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REFERENCE: (A) HMMA-31916 dated 27 April 1967

(B) HMMA-31933 dated 3 May 1967

1. Forwarded herewith are two reports dated 5th April and 8th May 1967, dealing with the activities of LIRING-3. Although LIRING-3 and his wife moved back to their old apartment on Tacubaya in early May, LIRING-3 uses the apartment covered by LIFEAT for "business" purposes. LIRING-4 apparently felt that the apartment covered by LIFEAT was much above what they can really afford and was afraid that the local Cubans might ask questions in this connection. LIRING-4's father, incidentally, finally succeeded in getting a Mexican entry visa and is coming to Mexico City in the near future to spend two or three weeks with his daughter.

2. The attached report dated 8 May indicates that LIRING-3 may have found another local channel to the Guatemalan FAR guerrillas. Station traces on Silvia Gonzalez Marin and Raul Moreno were negative. According to the Station files, a Sergio Valdez (who in late 1965 lived at No 54 Calle Luz... continued

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Savignou, Apt. 1, Colonia del Valle, Mexico City) worked for the "Revista Rufaga" and was a contact of Gerard Pierre Charles, a Haitian Communist residing in Mexico City, well known to this Station. Station files also contain references to a Sergio Valdez (who may or may "not be identical with the previous one) who, in September 1964 was an officer of the National Committee of the SMACP, Mexican Society of Friendship with People's China.

3. This Station will do its best to further identify the Sergio Valdez mentioned by LIRNG-3 to determine whether he is identical with the man by the same name who contacts Gerard Pierre Charles. We will also try to identify the alleged FAR representative with whom Raul Moreno is in contact. Any information Headquarters can dig up on Valdez and Moreno would be appreciated.

[Signature]

for/Millard C. CURTIS

1. In reviewing the traffic for the period indicated Rowton found valuable confirmation of LIRING/3 and LIRING/4 contact with Ramiro Abreu, indicating that both persons complied with Rowton's suggestions. LIRING/3's telephonic contacts with Enrique Morales in Guatemala City confirmed reports given to him (Rowton) before and after the event. The only item not reported to Rowton by LIRING/3 is a dinner engagement which Enrique Morales had in Guatemala City on 25/4/67 with 'friends' of Morales' wife, Esperanza. SAN-10 (17.5) also reveals that LIRING/3 and Morales are engaged in some sort of deal for the purchase of purses or briefcases (bolsas) either in Guatemala or San Cristóbal for resale in Mexico City or import into the U.S. at a higher price. (LIRING/3 mentioned the opportunities in this line to Rowton previously, but Rowton did not react favorably).

2. The following are Rowton's comments on specific portions of the take which will serve to clarify them in relationship to reports made to him by LIRING/3 and LIRING/4:

LIRING/4 Contacts with Ramiro Abreu: On 22/4/67, shortly after Rowton suggested that LIRING/4 recontact Abreu and attempt to effect through him a reconciliation with the local mission, LIRING/4 telephoned the Embassy and attempted to reach Abreu. From the content and tone of her questions and remarks, it appears obvious that LIRING/4 has not had recent contact with the Cuban mission. She asks when Abreu is leaving for Havana, but is given no information. She tries again at about 1900 and 2000, but there is no answer. She finally gets through to Abreu on 14-13-26 who promises to come to her home between 1000 and 1100 the following day (23/4/67). She has to give Abreu the address, indicating that he is not familiar with the home address of LIRING/3 or/2. SAN-10 (5.0.8.2.12.2) reveal that Abreu called or talked to LIRING/4 on the telephone three times on 24/4/67. LIRING/4 makes reference to "so much analysis, so many theories and ideas" which apparently were discussed between her and Abreu at their 23/4/67 conversation. Her remarks made both by LIRING/4 and Abreu indicate that Abreu is, or was, at least in words appears to have encouraged him. These contacts were reported to Rowton
in substance by LIRING/3, although Rowton has not as yet had a chance
to talk directly with LIRING/4 to get her version of the conversations
with Abreu. Apparently in order to put Abreu off (in his amorous de-
signs) LIRING/4 tells him on 25/4/67 that her husband suspects that
something is going on between them. In reply to Abreu's anxious ques-
tioning, LIRING/4 states that her husband asked her whether she liked
Abreu and whether Abreu like her, to which she said that she replied in
the affirmative (this apparently was calculated to cool Abreu off
without alienating him). Abreu's visit to the apartment and his pro-
posed luncheon date with LIRING/3 were confirmed by the latter in his

Conversations Re the Birth Certificate: In SAN-10 (2.5) LIRING/3 asks
his Guatemalan friend (Jacobo Rodriguez Padilla?) whether it matters if
the birth certificate is for a person 10 years older? Jacobo replied
in the negative, but would prefer it of a person ten years younger.LI-
RING/3 promises to have the birth certificate in his possession by
25-26/4/67. This is the first confirmation Rowton has had of a state-
ment made to him some two weeks previously that when he went to pick up
the (false) birth certificate at Registro Civil on instructions of his
half-brother (and the lawyer Rolando Riojas) he discovered that it was
for a person born in 1916 and hence useless for himself. LIRING/3 also
reported to Rowton that Jacobo had contacted him recently and asked for
help in obtaining false papers for himself. The above conversation
therefore would indicate that LIRING/3 plans to give Jacobo the false
document originally procured for himself through his half-brother. LI-
RING/3, however, has not revealed this plan to Rowton.

SAN-11 (16.0) reveals that LIRING/3 informed his brother two days later
that he has spent over ten days at Registro Civil but it is "impossible
to get the birth certificate. The book no longer exists." He adds that
he has written his half-brother a letter explaining everything. LIRING/3
reported to Rowton that he had asked his half-brother to obtain an
"acta notarial" in lieu of birth certificate and hoped to have the docu-
ment soon.

Wallace B Rowton
Subject: Wallis & Rowton Meeting with LIRING/3.

1. Rowton met with LIRING/3 at the safehouse at 1800 on 4 May, 1967. LIRING/3 reported that he had been working with the Secretariat of Commerce and Industry to obtain the license for the importation of the plastic flowers and that he had told Enrique Morales Guerra to stand by until the formalities of the license were completed. He added that as a matter of fact he had not made any commitment to Morales and did not feel under any obligation to continue to use him, even in the flower business, especially if Rowton had any further reservations about him.

2. Regarding his friend Sergio González Marin of the Secretariat of Commerce and Industry, LIRING/3 commented that, as he had reported previously to Rowton, the latter had formerly been a member of the Communist Party of Mexico, but was no longer active. LIRING/3 added that his sister, however, Silvia Consuelo Marin, was a very active member of the Party and married to a Raúl Moreno, who was also most probably a member of the Communist Party. LIRING/3 continued that both Raúl Moreno and Silva and himself (LIRING/3) had a mutual friend Sergio Valdez who had excellent contacts in extreme leftist circles. LIRING/3 added that Sergio Valdez was the son of the Siempre correspondent and associate of Alberto Domingo, as well as Licio Galán. According to LIRING/3, Sergio Valdez is not a formal party member and still a student of art at the University. LIRING/3 stated that he knew him fairly well since he had been one of his (LIRING/3's) students for several years. LIRING/3 added that Sergio Valdez' telephone number is 20-90-40, ext. 12.

3. In addition to the above, LIRING/3 recounted that about 2 May, 1967, in a conversation with Raúl Moreno, he had learned that Moreno is friendly with the FAR responsible for Propaganda at the National University. LIRING/3 commented that such a person would surely know "Garcia" of FAR, and that therefore he planned to arrange a meeting with him through Raúl Moreno at the first opportunity.

4. In preparation for a possible LCFLUTTER examination of LIRING/3 on 9 or 10 May, Rowton stated to him at the end of the meeting that he was preparing a number of questions that still bothered him so that LIRING/3 could give a definitive reply that would close the matter for once and all. LIRING/3 replied that he was anxious to answer any questions Rowton might have and hoped that this would resolve any problem and dispel any lingering doubts that Rowton might still have concerning his bona fides.