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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact With Sr. Manuel Antonio DE VARONA
11 July 1961

1. In response to a call to Bender from VARONA, the undersigned called VARONA 11 July 1961 at the Roosevelt Hotel, Washington, D.C., Room 707, and in the course of the conversation VARONA brought up the following points:

- a. The problem of the magistrates.
- b. The problem of ERIGOYEN.
- c. The problem of three of the prisoners from the invasion force who are in the United States in connection with the tractor negotiations and who, Sr. VARONA stated, are "stranded" at the Marriott Hotel. VARONA would like \$1,000.00-\$1,500.00 to send these three men to New York and back to Miami in connection with their efforts.

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2. VARONA also referred to a plan to send three Cubans, including a labor leader, on an anti-CASTRO mission to Latin America at a cost of about \$6,500.00 for each person. He also referred to the reported promises of support for himself and his family, referring to [redacted], [redacted] and "Bender" as those who had guaranteed the claimed support. 03

3. VARONA's approach on the matters of the magistrates and ERIGOYEN was the same as that taken by MIRO.

4. Either through ARAGON or MIRO, or both, VARONA knows of a contact between the undersigned as Raymond S. Clark and MIRO and ARAGON.

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