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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting With [WUSLAB/1] on 17 April 1970

1. Security and Arrangements: The meeting was held in the Black Beret Restaurant at 1530 on the above date. / At that time the lounge was virtually unoccupied. [WUSLAB/1] appeared about ten minutes late. The next meeting will be held in the [office safehouse] at 1400 on 23 April 1970. The state of [W/1]'s health will probably permit him to walk by then the few blocks to the office safesite. He is still weak after his long period of convalescence.

2. Production: During his absence from his office several omissions occurred. The OAS Secretariat tried to [contact W/1]. They had received a secret report, which was not distributed to the OAS ambassadors, that elements in the Dominican Republic would try and disrupt the OAS Assembly meeting scheduled for Santo Domingo in June 1970. The OAS Secretariat did not feel its own personnel in the DR would be in a position or have the access to verify the report. So they decided to call on the UN to have the report checked out through UN personnel stationed in the DR. [In the absence of W/1] the OAS tried to contact Jose Rolz-Bennett, in the UN Headquarters. They found that Rolz-Bennett was ill with a hyperthroid condition. They contacted Rolz-Bennett when he returned to work and he agreed to perform the task requested. (This comes from Rolz-Bennett).

3. Rolz-Bennett also told [W/1] that there was no favored candidate to take the place of Morse as the head of the ILO. Any Latin American candidate for the position would have to be self-appointed. I asked [W/1] about [his cousin's] chances. He said that he did not know.

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4. Rolz-Bennett said that there was some disappointment in the UN Secretariat over President Nixon's invitation to U Thant to stop off in Washington for a lunch or reception after the anniversary celebrations of the UN in San Francisco.

5. Plans: I inquired whether [W/1] had heard anything about [his own future] job prospects. He had received information from Sam Dejani on behalf of Pavlichenko that [he and]

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all ⁸[other] employees would remain where they were until the end of 1970. He was then [eligible⁸ for a transfer] and they would be glad to entertain his ideas on the subject.

6. Family status: Two of ^{1,8}[WUSLAB/1's three] sons graduate from their BA courses this spring. One will return to his native country to undertake his military service there. The other will apparently take some kind of graduate school education. The [daughter] continues at [Georgetown]

7. According to ¹[WUSLAB/1's] sources there is a relative freeze on Bolivian diplomatic assignments this year. Walter Guevara Arze will remain in New York and Sanjines will probably stay here. The latter had been calling Mrs. Ovando early in the morning and passing on news of her son who is going to school in this area. He will then ask if it is convenient to talk to "Alfredo" (Ovando). He sometimes gets him to talk on the phone. During a recent call Sanjines commented that he had heard that there was trouble in the army. Ovando admitted that there were "problems". These concern, according to Sanjines, the activities of General Miranda, the Army chief of staff.

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