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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

FROM: Winston M. Scott

SUBJECT: [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup>

1. At 2030 hours on Friday, 30 June 1961, I saw [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup>.
2. I said I had been
  - a. I had been sent by Ambassador Mann;
  - b. Ambassador Mann had had an approach from a friend of General CARDENAS who had said that General CARDENAS:
    - i. Thought the plan of President Kennedy to help raise the standard of living in Latin America was a great plan by a great man;
    - ii. Believed it necessary to see that the benefits (money) which were distributed in Latin America get down to the poor;
    - iii. General CARDENAS was willing to act as a "consejero" himself to help see that money reached the poor instead of getting into pockets of ruling class and the rich; and
    - iv. That General CARDENAS was willing to meet with Ambassador Mann to elaborate on this idea should the Ambassador wish it.
  - c. I said Ambassador wished [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> first to know that the Ambassador wished to support [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> and the PRI;
  - d. I said that Ambassador Mann was concerned over the possibility that this "plan" of CARDENAS' might be in some way connected with the reported plan of CARDENAS to form a new political party in Mexico and with his reported organization of "Estudiantiles Cardenistas" in the I. P. N. and other schools;
  - e. [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> said "I don't believe General CARDENAS

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will form a new political party";

f. [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> asked if Ambassador Mann were sure General CARDENAS was not merely expressing a fear that the money would not get to the poor--"like Senator Mansfield fears". He said many of us have that fear; the fear that in countries like El Salvador the ruling families will reap all the benefits. He said Mexico is different. We have fifty years of Revolutionary government and millions of landowners. I assured him that Ambassador Mann had had it made clear to him by CARDENAS' messenger that CARDENAS was "willing to be an adviser" to help (since he was honest and respected) to see that the money got to the poor and was not taken by governing persons".

g. I said The Ambassador wished [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> to know of the approach and also would appreciate any suggestions [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> would give him. The Ambassador wished to know whether [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> would suggest that he forget the matter or try to make contact with General CARDENAS.

h. [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> was very profuse in expressing his gratitude to The Ambassador (for sending me to see him and for sending this report).<sup>24</sup> As to suggestions, he said that (the approach should not be ignored) it was very interesting.<sup>24</sup> He suggested that The Ambassador send General CARDENAS a copy of "The Constitution" of the Inter-American Bank and send him word that a "Commission of Advisers" such as he suggested could not be established without an Amendment to the Constitution. [LITENSOR] said the government in each country was (by the Constitution of the Bank) to represent that country--and no provision for a group of advisers was made. He further suggested that Ambassador Mann say that Ambassador Mann would be willing to discuss the matter further with General CARDENAS "at any time General CARDENAS wished to call on The Ambassador at the U. S. Embassy Residence".

i. [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> asked if I had ever talked to General CARDENAS. I said I had never met him. He said he is intelligent but very fixed in his opinions, is willing to discuss any question but does not change his ideas because he listens to arguments against him. He said General CARDENAS is never "openly angry".

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j. [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> repeatedly asked that I thank The Ambassador.

k. [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> brought up Jorge TAMAYO's visit to Guaymas (Project MERCURY). He asked if The Ambassador was "preoccupied" over the visit to the Guaymas installation by Jorge TAMAYO. I said we were concerned when we learned of the visit.

l. [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> said TAMAYO was invited by either MENDEZ Docurro (Director of IPN) or by MONGES Lopez without [LITENSOR's]<sup>01</sup> prior knowledge.

m. I told him that Ambassador Mann had said that we should not be so concerned over TAMAYO's visit because: first, there was nothing secret about the installation; and, second, we in the USA invited TASS and PRAVDA reporters to Cape Canaveral. ([LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> liked this.)

n. I told [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> of the Communist circular asking voters to write "Libertad por Presos Politicos" on their election ballots. He had not heard of this, I promised to send him a copy.

3. I left [LITENSOR]<sup>01</sup> at 2110 hours.

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