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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Plans**SUBJECT : Eloy GUTIERREZ Menoyo (ACSI SD 8831)**

1. On 25 January 1965 WH/SA received an SW message from a resident asset who on behalf of two alleged members of an on-island "faction of Alpha-66" was passing a plea for assistance to Subject. Since Subject had for some years been a registered ACSI contact, a WH/SA representative met with Captain Ted Carr, ACSI, on 25 January to discuss the operational implications of the SW message.

2. The meeting resulted in a number of interesting disclosures, the most important of which are cited below:

a) ACSI believed Subject to be in Cuba, though Captain Carr declared that he did not know when or how Subject infiltrated the island; where he was, how many men had accompanied him or what equipment or arms Subject had taken with him.

b) ACSI has, in the past, had direct staff officer contact with Subject but has never given him "significant" financial assistance, or military or maritime material.

c) The activity under which Subject operated had been coordinated (F/DC/15-63, 18 July 1963) and called basically for the infiltration of Rafael HUGUET del Valle (SD 11070), to make a contact with Second National Front of the Escambray (SNFE) elements inside. Subject has long been the keyman in SNFE. The mission: To locate, obtain and exfiltrate Treasure Hunt items (military hardware). According to ACSI's plan, Subject was to serve as "general coordinator for the activities". (Note: A plan generally similar to this was submitted to and presumably approved by the Special Group, date unknown.)

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Captain Carr admitted that the operation as approved had not taken place, and that a "new paper was being prepared" to meet the changed circumstances. Present ACSI planning calls for HUGUET to be infiltrated by Alpha-66 or SNFE facilities to serve as Subject's communicator. Timing of the infiltration is to be determined by Subject, unilaterally. Captain Carr believed that Subject would activate HUGUET "almost any minute". HUGUET has been trained by ACSI in two-way WT and SW and will communicate with ACSI base Station, Miami. He has been on a "retainer" for several months.

d) Captain Carr said that ACSI had no firm evidence that Subject in fact had cells or nets of supporters in Cuba. Further, no evidence that Subject could communicate with supporters on the island by means other than commercial cable, telephone or open code mail. ACSI does not control Subject's communications, nor, apparently, does it monitor them.

3. In summary, Captain Carr averred that ACSI maintains at most a loose, advisory tie to Subject and that even with respect to HUGUET, ACSI's role was restricted to training and "minor" financial support. Allegedly, HUGUET has been rigorously disinclined to divulge his or Subject's plans to ACSI.

4. Some hours after the conclusion of the meeting with Captain Carr, ACSI requested of FI/Liaison that an "urgent meeting" be held on 27 January to discuss Subject and his operation. This meeting was cancelled on the basis of an announcement by Havana Radio, on the evening of 25 January, that Subject and two unidentified colleagues had been arrested by the GOC in Oriente.

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