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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Bernie Reichhardt, 25 August

03 1. At 1100 hours 25 August Bernie Reichhardt called from Miami and asked for Tom Flores, who was not in. He then asked to speak to me. He said that in accordance with our request, he had established contact with QDCHAR and asked him if he could furnish any additional information on the large revolutionary radio center completed in March 1959, and on Augustin CAFO who, according to QDCHAR, was the engineer in charge of construction of this radio center. QDCHAR said he was unable to add anything to the information he had furnished in his original debriefing, and said he knew nothing of the operations or who was in charge of or employed at the radio center. He repeated that the center was very large and very expensive and said that CAFO had made a trip to Switzerland to buy the equipment. He volunteered information that CAFO's brother, Ernesto CAFO Jimenez de Cisneros, was a Communist and that he had seen Ernesto at a meeting in Havana, before BATISTA fell, when clandestine plans were being made to get Augustin, then treasurer of the 26th of July Movement, out of Cuba because his life was in danger. QDCHAR said he didn't know whether CAFO was still connected with the radio center, but commented that if contact could be established CAFO would be able to furnish information about the center. I don't know what reply Reichhardt made to QDCHAR on this, but he said to me that it was his understanding during his recent trip to Headquarters that contacts on the various operational leads furnished by QDCHAR would be made through the Havana Station, and he assumed it was being done.

2. Reichhardt said that he had not received the personal documents of QDCHAR which had been forwarded from Headquarters as a separate attachment to UMW-W-8. He was told they left this office on 20 August.

3. Reichhardt said that on the basis of information from Station Havana (HAVA-2590 that family were leaving Havana for Mexico the morning of 24 August), QDCHAR had called Mexico last night and learned they had not arrived. He wanted to know if any further information had been received from Havana about the family, and was told there had been none.

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