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8 September 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: AMWHIP/1 meetings, New York, 13 and 14 July 1962.

1. Meeting Times/Location. Subject was contacted by telephone by the undersigned in New York at 1330 on Friday, 13 July 1962, and arrangements were made to meet Subject the same day at 1700 in his office. Subject's office is located on the third floor of 31 West 47th Street, New York, in the firm of Corleta, Inc., manufacturers and wholesalers of jewelry. The meetings were held at this location on Friday from 1700 to 1930, and on Saturday from 1030 until 1215. The latter meeting was terminated with a luncheon in a nearby restaurant, which lasted until 1345. The account of both these meetings is condensed in the summary below.

2. Purpose of Meetings. Subject was contacted in New York for the purpose of establishing a direct relationship with a Headquarters C/O, determining the chances for another attempt at defecting AMLASH/1, and if encouraging, setting up arrangements with Subject for his trip to Helsinki to aid in the defection effort. It also provided an opportunity for the writer to make a preliminary assessment of Subject prior to working with him in Helsinki.

3. Travel and Financial Arrangements. Subject agreed to come to Helsinki and/or elsewhere, if necessary, to aid in defection attempt against AMLASH. He objected to an offer to meet his expenses in full but, as he later confessed, business not being what it was in Havana, agreed to accept the price of his ticket and all hotel expenses during the trip. Entertainment, outside meals, ops costs, etc, he would absorb himself. No salary or bonus was asked for nor offered. He will leave New York City in order to arrive in Helsinki about 29 or 30 July. He was advanced \$750.00 for ticket and travel expenses.

4. Contact Arrangements. For USA. Subject was given the undersigned's true name and home telephone number for contact in D. C. He can also reach us thru our cover number if an emergency dictates. For Helsinki. Subject was given the Embassy number there, and told to ask for William Thompson. He is to use his first name only. Additional arrangements will be made there after the initial contact. Security. No incidents of a security nature occurred. There were some employees and a jewelry contact (Cuban refugee) in the premises when we called. We were shown around the layout, but were not introduced to the others in the firm. Only a normal curiosity was displayed or evidenced on the countenances

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of the people present, and this was obviously of a passive nature. None approached the office where the discussions were held. Subject knew all those present (about four in number, the rest of the work force being on vacation) and assured us that they were all trusted employees. Should they ask any questions, which Subject felt was unlikely except thru possibly normal business curiosity, he would say that we were just a customer interested in pricing jewelry.

5. Items of interest.

A. AMLASH. Subject discussed at length the problems of talking to AMLASH, and about his general mental attitude today. The "complexes" of AMLASH, referred to in other previous correspondence, included guilt feelings about people he has killed in Havana and the necessity and validity of the act, and resolution of the problem of his wife, who, although they are separated, is still well-liked by AMLASH. AMLASH, it seems, married her out of obligation, and although he doesn't love her in the husband-wife sense, he admires her and is concerned for her welfare and happiness. The problems of the Cuban scene today also are pressing upon AMLASH, i.e., the sell-out of the revolution by Castro and the plight of the people. To interest AMLASH in defection, it will probably be necessary to agree to attempt to get the wife, child (2 year old female) and the mother out of Cuba.

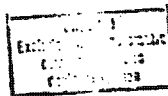
B. Commo Channel with AMLASH. When necessary to communicate securely with AMLASH, Subject has contact in Italian Embassy who takes letter into Cuba, gives personally to a cousin of Subject, who in turn gives it personally to AMLASH. In this manner several months ago, Subject stated he told AMLASH to try again to come out this summer (62) and they could meet in Europe for talks. In reply, AMLASH sent a post card post-marked Vienna 26 June. The postcard was mailed in an envelope. The message said that AMLASH hoped things didn't go as last year (no meeting) and that he would expect to Subject in Paris during the last half of August. This postcard and envelope are attached herewith.

C. Other Leads for Dissidents and Potential Defectors/Agents.

1.) Montreal. Roberto Echevarria. Secretary in Cuban Ottawa Mission (Economic). Informed Subject during his recent trip to Montreal that 6 new members had been assigned to the Cuban Economic Mission (Phone 738-8883) but not sure of functions or actual office in which they working. (Trace phone number for answer.) Echevarria, according to Subject, can probably be had. First, however, we must squash an old (1958) NYC police charge of stealing an auto. This was used by Echevarria and an accomplice to take another Cuban for a ride because he had taken money from Echevarria's group for guns in the fight against Batista, and then had not delivered. The victim was not hurt, according to Subject, as he escaped from the flat where he was held when the guards were asleep. If this charge is squashed, and Echevarria can get eventual assylum here, this would be big incentive for him vis-a-vis recruitment in place or defection according to Subject.

2.) Jose REVEILLON, might be possible to get in the future, says Subject.

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3.) Subject was not quizzed in depth on the leads as he lead us to believe that this information was already known by AMCONCERT/1, whom Subject had contacted in Miami.



Attachments:
Post Card & envelope

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