

Excerpts from Military Air Attaché's report of June
25, 1946, on Manuel QUEVEDO Jaureguizar

- a. Manuel QUEVEDO Jaureguizar is of Cuban nationality.
- b. He was born in Habana, Cuba, 29 March 1897.
- c. His education is as follows:
 - Primary school: Park Avenue Institute,
Bridgeport, Conn.
 - High school: Mt. St. Louis College,
Montreal, Canada.
 - College: St. John's University,
Brooklyn, N. Y.
 - Special school: N. Y. College of Dentistry,
New York City (one year only).

- d. Quevedo speaks English and Spanish fluently.
He has a good basic knowledge of French.

- e. Quevedo's travels abroad are as follows:

United States - 1908-1923
Canada - 2 years

He has visited the following named Latin American countries: Mexico, Haiti, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador and Panama.

- f. Personal characteristics:

Quevedo is a small, dark, middle-aged Latin who is much impressed by his own importance. He abounds in energy and is a definite extrovert. He tackles any task with complete confidence that he is the most capable man for the position. He has a natural tendency towards being lazy, but his desires for material gain and personal importance nullify his lazy tendencies and drive him unmercifully. He has a very pleasing personality and has many casual friends but few good friends. He is well known throughout Cuba and is generally liked for his hearty good fellowship. Quevedo has a quick mind, is a crafty horsetrader, makes a good first impression, is treacherous in business deals if such action benefits him and knows Cuban politics thoroughly. He appears to have no political affiliations, but he champions any political party that happens to be in power. He is a superior publicity man, but only a fair administrator. This cocky and able "latino" always does things on a grand scale.

- g. Positions

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g. Positions held by Quevedo are listed chronologically below:

- 1914 - In charge of the South American Department of Davis, Turner Co., forwarding agents.
- 1919-1923- Manager of the Wilton Hotel, New York City (hotel owned by Quevedo's parents).
- 1920 - Learned to fly at Curtiss School of Aviation, Mineola, New York.
- 1923-1925- Automobile racer in Cuba.
- 1925-1929- Unemployed, playboy.
- 1929 - Employed for 6 months by Cuban Flying Service at Camp Columbia in the capacity of general laborer and spare pilot.
- 1930 - Publicity man for Compañia Cubana de Aviación Curtiss and pilot for same.
- 1931 - Assistant Operations Manager for Compañia Cubana de Aviación Curtiss.
- 1933 - Operations Manager and Chief Pilot for Compañia Cubana de Aviación (Curtiss dropped from company title).
- 1935 - Vice President, General Manager and Chief Pilot for Compañia Cubana de Aviación.
- 1938 - President and General Manager for Compañia Cubana de Aviación.
- 9 Mar 1944- Resigned from Compañia Cubana de Aviación to accept a temporary commission as Lt. Colonel in the Cuban Army, which position was held until January 1946. His position was on the General Staff of the Cuban Army; actually he did nothing of a military nature.
- Sept 1945- Began organization of a new Cuban aviation company called Aerovias "Q", S. A. He is at the present time the President and General Manager of Aerovias "Q". This company has not as yet started regular scheduled flights, but anticipates doing so this fall. For information on Aerovias "Q", S.A., see the following reports:

R-639-45, 5 December 1945
R-65-46, 4 February 1946
R-71-46, 8 February 1946
R-75-46, 8 February 1946
R-111-46, 5 March 1946

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h. Quevedo holds memberships in the following organizations:

Vedado Tennis Club
Geographical Society
Cuban Officers' Beach Club

- i. He definitely states that he has no political affiliations and that he is rabidly anti-communist. He actually pays lip service to any political group in power in Cuba in order to achieve his own personal ends.
- j. Although the greater part of his education was acquired in the United States and he speaks English very fluently, Quevedo has a tendency to be anti-United States. This anti-United States attitude is probably a direct reaction of his jealousy of the power and ability of the United States. This attitude is not pronounced, but would become so if it best suited Quevedo's personal gain. Quevedo feels that Cubans have to kowtow too much to the United States.

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