

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Date: 19 February 1963

TO : Chief, PM Branch

ATTN : Irving N. PEGGINS

FROM : Chief, FI Branch

CASE OFFICER: A.B. WELDRAKE *AW*

SUBJECT : Debriefing of AMLEO-3 on target personalities in AMTRUNK operation

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1. On 15 February 1963 the case officer was asked by Irving N. Peggins of the PM Branch to interview AMLEO-3 re certain AMTRUNK target personalities. These names were to be mixed into other groups or persons that are currently being discussed with AMLEO-3. On the night of 15 February AMLEO-3 was questioned re various individuals including the AMTRUNK targets. The following information was obtained from AMLEO-3 on the AMTRUNKS:

A. [redacted] - A-3 first heard of [redacted] when he was a Captain in the Rebel army serving with Rolando CUBELA in the Escambray area fighting against Batista. A-3 did not work directly with [redacted] during this period. After the Castro victory [redacted] returned to his studies in the University of Habana and became active in student affairs and [redacted]. While in this position he once invited A-3 to come to the University and give a talk to a student group which A-3 did. A-3 does not believe [redacted] is a Communist, but he should definitely be considered a pro "Fidelista". [redacted] graduated from the University in October of 1962, was still in Habana when A-3 left, but A-3 is not knowledgeable of REVELLON's current activities in Cuba since his graduation. A-3 does not consider him to be very important in Cuban official circles.

B. [redacted] - A-3 does not know this individual.

C. [redacted] - AMLEO-3 knows quite a bit about this individual although he does not consider him to be a personal friend. A-3 stated that [DUARTE] was once arrested in Maroneck, N.J. for arms smuggling for anti-Batista groups in the early 1950's (he does not remember what year), but because of his war record and U.S. citizenship he was able to talk himself out of a jail sentence. He was later involved in a very shady deal somewhere in the SW United States (Texas) involving anti-Batista groups collecting funds for their work. One Candido De La Torre was involved and some \$200,000.00 disappeared somewhere in the deal. This occurred sometime in 1955 or 1956. (A-3 is not sure of the date but the case was given wide publicity in the U.S. press.) In January 1959 [redacted] showed up in Havana at the time of the Castro victory and before Castro came into Habana, [redacted] commissioned himself [redacted] and appointed himself [redacted] district of Habana. On the arrival of Camillo CIENFUEGOS in Habana, [redacted] from his self appointed post. [redacted] apparently had [redacted] the Rebel army in

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the hills and had no claim to such rank or position. [redacted] was later given a job in the "Banco de Seguros Sociales" (A-3 not sure of job or the exact name of the bank) where he worked for a short time until he became involved in some trouble involving funds at the bank, and as a result was fired from this position. The word went out that he was not ever again to hold any official position in the Cuban government. [redacted] was or still is an American citizen since he was in the U.S. armed forces during WW II. He was very active in the American veterans groups in Habana in the late 1940's. A-3 considers him to be a political opportunist with no real political beliefs, but not a Communist. He speaks perfect English and Spanish. A-3 considers [redacted] to be a perfect "con" man type who has a winning personality, could convince a person of anything after a 15 minute conversation, is a tremendous bluff, but who can be extremely convincing when arguing a point. He is an over perfect dresser, never wearing clothes or ties with mismatched colors, and is always 'correct' in dress. A-3 feels that [redacted] could never be trusted in anything involving money or opportunities for personal gain on his part. He once worked for a lawyer named [redacted] in Habana in 1945. A-3 last saw him in mid 1962 at a bar in Habana, but has no idea what he is doing now, or where he works.

D. Commandante Ramon GUIN - Commandante Ramon GUIN is a neighbor of A-3's in Wajay, Habana province and lives some 200 yards down the road from A-3's home in Wajay. The AMLEOs and the GUINS were and are personal friends and got together socially from time to time but were not extremely close. GUIN is about 37 or 38 years of age, is married, and has two sons about 1½ and 3 years of age. A-3 believes that GUIN is definitely anti-Communist but probably still pro "Fidel". His wife is Anti-Communist and anti-Fidel. GUIN is an agronomist and the manager of a large GOC farm called "Unidad" located at "Guira de Melena", near San Antonio air base in Habana Province. A-3 believes that GUIN's life is the farm, and that he has little other contact or access to people in high government office, although A-3 is not positive of this. A-3 considers GUIN to be a good friend, a good person, a family man, and one who kept his hands clean in the aftermath of the Castro victory not participating in "war crimes" trials, persecutions, and had no contact with the G-2. GUIN served with A-3 in the hills in the group of Camillo CIENFUEGOS and is a 'combat buddy'.

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