



## BIOGRAPHIC DATA

CHILE  
Lt Col Odlanier Rafael MENA Salinas  
November 1968

(U) NAME: Lt Col Odlanier Rafael Mena Salinas  
(MEH-nah), Army.

(U) POSITION:



(C) SIGNIFICANCE: An intelligent and competent officer, he is highly regarded for his professional ability. He is self-confident, hard-working, and not easily influenced.

(C) POLITICS:

(C) International: Friendly toward the United States. (U) 1968

(C) Internal: Does not engage in political discussions.

(C) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 2 Apr 1926 in Gorgea, Chile.

(U) Family: Wife, Inés Eliana Taboada Küllmer de Mena. Children (3): Hernán Javier Alejandro (m); Patricio Lionel Maximino (m); María Soledad (f).

(C) Description: Medium build (6', 190 lbs); black hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion; considered good-looking; presents an excellent military appearance; rather guarded and reserved at first, does not rush into friendships; pleasant, popular, good sense of humor, has a keen wit; well-informed; very sociable, enjoys parties, usually considered the life-of-the-party; likes to sing.

(U) Languages: Native Spanish, some English (studied English at the Instituto Chileno Norteamericano in Santiago).

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic (practicing).

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Secondary. Took a course in history at the University of Chile; studied English at Instituto Chileno Norteamericano.

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<p>1. COUNTRY: <b>CHILE</b></p> <p>2. SUBJECT: <b>Odlanier Rafael MENA Salinas</b></p> <p>3. ISC NUMBER:</p> <p>4. DATE OF INFORMATION: <b>23 December 1970</b></p> <p>5. PLACE AND DATE OF ACQ: <b>Fort Gulick, CZ 23 December 1970</b></p> <p>6. EVALUATION: SOURCE <u>  B  </u> INFORMATION <u>  2  </u></p> <p>7. SOURCE: <b>US Military Source (see comments below)</b></p>	<p>8. REPORT NUMBER: <b>2230-0001-71</b></p> <p>9. DATE OF REPORT: <b>7 JAN 1971</b></p> <p>10. NO. OF PAGES: <b>1</b></p> <p>11. REFERENCES: <b>DIRM Part 1; 7A8</b></p> <p>12. ORIGINATOR: <b>610th MI Detachment, 8th SFG</b></p> <p>13. PREPARED BY: <i>Mervin E. Brock</i> <b>MERVIN E. BROCK LTC, MI CO, 610th MI Det.</b></p> <p>14. APPROVING AUTHORITY: <i>Antonio Vega</i> <b>ANTONIO VEGA Colonel, GS Assistant Chief of Staff, G2</b></p>
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15. SUMMARY: (Leave Blank)

(C) This report forwards an update to a biographic information report number 2230-0137-70 concerning LTC Odlanier Rafael MENA Salinas, a student who attended the Command and General Staff Officer Course at the United States Army School of the Americas (USARSA).

(C) Source is an officer in the US Army who serves as an instructor with the Command and Staff Department, USARSA, Fort Gulick, Canal Zone. Source has had frequent social and business contacts with SUBJECT over a period of nine months.

(C) 55. SUBJECT appears to be friendly toward the United States and Americans. HIS attitude toward Communism is unknown; although HE confided to Source that HE is deeply concerned over the present political situation in Chile and that HE wished that the United States had shown a stronger opposition to the election of the present president Salvador Allende. LTC MENA should be considered to have some degree of influence in the event of a change in the Chilean government.

----- (C) 58. Source states that SUBJECT is being assigned to USARSO, Pacific Area Command, effective January 1971 thru March 1971.

(C) 58c. SUBJECT is an extremely competent military officer, both by reputation and as seen by Source; Source was informed by LTC Haensel, a Chilean student member of SUBJECT'S class, that LTC MENA is expected to be promoted to the rank of Colonel upon return to Chile and that HE would be assigned to the Army General Staff in Santiago, Chile. LTC MENA could very feasibly be of some future military and/or political importance due to HIS competence and strong, convincing leadership ability.

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 13. PREPARED BY: *Percy L. Clay*  
 PERCY L. CLAY  
 CPT, MI  
 Acting CO, 610th MI Det  
 14. APPROVING AUTHORITY: *Antonio Vega*  
 ANTONIO VEGA CPT G.S.  
 Colonel, GS  
 Assistant Chief of Staff, G2

15. SUMMARY:

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(C) This report forwards biographic information concerning Lieutenant Colonel Odlanier Rafael MENA Salinas, a student currently attending the Command and General Staff Officer Course at the United States Army School of the Americas (USARSA), until 11 December 1970.

(C) Source is an officer in the US Army who serves as an instructor with the Command and Staff Department, USARSA, Fort Gulick, Canal Zone. Source has had frequent social and business contacts with MENA over a period of five months.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BIOGRAPHIC REPORT

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. COUNTRY CHILE		2. DATE OF INFORMATION (Yr, mo, day) 1970 September 9		3. DATE OF REPORT (Yr, mo, day)	
4. NAME a. FULL NAME (Give full name in Roman letters, in natural order, and with natural capitalization. Underline surname, or, if known by name(s) other than surname, underline same. Give phonetic pronunciation of name as appropriate). Odlanier Rafael MENA (RAY-NAI)					
b. NAMES BY WHICH INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCES TO BE ADDRESSED (1) IN OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE: Teniente Coronel Odlanier Rafael (2) ORALLY AT OFFICIAL GATHERINGS: Teniente Coronel MENA					
5. FULL NAME IN NATIVE ALPHABET Odlanier Rafael MENA Salinas					
6. VARIANTS, ALIASES, OR NICKNAMES None					
7. POSITION a. PRESENT POSITION Unknown				b. DATE ASSUMED POSITION (Year, month, day) Unknown	
c. RANK/TITLE (In English and Native language) Lieutenant Colonel (Teniente Coronel)				d. DATE OF RANK (Yr, mo, day) 1967 January 1	
e. SERVICE Army			f. BRANCH OF SERVICE Infantry		
8. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (Town, State, Province, Country) April 2, Istarria Cautin, Chile					9. SEX Male
10. PRESENT ADDRESS (Including unit location if applicable) General Headquarters, Chilean Army, Santiago, Chile				TELEPHONE NO 65271	
11. NATIONALITY Chilean		12. RACE Caucasian		13. PHOTO SUBMITTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
14. CITIZENSHIP (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable) Chilean				15. RELIGION Roman Catholic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRACTICING <input type="checkbox"/> NONPRACTICING	
16. TITLES AND HONORIFICS (Prince, Doctor, Pandit, etc.) Unknown				17. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION					
18. AGE 44		19. BEARD <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		MUSTACHE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
20. TEETH (Natural) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
21. PROMINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES (Moles, scars, birthmarks, etc.) None					
22. COLOR EYES Dark brown		23. COLOR HAIR Black		24. BALD <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
25. HEIGHT 6'10"		26. WEIGHT 196		27. BUILD (Small, medium, large) Large	
28. POSTURE Fair		29. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RIGHT HANDED <input type="checkbox"/> LEFT HANDED			
30. PHYSICAL DEFECTS None			31. GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH Good		
32. HARD OF HEARING <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			33. GLASSES <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		
PERSONAL BACKGROUND					
34. CIVIL EDUCATION (List schools, location(s), major course, degree(s), honors, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day). Escuela Elemental Liceo Fiscal Temuco School - 1937-1943 Escuela Militar - Military School 1943-1944 (Bachelor Degree)					
35. LANGUAGES (Indicate degree of fluency, and whether as translator or interpreter). Spanish - (Good) English - (Good)					
36. TRAVEL (List countries, dates, and purpose). U.S.A. - 1960, 1969, and 1970, Visit and Officer Orientation Tour Panama - 1963, Training (45 Days), 1969, Visit Argentina - Peru - 1969 and 1970, Visit Canal Zone - 1970, Student, USARCA					

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... in chronological order. Include: Military schooling; promotions; decorations; awards; medals; and position held; location of school or unit; retired or reserve status; and decorations together with circumstances surrounding any unusual award.

Schooling:

- 1944-1946 - Cadet, Military Academy
- 1946-1948 - Lieutenant School
- 1958-1960 - War Academy
- 1963 - Intelligence Training
- 1963 - Specialized Techniques of Investigation Course, (Cuba, Canal Zone)
- 1970 - Command and General Staff Officer Course, (USAUSA, Canal Zone)

Positions:

- 1944-1946 - Section Chief
- 1946-1950 - Company Commander
- 1950-1951 - Battalion Commander
- 1952-1953 - Regiment Executive Officer
- 1955-1963 - Commander, 2nd Department Division Headquarters
- 1964-1970 - Commander, Army General Staff Department

26. EMPLOYMENT OTHER THAN MILITARY SERVICE (List employers, positions, skills, locations, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day).

None

27. ORGANIZATIONS (Professional, social, military, other; give inclusive dates (Year, month, day).

- Industry Club - 1944-1970
- Lions Club - 1964-1965

DD Form 1396-1. This supplement to the information to foreign nationals and to the information of an operational nature. If possible, the following information will be furnished:

(in minor violations).

52. RELIGION - Effect of subject's religion or religious connections on his actions, military advancement, political views, etc.

Subject is a Roman Catholic. The influence of HIS religion on HIS actions is unknown.

53. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES - Apparent influence of acquaintances and relatives on subject's views or career.

54. CHARACTER - Subject's character, strengths and weaknesses, etc., loyalty, judgment, ability to communicate, leadership ability, and influence. Significance of individual in carrying international policies of his country.

55. POLITICAL ORIENTATION - Attitude towards United States and other countries. Remarks and actions of subject toward representatives of the United States, of non-Communist bloc and Communist bloc, and political party affiliations, potential political movements in country in the event of a change in government.

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33. U.S. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES (Name, position or occupation of relatives, domicile, relationship. Include U.S. military or other U.S. official acquaintances, if any, under this heading.)

Col. Silliman  
 La Mar  
 Pierce M.  
 r  
 Cpl. Carpenter  
 Cpl. Sills

41. PREFERENCES (Personal preference in food, drink, tobacco, entertainment, sports, hobbies.)

SUBJECT showed no particular preference for food or drinks. He likes to hunt, fish, and sail boating.

Title of article or book; if article, name of publication appearing in, date published, publisher.)

None

SPOUSE - FAMILY

43. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE. de Mena	44. MAIDEN NAME OF SPOUSE I. da
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45. DATE (Year, month, day) AND PLACE OF BIRTH  
July 5, Valdivia, Chile

46. NATIONALITY (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable) Chilean	47. RACE Caucasian	48. RELIGION (Indicate) <input type="checkbox"/> PRACTICING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONPRACTICING
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49. BACKGROUND (Education; languages; preference in food and drink; hobbies; preference in entertainment; special interests; professional societies.)  
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50. CHILDREN (Names, sex, ages, marital status, other items of interest such as schools, health, military service.)  
 Hevier A. - Male - 17 Years Old - Single  
 Patricio Lionel M. - Male - 14 " " "  
 Maria Soledad - Female - 11 " " "

eccentricities  
eyes, shape of

in a  
(facial)

length

have personal appearance, and  
no unusual physical features

57. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SPOUSE - Spouse's political views, appearance, personality, attitude toward United States and other countries, influence on husband. Spouse's family connections influencing the husband's career.

UNKNOWN

58. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

a. Length of time collector has known subject and frequency of contact(s). Indicate how much of the information is based on the collector's own observation. Indicate other sources for information on subject.

Source has had business contacts with

except items 8, 10, 39, 40, 43, 47, 48  
USAC, and Staff, Student Biography Report

b. Best ways of gaining subject's confidence and exerting influence on him.

well enough to comment on  
intelligent person of past

c. Military reputation, competence, and significance. Include financial status, dependence on personal or political connections for military position. Reputation in own service, collector's own assessment of military competence, and military and/or political potential of subject.

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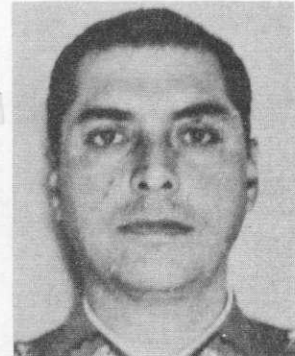
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Lt Col Odlanier Rafael MEVA Salinas  
November 1968

## (U) CAREER:

- 1943-1944 - Cadet, Military Academy, 1 Mar 1943-23 Dec 1944. Commissioned 2d Lt in Infantry, 23 Dec 1944.
- 1944-1948 - Assigned to the 12th ("Sangra") Infantry Regiment. Promoted to 1st Lt, 1948.
- 1949-1952 - Company Commander, 11th ("Caupolicán") Motorized Infantry Regiment.
- 1953 - Student, Lieutenants Course, Infantry School.
- 1954-1955 - Adjutant, 11th ("Caupolicán") Infantry Regiment. Promoted to Capt, 7 May 1954.
- 1956 - Adjutant, Office of the Director of Recruiting and Statistics of the the Armed Forces.
- 1956 - Assigned to the 1st ("Buin") Infantry Regiment.
- 1957 - Assigned to the 13th ("Andalien") Infantry Regiment.
- 1958-1960 - Student, Command and General Staff Course, War Academy.
- 1961-1962 - Assigned to the 4th ("Rancagua") Infantry Regiment. Orientation tour of the U.S., 10 Feb-7 Mar 1961.
- 1963 - Student, Military Intelligence Course, War Academy. Intelligence Orientation Tour of Panama, 25 Nov-9 Dec 1963. Promoted to Maj, 1963.
- 1963-1964 - Assigned to Headquarters, 4th Army Division, Valdivia, until Jul 1964.
- 1965-1966 - Assigned to the 11th ("Caupolicán") Infantry Regiment, 26 Jan 1965-Jan 1966.
- 1966-1967 - Assigned to Headquarters, 4th Army Division, 5 Feb 1966-6 Jan 1967.
- 1967-Present - Deputy Chief, 2d Section (Counterintelligence), Directorate of Intelligence, Army General Staff, from 21 Jan 1967. Promoted to Lt Col, 31 Jan 1968. Attended the Communications Conference of the American Armies, Fort Bragg, N. C., 11-17 Aug 1968.

*Col, Cmdr, 4th (Reind<sup>ntz</sup>) Inf Regt "Rancagua"  
(105mm Howitzers 8/4/20mm Mortars,  
84.9mm Rocket Launchers) (OB 6 Jun 73,  
R-86-73)*



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH ON MAJOR ODLANIER RAFAEL MENA SALINAS

Complete Name	Odlanier Rafael MENA Salinas
Rank	<del>Major</del> <i>Locce</i>
Branch	Infantry
Military Specialty	General Staff Officer
Current Assignment	Student, Special Intelligence Course
Date of Birth	2 April 1926
Place of Birth	Gorbea
Name of Wife	Eliana Taboada Kullmer
Children	Four
Academic Achievements (Other than Military)	
Foreign Languages (Other than Spanish)	

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MILITARY DATA

a. Promotions

1944 Ensign  
1945 Second Lieutenant  
1948 Lieutenant  
1954 Captain  
1963 Major

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Ptd to Locce 31 Jan 68 (R-36-68, 4 Mar 68)*

b. Courses

1953 Lieutenants Course, Infantry School  
1958 - 60 Command and General Staff Regular Course, War Academy

c. Assignments

1944 - 48 Infantry Regiment 12 "Sangra"  
1949 - 52 Infantry Regiment 11 "Caupolicán"  
1953 Infantry School, Student  
1954 - 55 Infantry Regiment 11 "Caupolicán"  
1956 Directorate of Recruiting and Statistics  
1956 Infantry Regiment N°1 "Bui"  
1956 Directorate of Recruiting and Statistics  
1957 Infantry Regiment 13 "Andalien"  
1958 - 60 War Academy, Student  
1961 - 62 Reinf Infantry Regiment N°4, "Rancagua"  
1963 Student, Special Intelligence Course

*OGT in  
MI Section of  
USARSOOUTH COM  
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Ing. M.  
Investigative  
Espio.*

d. Awards

Silver Star (10 years service)  
Military Medal of the Army (20 years service)  
Minerva Gold Medal (War Academy Graduate)

*4th Army Dis Area (R-100-64, 29 Jul 64)  
11th Inf Reg "Caupolicán," Valdivia (R-77-65, 9 Jun 65) } 2 wks  
ASGD TO-PLANNING DIRECTORATE, SANTIAGO (Jan 67) (R-13-67)  
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7. SOURCE: DAC files  
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12. ORIGINATOR: USDAO CHILE

13. PREPARED BY: V. J. Seuler

14. APPROVING AUTHORITY: CAPT G. T. KNIGHT, USN  
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15. SUMMARY: This report forwards biographic information on Lt Col Odlanier Rafael MENA Salinas who is scheduled to attend the American Armies Communications Conference to be held at Ft Bragg 11-17 August 1968.

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18. ATTACHMENT DATA: Encls:  
 1. (U) Photo of subject  
 2. (U) DD form 1396-1 on Lt Col Odlanier Rafael MENA Salinas (1 cy, 3 pages).  
 3. (C/NPD) DD form 1396-1s on Lt Col MENA (1 cy, 2 pages)

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6. VARIANTS, ALIASES, OR NICKNAMES <b>Odlanier Rafael Mena Salinas</b> <b>None</b>					
7. POSITION a. PRESENT POSITION <b>Assigned to Directorate of Intelligence, Counterintelligence Section (2nd in command), Army General Staff.</b>				b. DATE ASSUMED POSITION (Year, month, day) <b>21 Jan 1967</b>	
c. RANK, TITLE (In English and Native language) <b>Lt Colonel</b>				d. DATE OF RANK (Yr, mo, day) <b>31 Jan 1968</b>	
e. SERVICE <b>Army</b>			f. BRANCH OF SERVICE <b>Infantry</b>		
8. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH (Town, State, Province, Country) <b>2 April 1926 Gorbea, Chile</b>					9. SEX <b>M</b>
10. PRESENT ADDRESS (Including unit location if applicable) <b>Unknown</b>				TELEPHONE NO <b>Unknown</b>	
11. NATIONALITY <b>Chilean</b>		12. RACE <b>Caucasian</b>		13. PHOTO SUBMITTED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
14. CITIZENSHIP (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable) <b>Chilean</b>				15. RELIGION <input type="checkbox"/> PRACTICING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONPRACTICING <b>Catholic</b>	
16. TITLES AND HONORIFICS (Prince, Doctor, Paadit, etc).				17. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED	
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION					
18. AGE <b>42</b>		19. BEARD <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		MUSTACHE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
20. TEETH (Natural) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
21. PROMINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES (Moles, scars, birthmarks, etc) <b>None</b>					
22. COLOR EYES <b>Brown</b>		23. COLOR HAIR <b>Black</b>		24. BALD <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
25. HEIGHT <b>6 ft</b>		26. WEIGHT <b>190 lbs</b>		27. BUILD (Small, medium, large) <b>medium</b>	
28. POSTURE <b>erect</b>		29. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RIGHT HANDED <input type="checkbox"/> LEFT HANDED			
30. PHYSICAL DEFECTS <b>None</b>			31. GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH <b>Good</b>		
32. HARD OF HEARING <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		33. GLASSES <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
PERSONAL BACKGROUND					
34. CIVIL EDUCATION (List schools, location(s), major course, degree(s), honors, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day)). <b>Secondary education in Chile (received Bachelor's Degree in History and Arts). Attended University of Chile (History Course).</b>					
35. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (Include dialects, degree of fluency, and ability to act as translator/interpreter). <b>Some English (studied English at the Instituto Chileno Norteamericano).</b>					
36. TRAVEL (List countries, dates, and purpose). <b>Panama (Canal Zone) - 1963</b> <b>USA - Orientation Tour, 1961</b>					

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37. MILITARY SERVICE (a. List military career in chronological order. Include: Military schooling; promotions demotions; foreign service; units served with and position held; location of school or unit; retired or reserve status.)  
 (b. List awards and decorations together with circumstances surrounding any unusual award/decoration.)

?-1944 Cadet, Military Academy. Commissioned Ensign, 1944.  
 1944-1948 Assigned to Inf. Regt No 12 "Sangra". Promoted 2nd Lt, 1945 and 1st Lt, 1948.  
 1949-1952 Assigned to Inf. Regt No 11 "Caupolicán".  
 1953 Student, Infantry School, Lieutenant Course.  
 1954-1955 Assigned to Inf Regt No 11 "Caupolicán". Promoted to Capt., 1954.  
 1956 Assigned to Directorate of Recruiting and Statistics.  
 1956 Assigned to Inf. Regt No 1 "Buin".  
 1957 Assigned to Inf. Regt No 13 "Andalien".  
 1958-1960 Student, Command and General Staff Course, Chilean War Academy.  
 1961-1962 Assigned to Inf. Regt No 4, "Rancagua". Visited the USA on an Orientation Tour, Feb-Mar 1961.  
 1963 Student, Military Intelligence Course, Army Staff College. Visited Panama on an Intelligence Orientation Tour, 25 Nov-9 Dec 1963. Promoted to Major, 1963.  
 1965 Assigned to Inf Regt No 11 "Caupolicán", Valdivia, 26 Jan 1965- Jan 1966.  
 1966-1967 Assigned to Headquarters, 4th Army Division Area, 5 Feb 1966-6 Jan 1967.  
 1967-Present Assigned to Directorate of Intelligence, Counterintelligence Section (2nd in command), Army General Staff, since 21 Jan 1967. Promoted to Lt Colonel, 31 Jan 1968.

38. EMPLOYMENT OTHER THAN MILITARY SERVICE (List employers, positions, skills, locations, and inclusive dates (Year, month, day).)

None.

39. MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS (Professional, social, military, other; give inclusive dates (Year, month, day).)

None

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40. U.S. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES (Name, position or occupation of relatives, domicile, nature and duration of relationship. Include U.S. military or other U.S. official acquaintances/relatives under this item.)

None.

41. PREFERENCES (Personal preference in food, drink, tobacco, entertainment, sports, hobbies.)

Sociable, enjoys parties and is usually considered to be "the life of the party" without any effort on his part. He likes to sing.

42. PUBLISHED WORKS (Title of article or book; if article, name of publication appearing in, date published, publisher.)

None.

SPOUSE - FAMILY

43. FULL NAME OF SPOUSE <b>Inés Eliana Taboada Küllner de MENA</b>	44. MAIDEN NAME OF SPOUSE <b>Inés Eliana Taboada Küllner</b>
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45. DATE (Year, month, day) AND PLACE OF BIRTH

46. NATIONALITY (Indicate dual citizenship where applicable) <b>Chilean</b>	47. RACE <b>Caucasian</b>	48. RELIGION <b>Catholic</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRACTICING <input type="checkbox"/> NONPRACTICING
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49. BACKGROUND (Education; languages; preference in food and drink; hobbies; preference in entertainment; special interests; professional societies.)

Unknown.

50. CHILDREN (Names, sex, ages, marital status, other items of interest such as schools, health, military service.)

Hernán Javier Alejandro (m) - DOB unknown.  
Patricio Lionel Maximino (m) - DOB unknown.  
María Soledad (f) - DOB unknown.

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1. COUNTRY <b>CHILE</b>	2. FULL NAME OF SUBJECT <b>Odlanier Rafael MENA Salinas</b>	3. DATE OF INFORMATION (Yr, mo, day) <b>July 19</b>
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51. POLICE RECORD (Other than minor violations).

**None.**

52. RELIGION - Effect of subject's religion or religious connections on his actions, military advancement, political views, etc.

**None.**

53. ACQUAINTANCES AND RELATIVES - Apparent influence of acquaintances and relatives on subject's views or career.

**None.**

54. CHARACTER - Subject's character, strengths and weaknesses, intelligence, loyalty, judgment, ability to communicate, leadership ability, and influence. Significance of individual in shaping international policies of his country.

**He is an intelligent, well . . . and well-informed individual. Well-liked by his fellow officers, he has a keen wit and a good sense of humor.**

55. POLITICAL ORIENTATION - Attitude towards United States and other countries. Remarks and actions of subject toward representatives of the United States and its allies, and to representatives of nonaligned nations and Communist bloc nationals. Political activities and attitudes, important political contacts, party affiliations, potential political influence in country in the event of a change in government.

**Pro-U.S.. Apolitical, he does not enter into political discussions.**

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56. PERSONAL APPEARANCE - Appraisal of subject's dress, personal habits, mannerisms, eccentricities, peculiarities of speech and gait, prominent or unusual physical features, e.g., teeth, eyes, shape of face, complexion, tendency toward balding, etc.

Tall, well-built (6', 190 lbs), black hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion. Considered good-looking, he presents an excellent military appearance.

57. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SPOUSE - Spouse's political views, appearance, personality, attitude toward United States and other countries, influence on husband. Spouse's family connections influencing the husband's career.

None.

58. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

a. Length of time collector has known subject and frequency of contact(s). Indicate how much of the information is based on the collector's own observation. Indicate other sources for information on subject.

ARMA has met subject on various occasions during past two years but personal contact has been limited.

b. Best ways of gaining subject's confidence and exerting influence on him.

Upon initial meeting, subject is reserved and guarded in his speech. Apparently, time is needed to develop a friendship and it is advisable not to "rush matters."

c. Military reputation, competence, and significance. Include financial status, dependence on personal or political connections for military position. Reputation in own service, collector's own assessment of military competence, and military and/or political potential of subject.

An intelligent, competent and loyal command and general staff officer, he is highly regarded by his contemporaries. He is self-confident, a hard worker, loyal and is considered a professional military officer.

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1. RANGO Mayor ARMA Infantería FECHA DE RANGO 25 Marzo 1963
2. NOMBRE Mena Salinas Odianier  
(Escriba su nombre completo en el orden que usted desea que se le llame oficialmente)
3. NUMERO DE SERIE \_\_\_\_\_ NACIONALIDAD Chilena
4. LUGAR DE NACIMIENTO Lastarria Chile 2 Abril 1926  
(Ciudad) (País) (Fecha)
5. RESIDENCIA Garcia Reyes 2218 Valdivia Chile  
(Calle y Número) (Ciudad) (País)
6. ¿VIVEN SUS PADRES? si NOMBRE DE LA MADRE Chela Salinas L.  
(Fallecido) NOMBRE DEL PADRE Reynaldo Mena Peña
7. LUGAR DE RESIDENCIA DE SUS PADRES Santiago Chile  
(Ciudad) (País)
8. ESCUELA PRIMARIA A LA QUE UD. ASISTIO Liceo de Hombres  
Lugar Temuco Año de Graduación 1937
9. ESCUELA SECUNDARIA A LA QUE UD. ASISTIO Liceo de Hombres  
Lugar Temuco Año de Graduación 1943
10. UNIVERSIDAD A LA QUE UD. ASISTIO ----  
Lugar \_\_\_\_\_ Año de Graduación \_\_\_\_\_
11. EDUCACION MILITAR Escuela Militar - Academia de Guerra del Ejército  
Curso de Inteligencia
12. ESTADO CIVIL Casado NOMBRE DE LA ESPOSA Eliana Taboada K.
13. NOMBRES Y EDADES DE SUS HIJOS Hernan Javier A. 11 años; Patricio Lionel  
8 años; Maria Soledad 5 años.
14. FECHA DE INGRESO AL EJERCITO 1944 AÑOS DE SERVICIO 19

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15. UNIDAD A LA QUE UD. PERTENECE Y LUGAR Cuartel General Cuarta División de Ejército -  
Valdivia
16. POSICION QUE UD. ACTUALMENTE DESEMPEÑA EN EL EJERCITO DE SU PAIS: Oficial de  
Inteligencia de la IV División
17. ASIGNACIONES ANTERIORES: Ayudante R.I.R. No. 4 en Arica - Oficial de  
Inteligencia del mismo. Ayudante en la Dirección del Personal Ayudante Direc-  
ción de Reclutamiento.
18. CONDECORACIONES, PREMIOS Y COMENDACIONES: Medalla de 3a clase - Medalla de  
2a clase - Medalla Minerva
19. CURSO EN EL CUAL PARTICIPA EN LA ESCUELA USARCARIB: Curso especial de  
Ayudas Técnicas
20. ¿A QUE OTRAS ESCUELAS DE SERVICIOS MILITARES DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS HA ASISTIDO  
USTED?: -----
21. ¿HA VISITADO USTED A LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS? Si ¿DONDE? Nueva  
York, Dallas, Washington, Jacksonville, El Paso, Atlanta.
22. ¿HA ASISTIDO USTED A ESCUELAS CIVILES EN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS? -----  
¿DONDE? ----- ¿CUANDO? -----
23. ¿HA ASISTIDO USTED A OTROS CURSOS EN LA ESCUELA USARCARIB? -----  
¿QUE CURSOS? ----- ¿CUANDO? -----
24. INFORMACION ADICIONAL: -----
- A. Religión Católica
- B. ¿Qué otros idiomas habla usted? Inglés con dificultad
- C. La Plana Mayor y la Facultad, miembros de las siguientes organizaciones, le  
extienden una invitación a los estudiantes latinoamericanos a asistir a las  
reuniones que se llevan a cabo en el área Atlántica. Si usted pertenece a  
una de estas organizaciones y desea asistir a las reuniones, tenga la bondad  
de subrayar la organización a que pertenece.
- Caballeros de Colón ----- Club de Leones -----  
• Los Elks ----- Masones -----  
• Otra organización -----

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