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TO	Chief, WE ATTN: C/WE/4		
PRO	Chief, KUDESK		
FROM	COS, [redacted] COS, JMWAVE		
FROM	Chief of Station, [redacted]		
SUBJECT	KEYWAY/PHRUMEN/MIAPRON/MHYIPER Meeting with Identity on 25 January 1965		
ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES			
REF: (OIRA) 39287, 22 January 1965			
<p>204 1. On 25 January 1965 Identity (of Reference) called BUNCE and requested an appointment for himself and the person identified as [redacted] 4855, 26 January 1965. Arrangements were made, instead, to meet IDENTITY alone that evening. He then provided the information forwarded in [redacted] 4855.</p> <p>2. Near the outset of the meeting BUNCE told Identity that he did not want to meet him in his (BUNCE'S) office or at Identity's place of employment, for reasons of both security and convenience. Future meetings will be held in either home.</p> <p>3. BUNCE next asked for further details on Identity's contact with Capo Commissario Bartolo BONITO (paragraph 7 of reference). Identity said that whenever a Cuban appears in the Partelli sector of Rome, BONITO phones to ask Identity if he knows the newcomer and whether he is pro- or anti-Communist. Identity was told to make no change in his relationship with BONITO but under no circumstances to mention BUNCE to BONITO.</p> <p>4. In respect to Identity's visa (paragraph 10 of Reference), Identity was cautioned not to make any mention at the Consulate of having been given advance information about probable favorable action in his case.</p> <p>5. In respect to Angel Ramiro ARANGO y Alsina (201-53702), Identity was asked for the name of the Cuban G-2 chief whom ARANGO had called from Rome (paragraph 8 of Reference). He replied that the person called is Ramiro VALDES. (BUNCE Comment: Undoubtedly Minister of Interior Ramiro VALDES Menendez, 201-265065.) ARANGO made the call from his home in the summer of 1963. ARANGO's mother, who lives with him, had a special exit permit, valid for six months, during which time the family property in Cuba was exempt from confiscation but at the end of which period she was expected to return to Cuba. She was ill, however, and ARANGO telephoned VALDES</p>			
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to get his mother's permit extended without the necessity of her returning to Cuba. VALDES granted the request. Identity added that ARANGO's mother now has a permanent extension of permission to live abroad and that the family property has not been confiscated. (BUNCE Comment: LAPOGO shows that on 20 January 1965 Elena ARANGO, the mother, telephoned the Embassy to the Consulate and was told that she could send someone to pick it up, along with her passport. The authorization was for three years and cost 14,240 lire. The passport was issued to Elena ARANGO on 30 October 1959.)

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6. Identity also provided the information forwarded in [redacted], 26 January 1965.

7. Identity next ⁰⁶ provided information about AMWHIP/2. He said that the Inu (IGLESIAS) who deals with AMWHIP/2 (see OIRA-37855, 7 August 1964, not to Madrid or JMWAVE) has now become a Communist. He said that "not too long ago" (IGLESIAS) visited AMWHIP/2 at his home. (BUNCE Comment: AMWHIP/2 has not told BUNCE about such a visit.) Identity was well-aware of the jewelry transactions in which AMWHIP/1 and AMWHIP/2 are engaged (see DIR-60438, 30 October 1964, not to [redacted] and showed his annoyance. He said that AMWHIP/2 is not really a Cuban. He also said that in the summer of 1964 AMWHIP/2 and wife were visited at their home by Osmani CIENFUEGOS, Minister of Public Works. (BUNCE Comment: No record here.) Asked if he suspected AMWHIP/2 of being pro-Communist or pro-Castro, Identity said no, that he considered him only pro-profit. "He is a business man," said Identity, "and because he is not really a Cuban, he cannot be expected to feel as we do about these matters." Despite this tolerant statement, however, Identity said that he now limits his verbal exchanges with AMWHIP/2 to good morning and good evening. He said that AMWHIP/2's wife seems pro-PBPRIME but talks too much. He added that when Chief of Staff Juan ALMEIDA Bosque became friendly with AMWHIP/2 and wife, the latter learned of underground construction going on near their home (they lived out of Havana) and now brags that she reported this to ODYOKE intelligent (BUNCE Comment: A recent letter to BUNCE from AMWHIP/2 says that he expected to be in Rome before 25 January 1965. When he arrives BUNCE intends to ask him for a full run-down on any and all Cubans now living in Cuba who have visited him in Switzerland.)

8. Identity said that American Express credit cards are presently available only to persons who have bank accounts in dollars. American Express is planning to open credit card offices in other countries and issue cards to holders of other currencies. Identity, who is not satisfied with his present salary, is being considered by American Express for the position of manager of the credit card business for Italy. If both sides come to terms, Identity will leave in March 1965 for two months training in the U.S. Upon returning to Italy he will be travelling busily for some time, setting up eight to ten credit card offices.

9. As this dispatch and reference show, Identity is a very promising potential asset. As soon as their relationship permits (probably during February 1965) we intend to formalize the recruitment and submit PRQ's. Unless contrary Headquarters instructions are received, we also intend to ask Identity what the difference is between his present salary and what American Express would pay him and offer to make it up (if it is not too great) on condition that he stay in Rome.

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