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SCHEET: Documents Brought Out by ADRO-1 and His Comments Concerning
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- 1. A lotter dated 20 April 1964 addressed to "Compere VILA" and signed "AGUSTO". This letter requests VILA to assist bearer. The letter was given to ASCUEL by the Deputy Chief of DGI ("AGUSTO") to introduce him to the DGI officer assigned to Prague. "AGUSTO" is pseudo used within the DGI for the Deputy Chief who is known in the Ministry of Spreign Relations as "CHAIN".
- 2. ATRIG-1 explained that the head of the service, Manuel PINELRO, went to Noscow on a trip leaving Cuba 11 April 1954. The Source (A-1) recently had returned from Mexico on 23 March 1964. After the departure of PINELRO the Source told the Deputy Chief that it was necessary for him, the Source, to go to Prague so that he could neet on 22 April with Aborto CARTILLAS DELIGADO, the Secretary Coneral PRAN in El Salvador. These are the true name and position of CARRILLAS but the Source invented the reason for making an operational meeting in Prague knowing that PRAN Deputy Chief of the Service would not know any better. (The Source gone to hexico on 14 March 1964 for the purp se of holding a meeting with CARTILLAS and other members of the Communist Party from El Salvador, but the meeting really did not take place because the Salvadorians failed to appear. In talking to the Deputy Chief of the Service, the Source said that he had, a meeting in lexico which made it necessary for him to have a meeting in Prague with CARRILLAS, who had to be in Prague for still another

meeting relating to revolutionary activities to be carried out in El-Salvador.) The Source did this because it seemed to him the best way of getting out of Cuba with documents which he had gathered. The Source was successful in convincing the Deputy Chief of the Service that the operational meeting in Prague was a necessary follow-up to the Source's recent trip to lexico. When Source prepared his briefcase for the trip out of Cuba he found that only a part of the documents which he had been collecting would fit. He selected those which appeared most interesting and left the others locked in his office in the DGI. It was the Source's intention to seek asylum once he arrived in the free world at the first stop in Canada and to request by that he be permitted to go to the U.S. with the documents to surrender them to KUBARK.

- 3. Source collected the documents over a period of time at considerable risk because a number of the documents were in the possession of other CUIS officers in their desks or safes. Source made it a custom to visit these offices and to take advantage of the temporary absence of the officers assigned to them to steal the documents which he then put in his our safe.
- 4. The Source was quite worried because he feared that when he arrived at the airport to leave Cuba he might be required to open his briefcase.

 This fear proved groundless, and he was able to leave Cuba on 21 April 64 on a flight for Prague which had tostop at Halifax, Canada.
- 5. Prior to leaving Cuban the Source withdrew from his savings account in a Cuban bank all that he had which amounted to 1270 Cuban pesos. He gave this amount to his wife whose name is <u>Luisa RODRIGUEZ</u>

 Rodriguez (maiden name same as married dame). In giving the money to her

MEXICO FL SALVADOR he did not say that he intended to defect and, in fact, never granther had had given her any indication of his plans to do so. He kept her ignorant of his intentions despite the fact that she and her father- are opposed to the Castro Regime because he felt it better for her not to be burdened with guilty knowledge. In giving her the money he said that possibly he would be delayed in Prague because the matter he had to discuss was complicated. He told her therefore that he would feel better knowing that she had sufficient funds at hand to take care of any emergencies in connection ith herself or her children (by a previous marriage); a boy, Vincente, 13 years old, and a girl, Francisca, 12 years old.

- 6. The CUIS (DGI) sent a cable to frague to advise that the Source would be arriving. Accordingly, when the Source left the plane at Malifax it was a foregone conclusion that his failure to arrive as scheduled would be reported to his own Service.
- 7. In addition, when the Source did arrive at Halifac the pilot and crew of the airplane and the other passengers became aware of the fact that he had requested asylum in the free world. They called him a traitor which led him to state that he was no more a traitor for leaving the present Regime than Fidel Cristro was for opposing the Batista Regime. The interchange of comments between the Source and those who were continuing on the flight to Prague almost resulted in a fist fightat Halifax. The Source took from Orba \$2615 in U.S. bills. Practically all of this amount was what remained from the advance liven to him by DGI when he went to Nexico: r which he had not accounted) plus the advance given him for the trip to Prague. When he declared his intention to Canadian authorities

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to remain in Canada he was given a receipt for 2540 in American correcty (this receipt is also attached). The difference of \$75.00 that he had in his pocket was use for expenses while in Canada. He had in his briefesse 250 Salvadorian Coloner for which the Canadians did not given him a receipt. (The confirmed that this amount was in the possession of the Canadian Covernment.)

(The matter of the loney which the Source had taken from Cuba later became a problem with the Canadians, largely because on talking with the Canadian Immigration Service the Source indicated that the money belonged to the Quban Covernment rather than to himself. This was reported to the Canadian External Affairs Office and led to a decision by the Canadian Government to hold the money -- U.S. and Salvadorian-so that it could be returned to the Cuban Government if request. This decision of which the Source was made aware by per request of was told that, LVIGO Cil made him angry and at his request the in Source's opinion, if the money was returned so it would be used for promoting revolutions in the free world which included Canada. The said that in all probability the money would not be returned to the Cuban Government and within a matter of mont's would be turned over to KUBARK for return to the Soubce Lut that the could not give it to the Source or to LAMGOSCH.

In this connection it should be noted that when LANGUER arrived in Canada no decision had been made as to the disposition which would be made not only of the money but also of the Source himself and the documents which he had in his possession. The ROLD LANGUER that

their desire was to turnover the Source and everything that he had brought to LANGASAI but that this was a policy matter which had to be resolved by the Canadian Government and not only by the 7 %. This matter made it somewhat difficult to conduct interviews with the Source because all of them were taped by the and LANGOSCII had to be careful to avoid questions or answers which put obstacles in the path of securing the turnover of Source and what he had brought with him. The final decision of the Canadian Government, after the intervention of the Ottawa Station, was that the Source and the documents could be turned over but not the money.

The Source said that the accounts for an Intelligence Officer in the DGI are not subjected to close inspection and that, in fact, he had the authority as a desk officer in charge of the Salvadorian area to request substantial amounts for operations without any need for accountings. A typical example is that he could draw for every trainee from his own assigned area \$1200 without question. He did have to give detailed accountings for larger expenditures.)

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