated that no mention has been made of him since the original discussions were held with Dr. X(U)

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Sanchez in September, 1964. No mention has been made, likewise, of the Maceo Battalion. MM T-1 also advised that to his knowledge, Carlos Prio Socarras and his group, and Orlando Bosch and his group, the ~~Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR)~~, have not been active in the instant matter in recent weeks, to his knowledge. X(u) *116 Lac*

On November 7, 1964, Wallace Shanley, Assistant Customs Agent in Charge (Enforcement), Customs Agency Service, Miami, advised as follows:

To his knowledge, none of the groups planning anti-Duvalier activity have departed for Haiti.

U. S. Customs was asked by the U. S. Department of Justice to interview several individuals who were involved in anti-Duvalier activities. On November 7, 1964, U. S. Customs interviewed Colonel Pedro Valdivia, a Cuban exile in Miami.

On December 7, 1964, Mr. Charles R. Challandes, Investigations, INS, Miami, Florida, advised that Colonel Pedro Valdivia had been interviewed in connection with this matter by U. S. INS. He also advised that his office had no record of Jose Antonio Maceo Estrado. He added this file may possibly be located in the New York District Office of INS. *u.s.*

On November 10, 1964, Mr. Challandes, INS, Miami, made available the following information from the file of Pedro Armengol Valdivia Romero, INS File A12 415 370:

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~~VALDIVIA~~
Valdivia was born April 29, 1919, Sancti Spiritus, Las Villas, Cuba. He entered the United States April 30, 1961, at Miami, Florida, as an immigrant from Cuba, through the American Consulate General, Guayaquil, Ecuador. His wife was listed as Alina de la Caridad Guerrero Gasso. He has a son, Pedro Angel Valdivia. Colonel Valdivia's father was Lino Jose Agapito Valdivia Sacerio. His mother was listed as Engracia Maria Romero Benitez. His father and mother resided at Santa Clara, Las Villas, Cuba.

~~VALDIVIA~~
Valdivia was in the Cuban military service at Havana from 1936 to 1956. He was a Military Attache at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, from 1956 to 1958. He was in political exile at Guayaquil, Ecuador, from 1959 to 1961. He informed the U. S. INS upon his arrival in the U. S. that he was being sought by Communists in Cuba.

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