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 Memo to :
 Subject : June Cobb Note given her by Castro agent in Miami
 Date : 10 June 1960
 From : Harry Herasdorf

Prior to her departure from New York, June Cobb visited the Cuban Consulate in New York City as requested prior to her departure from Havana. While there she was introduced to an American citizen named Bernie Brenner, a newspaperman from the Miami Beach Sun. Brenner is a friend of Cobb's boss Juan Orta, the Administrative assistant of Fidel Castro. Brenner gave Cobb a note in an envelope that was sealed for delivery to Orta. Cobb opened the note and copied the contents which were as follows:

- "Tell 'O' that Harry (Manuel) Arquez (1:1:1) is 'hot, real hot'. The Feds are on him. Aguirre the priest fin ered him in Washington".
- "Menendez in Key West works in the postoffice is being watched. There is a fed working right there in the post office with him. They have some letters marked just waiting for him to open one. He's not. The State Department - - Also tell 'em not to use those replicas of dollar bills the tourist department is using with something written on back".
- "George Southworth is working with the feds. I got a drunk with a 'les' (lesbian) and a straight girl and some picture one night. He said he was going to put the shift to Capt. Guerra."
- "Tell Doris Padrone who lives in 8 y 19 apt. building with a baby by Orlando Padrone that the feds are trying to get to her. Bidel brought her to Cuba because she knew some things she shouldn't know".
- "Arquez can go to Cuba the 13th".
- "Oscar Ramirez is being tailed, 24 hour tail".

June Cobb called [redacted] Director of [redacted] in New York through whom I originally met Miss Cobb, asking him to contact me for she had a message for me. [redacted] called me at home and I called Miss Cobb at a phone booth in the Hotel Drake. She told me of the above. I had her give the notes to [redacted] She passed them to him at the East Side Airlines Terminal in New York on the evening of 7 June.

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Burch: According to information given verbally by Harry Herasdorf, when Igor went to the airport and approached Cobb, she waved him away. He waited at some distance while she scribbled away at the notes; she then folded them in a newspaper and left them for him to pick up. Harry did not say whether she walked away immediately after leaving the notes, or whether she folded them in the paper and then waited for the two supposed members of the Cuban Consulate to join her before boarding the plane.

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