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TO #40	Chief of Base, WAVE Chief, SE Division		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO. 23 13-5-11
FROM	Chief of Station, Montevideo	DATE 23 March 1961	
SUBJECT	JMZIP/Oper Luis CONTE Aguero Visit to Montevideo	RE "43" - (CHECK "X" ONE) MARKED FOR INDEXING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO INDEXING REQUIRED INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY	
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REFERENCES			
<p>A. MOHT 4366 B. MOHT 4393 C. MOHT 4396 D. MOHT 4397</p> <p>1. Forwarded under separate cover are sample press clippings relative to subject's visit to Montevideo.</p> <p>2. As noted in referenced cables, subject's visit made a great impact upon Uruguayan public opinion, largely as a result of excellent media support, a large proportion of which was entirely spontaneous. While he did receive various assists from station assets, his own superb manner and the content of his message were what produced the fine local media reaction and what made the best impact on the Uruguayan public. Although he was guided from time to time by the station's KUCAGE mechanism, again it was his eye for the dramatic and extraordinary courage that produced the results. There is no doubt in anyone's mind but that Conte Aguero was the most effective of the Cuban exile visitors to have visited Montevideo thus far.</p> <p>3. Without appearing greedy, we would urge that the flow continue. The word of such people as CONTE Aguero and the recent exiled labor leaders does much to deflate the Communist/Socialist pro-Castro image and above all permits the Uruguayan public, who are no fools, to make up their own minds about Castro and Cuba. Certainly CONTE Aguero succeeded in shaming and humiliating the Communist-lining Uruguayan legislators who lacked the guts to face him in the Ateneo and further ridiculed them by daring to appear the next evening on their home ground (see ref C).</p> <p>4. CONTE's greatest achievement took place on the night of 17 March in the Plaza Independencia when he addressed a hushed audience of 5000. This was a far cry from the rowdy Communist clique of the previous night and the impressive turnout gave ample proof of the true sentiments of the Uruguayan public at large. Press comment the following day will be noted in the separate cover attachment.</p> <p>5. Station KUCAGE principal agent, ⁰²AVANT, reported that CONTE was well pleased with the results of his visit to Montevideo and grateful for the many opportunities he had to express himself on the subject of Fidel Castro and the distortion of the Cuban revolution.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">William C. HUBBARD</p> <p>Attachments: clippings u s c</p> <p>22 March 1961</p> <p>Distribution: 1 - WAVE 3 - Eqtz 2 - Files</p> <p>WCB/rkh</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2/BR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CS 007 261-278136</p>			
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