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

Headquarters Comments

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.

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Source identified Cesar ALARCON Fonseca as the captain of the plane on the Habana/Canada flight on 21 April 1964. 1,2,3,4,5,6

Headquarters Comments

1. A report dated 28 October 1959, from a fairly reliable source stated that the Cuban government was planning to purchase as many as 100 MIG-18's and included in the purchasing mission were Cesar ALARCON Fonseca, a Cuban aviation company pilot and protege of Major Raul CASTRO Ruz, and Captain Victor PINA Cardodo, an officer of the Fuerzas Aereas Revolucionarias (Cuban Revolutionary Air Force - FAR).
2. Another office of this Agency, in a report dated April 1960, reported that Cesar ALARCON Fonseca received pilot training about 1955 in Cuba for Cubana Airlines, but was considered only an average pilot.
3. On 8 August 1960, an extremely reliable source informed another office of this Agency through a sensitive source that Cesar ALARCON, newly appointed Chief of Operations of the Cubana

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Airlines Office, International Airport, New York, is in fact the new resident agent for the Cuban Intelligence Service in the New York area. ALARCON is an old employee of the Cubana Airlines and flies as co-pilot. ALARCON is a member of the Cuban Partido Socialista Popular. His address in New York City was the Century Hotel, 111 West 46th Street.

4. A member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection reported, in October 1961, that Cesar ALARCON was a Communist who holds a high position at the airport in Habana.
5. The following biographic information on Cesar ALARCON Fonseca was received from several sources during 1962:

ALARCON was born on 10 October 1925 in Oriente, Cuba. He was a captain and chief pilot for Cubana Airlines (ECCA) and a captain in the Cuban Revolutionary Air Force. He is about six feet tall, 185 pounds, is a mulatto with blond hair and blue eyes. He was described as a dedicated Marxist and Communist, a staunch Fidelista, and a personal aide to both Raul and Fidel CASTRO. He has been described as the top Communist in Cubana Airlines and very anti-United States. He has also been described as being a Marxist and a Communist for convenience rather than by conviction. In October 1962 he reportedly left for Russia to attend a course in handling Soviet civilian planes.

6. An untested source, in a report dated 13 February 1964, stated that Cesar ALARCON Fonseca, Chief of Operations for Cuban Airlines at the Rancho Boyeros Airport, is a Communist and very close to Raul CASTRO.