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Diary Lang

5 January 1962

PS-CRANCO: FOR: WH/4/Finance

SUBJECT: Overseas Accounts

16-111. AMQUIP-1 - In July 1960, Headquarters advised Station [Bogota] that Subject with two aides would be traveling to PERFORM to assume the post of Navy Chief in the FPD Directorate and visa assistance was requested. Routine difficulties followed including no funding by the FPD until finally in August 1960 the Station had to advance funds for Subject and one companion including \$150 each required by the Consulate as evidence of solvency. There is no indication in the files as to whether this \$300 was to be absorbed as a SUBARM expense or whether it was to be repayed. However, since that time, AMQUIP-1 has become a security risk. He is considered an opportunist and associated with people with whom SUBARM wishes no contact. One of these individuals is described as needing only the slightest excuse to make public statements embarrassing and harmful to SUBARM interests. Accordingly, it is recommended that this advance be written off without attempting to secure repayment.

2. AMCALL-1 - Funds were passed to AMCALL-1 by the principal agent for use in the AMCALL project. However, as conventional political action on the labor front became more and more difficult, these funds made their way increasingly into the MRP war chest since AMCALL-1 was national co-ordinator for this organization. Finally, the taking over of the labor movement by the Communists left no road open to opposition elements except that of sabotage and clandestine activity. In April 1961, Gordon BIKARIAS, principal agent with whom AMCALL-1 was in contact was arrested and ultimately deported. There was no further contact with AMCALL-1 following the arrest of BIKARIAS. The funds that had been passed to him were presumably used by the MRP underground and must have been gone long before the time of AMCALL-1's arrest the end of September 1961. Accordingly, WH/4/FA-PROP is requesting that the sum of \$200.00 charged against the agent be written off both because the funds were undoubtedly expended by the MRP underground in furtherance of anti-Castro objectives and because AMCALL-1 himself is either dead or in prison and accountings can therefore not be secured.

3. Jedro DIAZ Lans - The sum of \$400 was passed to Subject on 19 January as expense money for a prop tour he was to take along with

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Luis CONTZ Agüero and other Cubans. The plan called for the use of DIAZ Lora's plane piloted by him. This was changed when it was found to be too difficult to get the necessary permits for the plane. Next, DIAZ and CONTZ were going commercially, but neither wanted to be sponsored ostensibly by the FRD. Finally, CONTZ went alone when DIAZ balked at simply being CONTZ's shadow. Meantime, DIAZ Lora had begun to dabble extensively in exile politics in Miami, appeared before a congressional committee and succeeded in making himself useless as a propaganda asset. CONTZ was not in contact and HQs finally considered it preferable not to request contact with him to try to collect the advance. In view of the subsequent time lapse, it is recommended that the advance be written off.

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