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Chief of Station, Mexico

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Chief, WFO

Matters for discussion with Anthony R. PONCHAY
on News of AMERICAS to Mexico

Re: News

SECRET

For PONCHAY

The following is in response to your request for a summary of points that need to be clarified in discussions between you and Station Mexico on the forthcoming news of AMERICAS to Mexico City.

1. Political

A. The requirement that the "overt" office will consist of only three officials, the others being "covert", and the statement that "the presence of large AMERICAS in Mexico should not become known and never admitted". Cf. MEXI-5904, 24 July. (Comments: It would appear impossible to comply with this requirement if there is to be an overt office and any AMERICAS publicity in Mexico or elsewhere, since the identities and whereabouts of all AMERICAS members will be a matter of public knowledge.)

B. The statement in para 3, MEXI-5944 that the Mexican Government will not be friendly unless AMERICAS activities and "plotting to overthrow Cuban Government" remain covert. (Comments: Since there is to be an overt office and propaganda department and AMERICAS has been, and will have to continue to be, described as a group organized for the purpose of removing the CASTRO government, their necessary propaganda activities toward this end cannot be covert. Could it be modified to apply only to agreement that no military invasion would be launched from Mexico?)

[Redacted]

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(Comment: Since there will be no [redacted] support AMERICAS, the term "diavoc" is ambiguous. That will constitute its being established that AMERICAS is in contact with AMERICAS? Certainly we can expect the charge will be made many times by the Soviets and Germans.)

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D. Possibility of [redacted] holding meeting to brief [redacted] on Cuban subversive activities Mexico (para 5, MEXI-5953) before arrival AMERICAS, which would undoubtedly be of assistance in obtaining popular and official sympathy for AMERICAS activities.

2. Propaganda

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We plan to have AMERICAS propaganda department in Mexico, but it will be impossible for them to operate effectively, or indeed at all, if [redacted] has not become public or press issue. To feel a tremendous publicity drive should be made throughout Latin America at the time of arrival of AMERICAS in Mexico. Station WFOAG assets will be needed to a large extent in improving the public and political climate to allow AMERICAS people to work effectively. Also, it is hoped Station will be able to guide and support AMERICAS, who will arrive in Mexico soon to produce [redacted] in exile, which will ostensibly be independent but actually will be pro-AMERICAS. AMERICAS will also make satirical, humorous radio tapes for broadcasting over Radio Swan.

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3. PH

Requirements set forth DIR-40133, dated 15 July. If permission could be obtained for use this territory, even if only for 72 hours prior and during the main strike operation, the project would be advanced materially.

4. CI

A. To ensure requirement that WICKER contact with Station and with AMICAR be clandestine. Need Station's assistance in working out mechanics of these contacts.

24 B. Station's advice and assistance needed on following: (1) provision of [redacted] telephone taps/mike installation operational data for AMICAR consumption; (2) protection [redacted] (2000, eqms) of AMICAR members against enemy agent executive actions; (3) [redacted] agent surveillants to check on security and loyalty of overt/covert AMICAR members; (4) collection of secure safe sites for housing of AMICAR members, for overt office, and for covert meeting sites.

C. [redacted] capabilities in terms of protection of overt AMICAR members against enemy agent executive action operations.

D. Can Station communication facilities (pouch and cable) be used for secure AMICAR communications between members in Mexico and those in PEPRIDE and elsewhere?

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