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12 April 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security
ATTENTION : Alien Affairs Staff
SUBJECT : Vladimir RODRIGUEZ Lahera - Admission to the U.S.
of Wife and Two Minor Children

1. Subject is a former staff employee of the Cuban Intelligence Service who defected to the free world in Ottawa, Canada on 21 April 1964. Subject had been planning his defection for some time and accordingly he brought with him a large amount of classified material which he delivered to this Agency. As a result of his defection the Agency was the recipient of extremely valuable information on the Cuban Intelligence Services both in Cuba and in the Western Hemisphere. Since April 1964 Subject has continued to be of high value to the Agency and continues to assist us in every way possible.

2. It has now been learned that Subject's family (Wife and two minor children by her first marriage) are expected to depart Cuba for Mexico on 14 April 1965. In view of the imminent arrival of Subject's dependents it is requested that entry be arranged for the family in an expeditious a manner as possible. While normal entry can be achieved under section 212(D)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality act it is felt that due to involvement with the Department of State and the requirement of National Agency Checks, the admission to the U.S. of Subject's family might be delayed.

3. The expeditious, rather than routine, handling of the visas of Subject's family is of importance for Subject's morale and because Subject, himself, should spend a minimum of time in Mexico for security and operational reasons. Further, his proximate operational use is anticipated and any delays in arranging for entry of his dependents could result in the delay or cancellation of planned operational activities.

4. It is, therefore, requested that Alien Affairs Staff arrange with Immigration and Naturalization Service for the prompt admission into the U.S. of Subject's family once they arrive in Mexico City.

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