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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: AMSPAS/1 Trip to Washington D.C., 21, 22, 23 March 1961.

Reservations were made at the Carrilcn House, 2500 Wisconsin Ave., FE 7-1400, for a furnished efficiency - (\$9.50 per day single) for Subject beginning early Tuesday morning. \$100 was wired to Subj on 20 March for travel and expenses - she was "down to pennies". (The money was sent "Will Call" to Western Union 647 Madison Ave.

Subj was contacted Tuesday AM in Rm 551, and given a long list of suggestions for the JMOGEE Operation, with a request to give us detailed sketches of as many as she could. She was provided with a portable typewriter and supplies.

Subj had brought along additional data on AREVALO and OSEGUEDA, as well as other items on her trip to Caracas. She also had tapes of her interviews with students. This material was subsequently shown to Mr. [redacted] WH/1 Chief, who had evidenced an interest in AREVALO. The material was also shown to Chief, WH/CA, Paul OBERST, who had previously requested material she had provided on AREVALO and his book.

Subject was also provided with copies of Bohemia, Revolucion, Avance, Bohemia Libre and El Mundo. Subj is quite emphatic on the harm done to our cause by the adverse propaganda put out by our country. She has maintained for some months, that in part CASTRO's march into the Communist camp was encouraged by our general propaganda campaign. Her contention is that the Cubans already know there are open sewers and garbage in the back yard, and that our constant dunning of this fact into the ears and eyes of the Cubans is simply rubbing salt into wounds. It is destructive rather than constructive propaganda.

By way of illustration, she laid out side by side Revolucion, Bohemia, and Bohemia Libre. Even without studying the context of the articles, the visual examples were obvious. One of her points: that even illiterates would get a message from the human interest photography of Revolucion and Bohemia, while Bohemia Libre used primarily "mug" shots. (Judging by the examples she showed me, she had a point.)

Subj has been asked by William S. BARNES, Law Prof at Harvard, to work with him and Horacio SODOY, Argentine law student at Yale, on one of several projects he is undertaking in connection with the L.A.States. These include a proposed tax reform plan for certain L.A.States. She will get further details from BARNES when she visits Cambridge on Friday, 24 March. BARNES also asked her if she would like to work on one of his projects in Washington, D.C. for OAS - she is being discouraged from accepting this position.

Subj was advised that since she had been unable to return to Cuba, the conditions of her proposed contract were invalid. She was informed, however, that we were attempting to arrive at a fair arrangement for paying her - that in the interim we would pay all expenses involved in her travel and activities performed at our direction - in addition we give her occasional spot payments for information received. A monthly retainer was discussed with [redacted] - approximately \$50.00 a month - since she has no constant source of income. However, since she will be on a salary with BARNES, it would appear advisable to hold this amount against her future needs.

Jean Pierson
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