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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Inspector General  
VIA : Deputy Director for Operations  
SUBJECT : Questionable Activities

1. In 1960 the writer developed and recruited [redacted] (201-281382), a Cuban national and a ranking [redacted]
2. [redacted] requested an emergency meeting on 18 July 1960 to advise that he was the likely choice [redacted] to pick up Raul Castro Ruz and his official party. On 20 July [redacted] reported that the [redacted] was scheduled for 21 July and that he would definitely [redacted] Headquarters and appropriate field stations along the [redacted] were advised of the [redacted] schedule; requirements were requested.
3. On the morning of 21 July Headquarters sent a TOP SECRET RYBAT OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE cable [redacted] (21 July 1960) to the Havana Station advising that "possible removal of top three leaders is receiving serious consideration at Headquarters" and requested the Station at its option to contact [redacted] and determine his willingness to cooperate [redacted]. The cable said that Headquarters would be willing to offer a payment after successful completion of \$10,000.00 or a reasonable amount in excess of that.
4. [redacted] CCS Havana, instructed the writer to meet with [redacted] and make known our interests. The writer contacted [redacted] and arranged an emergency meeting which took place in [redacted] personal vehicle while driving to [redacted]. [redacted] said he would take a calculated risk but limited the possibilities which could [redacted]. At one point [redacted] asked for assurance that in event of his death the U.S. Government would see that his two sons were given a College education. This assurance was given orally. On returning to the Station the writer was advised that an [redacted] cable [redacted] (21 July 1960) had been received at the Station directing the Station to disregard the earlier instructions.
5. [redacted] was debriefed by the writer after his return from [redacted]. He reported that he had no opportunity to [redacted] such as we had discussed prior to his departure. I do not recall telling [redacted] that the original instructions had been changed and I am inclined to believe I made no reference to the new instructions which had been received [redacted]

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after [redacted]

6. [redacted] defected in early December 1960. I saw him once in early 1961 in Miami, Florida where he had taken up residence. I do not know if any other Station officers were knowledgeable of this incident although it is probable that [redacted] DCOS (now retired and living in the Washington area) may have read the pertinent cables.

[redacted]  
C/LA/Narcotics

Attached:

- (1) [redacted] 21 July 1960 TOP SECRET
- (2) [redacted] 21 July 1960 TOP SECRET
- (3) [redacted] 22 July 1960 SECRET

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