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The following supplementary information has been obtained on Hernan Feliu Urbina, previously reported as a possible Argentine propaganda agent in Chile*:

1. In about 1949, Feliu took advantage of an old friendship with Manuel Trucco Gaste, Sub-Secretary of Foreign Relations, to ask him for letters of recommendation to the Chilean Embassy and Consulate in Buenos Aires. Trucco allegedly did not give Feliu the requested letters but instead suggested what he considered a better form of recommendation by providing Feliu with certain documents from the Ministry for delivery to the Chilean Embassy in Buenos Aires. Feliu let his errand be known to his acquaintances, and Nestor Lima Quintana, Argentine Cultural Attache and suspected Argentine intelligence officer in Chile, soon heard of him.
2. Lima Quintana, apparently not aware of Feliu's rather shady background, began to cultivate Feliu as a possible political informant. It is believed that some agreement between the two was made, since Feliu immediately began to demand large sums of money in the form of advance salary payments and payment for his transportation to Buenos Aires. However, Feliu either was not hired by the Embassy, or, more probably, was fired immediately after he reached an agreement with Lima Quintana, when Feliu's background became known. It is not known whether Feliu ever actually worked for the Argentines.
3. Feliu is now employed by the Empresa Salvatti in public relations work for the Municipal Theater in Santiago. He is said to be private secretary to Claudio Arrau, the Chilean pianist who had endorsed the pro-peace movement in Havana and Caracas, and later repudiated any connection with the movement during his recent visit to Chile.

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