

25 July 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Manuel Artime

1. Artime was an INRA official in the Castro regime on 1959 but broke with it in late 1959 or early 1960 over a communist issue and was exfiltrated by CIA. He was the political representative for Brigade 2506 and was captured during the Bay of Pigs. He was sentenced to be executed but this was later commuted by Castro to life imprisonment. In 1962 Artime was released to the U.S. as part of a prisoner exchange.

2. From June 1963 through April 1965 Artime conducted paramilitary operations (Project AMWORLD) against Cuba under the political banner of his exiled group, Movimiento de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MRR). The Project expenses during this period were approximately \$7 million. The support was terminated effective 1 May 1965 but support for political operations was restored in June 1965 at the rate of \$15,000 per month. This was scaled down to \$5,000 a month in September 1965, to \$3,000 a month in June 1966, and terminated on 31 December 1966. Artime accepted this termination gracefully in a meeting on 13 January 1967. That ended the formal operational relationship with Artime, although he maintained informal contact with CIA, most recently with Robert Shaw when Shaw was [redacted]

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