

USMC ACT

Capt Sergio R. CID Araya

CHILE

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(U) NAME: Capt Sergio R. Cid Araya
(SYD), Marine Corps

(U) POSITION: Commandant
Corps, since

ing a new image for a beleaguered Marine Corps rife with low morale and
ent ~~xx~~ triggered by accusations of financial improprieties on the part
nior officers, will be Cid's first challenge.

able military reputation, 33 years
distinguished service, extensive CONUS training, and close personal ~~relationships~~
with the Naval and Marine Corps hierarchy. His promotion to Rear Admiral is imminent.
(C/NOFORN) POLITICS:

(/NOFORN) International: Extremely pro-U.S. Strongly anti-communist
and anti-socialist; never perceived then President Allende's incumbency (9 Nov 1970 - 11 Sept 1973)
as a prelude to Chile becoming Communist or being dominated by Communist nations.

He viewed Fidel Castro's visit to Chile (1971) not only as an attempt by Allende
to divert the people's attention from internal problems, but as a gross political error.

(C/NOFORN) Internal: Cid fully supports the present government and its
objectives. An earlier assessment that he would support the military position in
the event of a conflict within the government was proven correct with Allende's
demise.

in Vina del Mar, Chile. An extreme extrovert, jolly, friendly, and talkative who
by her aggressive manner; apparently from an affluent
eclipsed husband's presence ~~by her aggressive manner; apparently from an affluent~~
family of European rather than ~~Spanish ancestry~~ South American ancestry; well
educated and knowledgeable, speaks excellent English and has said she is fluent
in French and German; plays the accordion and belonged to a small musical group
that played at community and welfare activities. She is very sentimental, is pro-

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During her husband's U.S. assignment (1971-1972, she ^{spoke}~~spoke~~ highly of Chile, ^{Serio Cid, Jr.,} the United States, her Chilean Marine Corps friends, and their only son/who was attending college in Chile.

(C/NOFORN) Description: Caucasian. Medium build (5'8" or 1.72 m, 140 lbs or 62 kg), excellent military bearing; green eyes, black hair, wears a mustache. Quiet, almost stoic, unpretentious, socially correct; observant, has an analytical mind, ~~and~~ quickly draws conclusions, and is extremely articulate. At the PSYOP Unit Officer Course, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, ~~and~~ he ranked in the top third of the entire class composed of U.S. and Allied Officers. ~~Cid and Mrs. Cid~~ Cid is neat and proper in dress and manner.

He does not smoke. He enjoys his country's pisco sours, drinks bourbon and

soda in moderation, switching to ginger ale at late parties. He does not smoke.

Sincerity and an informal ^{personal} discussion about any trivia followed by political subjects would be the best approach to gaining Cid's confidence. He perceives himself as a highly

proficient career officer, is susceptible to flattery if not obviously superficial, and respects professionalism in others. His hobbies or interests other than his military duties are not known.

(U) Languages: Spanish (his native tongue), English ^{Speaks and writes well} and French ^(proficiency not known).
Practicing

(U) Religion:/Roman Catholic.

(U) Decorations: The Minerva and Minerva Medals (Staff Specialist); Air Force Award; Service Medal of Military Merit.

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Liceo No. 2, Edificio de la Barra (high school), Valparaiso, Chile (1937-1942).

(U) CAREER:

1943-1944	- Cadet, Naval Academy, Chile
1944-1945	- Ensigns' Course,
	- Student , Marine Corps School
1945-1950	-Duty with a combat unit, Valparaiso/Tocopilla; assigned as a Fundamental Unit Officer.
1950-1951	-Artillery officer, ^{"Specialty"} Student , Marine Corps School Artillery Officer , "Specialty School", Chile.
1951-1953	-Executive Officer, No 1. Artillery Regiment, Iquique, Chile.
1953-1957	-Instructor Activities, Naval Academy, Marine School, Chile. Staff
1957-1959	-Marine Corps/Officer, G-1 (O'Higgins).
1959-1960	-Marine Corps Staff Officer, Headquarters, G-1 ^{G-1} .
1960-1962	-Student, Staff Officers Course, Naval War College, Chile.

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1968-1970 - Commanding Officer, No. 2 "Miller" / Detachment. Marine Corps

1970-1971 - Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, Virginia

1971-1972 - Psychological Operations Unit Officer
 - PSYOPS Course, US Army Institute for Military Assistance, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 28 Sep - 14 Dec.

1972 - 1 - Commander, No. 4 "Cochrane" Marine Corps Detachment, from Feb 1972. (until 18 Sept 1976) v.

1973 - Promoted to Capt, 18 Jan.

? - 1976 - Assigned to National Defense Staff (from ? to Sept 1976)

1976-Present - Commandant, Chilean Marine Corps, since 30 Sept 1976.

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