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7 October 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

ATTENTION : Mr. Joseph Langdon  
Support Branch  
2604 I BuildingSUBJECT : Confirmation of Verbal Request for Installation of  
Recording Device in Office of Mr. William D. Pawley,  
Miami, Florida

1. This will confirm the verbal request made to Mr. Langdon of your office by [redacted] of WH/III on 5 October 1959 for the installation of a recording device in the office of Mr. William D. Pawley in Miami, Florida, for the purpose of making available to the WHD Representative in Miami detailed reports of conversations held by Mr. Pawley with his numerous contacts among Caribbean revolutionary groups, especially anti-CASTRO Cuban exile leaders. Mr. Pawley has agreed to this plan, which was proposed to him verbally by the WHD representative in Miami.

2. Mr. Pawley is a U. S. citizen, born 7 September 1893. His long career in Latin American affairs included a tour as U. S. Ambassador to Peru and later to Brazil. In recent years he has engaged in petroleum and mining activities in the Dominican Republic and has served as a consultant to the Dominican Government. He has cooperated with this Agency on a number of occasions and is a personal friend of the DCI and of CWR. A request for operational approval or security clearance for Mr. Pawley's use in a specific project was made in 1952 but cancelled subsequently because of a change in plans. Mr. Kohler of CI/OA advised that the Security Office File No. in connection with this request was #78435. It is requested that your office obtain the necessary security clearance for Mr. Pawley's use by this Agency, as outlined in paragraph 1.

3. Since Mr. Pawley's office is vacated on week-ends, it is requested that a representative from your office travel to Miami on Friday, 8 October, or Saturday, 9 October, for the purpose of surveying the premises during this week-end; and that he return to Miami the following week-end to install the recording device, which is to be used only for callers in person, and not by telephone. On arrival in Miami, your representative should call Mr. Bernard E. Reichhardt, WHD representative in Miami, who shares an office with the CO Contacts representative, Room 302, 299 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables. His home telephone is MO 5-4238, and his office number is Highland 5-3658.

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Chief, WH Division**SECRET**

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