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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Personality Files Reviewed in re ^{o3} [Don Heath's] 22 March 1977 Memo - Miami Station Action to Aid USG Investigation of Murder of John F. Kennedy

1. In Para 11 of ^{o3} [Don Heath's] memo of 22 March 1977, he states that he levied requirements on the following assets. The official dossiers have been reviewed for information relating to requirements and responses to the assassination, with the following results. In the case of ^{o1} [AMWEE-1], the ^{o1} [AMWEE] Operational files were also checked: ^{o1;04}

- a. ^{o1} [AMWEE-1 (Massimo MURATORI del Balso)] ^{o8} 201-^{o1} [308731]:

The ^{o1} [AMWEE] Operational files reflect no requirements in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. The W/T Chronos were checked from W/T #22 dated 23 Nov 1963 thru W/T #99 dated 9 Oct 1964. No message numbers were missing. ^{o1} [AMWEE-1] 201 file was also checked and there was no indication of requirements concerning the assassination.

- b. AMPAN-22 (Jose Ignacio ZARRAGA Diez-Muro) 201-729923:

There is nothing in his file concerning requirements relating to President Kennedy's assassination, or responses to such requirements.

- c. AMING-3 (Alberto MULLER Quintana) 201-286050:

There is nothing in his file concerning requirements in relation to the assassination of President Kennedy, or response to such requirements.

- d. AMGABE-1 (Julio Gaspar HUBERT Rico) 201-328948:

There is nothing in HUBERT's dossier with reference to requirements concerning the assassination of President Kennedy, or responses to such requirements. His file does include information that he was approached 14 Feb 1964 by a group of individuals seeking

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support for an operation aimed at the assassination of Cuban U.N. Ambassador Carlos LECHUGA. One of the individuals, Armando FARIAS, was known to be the ringleader of Cuban underworld types who had talked about the assassination of leading GOC figures during the past year, but had not attempted to take any action.

e. AMBLEAK-1 (Fernando FERNANDEZ-CAVADA y Paris) 201-302889:

There is nothing in his dossier relating to requirements concerning the assassination of President Kennedy or response to such requirements.

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2. In para. 13 of Don Heath's 22 March 1977 memo, he relates information he received from AMWEE-1 during a personal meeting in Mexico City some weeks following President Kennedy's assassination, concerning MELENDEZ Bach and Osmani CIENFUEGOS. Their files were checked with the following results:

a. MELENDEZ Bach (Ernesto MELENDEZ Bachs) 201-726001:

MELENDEZ, protocol officer of the Cuban Foreign Relations Ministry, described to Don Heath talks he held with the day following President Kennedy's assassination. MELENDEZ told AMWEE-1 what had transpired in the Ministry when the news of Kennedy's death was received by wireless. /COMMENT: MELENDEZ 201 file was checked and no information was found around that period, 1963, relating to that conversation.

b. CIENFUEGOS, Osmani 201-270164:

AMWEE-1 told Don Heath (according to Don Heath's memo of 22 March 1977) that on the night of the day President Kennedy was assassinated (22 Nov 1963) AMWEE-1 saw Osmani CIENFUEGOS drive up to the house across the street at about 0100 hours. He stayed several hours. The house was occupied by an American expatriate technician who built audio-surveillance gear for the CUIS. AMWEE-1 opined that CIENFUEGOS visited the American that night because he was one of the few American sources the Cuban Government could talk to in Cuba about what was going on in the USA as a result of Kennedy's assassination. /COMMENT: following is additional reporting on that same address which may be of interest. WAVE 9577 (IN 35284) 6 Oct 62, reported that AMWEE-1 on 11 Sept (62) saw Cuban Army trucks deliver large trunks to the house at the address across the street (Nr. 116 Calle 18 Miramar, Havana.) The house at that time was occupied by a Chilean technician. AMWEE-1's house guard watched men working through-out the night in that house and the following morning saw a military passenger car drive up with a circular direction finder antenna on the roof. The driver sat in the car for half an hour working the dial on the car radio but the antenna remained motionless. Because of the overt manner in which the work was carried out, A-1 concluded that the house was being used as an LP target probably to the house of Cuban Supreme Court Chief Luis M. BUCH who lived around the corner from A-1. A-1 advised via message 4 Oct 1962 that the Chilean technician who lived in that house threw out ----- continued on next page -----

a corrugated box delivered to his house a few days previously by an army truck escorted by G-2 cars at three in the morning on 23 Sept. A-1 was able to get the box later which contained the address Acoustic Research, Inc. Cambridge, Mass. / COMMENT: the Agency checked with the firm and learned that the Firm deals in manufacture of high fidelity components for home consumption. A firm official said that if the box found its way to Cuba, it no doubt was used for the second time after the original contents were removed.7

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See Memo for the Record on the AMWEE^{ol} Operation.