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SOURCE: A former Cuban IS officer who served with the Cuban Intelligence Service until April 1964.

Headquarters Comments

- 1. The following report is one of a series containing personality information provided by the source and includes supplemental information from the records of this Agency.
2. It is requested that the addressees take no action on any of the individuals mentioned in the personality reports without first checking with this Agency.

Alfredo GARCIA Almeida, pseudonym "Aranja," resides on Calle 20, Number 716 entre Septima y Novena, Miramar, Habana, Cuba. GARCIA was in Venezuela when it broke relations with Cuba. He was later involved in an attempted recovery of documents from a plane crash in Peru, which led to his expulsion from Chile. He is now the Venezuelan desk officer in the Departamento Liberacion Nacional (LN - National Liberation Department) of the Direccion General de Inteligencia (DGI - General Directorate of Intelligence). The DGI considers its Venezuelan operations the most successful in South America. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Headquarters Comments

- 1. As an attachment to a document dated 10 May 1961 there was a letter from one Lisandro GALVEZ, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to Alfredo GARCIA Almeida, Mayor 111, entre Central y Suarez, Luyano, Habana, Cuba, and dated 4 May 1961. Included in the letter was a check for \$365.43 for GARCIA

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and some papers from the bank concerning other checks to GARCIA and one Jose CARILLO Garcia. GARCIA and CARILLO were Cuban diplomats in Honduras until diplomatic relations were suspended in April 1961.

2. A document dated 5 October 1962 included a list of Cuban personnel assigned to the Cuban Embassy in Santiago, Chile. Alfredo GARCIA Almeyda was included on the list as Second Secretary, his date and place of birth were given as 1933 in Cuba and his passport number was listed as Diplomatic 413/62.
3. In a report dated 21 December 1962 from a usually reliable source, it was stated that the personal effects of Alfredo GARCIA Almeyda, Second Secretary of the Cuban Embassy in Chile and a suspected Cuban G-2 official, were aboard the Swedish ship, Birgit Bengt Sjosten, when it sailed from Chile to Cuba on 14 December 1962.
4. Early in the morning on 25 March 1963 a local Santiago radio broadcast announced that the Cuban Second Secretary, Alfredo GARCIA Almeyda, had been declared persona non grata by the Chilean government for misrepresenting himself to Chilean authorities while trying to reach the site of a plane crash in Peru. This information was later confirmed by the Chilean Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs who said that GARCIA told the governor of Arica that he (GARCIA) was a Chilean journalist and that he had forgotten his identification documents. GARCIA was accompanied by the Chilean Communist Deputy, Luis VALENTE Rossi, who vouched for GARCIA's story. VALENTE tried to convince the Peruvian Border Authorities that he was a Brazilian journalist. The two were denied entry into Peru and thus did not reach the site. This information was taken from a document dated 25 March 1963.
5. In another Document dated 25 March 1963 it was reported that Alfredo GARCIA Almeyda, Second Secretary of the Cuban Embassy in Santiago, would leave by plane, Canadian Pacific, on 27 March 1963 for Mexico.

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6. A 26 March 1963 report stated that Alfredo GARCIA Almeyda left Santiago on 26 March 1963 via Iberia Airlines enroute to Madrid. Originally he was to leave Santiago on 27 March 1963 for Mexico via Canadian Pacific, but the Chilean government demanded he leave on the 26th of March.
7. A usually reliable source in a document dated 25 March 1963 advised that Alfredo GARCIA Almeyda, Cuban Charge in Santiago, entered Peru on two occasions using aliases. The first occasion was on 19 March 1963 when GARCIA traveled to Tacna, Peru, using the alias, Moises GOMEZ Paredes. GARCIA was accompanied by a Chilean Communist Party Deputy from Arica. A Chilean newspaperman from Arica advised source of their true identities and source, in turn, advised the Peruvian authorities who expelled both men to Chile. On 21 March 1963 GARCIA went to Charana, Peru, using the alias Federico GARCIA.
8. A 29 March 1963 document reported that Alfredo GARCIA Almeyda departed Madrid for Paris on 27 March 1963 enroute to Habana via Prague.
9. An 11 April 1963 document gave the following biographic data on Alfredo GARCIA Almeyda:

GARCIA was born on 3 August 1938 in Cuba. He carried diplomatic passport number D/62/413 issued on 3 August 1962. He is married to Delfina (nickname Nanf) QUIETIAN Fernandez de GARCIA who was born on 29 August 1938. They have one son, Alfredo GARCIA Quietian who was born on 9 April 1962. GARCIA and his family arrived in Santiago on 4 August 1962 from Mexico and while in Santiago resided at Padre Restrepo 2615. GARCIA was declared persona non grata by the Chilean government for using false Chilean credentials in crossing the Chilean-Peruvian border. GARCIA and his family left Chile on 26 March 1963 for Madrid; he planned to travel to Prague and then to Habana.