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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: AMMUG/1 - Phone Call to Cuba

1. On today's date Mr. De Santi and I were told by AMMUG/1 that he had called Cuba from the apartment at 24 [redacted] on Wednesday night. As an excuse for having done so against our instructions to wait until Mr. Safely's return he started blaming the lack of help received from any of us in this matter. He called the DC operator and placed the call at 2030 on 11 August 1964 and contacted his wife at 2330 to 2340 hours.

2. AMMUG/1 denied having discussed his whereabouts and stated that the only thing discussed was the lack of regular mail to and from him and his wife. According to AMMUG/1 his wife told him that she had been ordered to vacate her quarters in Havana and that she had not been bothered by any Intelligence organization.

3. I set upon him and made clear to him his position in this country vis-a-vis ourselves. Rather seriously I made him admit that his actions had been done as those of an overgrown child rather than of an intelligent man and an intelligence agent. I told him that now the DSE and the DGI knew his exact whereabouts and that the strong possibility existed of his phone being tapped. When he asked how this could be I reminded him that the Cubans had eyes and ears here in the presence of the Czech Embassy, for one. (The latter statement was meant strictly to throw a scare into him.)

4. After he had admitted his foolishness I told him that any requests for further phone calls and or letters would be curtailed. That we would allow him to write his wife only. All other matters are to wait for Mr. Safely's return.

5. Re his impending trip to Madrid, he said that perhaps the trip should be suspended until he thought the time would be wise and then only by himself. I also set upon him at

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this point and made him understand that the proposed trip would be made when we said and as we said. This also he admitted was true. Another remark by him that if it were up to us his wife would not be able to leave Cuba for ten years was handled by me shockingly and answered by the remark that she would have been out yesterday.

6. Before we left AMNUG/1 he ^{11.2.1}remembered that he deserved the dressing down I had given him and that he would not sulk about it because in spite of everything he had done, he was not a child.

B. Hidalgo
WR/SA/CI

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