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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: View of AMIL-3 on Current Cuban Policy Situation

1. The next logical action for ARDPA and the one most urgently needed is the selection of a single chairman to replace the many candidates now employed by ARDPA.

2. The most obvious choice for chairman is AMIL.

3. Because of the bitter personal differences between AMIL and ARPA, the selection of AMIL as chairman would very well bring about the reorganization of ARPA from ARDPA. This would be in the best interest ARDPA and might in fact strengthen it.

4. The views expressed above are those of AMIL-3, who made a special trip to the Headquarters area on 1 September to meet Paul J. REEDER and discuss these matters with him. The meeting lasted from 1630 until 2030 hours in a local hotel room.

5. As AMIL-3 sees it, the selection of a single chairman would automatically solve several of the current problems of ARDPA. For example, it would speed the decision-making process. It would force AMIL to work for the cause and rather than his own parties political interests. It would prevent the traditional Cuban exiles with a strong personality around whom they could rally to the traditional leftist pattern.

6. AMIL-3 paints out to an encouraging picture regarding the Miami office of ARDPA, but he says the good talent existing by the majority of ARDPA is to hold up the Miami office is being frustrated by the unilateral actions of ARDPA; the refuse to be bound by decisions which ARDPA took in his absence. See 2nd example are the following:

- a. ARDPA under ARDPA chose RENE FONSECA (not him) as head of the Communications Committee. RENE was born in a graduate of MIT and an instructor there. He has granted leave without pay by MIT to accept the ARDPA post. AMIL-3 has the highest respect for him. However, when ARDPA returned to Miami he immediately initiated an平行 one of his men, CARU (Fonseca), as head of the Communications Committee. CARU was formerly a part of the Cuban organization of the 60 of July movement. He operated in Havana. He is probably well-qualified for the job but he is completely loyal to ARDPA and unaffected the choice of ARDPA for the chairmanship.

- b. CARLOS MUNIZ ALDAMA is an outstanding figure and the best available choice to hold up the military committee. Although he was only 16 and a complete verbal limitation to leave Cuba and join ARDPA by ARDPA at the outset, his response was immediate to Argentina, to the capture of ARDPA. Since his arrival in Miami he has impressed

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ASMAIL-3 and others as a strong leader, honest, dedicated and professionally competent. Once again, however, ASMAIL-1 wishes to replace ASMAIL with Colonel Oscar DIAZ. A struggle for power is under way between MARTIN黔兹 and DIAZ, much to the detriment of ASMAIL's military effort.

7. At the instructions of the ASMAIL members in Mexico, ASMAIL-1 was to arrive in Miami on 11 August to put ASMAIL-1 in his place. ASMAIL-1 at hopeful time this meeting will have the desired effect. He has promised to provide a private report on the outcome to MURDOC.

8. Among the other five members of ASMAIL there is good faith. They do not see eye to eye in all matters, but they are willing in the interest of unity to resolve their differences in a civilised manner.

9. In reply to a query concerning Major Raul CHIRAS, ASMAIL-3 gave an unfavorable description. He called CHIRAS a person of little moral fiber who has been trying, without success, to form a competing organization headed by himself, ASMAIL-1 and ASMAIL-2.

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