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MEMO TO: [redacted]

23 Nov. 53

Subj: Attached cable

1. In the attached cable Ray is telling us all about his intel organization, the command channel, etc. If, as he claims, he has six radios and some couriers feeding information into the command group in Havana he indeed must have the capability of providing a great deal of information. With such an internal set-up it seems to me that Rays group should be in a position to furnish SITREPS on a twice weekly basis to the Embassy, and to accept intel requirements from us.
2. If he has a base station the RIFT people can certainly tune in whatever frequency he operates, and at least confirm that a radio is operating there. Ray should be told to give us the frequency so that we can monitor the channel.
3. Furthermore, the test of his organization is whether he can produce information from us. I suggest that the field press him to come up with some proof that he has what he claims he has. As things now stand we have to take him on his word. It may be that he has only a small of what he claims and wants us to get interested, to train his people, dispatch them and THEN he may really have something.
3. He is making some big claims and I suggest that we call his hand in a nice way.

Jim: I agree with Dick, think should go ahead with

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