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SUBJECT Award for <sup>04</sup>(Salie Americo Rodriguez)

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 3 which requires approval by the DIRECTOR.

2. Mr. <sup>04</sup>(Salie Americo Rodriguez) a contract agent since April 1960, was initially employed by Havana Station to act as a cut-out between the Stat C.O. and two principal agents. Demonstrating above average capabilities, Mr. <sup>04</sup>(Rodriguez) was given additional responsibilities and was made principal agent for a staybehind net. With the closing of Havana Station, he willingly remained in Cuba to insure the continuation of the net's collection efforts. Though constantly harassed and subject to arrest by the Cuban G-2 (he was brought in for questioning on four occasions) Mr. <sup>04</sup>(Rodriguez) remained in Cuba until June 1961 and did an outstanding job in assisting <sup>handling and</sup> in the reorganization of the Staybehind net.

3. We consider his bravery, dedication to duty and loyalty to our cause exceptional and it is recommended that he receive an award or decoration for his meritorious conduct.

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