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c/o Freedom of Information
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FOIA Department

I am requesting under the Freedom of Information Act any/all information you have concerning, [redacted] General JOSE PEDRAZA

(S)
Full name : JOSÉ ELEUTERIO PEDRAZA CABRERA
Birth place : Esperanza, Cuba
Birth date : April 18, 1903
Social Security # : 592-18 4358
Date of Death : July 17, 1989

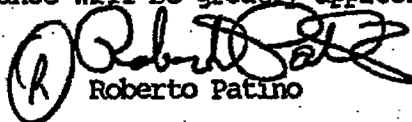
*Joined the Cuban Army in 1919 at age 16
*On September 2, 1933, he was one of the eight sergeants which overthrew the then Acting President Carlos Manuel de Cespedes

DURING THE YEARS 1933-1941

- A] Was second only to Batista in the Cuban military
 - P] Served as:
 - 1] Chief of Police
 - 2] Military Governor of La Habana
 - 3] Inspector General of Armed Forces
 - 4] Chief of the Armed Forces [in a desperate attempt to halt Castro's advance, Batista reappointed him Chief of the Army December 28, 1958, three days before Batista fled from Cuba
 - C] On several occasions he was exiled in the US
 - D] He attended in Washington DC a State dinner with then President Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - E] Under FDR's Good Neighbor Policy, he attended West Point Academy taking special courses offered to high ranking Military officials from South & Central America
- *There are two & probably more US Military reports pertaining to him:
1] Report # 5477 titled "Influences Which Affect the Efficiency of Cuba's Military" dated Oct 17, 1937
2] Report # 5409 titled, "Loyalty, Moral and Discipline, Dissention Among Members of the Armed Forces" dated Dec 01, 1937

*From early 1959 thru February 17, 1967 he waged a continuous legal battle with the US State Department to obtain a legal Visa [Finally granted with the aid of then US Rep Claude Pepper]

Any assistance will be greatly appreciated,


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