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Barry,

These documents do point to the existence of a case officer for DRE in the time period December 1962 to April 1964. While the DRE memo (part of the 23 Sept 63 dispatch from COS JMWAVE to C/ Special Affairs Staff) on the subject of the cable (JMWAVE to DIRECTOR 11 Sep 63) is the only one to mention "Howard" specifically, the operational progress report from May 1964 (Deputy Chief WH/SA from COS JMWAVE 8 June 1964) clearly contains the name of the previous case officer in the first paragraph--a possible "Howard."

Secondly, paragraphs 3 and 5 of the memorandum for the record on Helm's conversation with Luis Fernandez Rocha 13 Nov 1962 makes it clear that Helm's is appointing a new contact for the DRE. This is a likely candidate for "Howard."

Third, the last dispatch from COS JMWAVE to Chief, Task Force W dated 10 Dec 1962 says (at #4) that a new case officer was introduced as the responsible case officer for the project.

ARRB requests unredacted copies of these documents. If you prefer, this request will be submitted as a formal request.

Finally, as I mentioned to you yesterday, a member of your staff recognized the pseudo of a person mentioned in DRE documents as the case officer for this period and was able to describe the individual to Manuel even though she could not recall his name.

If you need any additional documents or if the faxed documents do not come out well, let me know and I will bring out hard copies.