MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DIAZ Lanz and Company

9 September 1939

1. As the result of the report from Reichhardt on the morning of 7 August concerning the plans of the two DIAZ Lanz and de la Leon, discussions were held with WH/3/Carib (Reynolds), C/WH/3, and Acting Chief, WH to determine our position in this matter. At Gomez' (AC/wh) direction I called Reichhardt and gave him the following instruction at 1630 hours:

"As evidenced by our aid to Marcos DIAZ, we are willing to help those persecuted in Cuba and are trying by diplomatic means to see that human and political rights are respected in Cuba. We cannot therefore support revolutionary movements aimed at overthrowing a government with which we have correct relations. Nevertheless we want to be kept informed of your activities and any information given us will be limited to our own use. Should you be interested in attacking Communists in Cuba, by means of propaganda, we may be able to find you some assistance."

2. Reichhardt accepted the statement and said he would see the three Cubans that evening and pass them the word. He commented that they are determined to go on their own if necessary and might go off half cocked.

[Signature]

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