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TO INFO	Chief, WE Division	HEADQUARTERS FILE NO 201-259,716	
FROM	Miami (AMEMB)	DATE	5 August 1959
SUBJECT	QDCHEAR Escape	RE "OBT" - (CHECK "X" ONE)	
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<p>1. On 17 July 1959 ⁰²QDARBOR telephoned me that he had just been contacted by an individual named Dick O'CONNELL from Havana, who said that he had a message for QDARBOR from QDCHEAR. QDARBOR wanted to know: a) if I knew O'CONNELL; and b) what he should do about this telephone call. I told him I didn't know O'CONNELL but by all means to go and meet him to see what message he was carrying. I met with ⁰²QDARBOR and ⁰²QDALLM after QDARBOR had talked with O'CONNELL. O'CONNELL had identified himself as an associate of the Cummings Diesel Company, and a sometimes writer for the Havana Times. He also said that he was a member of the National CIC Association. O'CONNELL was carrying a message from QDCHEAR which is forwarded as a separate cover attachment. As will be seen, the message was addressed to Frank FIORINI and in view of FIORINI's background, it is fortunate that O'CONNELL was not able to find him. When he could not reach ⁰²QDALLM, who is mentioned in the message, O'CONNELL called ⁰²QDARBOR.</p> <p>2. ⁰²O'CONNELL informed ⁰²QDARBOR that should they wish to make contact with QDCHEAR it should be through Jorge and Virgilio WILHEA, who could be reached on telephone 3-4720 or 3-5703, Havana. O'CONNELL said also that having delivered this message he did not wish to have anything further to do with this matter.</p> <p>3. Both ⁰²QDARBOR and ⁰²QDALLM were able to identify positively that the signature was that of QDCHEAR. It then became a question of whether or not we wished to take any action to assist in the escape of QDCHEAR from Cuba. In a series of telephone exchanges with LEBANOW during the night of July 17-18, I was informed that we were going ahead with an attempt to effect the escape of QDCHEAR and it was agreed that it would be best for ⁰²QDALLM and ⁰²QDARBOR to proceed to Havana as quickly as possible and there to be placed in contact with members of the Havana Station to work out the next moves.</p> <p>4. ⁰²QDARBOR and ⁰²QDALLM departed Miami in the late afternoon of 13 July 1959. They returned to Miami on the evening of 19 July and reported that everything had gone very satisfactorily. The details of their contact with the Station and with QDCHEAR and the arrangements made with the Station for moving QDCHEAR are reported in correspondence from the Havana Station. Similarly, the announcement from Havana that QDCHEAR would depart Havana 25 July and arrive at Tampa 27 July, and the initial arrangements for moving QDCHEAR directly from Tampa to the Washington area are contained in cable traffic between Havana, and Washington.</p> <p>5. QDCHEAR arrived in Tampa on schedule aboard the SS ROAZAN and, in accordance with prior arrangements made with Mr. GALVEN of the IHS, Tampa, he was brought from the ship to the IHS offices. Based on the instructions that QDCHEAR was to be handed over immediately into my custody for transfer to the Washington area, IHS prepared a parole document in the name of ¹⁶⁻⁷JIMENEZ y Gomez which said only that he would appear for hearing at such time as the IHS called him. Meantime, Mr. Joseph BRANNIGAN, who had arrived in Tampa the previous day, was prepared to escort QDCHEAR to the Washington area aboard an Eastern Airlines flight on the afternoon of 27 July 1959.</p> <p>6. Upon completion of IHS documentation I took QDCHEAR to BRANNIGAN's room and left him in his care while I purchased clothing, toilet articles, a small suitcase, etc., for QDCHEAR. Shortly before their scheduled departure, however, a message was received through BRANNIGAN's channel that the decision to transfer QDCHEAR to the Washington area had been reversed and that he was to be held here in this area. We were also informed that Earl N. SADELLY and ^{Ben Evans} SADELLY and ^{Evans} arrived from Washington to Tampa to conduct an interrogation of QDCHEAR and to assist me in holding QDCHEAR until he could be surfaced. SADELLY and ^{Evans} arrived 23 July. Since BRANNIGAN's services were no longer required, he departed</p>			
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that same day for Washington. BRAUNIGAN's office might be notified that his assistance there was excellent. He was most willing and cooperative throughout and very effective in keeping QDCHAR at ease.

7. It was then agreed that SADELLY and *Evans* would remain in Tampa with QDCHAR through that night (28 July) during which time they would have ample opportunity for interrogation, that I would return to Miami immediately to prepare a safehouse and to make the necessary arrangements with I&NS and that SADELLY would bring QDCHAR to Miami on 29 July 1959.

8. On the morning of 29 July, I informed Mr. Edward AHRENS, I&NS Miami, what had taken place and that QDCHAR would remain in this area and I would make him available to him at any time that he wished. Mr. AHRENS said he would leave this entirely to me and would prepare to take the next steps in the I&NS handling of QDCHAR at my convenience. I also informed ODEWY and offered them the opportunity to meet with QDCHAR. They had not yet received any instructions from their Headquarters on this matter and felt that, since we had already conducted an interrogation, they could defer their meeting with QDCHAR until sometime when he could be more easily available, an attitude which was particularly appreciated at this time and in these circumstances.

9. I then prepared *02* CHALM's apartment, which fortunately he had left for my use, as the safehouse for QDCHAR and SADELLY, and notified SADELLY that he could proceed as planned on 29 July. They arrived in the evening of 29 July without incident and were settled *02* in CHALM's apartment.

10. Meanwhile I was informed that the Havana Station's plans for moving QDCHAR's family out of Cuba had hit a snag in that, in order to obtain a passport for the children to leave Cuba, a written statement from QDCHAR granting his permission would be required. The obvious problem here was the risk of confirming to the Cuban government that QDCHAR was in the US, which might result in blocking the family from leaving Cuba. At first it had been thought that this turn of events would alarm QDCHAR, but he accepted the news with complete calm, saying that he had expected this to happen. He also said he did not believe that his status with the Cuban government would cause them to prevent his family from leaving. In order to give this problem thorough consideration, however, it was thought best to have Stanley R ZAWKA, who was in contact with QDCHAR's wife and who had the complete information on the problem as it existed there, come to Miami for a discussion.

11. ZAWKA arrived on 30 July 1959 in the afternoon. He confirmed to us the problem as it had been previously outlined, and said that there seemed to be no escape from this requirement. ZAWKA also carried with him a letter to QDCHAR from his wife in which she stated in effect that she did not think there was any cause for great alarm and obviously shared QDCHAR's own opinion that the government would not act to prevent her and the children from leaving the country notwithstanding QDCHAR's status with the Cuban government. ZAWKA had also reported that QDCHAR's wife was very much at ease and did not seem to be very worried about this as a problem. QDCHAR was informed that this was a decision that he must make since the risks were his. It was rather quickly agreed that we should proceed with the preparation of a written statement giving permission for his wife to obtain the necessary documents to transport the children from Cuba at any time and to whatever country she wished which ZAWKA could take back with him.

12. Having reached this decision through which the Cuban government would be specifically put on notice that QDCHAR is in the US, there was no longer any necessity for holding him in the safehouse. I informed Mr. AHRENS immediately that QDCHAR would be presented to them the next day, 31 July 1959, whereupon he would assume a routine status. AHRENS was told that, although we had chosen to surface QDCHAR at this time, we still were anxious to avoid any publicity, that we had reason to believe the Cuban government has accused for quite a long time that QDCHAR was in the US, and that we would prefer that this impression be maintained. AHRENS fully appreciated this and offered very kindly not to make any statements whatsoever about QDCHAR, to issue his parole document in the same name of *JEROME y Gomez* rather than his true name, and placed the file in his own restricted files so that it could not be discussed by anyone in I&NS but himself.

13. There remained then only one problem which was to assist QDCHAR in learning the whereabouts of *DEBIAS*. He had with him only an address which he told me was

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<p>7951 30th Street, and that this was the address of the house which he had bought about three months ago with a \$2500 downpayment through a real estate agent named MONTREUX in Coral Gables. He said that he thought that Frank FICCHINI would be living in the house since he had asked him to look out for it for him and he hoped that FICCHINI was making the monthly payments on the mortgage. I told QDCHAR I would try to find out about the house, but since it appeared that FICCHINI might be living there, I didn't try very hard. A superficial check showed that there is no address of 7951 30th Street or Avenue in the northwest section and there is no real estate agent named MONTREUX listed as such. I was, however, very anxious to find QDBIAS because: a) I was anxious to re-establish contact with him; and b) I wanted to dramatize the delivery of QDCHAR to him. None of the US agencies who might normally be expected to know the whereabouts of such a person did in fact know where QDBIAS was. (Several of them who obviously read Drew Pearson's column said they thought he was in Texas). I reluctantly turned to Captain Lee NAPIER of the Miami Police Detective Force, who did know where he was and gave me the telephone and address and got word to QDBIAS that I was coming to see him. I found QDBIAS living with Ricardo de LORIE in a small house on the far end of Key Biscayne. When I arrived, QDBIAS did not show any particular enthusiasm over seeing me again, but his attitude changed abruptly when I informed him that I had gotten QDCHAR for him and would bring him out that evening.</p>		
<p>14. QDCHAR was taken to I&MS on the afternoon of 31 July where he was immediately given his hearing, which normally requires an interval of 3-4 days, and the whole process completed on that one visit. I also introduced him to an agent of ODEWY and they made their arrangements for interview for the morning of 3 August. (QDCHAR later reported to me that this interview had gone very well). His written permission for his wife to move the children was notarized by a clerk in ODEWY.</p>		
<p>15. I then took QDCHAR out to Key Biscayne to De LORIE's house and arrived to find the whole entourage (i.e., in addition to De LORIE and QDBIAS and their wives, De LORIE's children and a battery of "criados") was packed and ready to move. During my visit in the morning I had not spoken with De LORIE and maybe QDBIAS was too excited to mention this little matter of moving. In any case, De LORIE, who obviously is the brainiest of the group, informed me of the obvious thing--that they were moving--and readily offered me their new address. The address is 9315 SW 42nd Street, Miami 5, which De LORIE said "they" had just bought. (I will learn more about this later but maybe they used the \$2000 that QDBIAS got from his article which he incidentally proudly showed me. I had the impression that QDBIAS finds that publicity very heady stuff.) In any case, I spoke with the three of them together and briefly referred to my desire to continue contact with them and my feeling that we could work effectively together. This brought a nodding of heads and an apparent eagerness to do so. QDCHAR was instructed to inform me as soon as they obtain a telephone at this new address, which they didn't expect was going to be before 5 August. It is not possible to tell at this time what sort of cooperation we are going to get from this trio, but I think QDCHAR might be counted on to maintain contact. At a minimum he will be maintaining close contact so long as we are in the best position to help with his problem with his family.</p>		
<p>16. As quickly as possible I would like to have sent to me the material which SADELLY very competently developed with QDCHAR. It is my plan then to attempt to expand and refine this together with QDCHAR, QDBIAS, and De LORIE, after which it might be well to go over it with the personnel of the Havana Station to determine how these people might be best used and the best approach to reaching the targets that can be set up.</p>		
<p><i>Kamley</i> PATRICK I. MARRIAGE</p>		
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Frank, this is my good friend,
Dick O'Connell. He will get in touch
with Buyers and you in order to
come down here and pick me up.
Don't hesitate and trust in him. Get in touch
with Sergio to do the same thing he did
before. Your good friend Frank

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