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7 August 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Phone Conversation with Reichhardt

1. Reichhardt phoned on the morning of 7 August and reported that the DIAZ Last brothers and Ricardo de La Lorie are planning another movement against CASTRO. They claim to have a sizeable organization in place in Cuba. Reichhardt asked them to chart the organization for him.

2. The three Cubans are action-minded and impatient. They say that the biggest problem is that Castro's radio and TV propaganda inside Cuba is going unanswered. They are anxious to mount a propaganda campaign against Castro to include extensive use of radio and air dropped leaflets. They want assistance from us and say that if we cannot or will not help they will find the means themselves. Reichhardt says there is no worry about their acceptance of support from Trujillo. They feel that immediate propaganda action is necessary to maintain the morale of their supporters inside Cuba. They say that money is not a particular problem since they can get it and have already been offered some.

3. They have organized under a name which Reichhardt did not yet have, and have prepared a manifesto covering only three points: political amnesty; free elections; outlawing of Communist Party. De La Lorie is the strongest, brightest, and most capable of the three and appears to be their leader.

4. To prepare their charts, etc., they want to get Jorge Villalta to Miami from Havana. Reichhardt asked if we could send a cable to have the Station contact Villalta and tell him to go to Miami to meet with the three Cubans. Upon arrival in Miami, Villalta is to phone HQ SA-765 which is the phone number of Pedro Luis DIAZ and de La Lorie.

5. Reichhardt asked us to discuss the situation here in Headquarters and get approval for him to tell the three Cubans that the possibility of support is not completely out, and that it is possible that some assistance may be forthcoming. He is to meet them on Monday, 10 August, for further details of their proposals.

6. Reichhardt reported that Mercedes DIAZ has now moved in with Frank Fiorini. I told Reichhardt that we do not propose to do any operational work with Fiorini and that it will be necessary for him to be cut out of any activities undertaken by us in support of the three Cubans. Reichhardt said he understood this but it would be most difficult to cut Fiorini out since the three Cubans are fond of him and trust him completely.

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