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PERSONAL DATA:

Date of Birth: December 27, 1934
Place of Birth: Matanzas, Cuba
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 200 lbs.
Marital Status: Married
Three children
Citizenship: U.S. Citizenship since August 1969

EDUCATION:

Havana University (Cuba): Doctor in Law, 1951-1956
Certified Public Accountant, 1951-1956
American Savings and Loan Institute: Savings and Loan Courses
University of Miami: Taxation Courses

LANGUAGES:

English
Spanish
Yiddish (Understand)

PRESENT POSITION:

Vice-Chairman of the Board - Continental National Bank of Miami

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WORK EXPERIENCE:

February 1976 to present: Vice-Chairman of the Board,
Continental National Bank of Miami

1960 to February 1976: Vice President, Washington Federal
Savings and Loan Association of Miami Beach

For ten years, responsible for all Branch Operations, Savings Operations, Accounting, Security and all Mortgage activity for Latin American customers. For five years, in charge of the Mortgage Loan Department. Director of Training Programs for Latin American Savings and Loan Executives in conjunction with the Alliance for Progress, a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. (In this capacity trained over 350 Latin American and African Savings and Loan Executives, and helped to draft legislation on Savings and Loan in several countries). Have met with the Presidents of Chile, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Panama and Paraguay. Have attended many Interamerican Savings and Loan Conferences as a United States delegate.

Responsible for contractual arrangements between Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association and the Agency for International Development of the Department of State, to supervise the Administrators of the Housing Investment Guaranty Program in Latin America.

Latin American Consultant for Jefferson National Bank of Miami Beach during association with Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association of Miami Beach.

President of Institute of Development Consultants, Inc.

1956 to 1960: Junior Associate of Dr. Ramon Zaydin y Marquez
Sterling's Law Firm - Havana, Cuba

1959 to 1960: Legal Counsel for the Accounting Department of the Treasury Department of Cuba. Specialized in legal problems on internal and external Cuban Government debts.



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WORK EXPERIENCE (cont'd.):

1958 to 1960: Secretary to the National Association of Knitted Textile Manufacturers - Havana, Cuba

1958 to 1960: Secretary to the Association of Tourist Merchants - Havana, Cuba

1958 to 1960: Legal Counsel for the Patronato de la Casa de la Comunidad Hebrea de Cuba

BOOKS WRITTEN:

"Capital en las Sociedades Anonimas" (Capital in Corporations). 1957. First prize - "Angel C. Betancourt" to the best book on legal matters, sponsored by the Cuban National Bar Association.

"Asociaciones de Ahorros y Prestamos en los Estados Unidos y su Aplicacion en la America Latina" (Savings and Loan Associations in the United States and its Application to Latin America). 1964. First Spanish book written on the subject, under contract with the Agency for International Development of the U.S. Department of State. Published by the Agency for International Development and the Interamerican Development Bank.

Co-Author of "A Survey of New Home Financing Institutions in Latin America (The Savings and Loan Experience)". Prepared for The Center for Housing, Building and Planning Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:

Commissioner - Florida Commission of Human Relations
Founder and Past President - Cuban Hebrew Congregation of Miami
National Board Member - Big Brothers of America
Board Member and Vice President - Big Brothers of Greater Miami
Board Member and Vice President - United Fund of Dade County
Founder and Chairman - Latin American Division of the United Fund
Chairman - CINTAS FUND - United Fund
Board Member - Welfare Planning Council of Dade County
Founder, Board Member and President - Comprehensive Health Planning Council of South Florida



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COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION (Cont'd.):

Chairman - Ad Hoc Committee on Health Services for Spanish speaking population of Dade County
Founder and Board Member - Administration of Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Founder and Board Member - Greater Miami Coalition
Chairman - Ad Hoc Committee on Services for Spanish speaking population of Dade County - Greater Miami Coalition
Founder - "Accion" Community Agency - Ad Hoc Committee - Greater Miami Coalition
Board Member - Mental Health Foundation
Board Member - American Jewish Congress
Board Member - American Friends of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem
Board Member - American Jewish Committee
Executive Board - Anti-Defamation League
Charter Board Member - Board of Trustees of the Florida International University Foundation, Inc.
Board Member - Latin America Advisory Board - City of Miami Beach
Past Board Member - Greater Miami Jewish Federation
Founder and Chairman - Operacion Medico Amigo
Chairman - City of Miami Commission to study the building of a new Baseball Stadium
Member - Florida Region Board of Governors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.
Chairman - School Volunteer Program, Dade County
Board Member - Florida Home in Washington
Founder, Secretary and Director - United Way International, Inc., Washington, D.C. (a subsidiary of United Way of America)
National President (1978) - American Health Planning Association

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

1. Lecturer to U.S. civic organizations on the Cuban situation.
2. Founder and Chairman of the Snack Bar which operated from December 1, 1965 to December 1, 1967 at the Opa Locka Airport at the arrival of the "Freedom Flights" from Cuba. Over 100,000 Cuban refugees were recipients of this service.
3. Have been cooperating with the United Hias Service in helping Cuban refugees solve different problems.
4. Have helped find employment for over 1,000 Cuban refugees.



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OTHER ACTIVITIES (Cont'd.):

5. For six months maintained a program for 2 half hours a week on WQBA Radio Station for the benefit of the Cuban population of Miami.
6. Assist many public and private agencies in Dade County on how these agencies can best serve the Spanish-American community in the United States.
7. Actively participated in the preparation of articles on Cuban refugees for national news media such as Fortune Magazine, Life Magazine, The New York Times, NBC, BBC of London and others.
8. Organized support among the Latin American population of Miami on behalf of the State of Israel during the Six Day War of 1967.
9. As founder and Coordinator of Operacion Medico Amigo, assisted the Government of Nicaragua to evaluate its needs in the Social Service field. Two professional Cuban Social Workers were invited by the First Lady of Nicaragua to do this work, which was highly praised by the United Nations. Also organized a group to go to Peru to help the earthquake victims.
10. Co-sponsor of the idea of creating Latin Quarters in the heavily Cuban-populated areas of Dade County.
11. Have been spokesman for the Cuban Exile population in problems that have arisen in the community.
12. Sponsor of a Forum of the best political talents of the Cuban Exile colony throughout the world to evaluate the Cuban situation.
13. Organized many different fund-raising campaigns to help the needy, particularly Cuban Exiles in Miami. Organized a campaign to raise funds to buy prosthetic devices for invalids ("Help Them to Live").
14. Have acted as liaison with different Federal Agencies as well as Congress, in various occasions where Cuban matters have been discussed and acted upon.
15. Sponsor of the Committee for the Memorial to honor the men who died in the Bay of Pigs invasion.
16. Delegate to the 1971 White House Conference on Youth.
17. Founder of the United Fund of Panama, 1972.
18. Raised funds for the victims of the earthquake in Managua, Nicaragua, December 1972.
19. Liaison between Public Authorities and the Cuban community in preparation of two National Political Conventions in 1972.



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OTHER ACTIVITIES (Cont'd.):

20. Sponsored a pilot project for a self-help approach for housing for blacks in Dade County.
21. Actively participated in the passing of Bonds issued for the City of Miami "Parks for People" and the Dade County "Decade of Progress", 1972.
22. In general, have received recognition from different agencies, among them the U.S. Cuban Refugee Program under the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, for involvement in community affairs.
23. Received Honorary Degree "Doctor of Science in Human Relations", Biscayne College, 1973.
24. Received Claude Pepper Award for outstanding contribution to the delivery of health services in Dade County (1973).
25. United Nations - Appointed to a five-member Task Force to prepare a recommendation to the General Assembly on the establishment of the International Habitat & Human Settlements Foundation.
26. Adjunct Associate Professor of the Department of Architecture of the University of Miami.
27. HUD - Appointed by the Secretary of HUD to a national Task Force on Federal Housing Administration, 1977.
28. Initiated conversations with the Cuban Government in 1978 which resulted in the freedom of 3,600 political prisoners, and established the Reunification of the Cuban Family Program for those Cubans who live in the Island and those who live in the United States.
29. Instrumental for the move of the Sha of Iran from the United States to Panama.