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20 July 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH/SA/MOB

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : AMWEE/9's Use by AMWHIP/1 for Purchase of Cuban Pesos

1. In response to a request by the undersigned, AMWHIP/1 undertook to purchase up to 50,000 pesos at a rate of at least five-to-one. He reported last month that he had encountered some difficulty in making the purchase. (He was told not to feel discouraged as others had had the same experience.) At the 17 July meeting, AMWHIP/1 stated, in response to the question, that he would be getting a quantity of pesos from Cuba as soon as a friend of his exited Cuba in the near future. He revealed that this friend was AMWEE/9, and that he expected to come out to Mexico soon, perhaps later this month.

2. It is noted, for the record, that AMWEE/9 is a long-time friend of AMWHIP/1, whose friendship extends from the Batista era. In fact, it was, according to AMWHIP/1, through AMWEE/9 that he was able to bring out a considerable amount of money undetected by the authorities when AMWHIP/1 left Cuba for exile in New York. AMWHIP/1 has been in contact with AMWEE/9 periodically since that time. As far as the undersigned knows, however, this is the first occasion that AMWHIP/1 has used AMWEE/9 for any operational task on behalf of KUBARK.

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 [William F. Wainwright]  
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