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Contact Reports -- Meetings with ~~LITAMIL-9~~

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There are attached two contact reports covering meetings with

~~LITAMIL-9~~ on 16 and 27 November 1963.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meetings with (LITAMIL-9), 23 and 27 November 1963

1. On the night of 23 November L-9 contacted Barker by phone and a meeting was held from 2130 to 2230 hours. (L-9's) reason for making the contact was to express his condolences for the recent assassination of President Kennedy. It was clear that L-9 was badly shaken up by this happening -- when he spoke of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy his eyes clouded up with tears.

2. (L-9) was asked if he had ever seen Oswald. -- no. Had he ever heard that Oswald visited the Cuban Embassy in Mexico -- no. Did he know anyone in the Cuban Embassy that knew Oswald or knew anything about him -- no. (At this time Silvia Duran was in the hands of the Mexican police but (L-9) was obviously unaware of her detention). Asked what the reaction of those inside the Embassy was to the news of the President's death, (L-9) said that he had heard very little talk about it, that the Saturday morning staff meeting was a short, perfunctory affair, but that just about everyone seemed to be truly shocked. He had heard no one expressing pleasure about the killing. He said that this reinforced his belief that once Fidel Castro falls, the Cuban people, even many of those who are now classified as Patria o Muerte types, will quickly show themselves to be essentially good people and essentially US-oriented.

3. (L-9) was asked to report on the aftermath of his conversation with [redacted] about the phone call (L-9) had received from AMLEO-3 and which, in the interests of security, it was decided, with HQS and JMWAVE assent, that (L-9) should report [redacted] (L-9) said that this went very smoothly -- that [redacted] apparently did not recognize AMLEO-3 when he was mentioned -- (L-9) merely stated that he had received a call from Captain (Surname), that the Captain wanted (L-9) to come to see him at the Del Prado, that (L-9) felt that this was somewhat suspicious and told the Captain that if he wanted to see (L-9) he should come to (L-9)'s home. [redacted] told (L-9) that he had done the right thing -- that he should not go out making mysterious meetings with people in hotels. (L-9) did not press the point but he believed that Armas thought that the captain mentioned was [redacted] Anyway, his skirts are clean should the question ever come up of his having been contacted by A-3 -- he reported the contact [redacted] (L-9) remarked afterwards that he really hated to brush off A-3 as the two families were very close in Cuba.

4. Another meeting was held from 2100 to 2245 on 27 November. By this time the arrest of Silvia Duran was public knowledge and (L-9) made it his first topic for discussion. He said that Silvia was back in the Embassy on Monday the 25th and said that she had been held for 6 hours by the Federal Police. She seemed to be quite pleased with her performance -- said she kept reminding the police that Mexico is a free country and that the constitution guaranteed her freedom from such persecution. To this the police just laughed and said that the constitution wouldn't do her much good in jail, she had better cooperate if she wanted to get out. She freely admitted that she had seen Oswald in the Consulate, that he came looking for a visa but that Cuba had answered the request (this seems like fast comms) to the effect that Oswald could not be issued a transit visa en route to the USSR unless and

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until he received a USSR visa. She said that the cops had threatened her with extradition to the US (seems unlikely) whereupon she said she would be glad to go to the US to face Oswald. She said that complaints would be made to President LOPEZ Mateos through Enrique RAMIREZ. (L-9 does not know who RAMIREZ is or what his access to LM is) Silvia said that she was quite surprised that word of her arrest was relayed to Raul APARICIO Nogales so fast by (fnu) TREJO who flashed the word by 2300 hours 23 Nov. At this point Teresa PROENZA, one of the crowd listening to Silvia tell her tale, ordered her nephew to leave -- said, "we don't want you around here." All in all, Silvia thought she did a good job of standing up to the police. (L-9) repeated, as he has done before, that she is a very intelligent, quick-witted girl. She did not appear to have been roughed up in any way or to have suffered from her "ordeal."

5. (L-9) had nothing more to offer on the Kennedy assassination -- was again shown a photo of Oswald -- never saw the man. He said that there is not much talk around the Embassy about the killing -- perhaps because no one is expected to approve of such a thing yet at the same time no one wants to make too much fuss about it for fear of being suspected as pro-American.

6. (L-9) reported on other matters as follows:

- a. The Counselor of the Soviet Embassy (no name given) came to the Cuban Embassy at about 1045 Monday 25 November. He spoke with Dra. Margot MACHADO. The Ambassador was not present at the time. *done in field*
- b. Ing. Jorge TAMAYO was in the Embassy on Monday 25 November. He remarked that he had been to see DIAZ Ordaz some time ago about getting a permit to send his son to Cuba to see the heart specialist Dr. Enrique CABRERA. (T's son suffers from some heart ailment). DIAZ Ordaz questioned T closely about the projected trip (this was while DO was Minister of Government) and T took advantage of the occasion to complain to DO that people from the procuraduria had confiscated some medical slides from a Cuban heart specialist at the airport. (L-9 was the person who eventually recovered these slides). According to T, DO was somewhat upset, said that the procuraduria people had no business doing this, and saw to it that the slides were returned. (T said that DO mentioned L-9 by name, telling T that he would see to it that an order was issued for the slides to be turned over to L-9. T passed word around the Cuban Embassy that everyone should be very careful to speak only the best of DO who might prove to be a useful friend.
- c. A meeting a Consular officers from all Cuban Consulates was held on Tuesday. (L-9) does not know what went on at this meeting.

7. (L-9) was paid 12,000 pesos -- 4,000 each for the months of Nov and Dec plus 4,000 year-end bonus. He was told that the C/O would be out of town during most of December and he reiterated his desire to have the operation put on ice during the interim -- he is not anxious to be "exposed" to any more people. Arrangements were made for an emergency commo channel to him in case it might become necessary for us to contact him during the C/O's absence. Details on next page.

8. (L-9) asked B to buy him some [redacted] in the US -- said that the Mexican product is inferior. Will do. (L-9) is doing a lot more [redacted] these days. He is now putting the finishing touches on an [redacted]

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9. He was asked for additional detail on Luisa Calderon -- had little to offer except to report that Luisa had recently moved. He believed that she had been living with the MAGUADO's and Peregrina ALONSO but found that this was a bit confining and had moved "about ten days or two weeks ago" to live with a Mexican family. (L-9) believes that her mother returned to Cuba some time ago. Her, Luisa's, new phone is 30 - 62 - 65. She "talks like a Communist," and speaks English -- (L-9) thinks she has been in Miami, Florida -- does not know when. He says she is "muy mona" -- very pretty. She is about 24 years old.

10. The commo arrangements set up with (L-9) were as follows:

Signal: Someone will phone (L-9)'s apartment at 0800 hours and will use the word "alfombra" -- rug -- perhaps saying, we will be buy to pick up the rug you want cleaned -- something in this order that uses the word ALFOMBRA. (L-9) will reply, "You must have the wrong number."

Meeting: The night of that same day and on subsequent days until contact is effected (L-9) will go to a public phone booth at the corner of Reforma and Avenida Monte Alti (Lomas) at 2000 hours -- 8:00 p.m. He will be approached by an American who will have in his possession and clearly visible a copy of TIME magazine and a pack of FILTRON cigarettes. No verbal signals were laid on. (L-9) can be readily identified from photos on file.

Note: There is a bookstore -- the one with the huge red lighted sign L I B R E R I A about a half a block up Reforma (up hill) from this phone booth -- (L-9) as a confirmed bookworm can lounge around here, browsing until 2000 hours. (L-9) is punctual -- always on time.

Person making call to (L-9)'s apartment should speak excellent Spanish and should keep the conversation short. DO NOT ASK FOR (L-9) by name -- he is going to say it is a wrong number. He lives alone and is always home at 0900 hours.

The contact point (phone booth) is on the right side going up Reforma -- beyond Petroleos monument -- a short distance beyond the Chalupas restaurant.

11. (L-9) turned over some Havana newspapers which will be forwarded to JMWAVE.

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