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ATTN: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division
Mr. [redacted] Security Officer
Director of Security

7 August 1964

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 5 August 1964, concerning loss of U. S. Citizenship of the subject.

2. It is the opinion of this Staff that at this late date subject has no recourse to overturn the Department of State's ruling that he lost his U. S. Citizenship by his accepting employment in the Cuban Government. To protect the U. S. Citizenship of an individual who engages in activities which would normally expatriate himself requires prior agreement between this Agency and the Department of State. This was not done in subject's case. Then, too, subject, by his application for and acceptance of an immigration visa to enter the U. S. as a permanent resident alien, is in effect, an admission by him of loss of his previous U. S. Citizenship.

3. As a permanent resident alien he must await the expiration of five years residence before he can petition for naturalization unless a private bill were introduced to waive the residence requirement.

4. It is believed that a review of subject's file at the Department of State would not reveal any information which would change subject's status.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY:

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Chief, Alien Affairs Staff

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