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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director (Plans) *mt*
SUBJECT: Juana (Juanita) CASTRO Ruz

1. ACTION: None. This memorandum is for your information.

2. In connection with Task Force W efforts to split the Cuban leadership, some time ago we targeted Juana Castro Ruz, ~~half sister of Fidel and Raul Castro Ruz~~. A number of reports have been received indicating that Juana Castro Ruz opposed the strong communist nature of the Cuban regime and was prepared, at least to some extent, to cooperate with anti-regime elements. In May 1962 we reestablished contact with and recruited ~~Mrs. Virginia Leitao De Cunha~~, Cuban born wife of the Brazilian ambassador to the USSR and a long time personal friend of Juana Castro Ruz.

3. On 11 June 1962, on our instructions, ~~Madame De Cunha~~ proceeded to Havana where she maintained frequent contact with Juana Castro Ruz and other prominent Cuban leaders until 1 July 1962. She discussed the current regime quite frankly with Juana Castro Ruz and, according to ~~Madame De Cunha~~, she obtained Juana's agreement to provide intelligence on the Cuban political leadership and to work against the Cuban communist regime, short of engaging in activity which might result in direct personal harm to her brothers Raul and Fidel. According to ~~Madame De Cunha~~, Juana has agreed to proceed to Mexico or the United States in this connection and return to Cuba after discussions with "the Americans".

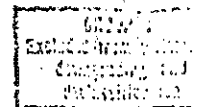
4. We are making the necessary arrangements with ~~Madame De Cunha~~ to have Juana Castro Ruz proceed to Mexico as soon as possible in order that we may attempt a direct recruitment. You will be kept advised of any future developments of importance in this case.

William K. Harvey
WILLIAM K. HARVEY
C/TFW



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