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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAML-9, 4 Nov 1963

1. A meeting was held with L-9 in B's car from 2200 hours to 2345 hours, 4 Nov. The car was parked in the Tlaxpana area.
2. L-9 reported as follows:
 - a. Amelio VEGA left on PCS orders for Havana on the 3 Nov Cubana flight. Cely SOLOZANO bid him goodbye at the airport along with members of the Embassy staff. It is not clear who is or will be replacing VEGA.
 - b. FERNANDEZ ROA worked very late the night of Friday 1 Nov. L-9 still thinks he may be doing cosmo work.
 - c. Nicolás GARCIA is going to move into the row of offices where L-9 is now located and is being "caged in" -- is installing door, blinds, etc., as did ROA recently.
 - d. AZCUE will be around for a short while before returning to Cuba -- he is planning to take a trip to Caspeche with someone named LIZALDE to study building materials in preparation for AZCUE's assignment to JUCEPLAN as an architect when he returns. L-9 went on at some length about AZCUE -- said he was certain that AZCUE is not a Communist, not a CP member (note that AMXOEB-1 has AZCUE admitting he has been a Communist for many years - ?) L-9 repeated that AZCUE is an implacable foe of "the Pentagon, and the ruling circles in the US" but has a high regard for the American people. AZCUE's wife is still very upset at the prospect of going to live in Cuba. L-9 thinks AZCUE is a loyal Fidelista who would never knowingly cooperate with the Americans. At lunch with L-9 on 4 Nov AZCUE lashed out against the Cuban CP -- said that Lazaro PEÑA should be shot -- he has served his usefulness -- after the shooting a monument could be raised to him, but Cuba would be much better off with him out of the way.
 - e. MIPARAL, AZCUE's replacement, is not popular and nowhere near as effective as AZCUE. Sylvia DURAN doesn't like him but will probably go on working as his secretary for the time being.
 - f. L-9 saw AZCUE kidding with Sylvia recently in the office -- chiding her for being a Communist. Sylvia replied, "It's not true. I am not a Stalinist and I have never been interested in Party membership. I don't accept the Party line and by talking this way you are insulting me!" L-9 thinks Sylvia is a very intelligent girl. He thinks we might be able to gain her cooperation by getting a desirable male next to her -- she is, according to L-9, "a little putita."
 - g. AZCUE told L-9: "If they don't give me a good job in Cuba, I'm not

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