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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with Mr. William Pawley in Miami. 21 March 1960
Time, 1200 hours; Mr. Pawley's Office

1. Subject was contacted at the express request of Chief, WHD. The following items of operational importance were covered:

a. Final details for a strategy meeting involving Chief, WHD, CITASTE, Mr. Pawley, and Chief, Branch 4 were discussed. It was agreed that the group would convene the second and third of April at Mr. Pawley's Miami home. Further details and the agenda were not discussed other than to say that principal emphasis would be on reviewing what work could be done throughout the hemisphere and public opinion on the pending operation against CASTRO.

b. Mr. Pawley was told that the time had arrived for careful coordination of all activities: that permission had been granted for an all-out operation: a government in exile will be formed post haste; that the acceptable non-BATISTA groups will be put into contact with each other almost immediately; and that Mr. Pawley's contact, RUBIO Padilla, will figure prominently in this effort. Mr. Pawley suggested, and it was agreed, that immediate plans should be made for the exfiltration of RUBIO from Habana.

c. It was carefully explained to Mr. Pawley that any action involving exiles now should be most carefully coordinated with Chief, WHD and Chief, Branch 4 to avoid any flaps. He agreed to this arrangement.

2. Mr. Pawley passed to Chief, Branch 4 some very sensitive information concerning the Dominican Republic. He requested this information not be passed beyond CIA until he had the opportunity to give this information directly to Vice President Nixon. In point of fact, he initially said he didn't want the information passed on to Chief, WHD. Chief, Branch 4 replied that he could not agree to this arrangement since he was obligated to pass the information on. Chief, Branch 4 said, however, in view of the fact he was not returning to Washington until 22 March, he could not pass the information on prior to that time. Mr. Pawley said he would relay the information himself before that date, so the question was settled amicably. As it turned out, Chief, WHD had already received the information via another channel by the time Chief, Branch 4 had returned to Washington.

J. D. Esterline
C/WH/4

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