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*I have been a writer and a former journalist between 1974 and 1966. Actually, I am a freelance writer, an SEO specialist, and an English/Italian into Spanish translator since 2005. I have done translation's projects for important corporations such as Comcast Cable, Nintendo Inc, and Iberostar Hotels. I did also a long project on a Christian website and a few technical projects. My specializations as a translator include technical, medical, pharmacological, marketing/journalism, and computer related documents.*

*I finished my career in Communications at the Havana University in 1974. As a professional journalist, I worked for a newspaper as photo-reporter for 2 years and moved to a local radio station where I was news reporter and scriptwriter, presenter, audio and programs’ editor.*

*Due to political and discriminatory issues, the Communist Party obliged me to abandon the Mass Media, being relocated in a local government's divulgation department as a marketing specialist. There, I was in charge of all their informational tasks, managing by myself the creation, writing, design, and impression of a 48 page/4 color magazine, 3 bulletins, press releases, and promotional materials for the center.*

*After 5 years of service there, I received a layoff for same reasons that before. Because of the absolute control that a dictatorial government has in a communist country, I could not find employment for a long time.*

*Finally, two years later, I was accepted as a marketing manager on a commercial transportation enterprise. As I never received a promised professional salary, I resigned and accepted a Pharmacy Managing position that paid me better.*

*Between 1996 and 1999, I was Independent Journalist in Cuba belonging to the regime’s opposition. In that period, I sent news, reports, chronicles, and articles about Cuba to*[*http://www.cubanet.org/*](http://www.cubanet.org/htdocs/oldies_2011.html#1996)*, Radio Marti and El Nuevo Herald. Labor that was recognized internationally by my readers and organizations such as Reporters Without Borders, and Human Rights.*

*Education*

*In 2006 I passed an A+/N+ Computer Technician Course. In 1974, I received a Bachelor Degree in Journalism & Communication in Havana University, Cuba. A year later, I was certified in English in a Havana Languages Academy. Also, I got a certification as Pharmacy Administrator in 1992.*