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26 July 1960 *Franklin*

## MEMORANDUM FOR CIA RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Call from Jack Malone

1. Mr. Malone telephoned 23 July 1960 to report on his trip to Miami during the preceding week. While there he had talked to Pepito SOGA, head of the finance department of the Movimiento de Recuperacion Democratica Revolucionaria (MRDR), a group which supports Tony VARONA. SOGA wanted Malone to contribute to the MRDR an amount in the neighborhood of \$15,000. Malone asked my opinion and I said that I knew of no reasons for him to deny this group a contribution.

2. Mr. Malone also reported that Tony VARONA himself had asked Mr. Lowell Tash, former manager of an American ranch in Cuba who was forced to leave the country a few weeks ago, to visit Andros Island on behalf of VARONA in order to lease "three or four" acres of land there. Tash checked with Malone on this matter and Malone in turn called me. At my request Malone will instruct Tash to go to Andros and to let Malone know what comes of his trip there.

3. Alberto FERNANDEZ, former head of the Cuba Sugar Institute, has left Cuba for good and will be arriving in Washington within the next few days. Should we wish an interview with him Malone says that he would be happy to arrange one on the basis of long friendship with FERNANDEZ.

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