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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WID

SUBJECT : Material for possible Use in Discussion with Mr. Pawley

1. The following are excerpts from a memorandum of conversation between Thomas J. Flores and Jack Gillespie, dated 16 December 1959:

Francisco C. CAJIGAS told GILLESPIE on 15 December that William PAWLEY was back in Washington; that Generalissimo TRUJILLO had told him (CAJIGAS) that PAWLEY had promised that he would have information on the U. S. official position on the Cuban matter within three days; that an important person from the Dominican Republic would go to the United States on 15 December to meet with PAWLEY on 15 to 16 December; and that he (TRUJILLO) would hold the PEDRAZA forces until the United States' position was known. On 16 December GILLESPIE said that he had received a call from Emilio NUNEZ Portuondo the night before and NUNEZ said he had just seen PAWLEY, after the latter had dined with Vice President NIXON. According to NUNEZ, PAWLEY claimed that he was to meet with the DCI at 6:00 on 16 December. NUNEZ also said that TRUJILLO would not allow the revolutionary army to leave the Dominican Republic without the approval of the United States Government.

Comment: NUNEZ, CAJIGAS, and GILLESPIE are known to dislike and/or distrust PAWLEY. PAWLEY's recent break with NUNEZ is well known. CAJIGAS says he fears and dislikes PAWLEY because of some earlier transactions in Cuba in which both were involved; he fears PAWLEY's support of TRUJILLO which might involve some future commitments; and considers PAWLEY "a meddler" who does more harm than good to the Cuban cause. GILLESPIE has expressed personal distrust of PAWLEY and said he had discussed PAWLEY with H. Graham Morison, former Assistant Attorney General now a prominent Washington attorney; MORISON spoke adversely of PAWLEY, whom he characterized as a great opportunist. GILLESPIE considers CAJIGAS a "great gentleman" and has urged that someone in CIA talk to him. Bernard REICHHARDT is also favorably impressed by CAJIGAS and has described him as one of the most objective and responsible Cubans he has talked to in Miami.

2. Recently the FBI reported (the DEF is being circulated and is not readily available) that PAWLEY had been meeting with several Cuban exiles at the Mayflower Hotel and on leaving the meeting he told them he was going to meet with Allen Dulles and Richard Nixon. Comment: This DEF also said that PAWLEY had been known to compare TRUJILLO with Abraham Lincoln.

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Comment: There have been other FBI reports concerning Mr. Pawley's carelessness in conversation with Cubans, which would reveal his covert connection with CIA. However, the above is the only information readily available on this specific subject.

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