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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation between AMBUD-1 and AMICE-8 as told to Theodore D. Ostler

TIME: 20 June 1962, 1500-1630 hours

PLACE: Safehouse 49

1. According to AMICE-8, AMBUD-1 has just returned from a tour to the Central American countries of Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Panama and Nicaragua. AMICE-8 stated that he talked to AMBUD-1 concerning his trip. AMBUD-1 was very pleased and enthusiastic about the results. AMBUD-1 was reported to have said that all of the above countries offered the PBRUMEN exiles areas in their respective countries where they could train for action against Castro. Moreover, AMBUD-1 was alleged to have stated that Costa Rica and Nicaragua said they would declare war on Cuba if they could be sure the United States would back them.

2. On a somewhat different tack, AMBUD-1 was supposed to have been talking to a Panamanian official while both were observing four small craft attempting to maneuver a large U.S. ship toward the canal locks. The Panamanian allegedly questioned AMBUD-1 as to why the U.S. didn't do something about Castro. AMBUD-1 reportedly answered, in effect, "Do you see those four boats trying to move that ship in the direction they want it to go?"
"Yes."
"That is what we have to do to the U.S."

Theodore D. Ostler
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