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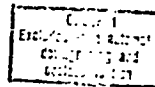
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Permanent Residence in the United States for Vladimir RODRIGUEZ LaHera under Provisions of Section 7 of the CIA Act of 1949, as Amended.

1. It is recommended that Vladimir RODRIGUEZ LaHera be granted permanent residence in the United States under Section 7 of Public Law 110. Subject's family is not included as they have entered the United States under normal immigration procedures.
2. This action is deemed essential to the support of the Cuban diplomatic and intelligence defector effort and to retain the services of an individual able to be of assistance in psychological warfare and political action assignments.
3. Subject has been utilized by CIA since his defection in April 1964. He has provided voluminous, accurate, and valuable information on the organization of the Cuban intelligence services, their operations, staff members, and agents. He has been, is being, and will continue to be used to effect recruitments and defections of members of the Cuban intelligence and diplomatic services. He desires to settle permanently in the U.S. and has been assured this would be possible. His value to us will continue to be considerable as a fluent spokesman for the anti-Castro cause and in serving as a means of approach to high level targets in the Cuban Government, particularly those in the diplomatic and intelligence services. If Subject is not assisted in his express desire for permanent residence in the U.S., this will immeasurably increase the difficulty in encouraging other high level recruitments and defections as Subject will provide living proof that CIA is not trustworthy or is powerless to assist those who cooperate with and depend upon us.
4. Subject has never been a member of the Communist Party. However, he is ineligible for an immigrant visa due to his service in the General Directorate of Intelligence, the Cuban external intelligence service.

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5. A detailed justification to support this recommendation is attached.

William V. Broe
Chief
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Attachments 2

APPROVED:

Director of Central Intelligence

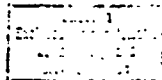
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