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- 1. Pedro Edmundo Souquet, wa. Pedro Edmundo Suquet, Venezuelan Communist labor leader, is at present Claims Agent and leader of the Sindicato de Trabajadores Petroleros (STP) de los Municipios Simon Rodriguez y Cantaura, which is also called the STP de El Tigre. This is the leading red or Partido Comunista de Venezuela (PCV) - controlled syndicate in the San Tome - El Tigre - Guico Camp area of central Anzoategui. Souquet is also reported to control indirectly the red STP del Municipio Guanipa, or STP de El Tigrito, which has membership in the same area.
2. Souquet was born in the town of Tabasco, Monagas, Venezuela, on 12 January 1915. His father was Maximiano Souquet, a Tabasco man; his mother, Maria de Souquet, was from San Joaquin, Anzoategui. He was employed by Creole Petroleum Corporation prior to April 1940, and worked for Mene Grande Oil Company, S. A. as a warehouse checker from 21 June 1940 to 20 August 1945, when he was discharged. During this period he was treated for a severe case of syphilis. At the present time he resides at El Tigre with his concubine, Lila Pacheco.
3. Subject began his syndical activities in 1945. On 26 June 1945 he was an officer in the Sindicato de Obreros y Empleados Petroleros (SOEP) de El Tigre, a white or Accion Democratica union. After his discharge, he was a professional worker in this union, but later transferred to the STP de los Municipios Simon Rodriguez y Cantaura, a competing union in the same area. At that time he stated he made the change because the STP paid him more money.
4. In the red union he was an assistant to Manuel Taborda, who was then the syndicate leader. He remained an understudy to Taborda until the latter entered the national labor field. Taborda is now a leader of COSUTRAPET, the red union federation, and an active Communist. Souquet then became chief Claims Agent for the syndicate and has held that position up to the present time.

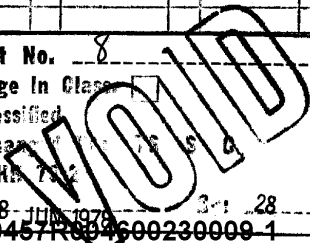
25X1X 5. [REDACTED] Souquet has a membership card in the PCV and is now a fervent Party member who follows Party instructions blindly. He is popular and a good speaker, but is not considered very intelligent. He stated to 25X1X [REDACTED] that he would fight for Russia and that he 25X1X [REDACTED]. Souquet has been

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in hiding since the end of 1949 and is at the present time sought by the police.

6. Souquet was a candidate for deputy from the State of Anzoategui on the PCV ticket in 1947. He was also a candidate for municipal elections on the Party ticket, an agent for Aqui Esta, former PCV newspaper, and at one time a representative to COSUTRAPET from eastern Venezuela.

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