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[JAMES AUGUSTUS JAMES CASAS R. [Signature] 201-327702] 04, 23

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ACTION REQUIRED: See para 8

REFERENCE: UFOW 1874, 3 January 1963

1. CASAS is currently living in PEPRIME. Headquarters interest in CASAS and possible operational leads which might accrue through contact with him was detailed in referenced dispatch. He was contacted by a Headquarters case officer at his home on 2 May 1963. CASAS was friendly and stated he would be willing to cooperate with KUBARK in any reasonable activity directed at unseating the Castro regime in Cuba. He subsequently provided personality information on several individuals working for the Castro regime and classified by CASAS as his close friends.

2. Rescued AXCUE (201-334089) was one individual listed by CASAS in this category. According to the latest information available to Headquarters, AXCUE is the Cuban Consul General in Mexico City. Referenced dispatch also contained information in some detail on AXCUE as obtained during his CASAS debriefing by PEPRIME authorities in Opa-Locka, Florida. It also requested that Mexico City provide traces on AXCUE and comment on the nature of his activity there. To date we have no record of ever having received a reply to this request.

3. During our 2 May 1963 meeting with CASAS he provided the following information on AXCUE:

4. Rescued AXCUE, born about 1912, is presently employed as a Consul with the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. He is a long time friend of CASAS. They met during the mid-1950's when both were involved in revolutionary activities attempting to bring about

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a Democratic socialist regime in Cuba. A ... carried to a Spanish woman and was involved in the ... revolution. He was a very close friend of ... was reported by ... "Progressive Revolutionary" ... About 1961 AZCUE was living in France and is believed to have been attracted by French author ... from his involvement in smuggling petroleum and other activities into France. [CASAB] believes that AZCUE has about five children. During early 1961 while in Mexico City, [CASAB] contacted AZCUE in order to obtain advice re the desirability of his defecting from the Castro regime and requesting political asylum in Mexico. As a result of this contact, [CASAB] obtained the impression that AZCUE is suffering from a definite lack of funds. Since AZCUE is somewhat of a naive and a "heavy dresser", he finds this situation unpleasant. AZCUE also habitually has a suitcase which he turns to a drain on his pocketbook.

b. According to [CASAB], AZCUE is an excellent draftsman who studied architecture at the University of Mexico, although he never obtained a degree. [CASAB] described him as a kind, humanitarian individual, very "happy-go-lucky", and one who "flows with the wind". He doesn't seem to have the powers of concentration or dedication which would allow him to successfully pursue any endeavor to his conclusion. [CASAB] feels AZCUE may have apposed himself to the Castro regime since it offered him a purpose in life and a feeling of belonging to something.

c. [CASAB] also described AZCUE as "possessing exceptional personal bravery". He felt that should AZCUE be approached by KUBARK and requested to cooperate in an agent capacity, the physical danger inherent in such activity would not play a major role in effecting his decision. In summary, [CASAB] felt that if AZCUE were approached by him on the basis of their long friendship, if suitable monetary inducement were offered coupled with suitable ideological argument, there would be a reasonable chance that AZCUE would accept KUBARK recruitment as an agent to operate against the Castro regime. [CASAB] cautioned that these assurances were based on the material he had with AZCUE during 1961 in Mexico City. It is possible that time and stress have converted AZCUE into an ... [CASAB] is inclined to state this if only on the basis of his assessment of AZCUE's personality.

d. [CASAB] appended that it would be helpful in any approach to AZCUE, to attempt to convince him that Fidel CASTRO was directly involved with these revolutionary activities ... for Mambo CASTRO's murder. Dea to their close friendship AZCUE was reportedly deeply affected by Mambo's death.

4. The above ... directly ... whether he would cooperate with us in an operational approach to recruit AZCUE including the possibility of a trip to Mexico City with a Headquarters case officer, and he replied in the affirmative. He did state that before making a final decision he would have to weigh our specific proposal in terms of the timing via ... his regular employment and the danger that might accrue him and his family through such activity. In any case, we are proceeding on the assumption that [CASAB] will cooperate with us on this matter and be available for a trip to Mexico City, if needed.

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5. Headquarters is extremely interested in mounting an operation aimed at the recruitment of ASCUZ. Mexico Station is therefore requested to contact and forward to Headquarters at the earliest practicable date an assessment of ASCUZ including comments on the possibility of using **CASAS** in a recruitment approach.

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