20 July 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Mitchell Wer Bell

1. Subject phoned from Miami at 1550 20 July. He reported that Batista is going to try again to come to the United States illegally. He will try to get through the Netherlands. He said he has received a visa from the Netherlands. I told him we would not help him if he entered the United States illegally.

2. He said that he is still in Florida waiting for the right time to go to the Dominican Republic. He said that he would like to go on our behalf so that we would pick up the bill for his personal expenses. I explained that we had no control over the length of time it takes to gain clearances and it could take any where from 2 days to 6 months, and that I did not want him to change his personal plans because of waiting for a clearance from us. I told him that I did not want to influence him one way or the other about not going to the Dominican Republic but wanted him to understand what the situation is.

3. Subject asked if we had had anybody try to contact him. I said no. He said that a man named Burgess, whom he does not know, has been trying to call him but that no contact has been made because they keep missing each other.

[Signature]

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Copy teletype to J. P. Lawrence, CIA/AD.

Copy, for C. I. A. field office, 1630, 20 July.