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Biographical Note
1951 – Graduated from La Vibora Institute, Cuba
1952 – Participated in a strike at the journalism school
1952 – Joined the Authentic Organization
1954 – Left the Authentic Organization to join the July 26th Movement
1957 – Hired by the telephone company to sabotage electrical lines and telephone cables
1958 – Conducted a failed general strike at the Telephone Company
1959 – Joined general strike called by Fidel Castro after President Fulgencio Batista fled the country
1959 – Joined the Directorate of Intelligence of the Rebel Army (DIER), later known as the G-2
1960 – Recruited for the Cuban Intelligence service known as M
1961 – Debriefing Officer of the Department of State Security
1962 – Intelligence Officer; wrote the Guidelines of Norms and Procedures for the judiciary section of the Department of Operations of the General Directorate of Counter-Intelligence (GDCI)
1963 – Department Head of the General Directorate of the National Revolutionary Police
1964 – Second Head of the Center of Intelligence of Cuba in Budapest, Hungary
1964 – Graduated from the Manuel Márquez Sterling National School of Journalism at the University of Havana; appointed to the Foodstuffs Ministry as Chief of a special meat export plan personally directed by Fidel Castro
1969 – Wrote the “Guidelines of Norms and Procedures” for the public service section of the Department of operations of the GDCI; wrote and directed two Ministry of Interior TV programs; appointed as the head of the office of the GDCI at the Cuban Institute of Radio and TV (ICRT)
1970-1985 – Produced 15 secret TV documentaries at the request of Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, Ramiro Valdes, and Jose Abrantes
1971-1973 – Wrote several short stories edited by the Ministry of the Interior and published by the Moncada magazine
1974 – Appointed Vice-director of the Cuban TV; assigned mission to South Africa to investigate Cuban fishing vessels that had been sabotaged as well as secretly studying the possibilities of utilizing the Cuban fishing fleet to carry covert operations
1975 – Assigned on mission abroad to open secret accounts at Swiss banks
1980 – Assigned by Commander Ramiro Valdes to prepare secret TV informative documentaries for the Politburo of the Soviet Union
1982 – Reassigned to East Germany at the Cuban intelligence center as a GDCI official; held several conferences about police and crime related activities
1983 – Called back to Cuba to carry on the secret TV programs
1986 – Appointed by Jose Abrantes as the Second Head of the Center of Intelligence in Budapest, Hungary ascending to the rank of Major; held several conferences about police and crime related activities
1987 – Obtained political asylum in the United States for my wife and four children
1988-1989 – Organized several conferences about intelligence and counter-intelligence activities for U.S. federal agencies
1993 – Finished writing The Inside of the MININT

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of drafts and printed matter related to The Inside of the MININT, a book written by Rodriguez Menier describing the background, organization, and operative methods of the Cuban Ministry of Interior, as well as a timeline. The collection is arranged in two groups: English drafts and Spanish drafts.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Cuba. Ministerio del Interior.
Cuba--History--Revolution, 1959.
Cuba--Politics and government.
Dissenters--Cuba.
Espionage, Cuban.
Intelligence service--Cuba.
Radio broadcasting--Cuba.
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Writings 1991-1993
Scope and Contents note
Contains English and Spanish drafts of Juan Antonio Rodriguez Menier's The Inside of the MININT, with related printed matter.

Box-folder 1 : 1-3 English drafts, 1991-1993
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