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21 September 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: AMWHIP/1 Meeting, 16 September 1964, New York City

1. Meeting/Time/Place/Purpose. This meeting was held in the offices of AMWHIP/1 from 1000 until 1130 and from 1230 until 1515. Lunch was taken at the office. It is noted that there was only a skeleton working-force in the workrooms and offices as the 16th was Yom Kipper. The purpose of the meeting was to identify one Alberto BLANCO Romariz, who had arrived on the scene in Madrid claiming to have a message from AMLASH/1, and to provide the necessary defensive briefing.

2. Details of Meeting.

a. Alberto BLANCO Romariz - Through a telephone call to AMLASH/2 in Madrid, AMWHIP/1 determined that BLANCO was in fact "El Loco Blanco", who was expected some time last Spring to bring out a message from AMLASH/1. This rested our minds somewhat as it had been thought that it was possible Alberto BLANCO Romariz might have been a DGI attempt to establish the fact beyond doubt that AMLASH/1 was in touch with KUBARK. AMWHIP/1 was instructed to proceed with caution in any discussions with BLANCO, and not to acknowledge the fact that he and AMLASH/1 were in fact in touch with KUBARK. This restriction could be changed if he was certain of BLANCO's bona fides and checked with the Station first. (See cable traffic in AMWHIP/1 and AMLASH/1 files.)



b. AMLASH/2 - A/2 is currently staying with Jose Luis GONZALEZ Gallerretia, Attache of Cuban Embassy, Madrid (telephone 273-9687. According to AMWHIP/1, GONZALEZ who was usually known by his matronymic Gallerretia, is anti-Communist, friendly to AMLASH/1, a friend of AMLASH/2's and who can be trusted to a reasonable degree (at least to the point of not willingly compromising AMLASH/1).

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Gallerretta is a friend of Odon ALVAREZ de la Campa, Counselor of the Cuban Embassy, Madrid. According to AMWHIP, ALVAREZ who was usually known by his first name Odon, is also anti-Communist or at least anti-regime, and can be trusted to the same degree as Gallerretta. AMWHIP stated that Odon had been a Communist for a number of years but during the past three he had turned against the regime as a result of what it had done to Cuba. AMWHIP stated he had heard that Odon had had this change of heart from many people.

c. Luis SOTO Andraca, Vice-Rector of the University of Havana. When queried, AMWHIP stated that he did not know SOTO, who was mentioned in the operational traffic from Madrid as being fully witting of AMLASH's plans (this according to statement by Roberto BLANCO in Madrid). AMWHIP stated he thought he knew a Luis SOTO but did not recall any details about the man, nor could he identify this man with the Subject Luis SOTO.

d. A Letter from Jose de Jesus JINJAUMA to Carlos ZARRAGA. The letter in question was received by ZARRAGA from JINJAUMA, stated that certain dissident and primarily DR types were ready to take action against Castro provided their personal safety and future means of subsistence were guaranteed. It named AMWHIP/1's friend Marcelo (Marzo) ARTIME Vega as the channel for transmittal of these guarantees. ZARRAGA, recalled, is a former JURE member who had recently resigned. The people involved in the letter, in addition to JINJAUMA, were identified as follows:

Captain (fnu) GIRON,
Luis FERNANDEZ de la Camara (member of Fidel's personal
body guard)

Guillermo (Billik) Garcia Riestra
AMLASH/1
Tony CASTELL
Faure CHOMON

In discussing the letter with AMWHIP/1, he stated that it was quite likely that this letter was legitimate and, while JINJAUMA might have asked for such guarantees, it was unlikely that AMLASH/1 would have himself required such guarantees. (C/O Comment: We report this as told to us by AMWHIP/1 but do feel that due to the closeness

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of AMWHIP/1 and AMLASH/1, AMWHIP/1 may be allowing AMLASH/1 the benefit of the doubt in this case.) AMWHIP/1 stated that he knew all of the people in the letter except Captain (fnu) GIRON. He stated that it had been quite likely for JINJAUMA to write to Gallerretta as they had been, as were all the others mentioned in the letter, had been members of the old UIR group which functioned as a counter-terrorist element against Batista's first regime circa 1944. AMWHIP/1 stated that, in fact, Fidel Castro himself had been a member of the UIR. AMWHIP further stated that there was no doubt in his mind that Fidel, knowing these men as he did, was well aware of their antagonism towards his regime. Other members of the UIR which AMWHIP/1 could recall were as follows:

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Marin DAPICO Antonio
Hermínio Diaz (friend of ALMEGEIRAS)
Laureano ALVAREZ (presently in N.Y.C., Tel: Ludlow 9-0209)

Armando CORREA (presently in Miami)
Jesus DIEGUEZ (presently in Miami)
two PARSONS brothers (presently in Miami -

Other data unknown)

ZARRAGA of course was also a member of the UIR. AMWHIP/1 stated that the most influential members of this group were or had been JINJAUMA, Fernandez de la CAMARA, Billikins, and possibly Marin DAPICO. AMWHIP/1 stated that these people were action types and were reasonably close-knit so far as their loyalty to each other and in turn the organization was concerned.

e. AMWHIP/1 was also asked to elicit from AMLASH/2 any information which the latter might have concerning Cuban officials with their hands "in the till" or otherwise knocking down on the Government, and/or putting money away in foreign banks.

3. Finances.

AMWHIP/1 was given a token gift of a box of 50 cigars in appreciation for the amount of time he freely devotes to KUBARK business. He reluctantly accepted the sum of \$500 against his ops expenses in the past and for the coming trip to Europe. It was thought, by the way that a \$1000 or more would have been

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a much more realistic figure to have given him. However, as he has always done in the past, he is reluctant to accept money for his services or for his expenses incurred on KUBARK's behalf. He did admit, however, that he would probably again be touched for a "loan" by AMLASH/2 and as he laughingly stated these "loans" will habitually *finish* forever. We also estimated that the various transoceanic phone calls he has made in his behalf, the expenses he will incur in entertaining AMLASH/2, Roberto BLANCO, UNSNAFU/19 and others will easily exceed the \$500 he has been advanced. A signed receipt was obtained.

4. Security

There were no incidents of a security nature to report as stated above. There were very few people in the offices due to the fact that today was Yom Kippur.

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