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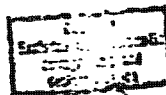
MEMORANDUM FOR: AC/WH/COG

SUBJECT : Release of AMCALL-1

1. The negotiation for AMCALL-1's release was completed by AMECRU-1 on 26 August and \$120,000 ransom was paid to the Cuban negotiator in Paris at that time. \$70,000 of the ransom was provided by the Agency and the \$50,000 balance was paid by representatives of the Catholic Church. AMECRU-1 anticipated AMCALL-1's release would be effected within two months from the time the negotiation was completed. If the Cubans meet this tentative time schedule, AMCALL-1 should arrive in Madrid by the last week of October.

2. Since the Cuban Government has been unpredictable as to the actual date of release in other cases of ransomed prisoners, there would appear to be no cause for alarm that nothing further has been heard about AMCALL-1's release. Although AMSIGH-2 was released within one month of the time his ransom was paid, AMRIPE-2 was not released for two months. The Cuban Government demonstrated its good faith in these negotiations by refunding the AMPANIC-7 ransom but they have consistently refused to set a definite time table for release of any prisoner which, they insist, is dictated by individual circumstances and internal conditions at a specific time.

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1. GORDON M. BINIARIS ADVISED STATION THAT WIFE OF AMCALL-1 TELEPHONED AMECRU-1 TWENTY THREE AUGUST STATING MONEY BEING DEPOSITED PER REF A. AMECRU-1 STATED HE WOULD PICK UP MONEY TWENTY FOUR AUGUST AND MEET WITH PBRUMEN OFFICIAL (NO NAME STATED) ON TWENTY FIVE AUGUST. NO MENTION MADE OF \$5,000 EXPENSE MONEY DURING CONVERSATION. HOWEVER, WIFE OF AMCALL-1 WROTE LETTER TO AMECRU-1 ON SIXTEEN AUGUST EXPLAINING SITUATION PER REFS.

2. AMECRU-1 FINISHED CONVERSATION BY STATING THAT HE ALMOST SURE CASE TO TAKE SAME COURSE AS THAT OF MIGUEL GARCIA, I.E., RELEASE IN TWO MONTHS FROM TIME TRANSACTION COMPLETED.

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