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TO: (Station/Base) <b>Chief of Station, Mexico City</b> <b>Chief of Station, JMWAVE</b>		FROM: (Division) <b>Chief, WH Division</b>	
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SUBJECT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LITAMIL-9		MICROFILM

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

References: HMMW 13,549 15 April 1965 - 201-321609

1. The Station is puzzled by the statement of references that operational reporting on the LITAMIL-9 operation has been "consistently neglected".

2. Using 1 January 1964 as a point of departure, the files of the Station reflect the following dispatches transmitting detailed reports to Headquarters:

Dispatch	Covering Meetings
HMTA 22768, 17 January 64	27 December 63
	6 January 64
HMTA 22831, 30 January 64	16 January 64
HMTA 23018, 4 March 64	30 January 64
	5 February 64
HMTA 23268, 23 April 64	1 March 64
	11 March 64
	28 March 64
	2 April 64
	13 April 64
HMTA 23691, 16 June 64	8 May 64
	27 May 64
	8 June 64
HMTA 23786, 30 June 64	28 April 64
	19 June 64
HMTA 23873, 14 July 64	7 July 64
HMTA 24015, 30 July 64	16 July 64
	21 July 64

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CROSS REFERENCE TO	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NUMBER	DATE
	HMTA- 25938	23 April 1965
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CONTINUATION OF DISPATCH	CLASSIFICATION	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NUMBER
	S E C R E T	HMA-25938
<p>HMA 24254, 3 September 64</p> <p>HMA 25001, 19 January 65</p>		<p>12 August 64</p> <p>27 August 64</p> <p>30 November 64</p> <p>7 December 64</p> <p>20 December 64</p> <p>22 December 64</p> <p>29 December 64</p>
<p>Note: This dispatch explained why reports had not been forwarded since HMA 24254, see above- in accordance with Headquarters request that contact reports not be forwarded in the future. HMA 25001 explained that henceforth 1 copy only of LITAMIL-9 CR's would be forwarded to WH/SA, attention Urquhart and Labanow. Both of these officers had specifically requested that LITAMIL-9 CR's be forwarded to WH/SA. In the interim, between September and January, CR's for the following meetings were placed in Station files: 10 September 64, 21 September 64, 1 October 64, 4 October 64, 23 October 64, 29 October 64, 5 November 64, and 16 November 64.</p>		
<p>HMA 25238, 28 January 65</p> <p>HMA 25408, 18 February 65</p>		<p>7 January 65</p> <p>18 January 65</p> <p>25 January 65</p> <p>28 January 65</p> <p>1 February 65</p> <p>2 February 65</p> <p>9 February 65</p> <p>11 February 65</p>
<p>HMA 25670, 23 March 65</p>		<p>12 February 65</p> <p>17 February 65</p> <p>19 February 65</p> <p>26 February 65</p> <p>2 March 65</p> <p>3 March 65</p> <p>8 March 65</p> <p>10 March 65</p> <p>Commo Plan</p>
<p>3. It is realized that an operational progress report and a contact report are two different items; however, in view of the detailed nature of the LITAMIL-9 CR's the Station has felt that their submission has satisfied the requirements of operational reporting. The criticism of reference is all the more puzzling since such visitors to the Station as Chester D. Lainold, Chief, WED; Morton A. Woolley, erstwhile Chief of Operations, WED; and Thomas W. Lund, present Mexico Branch Chief, have all expressed their approval of the detailed operational reporting on this operation during visits they have made to the Station at which time the reports in question have been brought to their attention.</p>		
<p>4. When LITAMIL-9 next exits PERUREM, the Station will begin to prepare formal operational progress reports on the operation.</p>		
<p>5. As for the questions raised in paragraph 2 of reference regarding operational security, advance information on LITAMIL-9's recall came from LIENVOY but he was not informed of the imminence of his transfer until it was reported routinely by LITAMIL-7 and was generally known by his colleagues. As for the implication that LITAMIL-9 was informed of the Station's capability to intercept Embassy telephone conversations, a careful re-reading of the Memorandum under critique will show that no such acknowledgement was made. LITAMIL-9 was informed that "we have a good chance of being told about such a conversation by one of our friends," i.e. that word will probably get around in Embassy circles that LITAMIL-9 is about to travel to such-and- such a point.</p>		

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As for the speculation that LITAMIL-9 suspects that Embassy phones are tapped, he has indicated his belief that this is the case ever since he was taken over by the present C/O. In fact, he is prone to say "I called so-and-so on such-and-such a matter, using the phone instead of the intercom so you could hear it." In cases wherein he has spoken this way, he has been told that chances are we will never hear about the matter discussed unless he reports on it specifically in his meetings with his C/O.

[Redacted Signature]

Willard C. CURTIS

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Shannon: while the time was short, was there some real reason why LITAMIL 9 was not trained in SW, OWVL or something of the sort?

Yes: he refused to accept training. Einfach, was?

Not sure that he had consistently refused to go but he made a big slip in getting him this far (after much work & discussion in office) w/ [Signature]

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FROM	Chief of Station, Mexico City		ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING
SUBJECT	Transmittal of LITAMIL-9 Contact Reports		MICROFILM

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Action Required: See below

Forwarded by split transmission, is a copy of a contact report dated 15 March 1965 covering meetings with LITAMIL-9 from 12 February through 10 March and a copy of Communication Arrangements set up between L-9 and Mexico Station. These copies are to be forwarded to Thomas G. URQUHART and Stephan R. LABANOW as requested in HMMA 25001.

*Lawrence F. Barker*  
Willard C. CURTIS

Attachments:  
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15 March 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meetings with LITAMIL-9, 12 February 1965  
17 February  
19 February  
26 February  
2 March  
3 March  
8 March  
10 March

1. Meetings were held with LITAMIL-9 on the above dates. L-9 brought his brother to the meeting of 2 March. He failed to show up for a scheduled meeting on 7 March but made the alternate the next day. The large number of meetings in a relatively short time was due to the imminence of L-9's transfer from Mexico.

2. The meeting of 12 February concerned furniture of the Embassy and L-9 described a piece being re-upholstered as from the office of AMRIFT-1. On the basis of this report the decision was made to go ahead with another LIRCANCE-type operation.

3. At subsequent meetings L-9 reported as follows:

- a. On 13 February an outfit named Conciertos Mexico, A.C. asked L-9 to formally invite Cuba to send contestants to the First International Guitar Contest which will be held in Mexico City the first two weeks of September 1965. An Embassy note was sent out on 15 Feb.
- b. On 4 Feb Lic. Vidal LUNA Peralta of the Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social, Subdireccion General Administrativa, wrote a letter to the Cuban Ambassador asking the Embassy to obtain a copy of a book entitled Retorna a la Alborada for him. According to LUNA this book is published in Cuba. LUNA's letter read in part: Como funcionario mexicano, universitario y maestro universitario, me interesa la obra de referencia, por considerar que dicha obra constituye el aporte mas interesante que ha sido editado en los ultimos años, dentro del marco de las ideas del enorme Martí.
- c. On 13 Feb CUENCA told L-9 that he, CUENCA, expected to remain in Mexico for a month on TDY. Referring to possible replacements for APARICIO, CUENCA told L-9, "Whoever it is who comes, it will have to be someone who doesn't get in your way."
- d. On 13 Feb someone came to the Embassy to give L-9 some anti-Castro propaganda material distributed in Veracruz recently. L-9 took it to the Ambassador and left it with him. (From the description, this sounds like LEROCK material).
- e. On 15 Feb L-9 went to the Institute to pick up two woodcarvings of CASTRO and MELLA, the Communist martyr, which someone had donated to the Institute. They were very poorly done and as L-9 passed through the Embassy yard with them under his arm, someone in a group of staffers there, including CUENCA, called out to him asking what

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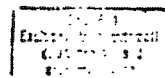
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he intended to do with the carvings. L-9 replied, "The only thing they're good for is burning." This caused quite a roar of laughter. According to L-9 his reply was quite "caring" since one doesn't joke about Fidel in this way. He feels that by making such a remark he is demonstrating his self confidence to the rest of the staff.

- f. On Monday 15 Feb at 1145 hours Lic. MAS Araujo was with the Ambassador. (LIROMANCE lead).
- g. On 15 Feb Sol ARGUEDAS, who is butting in more and more in affairs of the Cultural Department, phoned the Embassy to see if she could get a letter in the pouch to Jose FRESNEDA of the Casa de las Americas.
- h. On 15 Feb an Englishman named Robert CUNDY showed up to exhibit some films he had made in Cuba. These were unedited rushes. CUNDY said he hopes to go back to Cuba again soon to make some movies in the Sierra Maestra area. The films he showed at the Embassy dealt with such prosaic subjects as sponge fishing in Cuba. They were shown from 1600 to 2000 hours. Are later to appear on British TV. At one point Fidel CASTRO appeared on the screen and no-one applauded. Julian LOPEZ, sitting up front, turned around and accused everyone of being gusanos.
- i. On 16 Feb the wife of the code clerk, VILLAVICENCIO, was acting as secretary to the Ambassador. L-9 felt that this was a good example of the acute shortage of help since this woman apparently has no ability or experience in the secretarial field.
- j. On 16 Feb an American woman named Ana TOMPKINS visited the Embassy. Blond, pretty, about 35. She said she is a social worker, was in Cuba before in 1960. Now lives at Ignacio Mariscal 132, Mexico City. Wants to go to Cuba again for a visit. L-9 referred her to the Consulate.
- k. On 17 Feb L-9 got a phone call from the secretary (female) to Humberto ROMERO (in turn, secretary to ALM) who wanted to speak to the Amb. L-9 referred call to correct number.
- l. On 19 Feb L-9 overheard the Amb ask Cuenca, "Are you going to Cuba today?" Apparently the Amb knew nothing of C's change of plan.
- m. On 19 Feb Cuenca told L-9, "I've got to hurry back to Habana but I will be back here in about 6 weeks."
- n. The courier ENIG arrived on 19 Feb.
- o. The daughter of the CAMACHO couple (night watchman and cleaning woman) left for Cuba on 19 Feb as a "becada."
- p. Luis PRIETO of the MLN came to the Embassy at 1630 hours 19 Feb and spoke with the Amb and L-9 about the Cultural Institute. They spoke in the LIROMANCE-1 room. PRIETO had with him a plan Sol ARGUEDAS had written up about beefing up the Cultural Institute. It was addressed to the Amb. (LIROMANCE lead).
- q. As of 19 Feb a visa still had not arrived for Vicente CHUMACERO (see previous CR).

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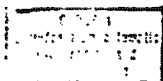
- r. On 20 Feb L-9 spoke with Justo URBETA who appeared to have calmed down a bit from his recent scare (arrest in connection with export of blood plasma). Urbeta said he would like to stay on in Mexico for at least another year because of his daughter's schooling. He said that his lawyer had told him that he need not fear further difficulties because of his connection with the blood plasma incident.
- s. At 1100 hours 22 Feb an Ecuadoran (name not noted) visited the Cultural Section wanting help to travel to Cuba. He was referred to the Consulate.
- t. At 1200 hours on 22 Feb Javier GUERRERO was at the Embassy. (Possible LIROMANCE lead).
- u. On 20 Feb at 1215 hours two Mexican MD's named Eduardo MECHELL Mendiola and Raul LERCERO Martinez, accompanied by Rufina RODRIGUEZ, visited the Cultural Department seeking information on how they might work out a visit to Cuba or medical studies there. RODRIGUEZ mentioned being a friend of Marta FRAIDE.
- v. At 1010 hours on 22 Feb Felipe ROJAS, clipping newspapers for L-9, said he thought that it would be a good idea to send some clippings on the Hijos de Sanchez book controversy to Cuba. L-9, who is convinced that Felipe is a Mexican agent, said he thought this was a poor idea and told him not to send anything to Cuba that could cause embarrassment to Mexico. L-9 felt that Rojas might be testing him in bringing up this sticky subject.
- w. On 23 Feb L-9 went to an Armed Forces Day reception at the Soviet Embassy. Usual social affair, nothing of interest to report.
- x. On 23 Feb Armando RODRIGUEZ of the Instituto was at the Embassy with Irina TRAPOTE de LOPEZ. He expressed surprise on learning that Sol had returned (Sol ARGUEDAS). Said that he had wanted her to help him publish a book under the auspices of the Instituto but that she had not wanted to help him in this. Apparently a bit anti-Sol.
- y. On 23 Feb a visa for Vicente CHUMACERO Galindo finally was authorized. His mother went to Cuba the next day.
- z. At 1200 on 23 Feb a Mexican journalist named PARELLON (fnu) was at the Embassy trying to get a copy of book written by another Mexican journalist, Luis LARA Pardo, since deceased.
- aa. At 1210 on 23 Feb Yolanda came across her husband CURELO chatting at the Embassy gate and upbraided him for not being at his office, "Why aren't you in the Consulate, they have been calling you on the phone for half an hour."
- bb. On 24 Feb it was announced that the Embassy would not celebrate the Grito de Leire this year. Apparently an economy measure.
- cc. The staff was told that total expenses at the airport (tips, etc) cannot exceed 25 pesos for any one day from now on. Economy measure. (REPORTED). When VEGA heard this he said, "Well if that's the way things are, then the Ambassador can just go out there himself."

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- dd. At 1223 hours on 23 Feb Jose MANCISIDOR, hijo, visited the Cultural Department to see about having his father's book, A History of the Mexican Revolution, published in Cuba. He said he is not interested in making money on the new edition.
- ee. During the night of 24 Feb a cable came to the Embassy announcing that the ship Karl Marx would not be coming to the Mexican coast to pick up cotton for shipment to Cuba. It was addressed to Guillermo RUIZ (long since gone). When Avilio GORJON opened it up and read it he exclaimed "Cabones!" and stormed off.
- ff. On 25 Feb the American Social worker, Ara TOMPKINS, see item j above, came back to the Embassy. Her documentation was not sufficiently complete to qualify her for a visa. She was told to come back later.
- gg. On 25 Feb L-9 accompanied Sol ARGUEDAS (in place of Federico ALVAREZ, who begged off) to a number of points in the city picking up artifacts, books, etc., which Sol had arranged to be given to the Embassy -- to be sent to Cuba for the Casa de Mexico in Habana. They spent 3 hours on this.
- hh. On the night of 25 Feb L-9 got a phone call from a woman who talked as though she had been drinking, said "I am a spy watching you," and made a lot of foolish remarks. L-9 thinks it was Sol ARGUEDAS but rather than play games with her he hung up after explaining he didn't have time to waste talking to people who refuse to identify themselves.
- ii. On 27 Feb L-9 first learned officially that he was to be transferred when the Amb called him into the office and gave him the word. L-9 took the news calmly (the C/O had earlier told him that he would probably be transferred soon). He told the Amb, "I am nothing more than a soldier and I will go where ordered." Curiously enough the Amb seemed to think some pity was in order and said it was a shame L-9 had to go but that, "that's life and, who knows, maybe I'll be transferred out of here before long myself." The Amb praised L-9 highly for his work and mentioned specific instances when L-9 had accomplished difficult tasks for the Embassy by his smooth manner of working with Mexican officialdom. L-9 said that many of his friends wondered why he stayed with "that Embassy" but that he felt that as a patriotic Cuban it was his duty to stick with his fatherland in lean days as well as better times. He was ready to go when and where he might be ordered. He told the Ambassador he would be ready to leave about 8 March as it would take him some time to settle his affairs. The Amb told him there was no hurry and he could have as much time as he might need to get things in order.
- jj. On 1 Mar L-9 brought the Amb over to his department and showed him his files, library, etc. Everything was in apple pie order and the Amb was quite impressed. One thing that struck his fancy was L-9's system of keeping a running log on incoming phone calls on a calendar set by the phone -- the Amb liked this idea so much he sent someone out to buy him a similar calendar-log.



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- kk. On 1 Mar at L-9's request, the Amb sent a message to FOMIN Paul RIA that just as soon as he had his affairs in order L-9 would return to Cuba.
- ll. On 1 Mar Armando TEJERA and another Cuban medico came in from Cuba to attend a medical congress in Cuernavaca.
- mm. On 2 Mar Armando GODOY of the Instituto and Sol ARGUEBAS visited L-9 to discuss Sol's program of obtaining books for the Casa de Mexico in Habana.
- nn. On 2 Mar L-9 learned that Rogelio RODRIGUEZ will be returning to Cuba PCS on 5 Mar.
- oo. On 2 Mar URSBITA told L-9 that he had heard that Andres ARMONA was going to replace L-9.
- pp. L-9 reported that the table at which Embassy staff members have their lunch in the kitchen is almost exactly the same as Model 734 at Sears Roebuck, Ejercito Nacional Store. He had been scouting for a similar table for several weeks.
4. On 17 Feb L-9 mentioned the name of his Swedish girlfriend -- JOHANSEN. She is an artist, now in Philadelphia in connection with a Swedish art exhibit.
5. On 19 Feb the C/O presented L-9 with a gold centenario as a 50th birthday present -- L-9 said he would keep it as a good luck piece, seemed very pleased to be remembered on his birthday.
6. On 26 Feb L-9 mentioned that he had been approached by representatives of the UNAM radio station to furnish broadcast material. The C/O encouraged him to offer his help but to try to stall any actual deliveries of propaganda material to the station.
7. At a number of these meetings L-9 was being softened up to accept transfer to Cuba (our advance notice came from LIENVOY) and after examination of myriad facets he said, before he officially received word that he was being transferred, that he would agree to go back if called upon to do so. He was given intensive coaching in what to expect in the way of provocation and how to cope with it. By the time the word came he was well prepared and almost anxious to go to Cuba although he would have really preferred to quietly melt into the Mexican scene. Headquarters authorized a pay raise from \$ 4,000 MN to \$ 5,000 MN as requested by the Station and on 3 March L-9 was given \$10,000 to cover his salary for March and April. He was encouraged to ask the Embassy for an advance on his salary to cover packing expenses -- he did this and reported back that he felt it had had a good effect from the cover standpoint. On 10 March he was given a bonus of \$ 5,000 MN (HQS had suggested a bonus of up to 500 dollars) which also had a very good effect on his morale.
8. Communications and contact arrangements have been covered in a separate memorandum which will be filed on top of P-6079.
9. L-9 departed for Cuba on \_\_\_\_\_

*Lawrence F. Baxter*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker  
SUBJECT : Interim Communications Plan, LITAMML-9 to Station

1. The following open-code communications indicators were agreed upon in a series of meetings with LITAMML-9 in late February and early March 1965. L-9 will use these in letters to his brother. The brother is unaware of the code or the fact that L-9 will be sending messages to Barker in his letters. The brother has agreed to turn over all letters from L-9 to Barker. L-9 will mail some letters from Cuba, will give others to Luis BISSART, Cuban Captain and old-time family friend, to mail from the Mexico City airport.

Indicator

Message

vacaciones

I am free and unmolested, apparently not under any sort of suspicion.

noto la diferencia de la altura

I feel I am under suspicion, have noticed surveillance or have been questioned in such a manner as to make me believe I am being investigated.

preocupación or preocupado

I am definitely under suspicion, have been jailed, interrogated or otherwise molested by the security forces.

siento bien

I expect to leave Cuba within 3 months.

siento muy bien

I expect to leave within 6 months.

siento de los ras bien

I expect to leave within a year.

calor

The regime is leaning towards Moscow.

mucho calor

The regime is leaning towards Peking.

no tanto calor

The regime is leaning away from the Communist Bloc.

recuerdos de la gente de la Cuba

Ordoqui will be tried soon.

muchos recuerdos de la gente de la Cuba

The Ordoqui trial has been postponed, is not imminent

(Use of a period after L-9's first name signature)

Teresa Proenza is dead.

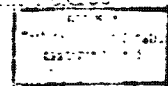
2. L-9 was thoroughly drilled in these code words and phrases and had them firmly in mind on the final meeting, 10 March.

3. L-9 will notify his brother as soon as possible when he knows anything about travel plans. He will also try to learn the Embassy in Mexico

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City and ask the person holding his former position to go to the Libreria Francesa to see if a book on the Italian artist BUBBET has arrived. L-9 ordered this book some time ago. I will take advantage of this conversation to tell the person on this end of the line where and when he, L-9, will be traveling next. L-9 was given to believe that we have a good chance of being told about such a conversation by one of our "friends;" he probably realizes that we will monitor the conversation since he has many times indicated he believes we tap all Embassy phones.

4. Most likely points where L-9 can be expected to show up, if not in Mexico, are Madrid and Paris. If he goes to Madrid he will stay with his sister at Maiquez 26, 3ro - A, Madrid 9. After visual ~~contact~~ contact L-9 will follow the C/O to a meeting place. If he goes to Paris, he will most likely stay at a pension located at Rue de Petrograd No. 33, Paris 8. The meeting place, after visual or phone contact is established, will be the Vavin Metro exit by the large map.

5. L-9 told the C/O several times that he will deal only with Barker, will have absolutely nothing to do with anyone else if and when he gets out of Cuba. The C/O, while pleased at the thought of a trip to Europe, informed L-9 that officers stationed in other countries are just as worthy of L-9's trust and that the C/O would lay on visual, physical, and verbal bonafides sufficient to dispel any fears L-9 might have that the person contacting him might be engaged in provocation. L-9 would have none of this. He said, "With you I feel like one of the family. If anyone else approaches me I won't give him the time of day. However, if after meeting with me you can assure me that you have personally checked out your local counterpart then, and only then, will I agree to meet with him. I will wait for 20 years if necessary for you to show up but will deal with no-one else." The matter was left at that. L-9 was adamant and obviously quite spooked about the possibility of being exposed to someone else. The C/O told him, "Well, if you're going to be so stubborn and insist on this, maybe I'll get to see Madrid which I've always wanted to visit." L-9 laughed and replied, "Maybe I'll get sent to Ghana instead!"

6. Arrangements with L-9's brother were set up as follows: If the C/O wants to contact him he will either phone him (number set forth separately) or write him a letter on business stationery (Ford or Massey Ferguson). If mail is used, L-9's brother will phone Barker at home at night from Guadalajara as soon as possible after receipt of the C/O's letter. Meeting time can be set by phone. Meetings will take place at the Copa de Leche restaurant in Guadalajara. L-9's brother will use the alias "Leonardo AGUILAR" in communicating with the C/O.

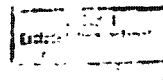
7. PROBABILITIES: L-9 feels that his most likely post of future assignment is Mexico City but he does not know how long it will take to work this out. In the meantime, because of the presence of relatives in Spain, he feels that he can probably work out a trip to Madrid in 2 or 3 months. If it appears at that time that he cannot count on getting another permanent foreign assignment, he will probably defect in Madrid and come to Mexico where he has inmigrado status. In any event he plans to return to Mexico, by hook or crook, before 1 year 11 months have elapsed so he can retain his inmigrado status. If he thinks he will manage to get another foreign assignment, which is most probable, he will go back to Habana after the Madrid visit. The possibility of going to Paris is slight but does exist because of his French language qualifications and prior residence there.

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LETTER FROM L-9 DATED 19 MAR. LETTER INCLUDED CODE PHRASES TO INDICATE (A) L-9 COMPLETELY FREE AND UNMOLESTED BY PBRUMEN SECURITY SERVICES, (B) REGIME APPARENTLY LEANING AWAY FROM COMMUNIST BLOC, (C) L-9 UNABLE CONFIRM LIONHEART REPORT THAT TERESA PROENZA DEAD.

2. LETTER FURTHER INDICATES OTHER BROTHER AT WHOSE HOME L-9 STAYING PLAYED PING PONG WITH ANTHUG 18 MAR SO RELATIONS BETWEEN FAMILY AND ANTHUG APPEAR GOOD AS EVER. NO INDICATION WHEN AND WHERE L-9 WILL BE EXITING PBRUMEN.

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1. LIENVOY REVEALS THAT EVENING IS FEB CUBANA DE AVIACION OFFICE MEXI RECEIVED ONE WAY TICKETS TO CUBA FOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL ROGELIO RODRIGUEZ, JULIAN LOPEZ, IRINA TRAPOTE, ABELARDO CURBELO, AND YOLANDA CASTILLO. LOPEZ/TRAPOTE AND CURBELO/CASTILLO ARE MARRIED COUPLES WHO ARRIVED IN MEXI RECENTLY. THIS TRANSFER ACTION MOST UNUSUAL.

2. ON 17 FEB LITAMIL-9 RECEIVED LETTER FROM SISTER-IN-LAW, WHO IS ONCE AGAIN SECRETARY TO AMTHUS-1, INFORMING HIM THAT MANY PERSONS FROM CUBAN EMBASSIES IN WESTERN EUROPE BEING CALLED BACK TO SPEND ONE YEAR IN CUBA.

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<p>Reference: HMA 25001</p> <p>Forwarded under split transmission is a copy of a contact report covering meetings with LITAMIL-9 on 7 and 18 January 1965.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Willard C. Curtis</i> Willard C. CURTIS</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>1 - [unclear]</i></p> <p>Attachments: Split Transmission - left side (h/w); right side (asc)</p> <p>Distribution: 2 - C/ WHD w/o/att 1 - C/WH/BA w/att 2 - Files</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CS COPY</p>			
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January 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meetings with LITANIL-9, 7 Jan 65  
18 Jan 65

1. A car meeting was held with L-9 on the night of 7 Jan. L-9 reported as follows:

- a. On 30 Dec 64 a man named David WEBER of the National Broadcasting Company phoned L-9 to inquire about the presentation of a statue of Emiliano Zapata to the Cuban Ambassador by the University of Michoacan. WEBER's phone is 46-37-05. (LITANIL-9 picked this up).
- b. On 30 Dec the local manager of an orchestra made up of poor children inquired whether the Embassy would be willing to furnish musical instruments for the group. (L-9 was instructed to follow up on this as it could result in some good publicity for him thus enhancing his position).
- c. On 30 Dec Lie. HERBERTZ of the Univ. of Michoacan was in the piano room of the Embassy -- had come to talk with the Amb about the Zapata statue.
- d. On 30 Dec L-9 learned that Jamaican Senator Dudley Thompson would be returning from Cuba on 6 Jan. (He did.)
- e. On Sat 2 Jan L-9 had a long chat with the Amb in the latter's office. Nothing of importance was covered -- L-9 feels that it is a good idea to get the Amb alone from time to time and simply chat. Amb was in good spirits, seemed to enjoy the visit. L-9 explained what he was working on and what his plans are for the future. Amb encouraged him to keep up the good work. At this session the Amb told L-9 "confidentially" that he had just learned who would be the new director of Balles Artes (INEA) -- Jose Luis MARTINEZ. While this is not of itself very significant, L-9 reported that it is the first time the Amb has ever imparted anything to him on a "confidential" basis -- perhaps a good sign.
- f. On 2 Jan Irina Trepoza asked L-9 if he had a collection of back issues of the Embassy bulletin. He had such a collection but stalled her off as he did not wish to give it away. Then she informed him that her husband is the new Press Attache of the Embassy (this is the first indication L-9 has had that Irina is married to Julian LOPEZ) and that he was planning great things. L-9 then admitted that he had his own private copies stashed away and would be glad to give them to her.
- g. On 4 Jan L-9 heard that Cecilio DOMESTICH was planning to go to Cuba for 2 weeks' consultation, leaving sometime after the 15th. (item cont'd)

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L. has noted that Castillo is very friendly with a Cuban stewardess named Pilar (fnu) who was on a flight on 4 Jan or thereabouts. L-9 had the feeling that Pilar has known Castillo for a long time.

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- h. At the reception of 4 Jan (SINOBAS's observations), L-9 noted that the Soviets, who appeared en masse, were extremely cordial in their dealings with him. At this same reception he again saw LIOLEO-1 and made it a point to talk with her, see her to the door when she was ready to leave, etc. She told him she would like to work in the Embassy and that she had formerly worked as secretary for AMQUACK. The two agreed that it would be a good idea to get together sometime socially. (LIOLEO's version coincided exactly with this).
- i. After the 4 Jan reception, when all the guests had gone home, SINOBAS and some of the others started joking about the names of the Soviets who had attended — they would try to pronounce these names and roars of laughter would ensue. L-9 felt that this was interesting as a year ago no-one would have dared make fun of the Soviets.
- j. On 5 Jan Jaime SABINES came by to see L-9 and to report that he would be going to Cuba as a judge for the literary contest of the Casa de Las Americas.
- k. On 6 Jan L-9 went to see the Amb and asked if there were any plans for his, L-9's, transfer. The Amb asked L-9 why he should ask such a question. L-9 explained that he was just about to start work on some large canvases which would be very difficult to move and expensive to store — he wanted to know whether he could plan on being in Mexico a while before starting this work. The Amb told him he should by all means begin the work as he knew of no plans to transfer L-9.
- l. On 7 Jan L-9 went with the Amb and other accredited diplomatic officers of the Embassy to pay their respects to GDO. While they were riding in the Amb's car the Amb remarked that word had just been received that the passport of Flora DIAZ Parrado, long-time Cuban diplomat in Paris, had been cancelled — seems she refused to return to Cuba when recalled. Also while in the car Castillo DOMENECS remarked that "it would be disastrous" if Jose Antonio HENDEZ were to come to Mexico and then refuse to return to Cuba. (Ref Itca 3,8, CR of 6 Jan)
- m. On 7 Jan SINOBAS was chewing out Alejandro RODRIGUEZ, accusing him of not having delivered an invitation to the 4 Jan reception to a certain Ambassador (L-9 did not know which). Alejandro reacted sharply to this, said he had delivered the invitation, and called SINOBAS peñón. He accented this word in such a way as to make it a deliberate insult to SINOBAS. The word peñón is always used among Embassy people.
- n. L-9 has had the locks on his apartment door changed — routine security measure. He does not feel that his apartment has ever been entered although on two occasions one of the locks had been opened — the one supplied by the building. His pin tumbler dead bolt has apparently stopped would-be intruders.

- c. Several persons have recently offered to give lectures at the Cultural Institute, among them Eulalia Ma, the art critic Crespo de laerna, and (fnu) PALOMARES of the Jose Marti group.
- f. The Embassy has received a complaint that the meteorological students (becados) are not paying their bills.
- g. There is an artificial euphoria in the Embassy these days -- each officer trying to outdo the others in showing his complete faith in the revolution -- false smiles and false statements of confidence. L-9 finds all of this quite interesting and easy to see through but has no explanation for it except as a result of the rather unusual speech given by Fidel CASTRO on 2 Jan. in which it seemed that more than ever Cuba must go it alone.
- r. L-9 recently unearthed a piece of paper which he turned over to SINOMAS on 31 Dec (it was dated 15 Oct 64) and referred to a man named Fred Brooks Smith who at that time was seeking a medical scholarship in Cuba. He gave his address as San Jeronimo 21-203, Mexico 1, D.F. and said that from 1941 to 1947 he had been a student at the Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham. The paper contained no further info and L-9 could not remember anything about Smith.
- s. At the request of Choaden, Barker asked L-9 whether he knew anything of plans of Jaime GARCIA Terres to go to Cuba. L-9 replied that he knew of no such plans and would be surprised to see GARCIA travel as he is not known to be a friend of the Cuban revolution. He said that GARCIA is son-in-law of Ignacio CHAVEZ of the UNAM.
- t. At the request of the Station's Satellite Section, L-9 was asked if he knew Margarita PAZ Paredes, a Mexican poet. He said he recognized the name but could not recall the individual.
- u. L-9 reported on Mexican official attendance at the reception of 4 Jan. This was relayed to the Embassy Political Section. Noted were ROSENZWEIG Dias, Raul CICERO, (fnu) BERNAL, Ernesto MADERO, and Horacio FLORES Sanchez.
- v. L-9 turned over the usual supply of Cuban newspapers and other publications for JMAVE.

2. Another car meeting was held on the night of 18 Jan. L-9 reported as follows:

- a. On the Cubans plans of 8 Jan were two Japanese and a man named HUIYO -- on their way to Japan to work out some sort of fishing agreement or to consult on fishing matters.
- b. Dudley THOMPSON arrived on the 8th of January -- spoke with L-9 and the results were forwarded in FIR form to Hqs.
- c. On 11 Jan L-9's contacts in the Anthropology Museum finally came across with information he had requested of them (see previous CR's). He sent this on to LECHUGA in Esfets.
- d. On 12 Jan L-9 discovered that visas had been issued to Margarita PAZ Paredes, Emilio ARETU, and Jaime HUYANS -- all going to Cuba as judges in the literary contest of the Casa de las Americas. (item cont'd)

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L-9 recognized that Margarita PAZ is wife of Emilio ABREU.  
(Reported to Station Satellite Section - see item 1,t,above)

- e. SIDOBAS is "always with" a new officer who just arrived recently -- short fellow with blue eyes. L-9 did not have the name yet. This man works in the Consulate. (Must be ABREU or CURELIO).
- f. On 11 Jan a Venezuelan named Edmundo ARAI and his wife Sonia AZPAREN de ARAI came to the Embassy -- returned again on 18 Jan. ARAI claims to have been invited to attend the judging of the literary contest of the Casa de las Americas but did not have his invitation with him. He was being given the stall treatment pending word from Habana. L-9 wanted to cable Habana right away but SIDOBAS decided to wait a while.
- g. On 11 Jan permission was received by L-9 to export the Zapata statue to Cuba. (LIENVOY and LIOMEN both covered his efforts to get the permit).
- h. L-9 feels that LITAMIL-7 is acting a bit strange, almost conspiratorial, and suggested that Parker might have a way to tell her to act more naturally. B said, "I have never seen the lady and have no contact with her." L-9 obviously knows of her collaboration.
- i. Three sugar technicians arrived on 16 Jan -- from the Ministry of Sugar. They are being squired around by DOMENECH and plan to visit Mexican sugar mills. One of them, a mulatto named Ariel VERA, knows L-9's brother in Cuba and passed on the brother's best regards. The group will be in Mexico about 2 weeks.
- j. On 18 Jan an American named Alan GINSBERG went to Cuba to act as a judge in the literary contest. (This was reported to Hqs on the basis of LIFIRE info).
- k. On 18 Jan a Colombian painter named Carlos GRANADA came to the Emb. He is going to Cuba to exhibit some of his paintings but they have not showed up in Mexico -- were sent by AVIANCA. The Embassy was unable to shed any light on the whereabouts of his paintings.
- l. On 18 Jan a "Chilean Ambassador" called L-9, said he was staying at the Hotel d'Alarcon, was planning to go to Cuba. L-9 suggested he call the Ambassador's office. (Later info on this man was developed from other sources).
- m. On 18 Jan (fnu) POPOCA, Communist who often visits the Embassy, said he wanted to go to Cuba to study. He is from NW Mexico and has a brother who is a medium ranking officer in the Mexican Army. Embassy note Number 175 was sent to Habana regarding this request.
- n. On 18 Jan Bienvenido GARCIA and Teudi WYTER, Cuban delegates to the UN were at the Embassy. L-9 was to take them to the American Embassy the next morning to get their visas.
- o. In response to Barker's inquiry (aimed at eventual recruitment), L-9 reported that the maid at the Embassy is Sra. CAMACHO, wife of (fnu) CAMACHO who lives at the Cultural Institute. Sr. CAMACHO acts as night watchman at the Embassy. His wife is from Jalisco, is tall and thin. She probably has access to the Amb's office!

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p. L-9 turned over a number of newspapers and periodicals.

3. L-9 was asked to concentrate on the Ambassador's office and the kitchen (where the staff eats lunch) and be prepared to report in detail on furnishings, layout, etc., at the next meeting. A discussion of furniture throughout the building brought out the information that the love seat being bugged by the Station was originally from the MACHADO-SINOBA office and has recently been in the piano room which is occasionally used for "secret conferences" because of the heavy curtains which keep sounds from filtering out.

4. Next meeting: 26 Jan, 2030 hours, car pick up in Palace.

*Lawrence F. Baxter*



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1. PER LITAMIL-9, ON 24 DEC 64 CICY SOLORZANO, SISTER-IN-LAW OF GENERAL LAZARO CARDENAS, VISITED HER FRIEND <sup>Also Rev. Torres</sup> HERBERTO JORRATA, CUBAN EMBASSY MEXI. SHE COMPLAINED THAT SHE IS NOT NOW ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE EMBASSY AND ESPECIALLY MENTIONED THAT SHE HAD GIVEN SOME MESSAGE OR SOME THING FOR DELIVERY TO SOMEONE IN CUEA TO MARGOT MACHADO, FORMER CUBAN COUNSELLOR EMBASSY MEXI, WHEN LATTER TRANSFERRED BACK TO CUBA IN FALL 64. SOLORZANO SAID MACHADO DID NOT COMPLY BUT THAT ANTRUS HAD FOUND OUT ABOUT THE CONTENTS FROM A "PRISONER". SHE THEN COMPLAINED THAT SHE HAS SUFFERED BECAUSE OF JESUS SOTT, SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION OF THE CTC.

2. FIELD COMMENT: THE MESSAGE GIVEN MACHADO HAD TO DO WITH EXPOSING IRREGULARITIES IN CONDUCT OF JESUS FOTO, WHO JILTED SOLORZANO, AS REFLECTED IN LIENVOY JUST PRIOR MACHADO DEPARTURE FROM MEXICO. IT IS POSSIBLE ANTRUG GOT THE MESSAGE AS PASSED, OR GOT IT FROM AMSNEAK, OR HE ACTUALLY GOT IT FROM A PRISONER. LATTER POSSIBILITY SUGGESTS THERE MAY BE UNKNOWN PRISONERS WHO HAVE ACCESS HIGH LEVEL OF CTC, OR THAT "PRISONER" VERSION IS MERELY SOMEONE'S COVER-UP FOR REAL SOURCE IN INTEL CIRCLES OR ELSEWHERE.

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Office of Station, Mexico City

SUBJECT: LITABILL-9 - Request for Art Publication

### REFERENCES

1. For many years LITABILL-9 has been trying to obtain a copy of an art publication entitled Flemish Drawings at Windsor Castle, published in 1942 by the Platoon Press, London. He recently asked his case officer if it would be too much trouble to try to locate a copy of this out of print publication, saying that its acquisition would fill a gap in his otherwise complete collection of art publications.

2. It is requested that Headquarters attempt to procure a copy of this publication for the Station to present to LITABILL-9 next Christmas. If it cannot be located in New York, the most likely spot in the United States, a copy might be found in London.

Richard C. CURTIS

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There are attached contact reports dated 12 and 27 August 1964 covering meetings with LITANIL-9.

*Laurence F. [Signature]*  
Willard C. CURTIS

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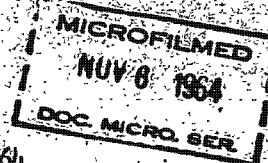
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12 August 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meetings with LITANIL-9, 28-29 July 1964  
3 August 1964



1. A meeting was held with L-9 from 2100 hours until 0010 hours 28-29 July 1964 -- car pick-up, main meeting at B's home, short meeting at L-9's apartment. No security problems.

2. L-9 reported as follows:

- a. Marxist indoctrination classes at the Embassy seem to have been suspended -- there have been no such classes in recent months. No pressure to resume them.
- b. On 22 July L-9 attended a reception at the Polish Embassy. Sol ARGUEDAS was there and stood close by Ambassador HERNANDEZ Arias while the Amb's wife was out in the garden with most of the other wives.

At this reception KUZNETZOV of the SovEmb told L-9 that the Russian painter who recently exhibited here (see previous CR's) had spent some 20 days waiting around in Tampico to get on a boat for Cuba but that the authorities would not let him aboard. He blamed the "imperialists" for this.

- c. APARICIO is scheduled to go to MERIDA on 1 August to give an address at the Institute. Returning 3 Aug. L-9 suggested that he be given "the works" as he is still very gun shy from previous adverse publicity. (CABLE WAS SENT TO MERID ON THIS)
- d. Dr. CORREA from Toluca was at the Embassy on 22 July. He is a Panamanian citizen, a medical doctor.
- e. L-9 finally got the books released from the airport (see previous CR's) This helped his image as a "doer" in the Embassy. On 23 July the Amb asked Rogelio to help L-9 out on this mission. In referring to his use of L-9 to get things done, the Amb said: "One has to know how to use his pitchers in this game."
- f. On 23 July it was discovered that some Cuban paintings which were sent to Brazil for exhibit about a year ago had been misdirected by Lopez Enos, Customs and Shipping Agents, to New Orleans, La. They were aboard the ship "Cabo San Roque." In L-9's absence, Cerilo DOMENECH decided to send word to New Orleans to mark the crates with L-9's given name and second surname and have them re-routed to Mexico. L-9 threw a fit when he found out about the use of his name (controlled anger, as usual) and reminded DOMENECH about the recent publicity campaign against APARICIO -- said he didn't want to find himself blasted all over the papers as the result of DOMENECH's action. (L-9 suggested that we might wish to impound these paintings)

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- g. APARICIO is planning to sponsor an exhibit of SICREIROS paintings at the Casa de Las Americas, Habana. The exhibit would be made up of 5 paintings already in Cuba.
- h. On 24 July a exhibit of engravings of the Taller de Grafica Popular was held at the Institute at Tokyo 63. L-9 wanted to serve cocktails at the inauguration but APARICIO decided against this. L-9 remonstrated and the Amb supported him -- cocktails were served. The Amb remarked, in support of L-9, that this is the way things are done in the cultural field. L-9 has noticed that the Amb is leaning on him more and more, less on APARICIO.
- i. There was no staff meeting on 25 July.
- j. Dra. MACHADO, who grumbles more and more these days, recently remarked that FERNANDEZ Roa is not doing his share of the work (que nojala parejo).
- k. L-9, VEGA and others were at the airport on 26 July to meet the Cubana flight and saw the exhibition of the USN Blue Ang 14 flight team. A Mexican official remarked with a smile, "We held the Cubana flight up so they could see this exhibition." The Cubana crew was obviously very impressed with the Blue Angels and did not make any attempt to hide its admiration for these precision flyers. VEGA and the others watched carefully but were careful not to say anything in favor of the flyers.
- l. On 26 July a big reception was held at the Embassy. L-9 was with the Yugoslavian Amb, Horacio FLORES Sanchez, and (Amb) CICERO of the Foreign Ministry and the subject discussed was Mexico's OAS position supporting CASTRO. The Yugoslavian Amb said, "The heart is one thing and the head another quite different thing. I fail to see what Mexico has to support its position in this business of give and take." CICERO stressed the legalistic position of Mexico and said that the Congress of the Union would never go along with sanctions against Cuba; that the Rio Treaty was being falsely interpreted by the other Latin American countries. He said that the OAS meeting had been a useless exercise and that everything was now the same as it had been before the meeting. The Yugo Amb remarked that Bolivia was undecided. CICERO said that there was a possibility that Mexico might be expelled from the OAS for its stand. FLORES Sanchez remarked that he was completely in favor of the Mexican position. VEGA was hanging around, behind a pillar, trying to overhear what was being discussed by this small group.

Luis FIGUERO of the Foreign Office arrived and asked for APARICIO who was not there. L-9 says that FIGUERO is "cultured but is of no importance" in the government of Mexico.

A choral group called the "Mascarones" -- six young men from the UGM, led by Mariano LEYVA, sang at this affair. One of them recited some poems by Nicolas GUILLEN. The Amb told L-9 that when the group arrived they asked for L-9 by name.

- m. On 27 July L-9 represented the Embassy at a celebration of the

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Cuban Revolution held at the University of Toluca. The Rector was present. Antonio CERVANTES Tapia was in charge of the affair and speeches praising Cuba were delivered by Anastasio SERRANO Lopez Rogelio HERNANDEZ Miranda, Alfredo GONZALEZ, and Alfonso CRUZ Mendoza. The band of the Escuela Tecnica Industrial Tierra y Libertad performed.

n. On 28 July APARICIO said that he felt that something unpleasant would occur when he went to Merida to speak at the Institute. (L-9 says he is still very afraid of adverse publicity -- this fear is contributing to his illness)

3. In view of the SWPIP report that a meeting with MIRABIL had been held at an address which coincided with that of L-9, B told L-9 he would like to pay a quick visit to L-9's apartment "just to see the place." Accordingly, shortly after midnight B entered L-9 apartment, 5 minutes after L-9 had gone in to see if the coast was clear. The apartment bore no resemblance whatever to the place described by SWPIP and, because of L-9's vocation, is quite unlike most other apartments. Furthermore it was chock full of books and other items, all very dusty, which would have drawn SWPIP's attention if he had in truth been there. There is only one door to the apartment. Because of the dust it is obvious that the furnishings could not have been moved out and back in in time to jibe with SWPIP's account. Furthermore L-9 has the only set of keys and always keeps these in his possession. Conclusion: SWPIP has never been in L-9's place.

4. The Next meeting was scheduled for 1 Aug -- quick passage of L-9's pay. He did not appear then or on 2 Aug -- did show up 3 Aug, explaining that APARICIO had been too ill to go to Merida, hence L-9 replaced him -- returned on 3 Aug. According to L-9 the entire Embassy was in a state of euphoria as a result of Mexico's OAS stand -- he was hoping that the other three holdouts would soon break relations with Cuba. His Merida trip was uneventful and, from the Castro standpoint, successful. L-9 said that he felt rather strange reading off a speech damning the American imperialists for all the troubles besetting Cuba.

5. NEXT MEETING: 13 Aug, 2030 hours, Polanco.

*Lawrence F. Becker*

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14 August 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker  
SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMEL-9, 14 August

1. L-9 did not make his scheduled meeting on 13 Aug -- had to attend a reception at the Soviet Embassy. He showed up the next night (alternate) and a meeting was held from 2030 until 0025 hours 15 Aug -- held at B's home.

2. The first hour was devoted to a general discussion -- usual amenities and a review of L-9's posture vis-a-vis his colleagues. He was given a few pointers on effective elicitation techniques but has very little more to learn as he is quite accomplished within the limitations of his manner of dealing with people.

3. L-9 reported as follows:

- a. Furnished address for Mauricio de la Selva -- this was turned over to Pellen next day.
- b. Euphoria resulting from Mexican position in the OAS was wiped away completely by Chile's break with Cuba.
- c. L-9 feels that Mexico may break with Cuba after DIAZ Ordaz takes over -- has no factual data to back this feeling up. As a good soldier, he would be willing to go back to Cuba hoping for a transfer elsewhere if that is what KUBARK wishes. (This is the first time he has faced up to this possibility squarely -- his attitude is promising).
- d. On 5 Aug L-9 attended an affair at the SovEmb at which the new Military Attache, Col. SORCLOV was presented. The Polish Amb. was quite friendly with L-9 and chatted amiably until the Sov. Amb hove into view at which time the Pole clammed up. The Yugoslavian Ambassador showed up a few minutes later and gave L-9 a weak handshake -- usually gives him a hearty one and grabs him by the other arm. L-9 ascribes all this to the fact that the Satellite Amb's are scared by the SovAmb and are afraid to be "human" in his presence.

At this same affair an American Colonel, Military Attache, was given VIP treatment by the Sovs. When the guests were shown to the theater to see a film on Stalingrad's defense, the American was brought a tray full of hors d'oeuvres and was brought a drink. After the Stalingrad film the Sovs showed one of the USSR and Fidel CASTRO appeared several times. At this point the lights went out -- apparently an electrical failure -- and the American Col's tray, glasses and all, went crashing to the floor. The American and his companions then departed. L-9 thought that the American had purposely dropped the tray and he thought it was a good idea.

- e. On 6 Aug, about 1000 hours, an American named Harold CLAYTON, from Washington, D.C., appeared at the Embassy. Short stature, red

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hair, about 34 years old. CLAYTON said that he is a composer and invited L-9 to join him and some friends at his local address, Calle DEL 57 No. 4 (sic), on 11 Aug at 1900 hours. (L-9 did not go) L-9 tested CLAYTON by remarking that he, L-9, knows Frederick FALL, an orchestra director in Washington, who owns one of L-9's paintings, having bought it some 10 years ago. CLAYTON immediately recognized the name, said he, too, knows "Fritz" FALL.

- f. On 7 Aug Dra. MACHADO was again muttering about HERNANDEZ Armas -- what a lousy Ambassador he is, etc. She has no respect whatever for him and is increasingly open about her feelings.
- g. A staff meeting was held on 8 Aug. The Amb again spoke of security measures, saying "each one of us must avoid as much as possible trying to find out what the others do here." He called for more discretion, spoke of hidden microphones, said that Embassy personnel should not try to find out who occupies which rooms upstairs in the living quarters.
- h. On 8 Aug Ing. (fnu) GUTIERREZ, expelled member of the Newspaper Editors Union, was at the Embassy trying to see about selling Johnson brand scales to the Cuban government. He was referred to Camilo DOMENECH of the Commercial office.
- i. During the afternoon of 8 Aug L-9 dined as a guest at the home of Ing. (fnu) VITERI, a former partner at the Sociedad Mexicana de Planificacion of Cuauhtemoc CARDENAS. VITERI's address: Chicago 156, Esq. con Indianapolis, Apt. 4, Colonia Napoles. Others present were

(fnu) DONOSO, Ecuadoran refugee in Mexico with political asylee status  
 Otto Raul GONZALEZ  
 Carlos YLESCAS  
 Fedro GUILLEN, believed to be a Guatemalan

The conversation was general, all very leftist. VITERI said that he has lived and worked in the U.S.

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 director of the Secretariat of MINREX, left for Cuba. She had been in Mexico on vacation -- a rest -- staying at the home of Dr. Fernando ARISPE, Yochicalco 260, Col. Narvarte. (She is a close friend of A's wife. Is also a friend of Norma CASTRO who anted up money at the airport to pay Mercy's excess baggage charges. Mercy was very upset at the airport, had been crying because Cubana charged her about 60 dollars for excess weight. She was furious with Rogelio RODRIGUEZ and mad at the Embassy in general for not treating her properly. She told L-9 he was the only civilized person in the Embassy and said she hoped he would visit her in Cuba. He saw her to the plane, got her a good seat, and succeeded in calming her down. (L-9 now has a well placed, and well stacked, friend in MINREX)

On 10 Aug, about 1630 hours, L-9 saw a Negro couple leaving the Consulate with two large suitcases. They went out through the Embassy gate. The man wore glasses, the woman was a bit lighter in skin color. VEGA was with them in front of the Embassy. L-9 says that it is most unusual to see people carrying suitcases around the Emb.

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1. On the morning of 12 Aug when L-9 arrived at the Emb most of the staff was congregated around the porteria talking about the terrible news of Galle's break with Cuba. L-9 came dangerously close to breaking out in a wide grin; he managed to stifle it and went quickly up to his office.

2. On 12 Aug L-9 went to the SovEmb to celebrate the anniversary of Soviet Relations with Mexico. Dra. MACHADO also attended and, as usual, grumbled about the Amb. In the Ambassador's car on the way home, L-9 was surprised to learn from the Amb that both JORRIN and Raul PEREIRA are expected to return to Mexico as "maintenance employees." The Amb remarked, "a lot of people just to serve a little cup of coffee now and then."

L-9 and the Amb sneaked away for a while to visit the Italian Book Exhibition, then returned to the Sov reception, then home.

3. On 13 August the Amb asked L-9 to be at work early -- 9 sharp. He and L-9 then drove to a funeral parlor where they mounted guard over the body of Isidro FAELLA for a few minutes.

4. L-9 reports that his relations with the Amb are excellent -- recent developments bear this out. L-9 is being leaned on more and more by the Amb now that APARICIO is sick (L-9 ascribes the illness primarily to the Station's press campaign against A). When A was unable to go to Merida, the Amb immediately chose L-9 for the job, saying that if L-9 could not go, he would go himself -- no thought of using other staff officers. To be chosen to stand guard over FAELLA's body was also a singular honor of sorts. L-9 feels that the Amb may interpret the recent substitution of a known non-Communist for a known Communist as head of the Cuban National Cultural Institute the same way L-9 does -- Fidel's way of toning the Communists down. (L-9's views on this change were cabled to Urquhart at HQS on 14 Aug as he had left a query with the C/O for L-9).

5. INTERESTING NOTE: L-9 volunteered, without any prompting, his belief that ANSESS-1 is not a Communist and that "down inside he is on our side." This is encouraging since ANSESS is the Station's next target for recruitment and the target studies are well under way. A cable, containing this info, was sent to HQS on 14 Aug.

6. L-9 was in an excellent mood at this meeting -- quite relaxed. The usual non-business topics -- art, furniture, archaeology, etc., that appeal to L-9 -- were discussed at some length.

7. NEXT MEETING: 25 Aug (Tuesday) at 2030 hours, Polanco.

8. As usual, L-9 turned over a number of publications which will be forwarded to JMWAVE.

*Laurie F. Harter*

Add: Also turned over a copy of the Embassy report on his Merida trip, newspaper clipping, several photos taken at recent social functions.

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27 August 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 25 August 1964

1. A meeting was held with L-9 from 2030 hours 25 Aug until 0015 hours 26 Aug at B's home.
2. L-9 reported as follows:
  - a. The Embassy has a large new shield (escudo) which will probably be installed over the front gate soon. The last one there was stolen over a year ago. L-9 thinks it would be a good idea to steal this one, too. When he was reminded that police are always on duty outside the building, even late at night, he said that we could create a diversion long enough to snatch the shield which probably represents a considerable financial outlay.
  - b. Dra. MACHADO is still completely fed up with the Ambassador and is determined to return to Cuba despite the Amb's having offered to her the post of Cultural Counselor while APARICIO is out sick. She told the Amb flatly, "I don't want to be ~~Executive~~ Cultural Counselor."
  - c. APARICIO is still quite ill -- no-one seems to know just what his trouble is, has multiple, complex symptoms (this confirms what LISICKE, who is one of A's physicians, has told us). L-9 believes that A is suffering primarily from the effects of the Station's press campaign against him.
  - d. There was no staff meeting on Saturday the 15th. The Embassy is still short-handed and is having trouble manning the gate.
  - e. Three Cubana pilots were on the plane which came in 15 Aug -- ARMENOLD, SEMDEY and one other (name not known to L-9) who appeared to be a very nice and friendly person. All three were quite interested in possibilities of a break in relations between Mexico and Cuba -- seemed worried about this.
  - f. On Sunday, 16 Aug, Dra. MACHADO, Berta PINO, Clara CARBONNEL de HERNANDEZ, and the Spanish wife of the code clerk from Chile were at the Lagunilla market in the Embassy Cadillac -- L-9 chanced upon them. The Spanish woman greeted L-9 effusively, said she was very worried about "everything that is going on" and seemed to be quite pessimistic.
  - g. On 25 Aug, about 1130 or 1200 hours, an American boy and girl (about 17 and 16 years old, resp., blond) came to the Embassy and asked if they might see it -- wanted to see the truth. They appeared to be clean-cut American kids, not the usual beatnik types; made a good impression on the Embassy staff and were taken on a tour of the building.

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- h. Jaime GARCIA Terres of the Publications Department UNAM is planning to publish a manuscript by Alejo CARPENTIER. Garcia's secretary is Alicia PANDO, Tel. 48-53-38.
- i. Two Cuban diplomats (man and wife) attached to the Cuban UN delegation went to the American Embassy with L-9 on 18 Aug to get visas. L-9 has made 4 similar visits to the AmEmb. These persons were Martin AMELLO Mejides and Josefina MARTIN Mejias. While they were waiting for issuance of the visas they were seated in the IV waiting room -- full of Cuban refugees loudly damning the Castro regime. L-9 secretly enjoyed watching the two squirm uncomfortably.
- j. L-9 came across the American musician from Washington, D.C. (name unknown) mentioned in the last CR -- ran into him on the street. This man mentioned being a friend of Guillermina BRAVO.
- k. According to APARICIO's wife, Amb. HERNANDEZ Armas is expected to return to Cuba (permanently?) in September -- had originally planned to return in Aug 64. She told this to L-9 on 19 Aug.
- l. On 20 Aug a young Mexican Communist named Raul ESPEJEL was at the Embassy to borrow two films -- Rogelio RODRIGUEZ authorized the loan.
- m. An American chess player named Larry EVANS was at the door of the Embassy on 21 Aug. Wilfrido GONZALEZ pointed him out to L-9 and identified him as a chess champ.
- n. No staff meeting on Saturday 22 Aug. "Pipo" FLORES, father-in-law of Mariano GARCIA, and the courier TATO were both at the Embassy that day.
- o. On 18 Aug L-9 heard Guillermo VELA broadcasting about the arrival of Cubans from Santiago de Chile but VELA mistakenly said they were from Santiago de Cuba. VELA mentioned Ramon SINOBA\_S by name, branding him as a notorious Communist.
- p. On 19 Aug URBETA told L-9 that he is worried about his son in Cuba and wants to get him a Mexican visa because the boy can't put up with things in Cuba any longer. He once earned \$ 350 a month with Olivetti. When the company was intervened he set up his own typewriter business. When this got going it, too, was intervened and the boy (really a man) is now earning only \$ 120 monthly. He wants to get married and get out of Cuba soon. (POSSIBLY EXPLOITABLE SITUATION)
- q. A Nicaraguan named Lizandro CHAVEZ Alfaro, winner of a prize given by the Casa de Las Americas, was at the Embassy on 21 Aug looking for a copy of his own book -- he had run out of copies. Was given one.
- and cello player
- r. On 21 Aug a French orchestra/director named TORTELIER came to the Embassy and announced that he would like to donate 200 dollars to the people of Cuba. He said that he had made similar donations after directing in Berlin, London and Paris. L-9 went with him to the Hotel Alameda where he was lodged and received two \$100 bills which he, L-9, turned over to the Ambassador. TORTELIER

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performed at the Teatro Alameda, directing the UNAM orchestra on Sunday (16 or 23 Aug?)

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- s. On 24 Aug Rolando RAMOS Ruiz, a Guatemalan exile, labor leader and poet, was at the Embassy with another Guat named Moises Varisto OROZCO. RAMOS was trying to get money to make recordings of his poems and to have them published. (LIFEAT/LIOMEN confirms this)
- t. On 25 Aug an American, about 40, "a bit of a bum," named A. W. SANDIFER, from San Antonio, Texas, was at the Embassy. He declared himself a political refugee and said he wanted to go to Cuba. L-9 interviewed him. He was ushered to the Consulate to fill out a visa application.
- v. L-9's upstairs neighbor, blond "American or Czech" type (who is of interest since SWFIP's report of a meeting held at L-9's place -- perhaps he got his numbers mixed up) is the driver of a red Dodge with plates 28-90-70. These plates are being checked out by CABOT.

3. L-9 is certain that Felipe ROJAS is "working for someone else." It is clear that he believed that ROJAS was working for us but when he was assured that this was not the case -- that it would be needless duplication -- L-9 stuck to his positive assertion that ROJAS is working for someone outside the Cuban Emb. He said it might be the Mexicans or the Soviets -- there is something about the way ROJAS acts and speaks, something L-9 cannot put his finger on, that leads him to this conclusion. ROJAS respects APARICIO. His manner is grating to L-9 -- L-9 explained that he, because of his vocation, marital status, lone-wolf existence, might be suspected of less-than-manly pursuits (what L-9 was trying to say is that some people might consider him "queer") and that ROJAS had recently made a couple of remarks hinting at this in L-9's presence. L-9 answered him: "Just because I have good manners and you don't, you are careless how you speak. You had better measure your words more carefully or you will get into trouble." L-9 told B: "What I didn't tell the bastard is that I could break his head in with one punch. Like any man I am no angel but I don't go around talking about my contacts with women. If ROJAS makes one more snide remark about me I am going to clean up the floor with him." According to L-9 ROJAS used to work for Euzkadi (tire company) and was fired for causing labor troubles there. (It will be easy to check company records on him) ROJAS is poorly paid and L-9 thinks he could be recruited -- is sure he already has been. Although he does not like ROJAS he feels that we might find him useful.

4. L-9 has noticed that the METRAP device (LIFEAT/LIOMEN) makes strange clicking sounds -- sounds like "chic-chic" -- L-9 then clicked his fingernails to imitate the sound. (He seems to suspect or to know that this device is being used). The other day he had a visitor in the office and both noticed the clicking sound -- phone was not in use. (REPORT TO NIARCHOS)

5. A long talk about Cuba's position vis-a-vis the world was held. L-9 feels that it is possible that Mexico will break with Cuba after LOPEZ Mateos goes out of office -- that LM is lacking in courage and will do nothing. L-9 feels that if the whole hemisphere breaks with Cuba the next move would be for hemisphere nations that have relations with the USSR to state: "You are holding our brother nation, Cuba, captive. Unless you free Cuba we will break relations with the USSR." L-9 feels that if this situation were to materialize the USSR would quickly find some way to back out of Cuba -- saving face if possible but backing out any way possible rather than lose its foothold elsewhere in the hemisphere. 3 Sept 1961

6. NEXT MEETING: 2030, 28 Aug. Quick car mtg to pass pay.

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There is attached a contact report dated 25 July covering meetings on 16 and 21 July 1964 with LITAMIL-9.

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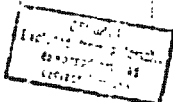
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25 July 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meetings with LITAMIL-9 -- 16 July 1964  
21 July 1964

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1. A meeting was held with L-9 from 2000 hours until 2350 hours on the night of 15 July. Car pick-up at Polanco; meeting at B's home.

2. L-9 was not feeling well this evening -- had been having "liver trouble" for some time and was quite evidently in some pain at the meeting but he said that he felt better as the evening progressed. B advised him to see a doctor without delay.

3. L-9 reported as follows after a one-hour interlude spent in examining some of B's archaeological specimens from Ecuador (L-9 enjoyed this a great deal, especially items of artistic interest which B excavated at Puna, and the session put him at ease and took his mind off his troubles):

a. At the AMCOSAD meeting of 9 July, where FOMEN GOROSTIZA spoke about the Estrada Doctrine, L-9 found himself seated beside VILLA from the Colombian Embassy and across from 3 stern-faced Soviets. On the other side of L-9 was a man who spoke fluent French so L-9 introduced himself only to discover that the French speaker was Cultural Attache BROWN from the American Embassy. During the conversation at the table, VILLA noted the British Ambassador in Habana as having opined that the US will not make any deals with Fidel CASTRO. The Chilean Ambassador to Mexico said that he thought that Angel made a terrible mistake when he declared himself a Marxist-Leninist and that the death of Juana CASTRO Ruz had done much harm to the CASTRO cause.

b. An American named George G. ARDS, 409 N. Soto, Apt. 33, California, came to see L-9 to obtain some information about a Cuban novelist (L-9 forgot which novelist). ARDS was on his way through Mexico en route to Guatemala. Seems to be doing some sort of scholarly work -- research.

c. BREMAUNTZ, Rector of the University of Michoacan, was scheduled to fly to Cuba 20 July for the 26th celebrations. On 16 July Cubana de Aviacion called the Embassy, said they had no reservation for BREMAUNTZ on the 20th, would schedule him for the 22nd.

d. APARICIO, who appears to be worried about holding his position and who is still badly shaken up about the adverse newspaper publicity he recently received (Station inspired), recently told L-9 that he, L-9, should try to find some other post as a chance and said that the Cuban government would probably arrange a transfer any time L-9 might want one ("deberia de cambiar de empleo lo arreglan en seguida") and Dra. MACHADO advised L-9 to try to take a vacation in Cuba.

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- e. On 13 June the Ambassador asked L-9 to try to get the Mexicans to release eight sacks of books that had been detained at the airport for lack of a free entry permit -- the Amb. told L-9 "You are the best person for this sort of job." L-9 went out to the airport and, accompanied by (fnu) ANZURES of the Mexican Ministerio Publico, took an inventory of the books. The books were mostly classics. While going through them L-9 chanced upon four new Cuban passports, all issued on 27 May 1964 at Habana. Although it was against the rules to extract anything from the mail sacks, L-9 persuaded ANZURES to let him take these passports which he then turned over to the Ambassador. They were made out to the following persons:

Julia Avelina CORDERO Velasquez

Margarita de la Asuncion de PAZOS y Almeida

Pedro Orlando RIGUAL Rodriguez

Francisco Roberto PRIETO y Castro

Also included in the mail sacks were a number of envelopes containing propaganda material destined for Argentina -- magazines like Bohemia and 26th of July propaganda. ANZURES wondered aloud why the Cuban Embassy was involved in shipping propaganda to Argentina.

- f. On 10 July L-9 met three Burmese at the airport -- he had seen the same three men off to Habana about 3 days earlier. One of them, Captain YE GOUNG had received a message, origin not known to L-9, telling him to communicate with telephone number 7-33-7 in Habana. YE GOUNG said he didn't have time for this and asked that the message be relayed to Tokyo where he would take care of the matter. YE GOUNG and another Burmese, HBAZAN, "Officer on Special Duty, Ministry of Foreign Trade, Rangoon" then took off via Western Airlines (same day, 10 July) for Los Angeles. The other Burmese, KHIN MAUNG THAN, went to Miami on Sunday 12 July. All had been in Habana in connection with the drawing up of a Commercial Treaty with Cuba.

Action: Check air manifests for above names.

- g. On 14 July the Ambassador issued an order prohibiting the showing outside the Embassy of any of the films which the Embassy has in stock.
- h. L-9 was surprised not to receive an invitation to the French Embassy on Bastille Day this year. He feels that it was just an oversight or that the French merely invited the Counselors and left out the Attaches. Because of his language qualifications he is usually much in demand at the French Embassy.
- i. On 15 July a man named Victor HERNANDEZ, Mexican, representing the German firm of Siemens, was at the Embassy trying to sell a teletype system which would hook the Embassy up directly with Habana.

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- j. APARICIO's new home phone is 14-57-89. He is keeping this very quiet, hoping the Americans won't hear about it and bother him with calls asking if he has jewelry for sale.
- k. On 15 July L-9 picked up the Cuban engravings, stored at the Taller de Grafica Popular, and took them to the Institute where he was to turn them over to Max ROJAS who is going to set up an exhibit there. ROJAS did not show up on schedule. L-9 thinks that ROJAS is engaged in some sort of deliberate slow-down (tortugismo) and told B, "I think he may be one of us."
- k. Manuel VEGA returned on 15 July from a trip to Tampico. He brought greetings for L-9 from friends there. VEGA and L-9 get along very well, VEGA is very friendly.

- l. On 16 July L-9 attended an exposition as the Amb's representative, at the Museo Nacional de Pedagogia. The person in charge of this museum is Profesora Dolores URIBE Torres, Multifamiliar Libertad A-1, Depto. 103, Mexico 2, D.F. On 16 July L-9 went to see her at her home. She told him at that time that she had been (past tense) a member of the Communist Party of Mexico and said that she knows Carlos Rafael RODRIGUEZ and Edith GARCIA Buchaca and other Cuban Communists very well.

Attached is a photo of her which appeared in EXCELSIOR on 12 July.

- m. On 16 July a Dr. CADENA came to the Embassy to see APARICIO. He represents, along with Dr. CAMARILLO from Veracruz, the FIRST LATINAMERICAN CONGRESS OF REHABILITATION which is scheduled to take place from 6 to 12 September in Mexico City. The meeting is to be sponsored by the Latin American Medical Association of Rehabilitation, offices at Reforma y Lieja. CADENA said that he was disturbed because no reply had been received from Habana in response to an invitation sent there. APARICIO will look into this matter. CAMARILLO seems to be very friendly with Cuban officials in Veracruz.

4. L-9 turned over a number of carbon copies of reports he has prepared for Habana and for the Ambassador. These will be filed with this CR. It is interesting to note how he reported on the recent Soviet art exhibition, which he told B he considered terrible and without any artistic merit whatever. His report to the Amb. he refers to "great and noble proportions," to "preoccupations of Soviet artists that their work reach the masses," etc., etc. A fine snow job. Judging from these reports, L-9 turns in quite a bit of paper to his government. The Ambassador, who takes the credit, finds this very satisfactory.

5. A short session ensued regarding L-9's cover and the "image" he projects to his confreres. Apparently he is doing an excellent job, is highly esteemed and respected by his colleagues.

6. It was disturbing to see L-9 in pain at this meeting. He was again encouraged to seek good medical care without delay. If there were just some way to sneak this artistic soul off to see the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, the

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Painted desert, the petrified forest, etc., it would probably add years to his life as his enforced association with the Embassy, which to him could be summed up by the word DRAB, must weight heavily on him. Perhaps next year for his 50th birthday it might be possible to treat him to a quick tour of some of the wonders of the American Southwest.

7. In view of the cables from Headquarters and Europe about tech sweep teams, L-9 was alerted to inform B in open code if any unusual number of couriers or unknown officials showed up at the Embassy and stayed around there.

8. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: 28 July, Polanco.

9. On 21 July L-9 called for a meeting with B and was picked up near the Bookstore on Reforma Lomas. The meeting lasted from 2115 to 2220 hours in B's car. L-9 reported as follows:

- a. Three or four couriers were in the Embassy and one told L-9 on the morning of 21 July that he was very tired because he couldn't sleep the night before. L-9 felt that this may have indicated that the man was working around the Embassy that night. (B later phoned NIARCHOS and arranged for LIOMEN not to be lit off the next day). Subsequent information revealed to the Station that these were bona fide couriers; one pair had been forced to turn back from Santiago, Chile because of bad weather. In any event, L-9's action was well taken and he was commended for his quick work in notifying his C/O.
- b. On 17 July Ing. (Cnu) PUENTE, whose father lives in Tampico, reported to the Embassy that the Mexican Government had refused to allow local supporters of CASTRO to put on a pro-Cuban demonstration in Tampico on 26 July. According to PUENTE, Jorge CARRION was told, "You stop any plans for action or we will clobber you."
- c. On 17 July the "crazy" American Swimmer Fred BALDASARE was at the Embassy again asking if there were any news from Cuba regarding his visa application. No news. APARICIO was very nice to BALDASARE; treated him like a VIP.
- d. No Saturday staff meeting on 18 July.
- e. On 19 July L-9 went to Texcoco to officiate at the awarding of the Jose Marti cup to local athletic champs. L-9 explained that this session was of no importance whatever -- "nothing but a lot of little Indians in attendance" -- but that since he was the only Embassy rep there he would balloon the publicity to make it look important and thus gain some credit with the Amb.
- f. On 20 July Dra. MACHADO told L-9 that she was going to leave Mexico. She pointed to the Amb's office, said, "I can't take any more from that man in there -- the only thing he is interested in is buttering up GOROSTIZA (the Foreign Minister)."
- g. On 20 July L-9 was visiting the Taller de Grafica Popular and spied a number of folios of engravings about the Mexican Revolution that this concern published a few years ago. L-9 remembered that when they brought him a copy to look at he pretended to assume that it was a gift and proceeded to keep it, never offering to pay for it. Late on he thought that perhaps the Grafica Popular people might have chalked him up as a moocher so on 20 July he offered to take six of

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the folios to the Embassy to see if he could sell them. The unit price is \$ 140 but the Taller told him he could sell them for \$100 each at the Embassy. L-9 proceeded to sell all six -- even chased INTERIAN down (hard to do) and extracted 100 pesos from him. VEGA bought one but postponed payment until L-9 cornered him on 21 July. L-9 was certain that the Taller folks would think the world of him when he turned over 600 pesos to them.

- h. On 20 July L-9 attended a lecture by the Amb. at the UNAM. Sol ARGUEDAS was there. On the way back the Amb and Camilo DOMENECH commented on the recent freezing of Banco del Atlantico funds. (THIS WAS REPORTED TO HQS BY CABLE \* INTEL) Later L-9 invited the Amb for coffee and the two chatted for about an hour about unimportant matters. L-9 feels he made points with the Amb.
- i. On 21 July a representative of the Cine Club de los Periodistas was at the Embassy looking for films to show. L-9 does not know what the outcome of this request was.
- j. On 21 July L-9 overheard APARICIO revealing his new home phone number in a telecon at the office. L-9 told B that since the secret was now out we should feel free to harrass APARICIO as we see fit on this new phone.
- k. On 21 July Lic. ANZURES of the Ministerio Publico reported that he still could not release the 8 mail sacks of books and other material being held at the airport.
- l. On 21 July at about 1200 hours APARICIO went to see Ambassador ALVAREZ Acosta (Mexican official with Ambassadorial rank).

10. As opposed to the L-9 of 16 July, at this meeting he was in excellent spirits and high humor. He laughed a lot and seemed not to be having any liver trouble. He suggested that it would be a wonderful idea to steal all the Cuban engravings on exhibit at the institute -- they are scheduled to go to Czechoslovakia later -- and roared with laughter contemplating the chaos that would be created by such a master stroke.

11. NEXT MEETING: 28 July, Polanco.

*Lawrence F. Baker*

12. (ADD) At the meeting of 21 July L-9 showed his C/O a letter he had just received from Teresa PROENZA in which she informed him that she had talked over with his sister-in-law the matter L-9 and Teresa discussed in Mexico (this refers to an L-9 trip to Habana) and that the s-i-l thought it was a great idea and hoped to see him in Cuba soon. This letter, flap unsealed, was delivered to L-9 by Manuel VEGA who, of course, read it. L-9 felt that Teresa's careful wording, making the whole matter look a bit mysterious, was good in that it helped maintain the aura of mystery about him. He felt, however, that in view of the late date he would probably not get an invitation to the 26th of July celebration.

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There is attached a contact report dated 7 July 1964 covering meetings with LITAMIL-9.

*Lawrence F. Banker*  
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Cleto \*BOJELLO, Mexican cotton technician from Monterrey. Visited Cuban Embassy re visa for travel to Cuban. Has been in Cuba before.

Virgilio \*CABALLERO, Mexican, works for Bellas Artes, relative of Amalia CABALLERO de CASTILLO Ledon, Cultural Aide to Mexican President. Subj visits Cuban Embassy.

Amalia \*CABALLERO de CASTILLO Ledon, Mexican, Cultural Aide to Mexican President Adolfo LOPEZ Mateos. A relative of his is known to have visited Cuban Embassy.

Ermilo \*ABREU, informant of Raul APARICIO, Cuban Embassy official

Luis \*CARDOZA Aragon, a Guatemalan, attended Cuban Embassy reception 22 June 64.

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THOMAS \*RENDERSON, An American who visited Cuban Embassy on 29 June.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meetings with LITAMIL-9 on 23 June 1964  
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1. A two-hour meeting was held with L-9 in B's car on the night of 23 June. L-9 reported as follows:
  - a. APARICIO is still quite jumpy as a result of the recent adverse (Station placed) publicity he received in the press in connection with the Berta ORTEGA de ARROYO case. On 12 June L-9 answered the phone when someone called up inquiring for APARICIO's home phone number -- APARICIO refused to let the number be given out until he was sure of the caller. He has not acted this way in the past; appears to be a bit "gun shy."
  - b. On 12 June L-9 overheard Dra. MAGNADO talking about the dangers of doing favors for people wishing to get out of Cuba -- she said that this is a good way to land in Guanacabibes (Govt correction camp) and said that her own brother wanted her to try to get him a Mexican transit visa so he could get out but that she refused to help him.
  - c. There was no staff meeting on Saturday 13 June.
  - d. ANSTET-1 appears to be quite thin after his return from Merida.
  - e. Federico ALVAREZ, who works in the Commercial Department, is married to a daughter of Max AUB. ALVAREZ seemed to be very excited about the impending arrival of the new Commercial Counselor -- Camilo DOMENECH. He was unusually nervous, appeared to be anxious to please his new boss. L-9 reported that ALVAREZ at one time lived in Cuba for several years.
  - f. On or about 13 June a man named Cleto ~~SOMERO~~ <sup>SOMERO</sup>, a Mexican cotton technician from Monterrey, visited the Embassy to see about a visa for travel to Cuba. This man has been in Cuba before.
  - g. On 13 June a bushy haired Cuban exile in an old model black Buick sedan stuck his head out of his car and said a few sharp words to L-9 on the street, beginning with "You are no Cuban, you S.O.B." L-9 gave the incident no further thought. (This ties in with a report from LITAMIL-3 to Barker to the effect that a Cuban exile named ROSSELL had told him he had insulted L-9 on the street and planned to kill him -- ROSSELL's idea was to begin killing off the Embassy staff one at a time. L-3 told him that L-9 is a "varicon" and an artist, an ineffectual person, that killing him would be like killing a woman, and that ROSSELL should devote his attention to more dangerous people. ROSSELL agreed. Thus L-3 did a good job of protecting L-9. He also told ROSSELL that L-9 had

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been good to him, L-3, when he was hospitalized and that despite their political differences he would hate to see any harm come to L-9)

- h. On 15 June Camilo DOMENECH was throwing his weight around the Embassy and letting it be known that he was Guillermo RUIZ' replacement.
- i. On 15 June Virgilio CABALLERO, who works for Horacio FLORES Sanchez at Serias Artes was at the Embassy. He is related to Amalia CABALLERO de CASTILLO Ledon who functions as a "Cultural Aide" to President LOPEZ Mateos.
- j. On 15 June L-9 overheard someone announce that a man named Alfredo RODRIGUEZ had arrived to visit APARICIO.
- k. On 16 June a Swede who speaks some Spanish was with APARICIO.
- l. On 16 June Peregrina ALONSO, the Amb's secretary, was walking by L-9's office -- L-9 engaged her in conversation and asked her if she had decided to leave the chancery and work with him. She said, seriously, "If I return to Mexico (from Cuba) I hope it will be to work in the Cultural Section."
- m. On 16 June KUZNETSOV of the Soviet Embassy was at the Embassy, dealing with Oscar CONCEPCION, presumably about shipment of a Soviet art exhibit from Mexico to Cuba.
- n. The night of 16 June there was a small private dinner party at the Embassy. L-9 was not invited and had no more detail.
- o. On 17 June APARICIO told L-9 that "they" want to burn him (A) in Mexico -- this in reference to the recent press attack on APARICIO. (L-9 suggested that it might be a good idea to spread the story that APARICIO is living in unusual luxury in Mexico while the people of Cuba sweat in the cane fields. L-9 pointed out that APARICIO has some dining room furniture that has large, ostentatious hinges on it which are apparently silver plate but which could be called sterling silver. He also has wall to wall carpeting in his home and these carpets could metamorphose into "luxurious rugs" for propoganda purposes. They point to be made would be that APARICIO is not living as a good socialist should live and that his apparent wealth should lend credence to earlier stories to the effect that he is a smuggler. It is interesting to see L-9 showing some initiative in this matter).
- p. On 19 June L-9 saw Victor LOMELI at the airport -- heard that Juana CASTRO would be coming in the next day and would be staying about a month, visiting her sister Enna, LOMELI's wife.
- q. On 19 June L-9 overheard Emilio ARELLANO tell APARICIO that he should be very careful in dealing with "Ruth," a tall American woman who formerly lived in Guatemala. (L-9 said that her full name and other information would be in the files since Saryock was quite interested in this woman).

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r. On 19 June L-9 went to see Sol ARGUEDAS de De la Borbolla, at her request. The reason for the invitation was to show L-9 the art work of an artist from Uruapan (L-9 said it was very poor work) Trinidad HERNANDEZ, a Mexican "Lider" was there as was also a writer named Profesora Graciela A. GARCIA who was passing out copies of her new book entitled "Personalidades Cebres de America." Noting that this book has some very flattering things to say about Fidel CASTRO, L-9 asked for an extra copy to send to Fidel. (L-9 explained that he would not mention this to the Ambassador but that Sol, who is sleeping with the Arb, undoubtedly would -- thus L-9's connection with Fidel CASTRO would again come to the Arb's attention -- a clever move on L-9's part) Most of the conversation at this little party had to do with Chile and the dangers there to the socialist movement.

s. Five Cuban "Eccados" came in on the Cubana flight of 20 June.

t. The Embassy is trying to get a Mexican diplomatic carnet for Camilo DOMENECH as soon as possible -- usually encounters inexplicable delays in getting such documents from the Foreign Office. DOMENECH needs this credential to do his commercial work effectively. (L-9, who has an exaggerated idea of our influence on the Mexican Government, suggested that it would be a good idea to have the credential withheld as long as possible).

u. A reception was held at the Embassy on 22 June, primarily to honor the Mexican physicians who have travelled to Cuba to lecture. DOMENECH was quite close to the Yugoslavian guest at this affair. Luis GARCIA Aragon, a Guatemalan, was there as was Ing. Oscar TAMAYO.

2. L-9 did not appear to be his usual self at this meeting and when he was asked if anything were wrong he said that he had been suffering from liver trouble and just "didn't feel good." He seemed a bit downcast and worn out. B suggested that perhaps he should try to take a vacation, but L-9 said that he could not get any time off locally, must take his vacation in Cuba and that he would be eligible for home leave only after a 22 months absence from Cuba. B suggested that he might try to get a vacation before that time and spend it in Cuba. L-9 was a bit worried about whether he could get out again if he were to go there and said he might also be arrested and grilled. B said that as long as the Cuban Service has no proof of his complicity chances of his being held in Cuba against his will were slight. L-9 said he would think the matter over -- it appears that he had given no serious thought to going to Cuba to rest -- that he had been avoiding thought about home leave.

3. The next meeting was scheduled for 2 July. This meeting was held as scheduled but was limited to 35 minutes in B's car in view of B's heavy involvement in the ANSPET-1 operation at that time. L-9 was asked about the impact of Juanita CASTRO's statement to the press and said that not much had been said in the Embassy about this matter but that he expected it to be discussed at the next staff meeting. B apologized for not having L-9's June salary at hand and suggested a meeting for 6 July at which time the payment could be made and a more leisurely meeting could be held at B's home -- not possible before then because of the presence of a houseguest (nephew). L-9 was obviously a bit embarrassed but finally made it clear that he was "broke" and couldn't wait until Monday -- he suggested Saturday 4 July and it was finally agreed to meet on 5 July. This is the first instance of L-9's being in acute financial

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strait -- he spends so much money on art books that at times he finds himself without any ready cash.

4. Another car meeting was held as scheduled on 5 July at which time L-9 was given his June salary. He was most despondent at this meeting because his uncle and best friend in this world had died on 3 July. This was a smashing blow to L-9; he and his uncle had been constant companions and had met for coffee and chatter at least three or four times a week for many years. There was not much that could be done to bring L-9 out of this depression and no business was transacted at this meeting other than to query L-9 on the reasons for AMSTET-1's departure. He did not even know that A-1 had left, had not been around the Embassy since the morning of 3 July -- had not attended the Saturday morning staff meeting on 4 July. L-9 seemed particularly unhappy over the fact that his uncle had been buried in Mexico "a land for which he had no real affinity" -- L-9 wants to move the body to Spain "where it belongs" as soon as the required seven years period has expired. He said that he had gone to the requien mass for his uncle and had knelt in church and didn't care who in the Embassy knew about it. About all that could be done at this short (35 minute) session was to express condolences and lend a friendly and sympathetic ear to L-9. It was interesting to note that L-9 had been thinking more about a possible trip to Cuba and was considering trying to get an invitation from his sister-in-law to attend the 26th of July celebration there. So had, as hoped, come around to the realization that a trip into the lion's den would enhance his situation vis-a-vis his colleagues and his government. The next meeting was laid on for 6 July.

5. The meeting of 6 July lasted three and a half hours and was held at B's home. L-9 reported as follows:

- a. On 24 June L-9 saw AMSTET-1 and AMSTET told L-9 that Juanita CASTRO had arrived. L-9 said, "That woman is a real devil, isn't she," and asked AMSTET to give her his best regards if he should see her, "that is, if you think she will remember me." AMSTET said, "She remembers you."
- b. On 24 June APARICIO was working on a report about possibilities of motion picture exchange with other countries, is especially interested in exchanging pics with Mexico. In this connection he dealt with a woman named Nancy CARDENAS and with Antonio RODRIGUEZ, Portuguese leftist writer in Mexico. Someone from the Russian Embassy advised APARICIO to be careful about trying to show propaganda films outside the Embassy, reminding him that the Sovs were not able to get Gobernacion permission to release a film on Fidel's Trip to the USSR. APARICIO also had some dealings with the Czechs and Poles on film matters.
- c. On 19 July L-9 will go to Texcoco to present a "Jose Marti" trophy to the winning team of the Texcoco Amateur Football League. L-9 did a similar thing last year and the Texcocans have asked that he come back again this year. This is relatively unimportant but L-9 feels he can get some good publicity for himself out of it -- which will duly be reported to Cuba.
- d. There was no Staff Meeting on Saturday 27 June.
- e. On 29 June Dra. Esther CHAPA brought L-9 two copies of Mujeres magazine (Nos. 133 and 134) in which she had articles on education in Cuba. (L-9 gave copies of these to B)

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- f. On 29 June APARICIO received a call from AMOSAC regarding a coming meeting of the directors of this outfit. APARICIO said, "If it is to be held at the home of an American, I will not attend."
- g. APARICIO likes to get his shoes shined in the office -- seems to make him feel important. A Mexican shoe shine man goes into the Embassy every day about 0930 or 1000 hours. (L-9 suggested that this may be exploitable).
- h. On 29 June rector EREMAUNTZ of the University of Morelia was with APARICIO. Later the same day the Ambassador gave L-9 a copy of a new book (a Communist-line Short History of the World) published in Morelia and written by a Juan EROM. L-9 feels that EREMAUNTZ probably brought this book in.
- i. At about 1000 hours 29 June L-9 got a call from JORRIN at the main gate -- needed someone to speak English. L-9 went to the gate and found two men, one woman, and a child with JORRIN -- all were AMERICANS. One of the men (HENDERSON) said, "I want to speak with you alone." L-9 tried to get hold of Rogelio RODRIGUEZ, was informed he was out, so took the two American men to the Consulate to see Vice Consul Wilfrido GONZALEZ. L-9 stood by to interpret as the Americans spoke no Spanish, GONZALEZ speaks no English. The conversation went more or less as follows:

HENDERSON: I am a Captain, an officer of the intelligence service, stationed at Cape Kennedy. I am a Communist.

GONZALEZ: How can that be? A Communist at Cape Kennedy?

H: We are many. How can I contact the Communist Party people here in Mexico?

L-9: (Suspiciously) If you are a Communist, you should darn well know how to contact other Communists.

H: How can we get to Acapulco? If we head for Cuba in a boat can we get to Cuban territorial waters without being attacked?

L-9: Who knows?

H: There are lots of Communists in Bolivia -- about half the population.

L-9: I am just a simple attache.

H: I want to meet the intelligence officer here.

L-9: (To G) Ah! He wants to find out who the intelligence officer is here.

At this point HENDERSON kept insisting that he wanted to talk to an intel officer. GONZALEZ asked him and his silent partner to put their names and addresses down. L-9 noted that the Captain was named HENDERSON. The other, who was called Lieutenant, also gave his name but L-9 did not get it. HENDERSON said that he and the

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Lt. must get to Cuba, that they have been persecuted and have been moving around South America, changing hotels constantly.

L-9 described Capt. HENDERSON as tall, thin, young, about 28 years old, not very well educated, "athletic" rather than intellectual, very nervous, white, light brown hair.

The Lt. was described as tall, scintic, about 28, more cultured, more observant, quiet, nervous.

The two left after about ten minutes. Have not been seen since. Wife and child of HENDERSON waited with JORRIN while the two men were inside the Consulate.

- j. On 30 June CABALLERO, visiting Cuban UNESCO official, planning to return to Cuba on 6 July, told L-9 that he and his associate, GONZALEZ Drets, had brought a box of fine Cuban cigars with them to present to some important contact in Mexico. They made the presentation and when the recipient opened the box he found that it was empty. This tale sent L-9 into paroxysms of laughter.
- k. On the night of 29 June "El Gordo" HARO arrived from Chile and immediately asked to speak to DOMENECH. It was not until the following day that the two got together.
- l. DOMENECH told L-9 that he had once owned a printed fabric plant in Guanabacoa.
- m. L-9 saw the Ambassador briefly on the morning of 30 June and asked him what he thought of Juanita Castro's statement to the press. The amb called her a "desvergonzadita" (shameless little thing) and said he knew about her plans the night before.
- n. On 30 June APARICIO told L-9 that Juanita's statements were very damaging.
- o. On 30 June the Amb got back the U.S. tax which had been paid on the new Calarie Ford which is in his name. The commercial section is interested in buying a new Ford and is dickering with Paniagua of Ford Motor Co. (L-9 wonders why we don't stop this trade).
- p. On 1 July APARICIO told L-9 that the Mexican Government would probably find some way to get Juanita CASTRO out of Mexico -- that the GOX would not want that "beehive" around here.
- q. On 1 July the Amb asked L-9 to accompany him to an exposition at the UNAM -- something to do with statistics of University management and functions -- and the Amb asked L-9 what he thought of Juana CASTRO's statements and what he knew about her. L-9 said he had met her, knew little about her, had been rather ill lately and hadn't paid much attention to what she said to the press.
- r. On 1 July L-9 went to an exposition at INBA of the works of Michaelangelo -- photographic reproductions. He met Giovanni della Pozza, Cultural Counselor of the Italian Embassy, there and talked to him about possibilities of a cultural exchange between Cuba and Italy. The Italian was quite interested. L-9 reported back to the Amb on this and will play along with it in order to keep his name

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on the "active" list. He may be able to talk the Italian into making a trip to Cuba.

- s. On 2 July APARICIO had trouble with the lock on the door of his home -- had to pay a locksmith 80 pesos to get in.
- t. On 2 July APARICIO completed a long-overdue inventory of the furnishings of his home -- most of these belong to the Cuban government.
- u. On 2 July L-9 and others sent photos to Cuba (gave them to Berta PINO de Machado) to be affixed to new carnets laboral which are to be issued to all Cuban officials abroad.
- v. In discussing his plans to ~~dedicate a new Cuban library at Tampico on the 26th of July~~, L-9 sensed that APARICIO was moving in on him and trying to set himself up for this "honor." L-9, who is now thinking in terms of going to Cuba at this time, thinks it would be nice for APARICIO to be stuck in Tampico while he is back in the homeland.
- w. L-9 was accompanied to a velorio at the home of his uncle by VEGA, Berta PINO, and JUREN. Although they did not know his uncle they went along out of respect for L-9.
- x. Teresa FROENZA finally left Mexico via Cubana on 6 July. At the airport L-9 gave her an envelope with clippings about his uncle's death, to give to L-9's sister-in-law. He also asked Teresa to ask the s-i-l if she could swing a trip to Habana for L-9 for the celebrations of the 26th.

6. The matter of a trip to Habana was discussed in some detail. As with his last trip L-9 said he would not take in any S/W materials or attempt to report to his C/O while inside but that he would, naturally, keep his eyes and ears open and report fully after coming out. B told him that it was quite likely that at some time during his visit, should it materialize, he would be subjected to some sort of security interview -- this because of his extended absence, because of his sometime acquaintance with Juanita CASTRO, and because he is well known as non-Communist and rather bourgeois in his living habits. He agreed that some grilling might take place. He was told that he might be the subject of a provocative approach along the lines of "We know you are working with the Americans, you had better confess all before you get hurt," and that as long as he was prepared for such an approach he need not fear that he will be caught since no proof of his collaboration is in the hands of the opposition. He said that he was quite sure that he could resist such an approach and thanked B for having taken such care in protecting him from compromise. L-9's main reason for wishing to go to Cuba is to see his aged father; a secondary reason is to enhance his position in the Embassy and to prove to the CASTRO government, by going back, that he has nothing to hide.

7. L-9's financial situation was probed in some detail. He said that he recently voluntarily, and at his own initiative, gave up about 5% of the stock in the business venture his brother and \_\_\_\_\_ have in Guadalupe -- that he formerly held 15% of the stock but since he was not working in the business and had made no investment in it since its initial capitalization, he felt it was immoral for him to hold as much stock as \_\_\_\_\_ -- therefore he surrendered half of his holdings to \_\_\_\_\_. While this may seem foolish from a business standpoint, it is true to L-9's deep seated Spanish "gundonor." The business, while prospering, has paid no dividends since all profit is plowed

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back into it to foment growth. It is now worth from 500,000 to 1 million pesos and seems destined to get much bigger. As for his pay -- from the Embassy and from KUBARK -- he spends a lot of meals (eats out most of the time), taxis, etc; but his largest expense is in buying art books of which he has a large collection representing a heavy investment in pesos. It is not unusual for him to spend 800 pesos for one book; he realizes this is a lot of money but says that when he is old and gray he will have one of the finest art libraries extant. He was cautioned to refrain from any ostentation that would lead to suspicion that he had two sources of income and quickly pointed out that he is well aware of the necessity to cover his extra income and that he also spends a lot of money sending things to people in Cuba -- these he sends by different couriers -- medicines for his father, presents for his brother and sister-in-law, car parts for relatives, etc. The matter was pursued at some length and the C/O came to the conclusion that L-9 is very careful with his money and the spending thereof. He was advised to request a salary advance from the Embassy from time to time and said that necessity alone had obliged him to do this several times and that he now has a 2,000 plus peso bill outstanding with one book store.

8. L-9 remarked that he has a lady friend whom he sees every Saturday and that even with her he is very careful to make it appear that he is not affluent.

9. The loss of L-9's uncle will probably affect him deeply for a long time -- as he put it, he now feels a tremendous vacuum which his uncle used to fill. Any change, such as a vacation in Cuba or elsewhere, will probably do him a lot of good.

10. NEXT MEETING: 16 July; 2000 hours; Polanco.

*James F. [unclear]*

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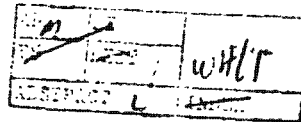
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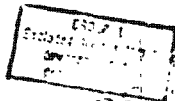
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*Lawrence F. Barker*  
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23 April 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meeting with L-9, 20 April 1964

1. A three and a half hour meeting was held with L-9 at B's home on the night of 20 April. B's wife handled the gate; no security problems noted.

2. L-9 reported as follows:

- a. On 13 April L-9 attended a social gathering at the home of Celso Enriquez. Sra. Vilaseca, wife of the Vice President of the National Bank of Cuba (see last SR) was there -- she was expected to leave for Cuba 20 April. Medero of Relaciones Exteriores (Mudcan) was also there.
- b. On 16 April L-9 had lunch at the home of Sol Arguedas. Sra. Vilaseca and her daughter, Dra. Machado and Berta, Ruben de la Borbolla and Raquel Tibol were also there.

Ruben de la Borbolla expressed his dissatisfaction at the way he was being treated as he goes to Cuba, explaining that as a Mexican functionary he expects more formal treatment from the Cuban government although he is willing to go to Cuba if he is invited in a proper manner.

Ruben de la Borbolla also made it clear that he does not like Clara Porset de Guerrero. He said that although she does know something about industrial design matters and wanted to set up a school of industrial design, she passes herself off as the "General Directress of all things related to art and artocracy."

- c. Dra. Machado told L-9 that her son is political commissar for the Cuban Air Force and was once Ambassador to Hungary.
- d. At a staff meeting on the afternoon of 17 April Ambassador Hernandez Armas discussed the Stur shooting incident in Veracruz, explaining that it is high time they (the imperialists) find out that we are not going to sit back and take such things. He said that the bomb-throwing incident was a prearranged plan and that HUBERK, CIFRINI, Thomas Mann, and Ambassador Trocena were behind it -- hence the Cubans must always be prepared for such outrages. According to L-9, the Ambassador was furious and quite irritated.

A total of some 40 engravings have been sent from Mexico to the Casa de las Americas in Havana to compete in the contest there.

- e. The Mexican Antonio Rodriguez is expected to go to Habana on the next Cuban flight to act as a judge in one of the Casa de las Americas contests.
- f. A Colombian named (Paul) Valencia who brought a bunch of Colombian engravings to take to Cuba for judging by the Casa de las Americas

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showed up at the Embassy with a letter of recommendation signed by the Colombian Communist leader Velasco.

2. Leopoldo Mendez, Mexican Communist artist, is taking part in the engraving contest in Habana. At the Embassy it is felt that in the interests of maintaining good relations with Mexico one of the top prizes should go to a Mexican.

3. Florencio (Imu) and Antonio Toledo Maya were in town recently accompanying a wounded Cuban fisherman named F. G. Gonzalez y Gonzalez who left for Cuba on the last Cuban flight.

4. Aparicio took advantage of his trip to Morelia to "one-up" L-9 by having the exhibit of Cuban engravings set up at the same time he, Aparicio, made his speech. L-9 was scheduled to go to Morelia later on to set up this exhibit.

5. A group of 13 Canadians are in town at the Hotel Metropole (Rm Room 222) -- via Montreal Society Club, Inc. under manager Fred Kluge. This group is in some sort of squabble with the Embassy since they claim that they were invited to Cuba -- all expenses paid -- and this should include hotel bills and air passage from Canada to Cuba and return. Apparently there is some disagreement as to whether the Cubans will pay for return air passage -- the Canadians refuse to proceed until this is resolved.

6. There was an unusually large number of diplomatic pouches on the last flight from Mexico to Cuba and one of the bags accidentally opened, spilling out some unclassified material. Guillermo Ruiz was checked that no such was being sent at once and said that this was a mistake, that it did not look right to the Mexicans that the Cubans should be sending so much by pouch.

7. At about 1430 hours Wednesday 16 April L-9 was standing outside Aparicio's office when he heard a high pitched hum or buzzing sound -- "sounded electronic" -- coming from above him in the corridor. It appeared to come from vibration of one of the steel bars above the large window near them. It lasted for about 45 seconds. L-9 found this all very mysterious but didn't know what to do about it. He was instructed to report any such strange things to the Ambassador in the future -- this is view of the Embassy's present state of alarm about electronic eavesdropping -- L-9 might make a point of trying to find out the cause and reporting.

8. Manuel Vega jokingly told the Ambassador he was coming back to the Embassy to replace Alejandro Rodriguez, the chauffeur, so he could drive the new Lincoln Ford which L-9 is getting for the Embassy.

9. L-9 says that he is chosen to handle very jobs for the Embassy because of the diplomatic character he holds -- that many of the Embassy people do not have such background. L-9 considers this credential an "easy answer."

10. Alejandro Rodriguez has recently been raised -- promoted to the rank of "Auxiliar de Seguros". Fernandez Ros believes this is a mistake since every raise in rank usually draws attention of the Mexican government to the Embassy and we are already considered to have too many people here in the eyes of the Mexicans.

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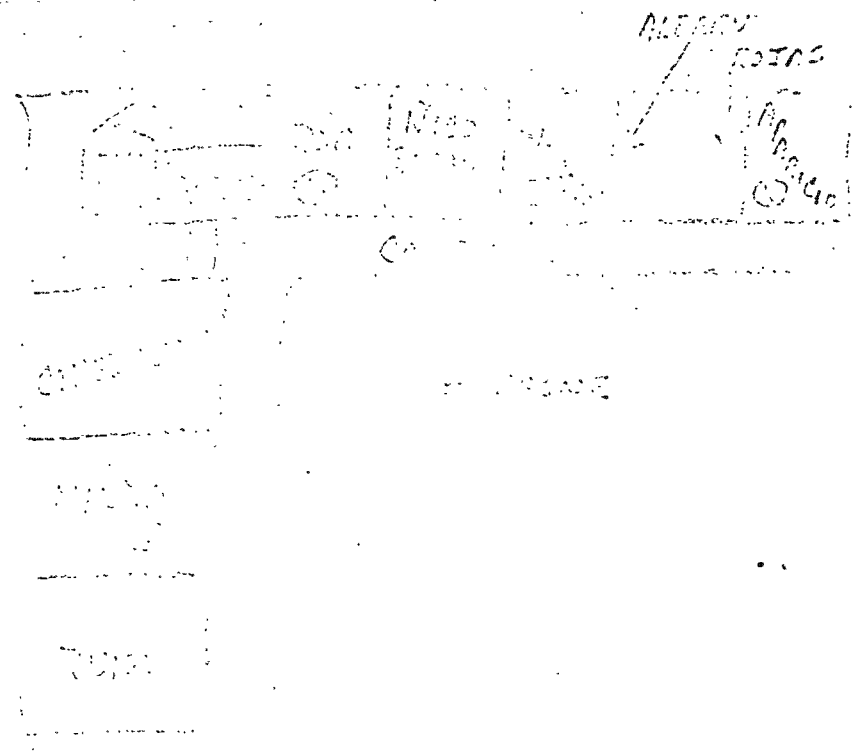
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19 June 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Parker

SUBJECT : Meetings with LITAMEL-9, 11-12 June

1. LITAMEL-9 was picked up by B at 2000 hours 11 June, announced that he would have to break away soon to attend a meeting at the Cuban-Mexican Cultural Institute (about medicine in Cuba) but could meet B after the meeting. He was dropped off at 2020 hours and picked up again in Colonia Anacard at 2330 hours. The meeting lasted until 0230 hours 12 June. No security problems noted.

2. L-9 reported as follows:

- a. Sixto CHAIN Soler -- remarks made by this man in addressing the Embassy staff meeting of 3 June were cabled to Headquarters. MEXI 9063 of 12 June.
- b. Sol ARGUEDAS, the Ambassador's girl friend, was in the Embassy on 3 June wearing slacks. L-9 feels that exploitation of this affair would be a "golpe tremendo" and suggested that every effort be made to get a photo of the two in a compromising situation so that it could be printed in leaflet form and spread around the city. (L-9 tends to over-rate our capability in the technical field -- feels that we have cameras, microphones, etc., in every room in the city)
- c. Two students from Morelia, University of Michoacan, named PEREZ and ALVAREZ were at the Embassy on 3 June -- they have been occasional visitors for the past 2 or 3 years. They were looking for movies to exhibit to their friends. Both are trying to get to Cuba to attend the 26th of July celebration, the Ambassador has told them he will try to have them sent as delegates, in the meantime both are acting as advisers in screening other candidates for the celebration.
- d. The wife of the Dominican Pericles Franco appeared at the Embassy on 3 June, L-9 met her briefly at the front door. While the two were chatting INTERIAN came "out of the woodwork" -- L-9 says that INTERIAN is always making sudden appearances -- must spend a good bit of his time slinking around inside the Embassy compound.
- e. On 4 June a Japanese (name?) who speaks Spanish was speaking with Aparicio, looking for propaganda materials. He expected to be on his way back to Japan soon. Is in touch with the Cuban Embassy in Tokyo. He appeared to be young, about 24.
- f. APARICIO recently wrote a report in which he strongly criticized Horacio FLORES Sanchez of INEA. To this he attached a recent article from El Dia, written by Antonio RODRIGUEZ, which attacked the Plastic Arts Department of INEA (this is FLORES Sanchez' department). The report was sent to Habana. APARICIO seems to

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feel that FLORES Sanchez was deliberately creating difficulties and putting up roadblocks in connection with Cuban plans to put on an art exhibit in Mexico City. (Perhaps this falling out may be exploitable in the current campaign to discredit APARICIO)

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- g. On 5 June Hernan CABALLERO and Angel GONZALEZ Drets arrived from Cuba to attend some sort of UNESCO meeting. Staying at the Hotel Monteflo. CABALLERO knows Dra. MACHADO of the Embassy. L-9 heard that both of these men have Spanish wives. They are scheduled to return to Cuba about 5 July. GONZALEZ Drets' trip was paid for by UNESCO, not so with CABALLERO. CABALLERO remarked that in Cuba recently one of the visiting Mexican chess players chided him by asking why two militiamen guarded all the busses in town.
  - h. Coty SOLOZANO arrived back on 5 June from Cuba. She brought best regards for L-9 from his sister-in-law and said the s-i-l needs some medicine. This was the first time Coty had met L-9's brother and s-i-l, was very impressed by both -- this reflects favorably on L-9. On 6 June Dra. MACHADO told L-9 that Coty had said lots of nice things about L-9's relatives in Cuba. (This is interesting since MACHADO rarely says anything nice to anyone).
  - i. A staff meeting was held on Saturday 6 June. The Ambassador said that he had been invited by President LOPEZ Mateos to attend the inauguration of a new hospital; remarked that this had happened a few times before but that he had noted that he is invariably the only ambassador in attendance -- apparently LOPEZ Mateos keeps him isolated.
  - j. ENTERRIAN did not attend the staff meeting but VEGA and Rogelio RODRIGUEZ were there.
  - k. The preoccupation with hidden microphones was again evident at this staff meeting -- staff members were warned once again to be careful what they say since the enemy is probably listening.
  - l. It was announced that APARICIO had been the target of unfounded accusations (in connection with the Berta ORTEGA de ARROYO case) but that everyone should know that he had acted in good faith in his dealings with this bailarina. The Ambassador then rapped APARICIO's knuckles by saying that from this time on he should keep strictly to cultural matters, that "the next time something like this happens it will be more serious than a bailarina," and that matters pertaining to the chancery should be referred to Dra. MACHADO. Although MARIANA was not present, the Amb said that the same warning applies to the Consulate -- it should not get involved in things which properly belong to the chancery.
  - m. APARICIO reported that a planned AMOSAC social affair (perhaps a dance) would not take place because the organization had run out of money.
  - n. Rogelio RODRIGUEZ was especially friendly to L-9 at this ~~XXXXX~~ staff meeting, gave him a pack of Cuban cigarettes, chatted amiably, etc.
  - o. On 8 June a Canadian citizen was visiting APARICIO.

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- p. On 8 June a Mexican named ~~XXX~~ ~~XXXX~~, of the University of Mexico, came to see L-9 and gave him propaganda materials. L-9 handed him down. GUILLEN is young and blond, spoke with L-9 in English. His total address is Hilcher Ocampo 388, No. 17, Mexico.
- q. On 8 June APARICIO mentioned to L-9 that he very much wants to see the Aragon orchestra from Habana (see last CR) visit Mexico -- thinks it would be a good cultural "triumph."
- r. On 9 June Alejandro RODRIGUEZ was discussing his recent trip to the border to pick up the new Ford car -- said that the Mexican customs agent in Nuevo Laredo wanted him to cross over to the U.S. side to pick up the car. Alejandro did not even entertain the idea for fear that he might be arrested by U.S. authorities.
- s. On 9 June APARICIO was in touch with ALVAREZ Acosta of the Mexican Government (holds Ambassadorial rank) to talk about a Mexican-Cuban cultural exchange agreement. APARICIO offered to bring three top-rank Cuban poets, including Nicolas GUILLEN, to Mexico for the 16th of September holidays.
- t. On 9 June L-9 saw Justo URBINA at the office. He said that his wife (URBINA's wife) had reported that their son in Cuba was very unhappy and could not afford to eat on his monthly salary of \$ 120.
- v. On 9 June L-9 found out that a doctor named Juan CORDERAS Cardenas, who may be a neurologist, is planning to go to Cuba in December. This is one of APARICIO's physician recruits. (L-9 repeated his suggestion that "we" plant a doctor in this group and have him "defect" and blast Cuba and APARICIO)
- v. The Spaniard, nicknamed "El Coronel," who has the small grocery store on a corner near the Embassy, complained to L-9 on 9 June that the Embassy has not been buying from him lately -- this since the arrival of the new cook.
- w. On 10 June WRESTLING was at the Embassy, gave L-9 a friendly abrazo.
- x. On 10 June the Ambassador told L-9 that he should make his work better known in Cuba, should take credit for what he does so that he will become better known. He explained that emulation is the order of the day in Cuba and L-9 should not be a shrinking violet. (L-9 found this interesting -- a result of the recent campaign to discredit APARICIO -- in the past APARICIO has always insisted that his name be linked with all doings of the department and the Arb had apparently gone along with him) The Arb explained to L-9 that "emulation is not an anonymous mass -- you must see to it that your name appears."
- y. APARICIO has apparently become more aware of the position of L-9's sister-in-law in Cuba -- asked L-9 on 10 June what position she holds, said he saw her with Carlos Rafael RODRIGUEZ at IRI. L-9 replied that she is in charge of the office where she works.
- z. On the night of 10 June L-9 was waiting near Sanborn's Nica for a friend when WIM and CHAM spotted him -- they were in a car. WIM got out and with a spontaneous wave of affection and sincerity

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(as L-9 put it) greeted L-9 with "Well, look who's here." Both he and CHAIN were very friendly and the three chatted for a while.

ca. On 11 June APARICIO was trying to contact Sra. Maria Amaro ~~APARICIO~~ on behalf of the Ambassador who, in turn, was very interested in locating her. Her address, from which it was learned she has worked, was Vino Perdido 201, Dcp. 11. L-9 had no further details. M-100

bb. The newspaper Excelsior of 11 June had a notice in it about the meeting that night at the Institute on "Development of Medicine in Cuba." L-9 placed this notice. The Embassy was pleased and speculated him since earlier efforts to get into this paper have been in vain.

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cc. Gilda FRANCO, Dominican wife of Pericles FRANCO (see item d, above) was reported on 11 June as scheduled to go to Cuba the next Monday, 15 June.

dd. On 10 June L-9's report on the Movimiento Cultural Medico was done in final form for Habana -- representatives of the group had visited the Embassy again the day before (see last CR).

ee. On 11 June APARICIO asked L-9 if he could develop closer contacts with the press to get favorable publicity printed. L-9 said that he had never been a newspaperman or had anything to do with working with papers, but would try his best.

3. Asked about the repercussions of the recent press attacks against APARICIO, L-9 said that they had been very effective -- that no-one in the Embassy felt that APARICIO was guilty of smuggling but that the general public probably believed it. Asked who the Embassy felt was behind this, L-9 said that it was blamed on the American Embassy and its guano lackeys. The effect on APARICIO, rather than some furious outbursts of temper, was very noticeable: APARICIO was more demure, more bent over, than ever before -- the news took a lot out of him, seemed to beat him down. L-9 felt that it would be a good idea to keep up the good work and aim further blasts at APARICIO since the more he is discredited the less effective he will be in his dealings with the Medicos (this also right in with Station plans).

4. NEXT MEETING: 23 June, 2000 hours, near Polanco theater.

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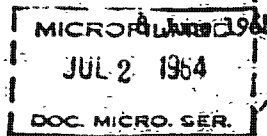
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker  
SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMII.-9, 1 June

1. A 3-and-a-half hour meeting was held with L-9 at B's home on the night of 1 June.
2. L-9 reported as follows:
  - a. A weekly staff meeting was held the previous Saturday, 30 May -- the first in over a month.
  - b. At the Staff meeting the Ambassador praised Aparicio for having been elected as "Vocal - Zona del Caribe" at a recent AMCOSAC meeting. (L-9 said that these AMCOSAC meetings are a farce, great numbers of Nicaraguans, Cubans, etc., turn out and pretend they are important while most of the diplomats in town who really deserve the title stay at home or do something worthwhile). The Ambassador told those at the staff meeting that Aparicio's election was a great honor for Cuba but that he felt that an apology to the Embassy staff was in order since the staff as a body should have met before Aparicio accepted the nomination since this is the democratic way of doing things -- the socialist way. "After all," said the Ambassador, "let us suppose Aparicio were to be sent to some other Embassy in two months, then Cuba would lose this important AMCOSAC position." (L-9 found in this remark a faint hint that Aparicio might be headed somewhere else).
  - c. The Ambassador praised the Cultural Department for its fine work and told of a letter which had been received from the Casa de las Americas telling of the good work of the Cultural Department. Aparicio began to brag about all he had done and took all the credit so L-9, feigning anger, spoke up and remarked that he had done his share -- then began to enumerate his contributions and took Aparicio to task for hogging the limelight. (L-9 explained that he finds it a good idea to bark like this now and then and then retreat back into his shell and be "mance" until time to assert himself again).
  - d. Aparicio, speaking of Manuel Ray and his threat to take the warpath against Castro, said that of all the Gusano leaders Ray was the most dangerous since he knows Castro so well and has had so much experience in clandestine activity.
  - e. L-9 suggested that some sort of celebration of the 26th of July should be undertaken by the Cultural department, perhaps at Guanajuato. This idea was well received. L-9 will be the rarrrod.
  - f. After the staff meeting the Ambassador took L-9 aside and told him again (see below) that he meant no slight to L-9

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in not having invited him to the small celebration held at the Embassy on the night of 21 May. He explained that this reception had been for the Russian violinist wife of Mexican newspaperman Laguna, was a very small affair. (Aparicio was not invited, either). See last CR re musical evening.

- g. Plans are underway to invite the famous Cuban Aragon Orchestra to Mexico for a 40-day stint. Rafael MUNGIA Carballo, Mexican impresario at San Juan de Letran 12-3, tel 13-15-67, and Felix M. GERVANTES of the Blanquita theater are working on this scheme. They hope to guarantee the orchestra 5,000 dollars a week for 4 weeks. Some concern has been voiced lest the present day orchestra not be equal in quality to the famous Aragon group since many might have fled Cuba in recent years.
- h. Leopoldo AYALA of the magazine Mestre recently visited Aparicio and informed him that Jose MORA Rodriguez of "Ediciones del Puente," Cuban publishing house, wants to come to Mexico.
- i. The new Ford Galaxie has arrived. Black, 4-door sedan, beige interior. DIP plate # 36 D.
- j. Aparicio is shaken up by the publicity given to the jailing of Berta ORTEGA de ARROYO, the Mexican ballet dancer. (More below)
- k. Raul PEREIRA told L-9 on 25 May that he was going to spend the evening with FLORES Sanchez of INBA and someone named Jesus ORTIZ. L-9 does not know ORTIZ. He finds it strange that FLORES Sanchez, who holds a somewhat important position, should consort with PEREIRA, a waiter at the Embassy. He feels this confirms suspicion that PEREIRA is a homosexual since FLORES S. definitely is.
- l. The dip courier "Tata" -- who went to Cuba 1 June -- once again reminded L-9 of the request from ~~the Cuban Embassy~~ Orlando SANCHEZ for copies of SIEMPRE magazine bearing a Khrushchev-Kennedy cover. L-9 told Tata he had already sent two copies of the magazine to SANCHEZ. (See last CR. L-9 said that SANCHEZ' interest was in the cover, not anything inside the magazine).
- m. Lic. OSORNO of the Mexican Foreign Ministry informed the Embassy on 25 May that the Mexican Government will only allow 1 or 2 copies each from the ton of books at Veracruz to be delivered to the Embassy (See last CR). OSORNO said these were definite orders and that the remainder of the shipment could not be cleared. The Ambassador was quite upset by this news and said he would try to arrange things through someone on a higher level than OSORNO.
- n. On 25 May the Ambassador apologized in a very courteous manner for not having invited L-9 to the reception of 21 May (see item f, above).
- o. On 25 May L-9 overheard Peregrina say that she might be in Cuba by July.
- p. On 26 May Dra. Esther CHAPA visited Aparicio -- A not in, spoke with L-9. Asked for material on Cuba. Said she had been asked

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by Marcelina GALINDO, "directora" of the magazine Mujeres to do an article on education in Cuba.

q. Berta PINO Machado showed L-9 a strange letter from someone named Peter (Anu) of La Crosse, Wisconsin, addressed to Lucille Rodriguez, apparently in care of the Embassy. It was written on stationery of the Hotel Alameda, Mexico City. The tone of the letter made it appear that Peter is demented. (L-9 had nothing further to add to this, only saw the letter briefly).

r. A new cook has arrived from Cuba and on 26 May he had the kitchen full of all sorts of good things to eat. The cook made the usual Socialist remarks about how much he hated to leave Cuba but L-9 was not convinced. L-9 will get name.

s. Aparicio told L-9 he thinks it might be better to refrain from using the term Cultural Department, that this tends to set the cultural group apart from the rest of the Embassy. However, he made it clear that he wants his name on all correspondence pertaining to cultural matters.

t. The Japanese guitarist mentioned in the last CR, a man named NAKABAYASHI, left for Cuba 1 June. L-9 had thought that he had gone to Madrid earlier. He plans to go to Spain after visiting Cuba.

u. On 25 May CABALLERO of the Plastic Arts Department of INBA came to see L-9 and said he was going to quit his job. He is "protegido de" FLORES Sanchez and feels that they will not fare well when the new presidential administration takes over. Wants to go to Cuba to teach school.

v. At the staff meeting of 30 May INTERIAN was watching Aparicio very carefully but, as usual, said nothing.

3. L-9 was asked about Buenaventura REYES (renewed interest since LIMUD reveals his father lives in Puerto Rico) and said that he is a nice kid. Respectful, likeable. Well connected with everyone in the Embassy. He is from Oriente -- perhaps Guantanamo or Baracoa, L-9 not sure. L-9 says that he may be one of the group of young favorites of the present Cuban Ambassador to Moscow who is from Oriente and has a lot of "protegidos" who are negroes and mulattos. L-9, advising the reason for the inquiry, said that REYES would make an excellent acquisition.

4. L-9 reported at some length on a group called the MOVIMIENTO CULTURAL MEXICANO which is getting cozy with the Embassy. The Vice President is Rafael AGUILAR Q. He recently came to see L-9 and said that the group is planning to hold a II Festival de Cultura on 26 July -- chose the date because of sympathy with the Cuban Revolution. The auditorium of the Mexican Electrical Workers Union has been made available for this festival and the group is trying to get the artistic cooperation of the Instituto Mexicano Czecho. AGUILAR was president of the Student body at the National Preparatory School No. 3 in the period 1961-1962. He was at the same time Secretary General of the Student Committee in Defense of the Cuban Revolution. In the last elections he was general representative of the PPS in the district of Colonia Claveria and Colonia Petrolera -- these were elections of deputies. The group is identified with the PPS, FEP, MLN, and PCN, but remains "politically independent" to avoid trouble with the PRI. The group has connections with the Director

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of the newspaper El Liberal Poblano who is their representative in Puebla. There are from 50 to 70 active members in DF, Puebla, Zacatecas, Guerrero, and Veracruz. The group has good connections with the Instituto Nacional de la Juventud Mexicana whose sub-director gives them 200 pesos monthly to help underwrite the cost of publishing the newspaper MOVIMIENTO. The Grand Lodge of the Valley of Mexico, through Grand Master Lic. Antonio RODRIGUEZ Gordoa, also gives the group 200 pesos a month for the same purpose. L-9 had several copies of the paper but had to send them to Cuba along with a report -- the above info is from his draft of the report. Barker examined some of the copies of MOVIMIENTO -- Communist line propaganda.

5. L-9 was asked for information on Aparicio -- anything that might be exploited to advantage in tying Aparicio in with the fate of poor Berta Ortega de Arroyo. He said that A's wife, Raquel, is much addicted to bracelets and show jewelry and that perhaps something might be made of this. (Details of the plan to "do in" Aparicio were not gone over with L-9 but he was probably able to tell from the questions posed that something was afoot.) L-9 said that Aparicio was in very poor health and wouldn't stand too much punishment. B replied that if it would do the cause any good he would clobber Aparicio while he lay on his death bed. L-9 reiterated that Aparicio is very sensitive to the Berta Ortega issue and that any mention of it was likely to cause him to throw a fit.

6. L-9 reported that he had gone to a dentist recently to have a series of toothaches checked on -- the dentist told him his problem was nervous, not dental -- he is clenching his teeth too hard, this is causing toothache and headache. The dentist told him to stop worrying about whatever was worrying him and his troubles would cease.

7. L-9 asked if his information was of value -- said he was afraid much of it was only of marginal interest. He was assured that just having a pair of eyes and ears inside the Embassy was of inestimable value and that many of the seemingly insignificant items he reported became quite significant when pieced together with information from other sources. It was clear that he felt that this meeting's haul had not been worth much and B had to pump him up a bit.

8. L-9 showed B a letter he had received from his sister-in-law, thanking him for the many things he has sent to her and to other relatives there. It was delivered by a Cubana pilot to VEGA who gave it, unsealed, to L-9. L-9 feels that it was fortunate that the envelope was not sealed since VEGA surely read it and L-9's good connection in Cuba was again brought out.

9. B asked if L-9 thought Ambassador MARISTANY could be reached. L-9 seemed truly astonished, said he thought we had him sewed up many years ago. He opined that M could be easily recruited and suggested that Carlos PRIO, with whom M served as Vice Minister of something or other, might be the man to do the job. He shook his head in amazement, muttering that surely KUBARK must have gotten to M before. GIST CALLED TO HQS.

10. Next Meetings: 11 June, same pick-up point near Polanco theater.

*Laurence F. Barker*

ADD: L-9 was paid his May salary.

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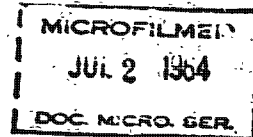
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27 May 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker  
SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 22 May 1964



1. A four-hour meeting was held with L-9 at B's home on the night of 22 May. Car pick-up, Mrs. B handling the gate, no security problems noted.

2. L-9 reported as follows:

a. On 12 May L-9 went with APARICIO to the UNAM where they visited a Srta. (fnu) PERDOMO who is the Mexican representative of the Union de Universidades Latinoamericanas. Miss PERDOMO complained that Cuba's three universities (Las Villas, Oriente, and Habana) have not paid in their quotas to the Union. Las Villas and Oriente are almost up-to-date but the Univ. of Habana owes about 2,500 dollars and "this does not look good." The only other country in arrears is Brazil. There will be a convention of "executiva de la Union" in July.

L-9 suggested that B see to it that Brazil pays up so that Cuba will stand out as the only dead beat in the hemisphere.

b. The visiting book publishers have been holding meetings at the Hotel Maria Isabel. (see last CR).

c. Iss CARABALLO, a senator in Cuba during the time of Batista and now a political exile in Mexico, has been trying to talk L-9 into coming to see her sometime. He does not know what is behind this.

d. L-9 saw LITAMIL-3 twice recently near the Embassy, each time at about 0915 hours. L-3 gave him a low wave as a sign of recognition but did not try to converse with him.

e. One of the Cubana stewardesses appears to be of Chinese or Japanese extraction. She recently told L-9 that one of the two men at the airport who photograph incoming Cubana passengers (a blondish man) has been pinching her and otherwise bothering her -- she plans to slap him the next time he tries this even if an international incident occurs.

f. When L-9 visited Cuba last year, Orlando SANCHEZ, brother of Celia SANCHEZ, Fidel's secretary, asked L-9 to get for him a copy or two of the 1962 edition of SIEMPRE magazine which had a cover cartoon depicting Krushchev and Kennedy arguing while Fidel walks away with a beautiful Cuban babe labeled Revolution. When Oscar CONCEPCION arrived from Cuba after his most recent visit he reminded L-9 of this request -- had seen Orlando in Habana. Accordingly, L-9 went to the SIEMPRE offices and obtained 3 copies -- sent two to Orlando and gave the other to Barker. This is issue Number 493 of 5 Dec 1962. L-9 thinks

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it significant that SANCHEZ should be so interested in having copies of this cover which is in essence anti-Khrushchev. L-9 feels that Celia and her brother Orlando are not Communists and not pro-Soviet.

- g. Next Wednesday (27 May - ?) L-9 will attend a meeting of Cultural Attaches at the home of the Czech attache FLESSINGER.
- h. Dr. COSIO Villegas is scheduled to go to Cuba on 22 May. Went.
- i. Coty SOLORZANO is scheduled to go to Cuba 22 May. Went.  
Armando
- j. Cuban/Captain ~~ARMANDO~~ <sup>Armando</sup> flew the plane on 22 May. He is the one who caused trouble recently by "localizing" the plane and not allowing Mexican "ceos" to remove newspapers and other publications from it. He is a tough character.
- k. Buenaventura REMES went to Cuba on the 22 May flight. He is expected back in 2 months.
- l. L-9 and APARICIO recently visited a painting exposition -- painting by British artist H. MOORE. Mrs. WELBY, British society dame, was there and very friendly. Returning from the exposition with APARICIO, L-9 and A talked over the situation of Great Britain and A said that, "although they (the British) don't realize it, our revolution is for them, too."
- m. L-9 recently attended a Soviet art exposition (could not remember the name of the painter) and found the paintings to be of very poor quality -- like almost all Soviet art, according to L-9. At this affair he spoke with the ~~RUSSIAN~~ Yugoslavian cultural attache. The people there were in agreement that L-9 represented his government well in Mexico. On 14 May L-9 and APARICIO visited with KUZNETSOV of the Soviet Embassy and the Soviet artist.
- n. Elpidio INTERRIAN seems to have taken a liking to L-9 --relations are good and INTERRIAN does not seem to be suspicious of L-9 as he was in the past. The two had a pointless chat on 21 May at which time INTERRIAN was very friendly. L-9 feels that this is significant in view of the fact that INTERRIAN trusts almost no one in the Embassy.
- o. APARICIO is very upset over two recent developments -- the arrest and imprisonment in Cuba of the Mexican ballerina who visited Cuba at his suggestion and the disappearance of the Chinese would-be defector Tang Pan Chi.
- p. APARICIO hopes to do some writing soon if he can find the time, feels that his talent is going to waste.
- q. On 22 May a Danish citizen (name unknown) came to the Embassy for a Cuban visa. L-9 can identify from photos. <sup>Arturo BARBER Orozco</sup>
- r. On 18 May L-9 spoke with Ambassador (the the US) Carlos LEONUSA and his wife and Alternate Ambassador BARRER. Mrs. LEONUSA seemed overjoyed at being out of Cuba again and said that she doubted

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that the recent attack on Pilon was just a sporadic, isolated attack -- she felt that that was merely the beginning of something big.

L-9 recalled that about a year ago LECHUE's sister told him (L-9) that LECHUE would be a better off outside Cuba.

- s. APARICIO indicated he had heard that LECHUE might be in line for Raul ROA's job as FOMEN.
- t. LECHUE told L-9 on 19 May that the Commercial Attache who defected in Canada had taken at least 85,000 dollars with him and may have taken another 30,000 which were sent to him just before he jumped. LECHUE remarked that this man would have to settle accounts at some later date. RUIZ and BARBER were present at this time and RUIZ made the remark, "Eso es que hizo buen negocio!" whereupon all eyes fell on him and he seemed quite embarrassed. (FIRST PART CABLED TO DIR, WAVE, OVAL)
- u. L-9 made all arrangements for BARBER's transportation and seemed to make a hit with BARBER. BARBER told the Ambassador that he had great confidence in L-9.

INTERESTING NOTE: L-9 thinks that Barber can "be had." That he might be susceptible to a recruitment pitch.

- v. Licha -- ANA LUCHA SALINAS -- has been let off. Sometime ago she complained about her treatment -- too much work, not enough pay -- and was consequently dismissed. She was given 2 months pay and told that her services were no longer needed. L-9 saw her crying on BETANIEL-7's desk when she got the money. L-9 feels that she has been unjustly treated after three years of loyal service.

L-9 suggested that it would be a good idea to exploit this -- that is, being a Communist, Licha could not be won over, at least the dismissal could be publicized and cause may arise.

Copy to Cuban Foreign Ministry

- w. MICHAEL SANCHEZ report is in town on vacation. On 20 May he told L-9 that FERNANDA ALONSO had asked her what she thought of L-9. She said that she had praised him to the skies.
- x. MICHAEL also told L-9 on 20 May that the sister of WILSON had committed suicide. According to her report, the sister's husband had been diagnosed as having a heart murmur. He died about this, though it was more serious, and killed her. The widow (Wilson's sister) was then given a job on the WAVE at Mayer and was closely watched lest she try to harm someone. In an unguarded moment she got hold of a sub-machinegun and killed herself.
- y. On 14 May L-9 received a call from the newspaper Red who had something important to discuss. L-9 went to see her and she said she had just received a letter dated 11 May from (now) ARAGON, Washington correspondent for the newspaper of Mexico City. In this letter ARAGON said that an important exile attack on Onda would take place the morning of 17 May -- early morning hours (midnight). L-9 promptly reported same.

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mailed messages to his sister-in-law from time to time through the pouch. He felt that this was a good idea -- readily agreed that whoever put the pouch together would spread the word. It was agreed that he should not do this often since he has not done it in the past but that whenever he found a legitimate excuse to write privately to his sister-in-law he should consider this method simply for its effect on his colleagues.

5. L-9 turned over a number of periodicals which will be sent to JMWAVE.
6. It was decided that a new meeting place near the Polanco theater would be tried for the next meeting -- L-9 will wait away a couple of hours inside the theater until just before meeting time. NEXT MEETING: 1 June, 2000 hours.
7. L-9 was in excellent spirits at this meeting. No pep talks required.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker  
SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAML-9, 6 May 1964

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1. A three and a half hour meeting was held with L-9 on the night of 6 May at B's home, B's wife handling the gate, car pick-up, no security problems.

2. The first hour was devoted to a non-operational discussion, mostly about art but touching on many other topics. It was interesting to note that L-9 revealed rather strong racial prejudice. As an illustration he referred to AMSTET-1, saying that he is a fine looking specimen, but that his daughters are rather sorry looking creatures which, according to L-9, is what one must always expect as when one crosses two thoroughbred dogs of different breeds.

3. L-9 reported as follows:

- a. Nilda RUIZ passed to him a card on which she had taken some notes as a result of a conversation with an American who visited the Embassy and talked with her. This man would like to have Castro propaganda material mailed to him. His name is Larry EIGON. Address ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ until June will be:

Sao Pablo 2601  
Fracc. Providencia  
Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

After that:

Box 322  
1000 Irving Avenue  
Syracuse 10, N.Y., U.S.A.

- b. The new American Cultural Attache visited the Cuban Embassy recently. He asked to see the Cultural Counselor and APARICIO met him in the chancery instead of his usual office -- more class. After exchanging a few words, the American (Dr. BROWN) said, "But, you're not the Russian Cultural Attache, are you?" APARICIO said, "No, you are in the Cuban Embassy." The American then explained that his car had dropped him off at the wrong Embassy and left for the Soviet Embassy. As he was leaving he said, "Que comedia es la vida!" and offered to take copies of books he has written to APARICIO. L-9 heard about the incident soon afterward and at a gathering at the Soviet Embassy on 21 March (1930 hours) everyone had a good laugh about it.
- c. Referring to the above incident, APARICIO told L-9 about another incident that recently happened in Indonesia. This involved a Cuban diplomat who was recently here in Mexico en route to Habana -- he may be the Ambassador to Indonesia, L-9 not sure. According to this man he had happened upon the American Ambassador and President Sukarno when they were seated at a restaurant in Djakarta -- Sukarno spoke to him, introduced the American, and asked the Cuban

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to join them. The Cuban refused to even acknowledge the American's presence, turned away brusquely, and left the area. When he was telling this to APARICIO he was obviously quite proud of himself. When APARICIO told L-9 about it he said that the Cuban diplomat had acted stupidly -- that one must always be polite, even in the presence of an American.

- d. On 24 April the Polish Ballet leader CORCHOUSKY (phonetic) and the widow of Enrique CABRERA, Josefina CABRERA, visited the Embassy.
- e. On 22 April at 1330 hours a Peruvian citizen named Guillermo VIDAL, accompanied by the Mexican Joel PARROQUIN (an adherent of BONBARDO Toledano) were at the Embassy. PARROQUIN was angry with APARICIO. VIDAL has since gone to Habana where she was to attend the May Day celebrations.
- f. On 22 April a man with a goatee, apparently a Mexican, hung around the Embassy gate all day asking for political asylum and saying that he was being persecuted. He was not admitted.
- g. The other day APARICIO and L-9 were looking around for a letter which had been sent to L-9 -- had to do with a Mexican Book exhibition. L-9 asked Dra. MACHADO about it, saying he was certain that it had been received at the Embassy since it had been receipted for at the gate -- Dra. MACHADO pointed to LITAMIL-7 who was looking the other way and whispered to L-9 that if it had been stolen L-7 probably lifted it. L-9 says that Dra. MACHADO is not inclined to trust anyone.
- h. L-9 talked with a Soviet diplomat (name unknown) at the party at the Soviet Embassy on 21 April and this man said that the USSR was very pleased with the policies of Adolfo LOPEZ Mateos.
- i. Alfred FLUGE of the Montreal Soccer team (see last CR) told L-9 before the group left for Habana that two replacements had arrived and that four team members would not be able to go on to Cuba because their passports did not authorize such travel. He told L-9 that the hotel bill for the team in Mexico (to be paid by the Cuban Embassy) amounted to some 15,000 pesos.
- j. About 24 April at the airport Oscar CONCEPCION came in on Cubana and seemed quite upset that no-one had come to meet him, acted as though he was carrying something important and needed an escort. L-9 was busy seeing someone else off and VEGA, who appeared on the scene, said he couldn't take CONCEPCION into town.
- k. At the airport same day (24 April) Jorge ROJAS of Cubana said that (fnu) MITRANI, whom he described as the "Consul de los Gusanos" tried to get to the plane to hand over something for the Netherlands Embassy but ROJAS wouldn't let him deliver the material. ROJAS told L-9, "Now that things are tough for us, people like this think we are going to be nice to them to protect ourselves in the future -- not me, I am a good revolutionist." VEGA and HEMIS GARCIA Romero of Cubana were also present when ROJAS spoke out against MITRANI.

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1. On 20 April a man named José BRITO tried to phone the Ambassador to talk about possible sale of Italian locomotives. The Ambassador said the call should be switched to RUIZ.
- m. Just before Oscar CONCEPCION left he was supposed to turn in his Foreign Office credential but he told LITAMIL-7, "Don't count me out yet." (No me de do baja) and spoke as though he might well be returning to Mexico.
- n. Because APARICIO was sick (with the mumps!) L-9 went to the airport on 2 May to receive Dr. Pedro BAEZA who had arrived from Habana to attend a medical conference in Mexico City. BAEZA said that Dr. (fnu) ALONSO had not come because he had not been able to get a visa. (Cuban exit -- or Mexican entry -- didn't specify). BAEZA said that the captain of the Cubana airliner on which he had flown to Mexico, one (fnu) ARMENGOL had been offered 25,000 dollars a year and six months vacation if he would fly a Britannia for a Canadian company -- this offer was made in Canada. ARMENGOL refused. According to BAEZA, ARMENGOL, his wife, and other relatives, are all good revolutionaries.
- o. Capt. ARMENGOL kept close watch on the Cubana plane and would not let anyone take newspapers off it. A couple of Mexican cops who hang around the airport and take papers from all incoming Cubana flights were upset about this and remonstrated with ARMENGOL but didn't get anywhere.
- p. *Salvador*  
BAEZA said that the Brazilian revolt had been a serious blow to Cuba. He said that when he was recently in Chile with some other physicians he had a chance to speak with the wife of the leftist presidential candidate ALLENDE. Speaking of the Chilean situation, BAEZA said it too was serious since ALLENDE was almost certain to win the elections and this would be followed by a counterrevolutionary coup led by the military ("gorilazo") -- but, all was not lost since Chile has 5,000 kilometers of coastline where arms can be introduced clandestinely.
- q. BAEZA said that he had recently talked with "Che" GUEVARA and that Che told him that even if Cuba were left to fight the U.S. alone -- if Russian help were not available -- it would cost the U.S. 100,000 dead to take Cuba.
- r. Learning of APARICIO's mumps, BAEZA said that there is an epidemic of mumps in Cuba at the present time.
- s. BAEZA is staying at the Hotel del Valle.
- t. There is some sort of Intercontinental Book Fair or Exhibit going on in Mexico. APARICIO was sure he could get Cuban representation and was dealing with Leonardo VEA on the matter. He worked up a big head of steam and made arrangements with Cuba to send books for the fair -- at the last minute APARICIO was informed that the rules of the fair specifically excluded islands -- meaning Cuba. When APARICIO argued against this he was told that even Puerto Rico was affected, unable to participate. L-9, upon hearing this news, and in view of APARICIO's efforts to make himself look

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good in the eyes of the Ambassador by getting Cuban representation in the fair, couldn't contain himself and began to laugh out loud. Felipe ROJAS then joined in and finally even APARICIO began to laugh about it, saying: "Estamos luchando contra el imperialismo, no con el cocinero."

- u. L-9 has run into a snag in his arrangements to purchase a new Ford Galaxie for the Cuban Embassy. He recently went to see Sr. Paniagua who heads diplomatic sales for Ford -- to give him the second and final payment for the car. Paniagua asked him how he was going to pick up the car since it would be delivered in Laredo, Texas. L-9 said he understood it would be delivered in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Paniagua then produced the sales contract and, sure enough, in the small print but in caps it was clearly set forth that all deliveries would be made in Laredo, Texas. L-9 explained that the Cubans couldn't cross into the States to take delivery. Paniagua: "Why not, the Russians do." L-9: "But the Russians have diplomatic relations with the US, we don't." Paniagua: "Well, you are more or less like the Russians!"

L-9 took the matter up with the Ambassador and some thought was given to having a Cuban UN rep take the car across the line but it was recalled that these reps do not have freedom of movement outside the New York area.

B told L-9 that a customs agent at the border could handle the matter -- one of the Mexicans who make a living handling imports. (Only gave him this hint to get him out of hot water with the Ambassador).

- v. Someone named Conchita DIAZ, Puente de Alvarado No. 103-13, recently sent the Embassy a letter addressed to Fidel CASTRO. Said she wanted to go to Cuba. Letter poorly written, bad spelling.
- w. Roberto RODRIGUEZ Banos, editor of the newspaper El Dia, visited the Embassy to see APARICIO about 1200 hours on 6 May.
- x. At the Hotel Agnes there is a Cuban woman who is the sister of a Cuban university student leader -- surname is REBEILLON. She came to Mexico to attend a seminar on school construction in Latin America.
- y. On 4 May an Uruguayan student, coming from the United States, named Fernando GOMEZ Evans, visited the Embassy for a visa. He is staying at the Hotel Nueva Estacion. L-9 felt that it was significant that this student's Uruguayan passport was being held by VEGA on 6 May at which time VEGA and Dra. MACHADO were discussing GOMEZ. GOMEZ, who is blond, returned to the Embassy on 6 May.
- z. On 4 May a Mexican type named (fnu) MARTINEZ Ortega came to the Embassy to see about going to Cuba. He said he had been a friend of Enrique CABRERA (deceased). He was there about 1145 hours.
- aa. L-9 ran into a courier he knows only as Enio (fnu) -- asked him if he came alone. Enio said that the other courier (fnu) SALGADO didn't make the trip because he couldn't get a visa at Jamaica.) UNUSUAL FOR COURIER TO TRAVEL ALONE.

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- bb. Last week, Wednesday (presumably 29 April) at about 1230 hours an American named (Arnold) BORING visited the Embassy. He refused to talk to a woman so L-9 was summoned to talk to him. He told L-9 he had been accused as a sexual deviate in the U.S. and wanted to go to Cuba. He said he was employed as a worker on maritime propeller shafts and said he had been accused of sabotage. He drew L-9 a sketch of a propeller shaft and showed him how the collars on the shaft were joined with hex-belts, saying that he had been accused of hollowing out the ends of these bolts so that they would fail to hold properly. L-9 sized him up as "some kinda nut" -- asked him in the presence of several staff members what his political ideas were. BORING replied that he had none. "Then," asked L-9, "why do you want to go to Cuba?" BORING said he had tried to get a visa before but had been turned down. He was dismissed as probably insane.
- cc. On 6 May, <sup>Arnold</sup> Orilla ~~Arnold~~ of the Fondo de Cultura Economica phoned to inquire whether Alejo CARPENTIER would be coming to Mexico on the 19th of May. APARICIO said he did not know; perhaps CARPENTIER would come for the book fair.
- dd. On 6 May someone phoned for Nico GARCIA. RUIZ answered and said he would be going to Cuba "next Monday" to discuss cotton matters.
- ee. L-9 heard from his father that L-9's brother in Cuba is cutting cane for 15 days. He is obliged to do this in order to appear to be a good revolutionary.

4. L-9 was in excellent spirits -- none of his usual depression -- he has been in better spirits lately.

5. Next meeting: 22 May, pick up by car near LIERERIA.

6. L-9 furnished some periodicals. Asked if B could help him get an art book published in Britain, out of print. WILCO.

*Laurence F. Bate*

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*LITAMIL-9*  
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1. CARLOS SIXTO CHAIN SOLER (201-349576) ARRIVED MEXI FROM HAVA VIA CUBANA 1 JUNE.
2. ON 2 JUNE CHAIN ADDRESSED EMBASSY STAFF MEETING. LITAMIL-9 ARRIVED LATE BUT HEARD FOLLOWING FROM SUBJ WHO BEARS TITLE INSPECTOR OF EMBASSIES:
  - A. OAS SITUATION NOT GOOD, PRESENT DELIBERATIONS MAY RESULT FURTHER BROKEN DIPLOMATIC TIES.
  - B. CHILE IS KEY SPOT, MILITARY COUP MAY TAKE PLACE EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER ELECTIONS, SITUATION NOT GOOD.
  - C. BOLIVIAN SITUATION NOT IMPORATNT. IF GOVERNMENT CHANGES AND RELATIONS WITH CUBA BROKEN INTERNAL SITUATION WILL SOON BE UNCONTROL- IABLE AND WILL RESULT IN ANOTHER GOVERNMENT CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.
  - D. ALL TALK ABOUT MANUEL RAY "A SMOKE" SCREEN FOR DIRECT U.S. ARMED ATTACK BEING PREPARED.
  - E. IN CASE OF ATTACK IT IS IMPERATIVE CUBA HOLD OUT AT LEAST THREE DAYS OTHERWISE IMPERIALISTS WILL CONSOLIDATAE AND FACE SOCIALIST BLOC WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI. IF CAN HOLD OUT THREE DAYS AID WILL COME FROM SOCIALIST BLOC.

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F. PREVIOUS REMARKS NO INDICATION THAT IMPERIALIST ATTACK DEFINITELY WILL OCCUR.

G. EVERYONE MUST BEAR IN MIND POSSIBILITY HIDDEN MICROPHONES IN EMBASSY. WITH THESE ITEMS, AVAILABLE TO ANYONE, ONE CAN HEAR EVEN RUSTLE OF PAPER I AM HOLDING. IN ANY CASE NOT IMPORTANT IF IMPERIALISTS HEAR WHAT I HAVE SAID.

H. STAFF MUST NOT MAKE CONJECTURES ABOUT IDENTITY OF SECURITY PERSONNEL IN EMBASSY. IF YOU KNOW, DO NOT TALK.

I. WE MUST NOT EXAGERRATE PREOCCUPATION WITH SNOOPING, MUST NOT SEE TOO MANY GHOSTS.

J. EACH PERSON MUST STICK TO OWN JOB BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN SHOULD SHUN COMRADES.

3. REMARKS LEFT STAFF IN GLUM MOOD. NIGHT 10 JUNE CHAIN WAS SEEN WITH MANUEL VEGA BY L-9. NO INFO AVAILABLE ON TRAVEL PLANS.

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C/S COMMENT: \*DISSEMINATION APPLICABLE TO RYBAT ZRKNICK CABLES.

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SOURCE Latin American official (B) in Mexico City with good contacts among Cuban Embassy personnel. Appraisal of Content: 2

Rafael Maria Cortallo, a Mexican lawyer, has been in contact with Jose M. Cortallo, of the Teatro Alameda in Mexico City, and Fulda M. Cortallo, of the Teatro Alameda in Mexico City, who are working on a plan with the Cultural Department of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City, to invite the well-known Aragon Orchestra of Cuba to Mexico. They hope to guarantee the orchestra \$5,000 (U.S.) a week for a period of four weeks.

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1. The desk agrees that the source description used for LITAMIL-9 in TDCS-3/577,544 should not have been used and this will not be used again. Attached is a copy of new source card which has been prepared for LITAMIL-9. Please use these descriptions in the future.

2. Description number 2 should be used on reports in which the information basically concerns a country other than Cuba. In the future please do not use the description which you have been using for this source which is identical with the description often used for LIENVOY reports.

3. Look Dispatch No. 3817 of 7 June 1963 sets forth instructions for preparing source descriptions for reports on Cuba. All reports that basically concern Cuba, Cubans, or Cuban activities are processed by WH/SA. Letter evaluations are not used in their source descriptions.

*C. D. Dainold*  
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SUBJECT:

PERUMEN/LITAMIL-9/Contact Reports

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ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES

There are attached contact reports dated 11 March, 28 March, 2 April,  
and 13 April 1964 covering meetings with LITAMIL-9.

*Willard C. Curtis*  
WILLARD C. CURTIS

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Contact Reports

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11 March 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMEL-9, 10 March 1964

1. A two-and-a-half hour meeting with L-9 was held at B's home on the night of 10 March. L-9 was in excellent spirits, showed none of his usual depression. It developed that he feels extra secure in the C/O's home because the C/O has diplomatic immunity and no-one is likely to walk in -- he does not feel such security at the safehouse. Since there is nothing to be gained by battling L-9 over this matter, the safehouse will be used for PEGRIP-1 and future meetings with L-9 will be held at B's home or in B's car. A solid gate will be substituted for the iron grating now barring B's driveway for added security.

2. L-9 reported on the following:

a. L-9 attended the baptism party for Antonio GARCIA Lara's new son -- held at "Fofo" GUTIERREZ' home on Friday 6 March. Among those present were Nico and wife, Onelio del Pino, wife and 2 children, Emma Castro, the wife of Raul Aparicio, Nico's mother-in-law, Orquidia and Fofo, a Cuban and Mexican woman from the house on Anatole France where L-9 and Nico paid a call during Christmas week, the wife of Fernandez-Roa, Guillermo and Milda Ruiz, the wife of Ambassador Hernandez Armas and Victor Lomeli (Emma's husband). According to L-9 there was "not a hint of Communism" at this affair and, with the possible exception of Gmo. Ruiz, no Communists present. The new baby was baptized Jamilo in church. L-9 re-iterated his belief that Nico is not a Communist.

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b. Raul APARICIO gave a party at his home on Sunday night -- and seemed to be quite pleased with himself for having lured the famous Rumanian orchestra conductor CELIBIDACHE to his place -- C is residing in Rome, has recently been conducting the Mexican symphony -- used to head the Berlin symphony now conducted by one Von Karajan -- he is a Rumanian expatriate. Aparicio was flabbergasted when C greeted L-9 as a long lost friend and said "I have your painting on display in Rome." According to L-9, Aparicio is constantly being surprised to find out how well connected L-9 is in "the intellectual and cultural world."

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c. "Gordo" OTERO ( Juan Nilo OTERO Rodriguez - Foreign Minister ROA's right hand man) was at the party and greeted L-9 with a big abrazo -- asked him if he was happy in Mexico. L-9 asked Otero to convey his thanks to the FOMEX for allowing L-9 time to paint. Aparicio also took note of L-9's close relationship to Otero.

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d. A man named Jorge REED, of the Revista D'Etiqueta, recently visited the Embassy to chat about the possibilities of devoting an issue of that magazine to Cuba. In the near future an issue will be devoted to General DeGaulle. Reed is a nephew of (fnu) ARELLANO Belloc.

e. "Raulito" ROA, son of the FOMEX, and Ambassador of Cuba in Brazil made a tour of the Embassy the other day -- Ambassador Hernandez Armas

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brought him around. When they got to L-9's office, ROA asked L-9 how he was getting along. L-9 replied, "Fine, especially with this fine Ambassador we have here." Hernandez Armas was visibly affected by this flattery and said, "L-9, you are the only one in the Embassy to ever say that!" L-9 feels he made points with the Ambassador on this occasion.

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~~Antonio RODRIGUEZ~~ is no longer President of the Instituto Mexicano-Cubano de Relaciones Culturales Jose Marti. The new proxy is (fnu) ANASTO VILLEGAS.

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g. L-9 has been assigned by the Ambassador to look into the purchase of three new Ford cars. He is to buy them one at a time and to shop around for bargains. He expects to deal with Mr. George Manning of Ford or with his assistant Sr. Paniagua.

h. Antonio RODRIGUEZ (he is a Portuguese) of the magazine Siempre and his wife are expected to leave for Cuba between 10 and 15 April on a visit.

g. Andres ARMONA, formerly of the Commercial Office of the Embassy, is in trouble in Cuba for having kept such poor records of expenditures -- he came close to being thrown in jail. He has now been relegated to clipping newspapers -- clearly demoted. He left things in an awful mess at the office in Mexico City and people there are still trying to straighten out his accounts.

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h. JORRIN the doorkeeper is a nervous wreck -- L-9 has noted that he is often shaking visibly. The Ambassador noted this the other day and remarked to L-9: What do you suppose is wrong with Jorrin -- he is so thin? (The tone of L-9's conversation makes it appear at times that he thinks Jorrin is our agent. Could he be a Mexican agent?)  
PROBABLY!

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REPORTED BY  
"N. ARAGON"

1. A Chinese was in to see Aparicio on 2 March and again on 6 March -- tall, thin fellow, cultured, speaks English which he learned in Shanghai. About 30-40 years of age -- certainly not over 40. Aparicio told L-9 that this man is going to desert Chiang Kai Shek and go over to the Communists.  
WANG DAN CHI

LET'S CHECK THESE  
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3. A Mexican Army colonel, a chess champ, recently remarked that a senator (fnu) ARAGON is arranging permits for a Cuban chess team to come to Mexico for a tournament.

k. The other day L-9 and the Ambassador paid a short visit to a Mexican engraver named Leopoldo MENDEZ. MENDEZ is an out-and-out Communist. The visit was in the nature of a courtesy call.

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1. On 2 March a Venezuelan named Jose Rafael PADRINO Lopez, representing the Federacion de Centros Universitarios visited the Embassy. He had a letter of introduction from Jose Rafael ZANONI, president of the federation. PADRINO was injured in a street fracas in Caracas and wants to go to Cuba for medical treatment. He was referred to the consulate.



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m. L-9 was recently in charge of something around one (ind) ~~of the Algerian consulate in Cuba who went through~~ next on his way to Habana. He used to work in the Algerian protocol office. (L-9 gets all the French language jobs for the Embassy).

3. L-9 turned over several periodicals (papers and magazines) which will be forwarded to WAVE.

4. L-9 spoke at length of his life in Cuba (pre-Castro) and showed B a photo of the family distillery at Matanzas, representing a 300,000 peso (hence dollar) investment. He said that in the old days this one plant used to bring in a profit of 4,500 to 5000 dollars a month -- the other plant in Habana used to be a profitable enterprise, too. L-9 said that his father built this business up from scratch and L-9 seethes with indignation when he is forced to face the fact that his Dad is now considered by the regime to have been an exploiter of the masses. L-9 said that when he last visited the Matanzas plant the old-time employees openly wept and told him how much they wished for the "good old days" -- they went out of their way to do him little favors, such as bringing him coffee, finding him a comfortable chair, etc. L-9 told B: "I am a stubborn man and someday I am going to reclaim this business."

5. About an hour was spent on small talk -- B showed L-9 some Chinese objets d'art, consulted with him about furniture styles, etc -- the sort of conversation that interests L-9 and puts him at ease.

6. L-9 was presented with the book on Arshile Gorky so quickly obtained and pouched by Headquarters -- he was highly pleased and effusive in thanks.

7. L-9 gave B a photo taken at a recent exhibition of Polish poster art and a clipping of the same from Excelsior -- in the photo (attached to original of this CR) L-9 is with the Soviet, Czech and Polish Ambassadors.

8. NEXT MEETING: 20 March, 2000 hours, near the gasolinera on Reforma in Lomas.

*Lawrence F. Baker*

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28 March 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMEL-9, 20 March 1964

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1. A meeting was held with L-9 in B's car from 2000 until 2220 hours 20 March in the Lams area. No security problems noted.
2. L-9 reported as follows:
  - a. The Cuban chess team, which defeated its Mexico City opponents, is scheduled to go to Saltillo for another tournament and then to Canada. All team members visited the Embassy the night of 19 March. One of the team members, a mulato, mentioned having played chess in Czechoslovakia. In May the Mexico City team plans to visit Cuba for a re-match. The newspaper Novedades, issue of 19 Mar, lists all the team members. (THIS INFO FOLLOWED UP BY CABLE EXCHANGE WITH DIR AND WAVE) L-9 feels that it would be a "fine thing" if we could convince one or more of these chess players that they should not go back to Cuba.
  - b. A Cuban named Herrera (one of the chess players -?- not clear) has an errand to do here in Mexico for Luis BAEZ of the newspaper Revolucion in Cuba which involves obtaining copies of July 1963 editions of LIFE magazine concerning the Playa Giron invasion. These magazines are for the general staff of the Cuban army.
  - c. Manual GONZALEZ-Guarra, who is "attached" to the chess team from Cuba, was at the airport on 20 March on his way back to Cuba. He was loaded down with two large boxes full of baseballs -- said that he had come to Mexico especially to buy baseballs for Fidel CASTRO. He said he would be back soon, probably 23 March. When L-9 remarked that "they might not let you out again," GONZALEZ laughed and said he was a big wheel -- "Don't forget, I am superintendent of all official telephones in Cuba." G told L-9 that Fidel CASTRO is "my majadero," explaining that Castro has a wild idea that alfalfa is better cattle food than balanced feed and that as a result he will probably start planting alfalfa everywhere. L-9 feels that G must feel pretty sure of himself to dare to refer to Castro as "majadero" -- foolish! (REPORTED BY CABLE - FIRST PART)
  - d. Nico Garcia should be back soon -- perhaps on 23 March.
  - e. The Chinese would-be defector is named Tang Pan-Chi and is staying at the San Diego Hotel. (REPORTED BY CABLE)
  - f. On 16 March an American Negro boy named Roy BELTON (phonetic) was at the Embassy. He is from Milwaukee. He said that he wanted to go to Cuba, was tired of serving the imperialists. He was accompanied by a Puerto Rican. BELTON was close to tears during his visit.
  - g. On 16 March a blond Canadian, about 55 years old, was at the Cuban Consulate. L-9 had no further details.

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h. On 19 March the mother of Josefina Pina, a student from Cardenas, visited the embassy, trying to get a visa for her son and a job for him in Cuba. This woman remarked that she does not trust Eli de GORTARI and said that Rector BREMAINTZ of the University of Cardenas is "just like General Cardenas." Although she did not explain this remark, it appeared that she considered it derogatory.

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i. Ramiro DEL RIO has been named Cuban Director of Foreign Cultural Relations.

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j. On 4 March Nico GARCIA remarked to L-9: "I'll be tied up with the Ambassador for quite a while -- at least until 8 o'clock (p.m.)."

k. L-9 had in his possession a letter addressed to Ing. Rafael CALVENTI, Cortesía del Consulado de Cuba en Mexico -- it had been hand carried from Habana by someone on the plane that day (20 Mar) and L-9 was asked to turn it over to APARICIO. The letter, which was sealed, was from Dr. Pericles FRANCO Ornes in Cuba. L-9 was told that it was very important and that CALVENTI should be required to come by to pick it up -- it should not be mailed to him. CALVENTI could be reached at Calle Jose Azueta 25-5 or 23-5, Mexico City. (NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO OPEN THE LETTER - L-9 WAS INSTRUCTED TO GET IT TO APARICIO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE)

l. Thinking back to the recent christening of Nico GARCIA's son, Camilo, and the presence at this affair of Ladislao Onelio PINO, L-9 said that he felt that PINO "could be had." Some years back L-9 and a number of other people: Alfredo and Leonel BARKER, Rodolfo SEGUIRISTAIN, a fellow named "Toto," -- were all standing around chatting when Onelio said of Fidel CASTRO in a very worried manner: "Where is that man going to take us?" -- meaning the Cuban people. At that moment L-9 "understood" that PINO was not "with" Castro and decided that he would probably someday break with Castro. L-9 related all this to Barker in an attempt to insinuate that we should have a go at PINO.

3. NEXT MEETING: 1 April 1964.

Lawrence F. Barker

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 1 April 1964

1. A three-hour twenty-minute meeting was held with L-9 on the night of 1 April at B's home -- Mrs. B handling the gate. No security problems.

2. L-9 was in excellent spirits and felt even better when he was presented with the artists supplies sent by HQS in response to a Station dispatch -- he was overjoyed at receiving this paint and thanked B repeatedly throughout the meeting.

3. The first part of the meeting was devoted to scrutiny of LIFRODE photos from which L-9 made a larger percentage of identifications than usual.

4. L-9 reported as follows:

a. An Embassy staff meeting was held Tuesday 24 March at which time the Ambassador addressed the group regarding the trial of Marcos RODRIGUEZ Alfonso. DETAILS REPORTED BY INTEL CABLE 2 April.

b. At the same meeting the Amb spoke out about the dangers of electronic eavesdropping devices and cautioned the staff to be very careful of such diabolical tools which are being used constantly by the imperialists: "At this very moment someone may be listening behind that door." The Amb said that it could be assumed that "we are surrounded by listening apparatus" -- he said that a special meeting would be held on 26 Mar to discuss this matter at length. L-9 remarked, as he fiddled with a button on his coat, that he had read that a secret transmitter could be built right into a button. Others made similar remarks and everyone seemed to be fully spooked. Elpidio INTERIAN was observed watching everyone closely to see their reactions. The Amb said that the imperialists play very dirty and have some very refined gadgetry. He said that care should be taken that names are not mentioned in sensitive conversations and reminded everyone that the telephones were not to be trusted. According to L-9, it is assumed that all Embassy phones are tapped.

c. At the same meeting Guillermo RUIZ spoke out a couple of times, saying that "this Embassy is not functioning properly." He suggested that the staff should begin clipping newspapers in order to set up personality files on Mexicans -- these files should show their activities, attitudes toward Cuba, and similar detail. APARICIO said he was not in favor of the idea, that it would take up too much time, that the staff is too small for such doings. The Amb then spoke out in favor of RUIZ and squashed APARICIO as he seems to enjoy doing (L-9 says the Amb doesn't like APARICIO -- the feeling is mutual). Once the Amb had taken RUIZ' side everyone else fell into line. L-9 has noticed that RUIZ is outspoken and that he seems to get his way most of the time, that even the Amb seems to be afraid to cross him.

d. At the same meeting the Amb announced that a limit of 600 foreign

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students would be in Cuba at any one time on scholarships and that the staff should be quite frank with would-be "hocados" -- telling them that their chances of getting a free education in Cuba are slim. Only in truly exceptional cases should students be encouraged when they show up requesting scholarships. The restriction seems to be economic -- L-9 feels that 600 is a very small number for a country the size of Cuba.

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e. At the meeting of Thursday, 26 March, a translation of a recent TIME lead article on wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping was read by Peregrino ALONSO. This brought out such exciting discoveries as the fact that a transmitter could be built in a space no larger than a lump of sugar. The Amb reminded those present that if the imperialists are willing to disclose this much information on their methods and abilities in the field it must be concluded that they have even more fancy things up their sleeves which they are not talking about. The Amb said that each person in the Embassy should keep to his own work and not inquire into that of the others (compartmentation) and said that he was not satisfied with the gatherings and bull sessions at the entrance to the Embassy where too much was being said and too much was being seen by too many -- these sessions would have to stop -- it is nobody's business who comes to visit the Embassy. At this point Rogelio RODRIGUEZ and Buenaventura REYES spoke up and said they had seen a "tube moving behind a curtain in a house across from the consulate." (THIS IS PROBABLY A DISCOVERY OF A LIEROSE CAMERA) It was agreed that people coming to the Embassy are probably being photographed. The Amb then told the following story: "Don't forget the case of the textile vendor who went to the American Embassy for a visa. They refused to give him a visa -- told him that he had visited the Cuban Embassy. Then they proved it to him by showing him a picture of himself entering the Embassy here. He was really shocked!" (DON'T KNOW THE BACKGROUND OF THIS TALE -- CHECKING).

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This obviously  
not true!

f. It was announced at this 26 Mar meeting that Francisco FORT will not be returning to Mexico. He will remain in Habana to work at MINREX.

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g. Some concern was shown at the meeting about the disappearance of "Licha" who had left at noon Wednesday and had not returned. (L-9 said that he thought she was now back to work -- probably took off on a Holy Week bender in good Mexican fashion.)

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h. On 21 March L-9 briefly saw a man with a pockmarked face and several days' growth of beard in the Embassy -- about 30-35 years old. He heard someone call to him: ARAGON. No further details.

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i. On 21 March a man named Jorge COGHAL from the San Ignacio Textile plant in Puebla called and asked for Nico GARCIA. RUIZ seemed somewhat disturbed that COGHAL had called Nico and impatiently told the girl taking the call to inform COGHAL that Nico was not in. (He was still in Cuba at the time).

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j. L-9 turned over the FRANCO-CALVENTI letter (see item 2,k, L-9 CR covering 20 Mar meeting) to MIRABAL. MIRABAL seemed to feel he had a hot potato on his hands, was very uncomfortable and even a bit scared and said, "I'll have to discuss this with the Ambassador." (L-9 notes that MIRABAL is cowardly, timorous, not at all like his predecessor AZCUE who was the epitome of self confidence and control).

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L-9 finds this interesting since AZCUE was not a Communist and MIRABAL is -- the Communist is really the weakling in spite of all the strength that supposedly comes from knowing that Marxism-Leninism is right)

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- k. APARICIO will soon be giving a lecture in Morelia, Michoacan.
  - l. On 31 March the Amb, APARICIO, and L-9 visited the "Jose Marti" School in Mexico City where they were shown all around and given VIP treatment. As so often happens, L-9 "upstaged" APARICIO by getting most of the attention. The Amb seemed to enjoy this; APARICIO didn't.
  - m. The Cubana flight of Monday 30 Mar returned to Mexico after take-off owing to mechanical trouble.
  - n. ~~(fnu) ZIRIT~~ (check manifest for full name), new Algerian Amb to Cuba was in town a few days ago on his way to Habana. L-9 was the handholder because of his French. Z was angry at the delay he had experienced in the US when the Mexican Embassy took a long time to issue him a transit visa. He said that Algeria will soon establish diplomatic relations with Spain and then it will not be necessary to transit the US and Mexico to get to Cuba. Relations with Argentina and Mexico will also be established soon, Argentina first, Mexico within 3 months. The delay is due to financial considerations -- it costs a lot to open new Embassies. Brazil will be put off until later. Z had his choice of 3 countries - the US, Czechoslovakia, or Cuba -- chose Cuba and seems to be very pro-Cuban. Speaks excellent French, some English. He left for Habana ~~on 28 Mar~~ and on 30 Mar three other Algerian diplomats went to Habana. While Z was at the airport on 28 Mar waiting to leave he saw an American couple and told L-9 that these same two were watching him in New York, that the man was "surely a KUBARK agent. They are everywhere these days."
  - o. L-9 has one supposedly "classified" document in his care -- because he has a lock on his desk. (METRAP brought up the occasion when APARICIO gave him this document some time ago). It deals with a Mexican named RUIZ Castaneda who is a senator and is president of the foreign relations committee of the senate. He went on the Inter-parliamentary trip to the USA recently. It is a letter from APARICIO to Habana about RC, saying that RC would like to give lectures in Cuba but does not dare ask permission of the senate and LOPEZ Mateos to make the trip. In the letter APARICIO says that RC said that Mexico will not vote for Communist Chinese admission to the UN in order to avoid incurring the displeasure of the US.
  - p. The Embassy is buying three new Ford cars -- a Galaxie, later a Fairlane, still later a Ford 200. On 24 March L-9 gave Sr. Paniagua of Diplomatic Sales, Ford de Mexico, a check (No. 210314) payable to Ford Motor Company F.S.O. by the French American Bank, 120 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y. It was purchased at the Banco del Atlantico, S.A. -- was for \$ 1350 US, down payment on the first car.
  - q. <sup>Jose Luis</sup> Barrera, (fnu) of the chess team (incorrectly given as Herrera in item 2, b, of the last CR covering 20 Mar etc) is a newspaperman with the paper Revolution. He does not play chess, is apparently the political control officer for the team. Team came back triumphant from Saltillo

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on 1 April and is lodged at the Hotel Regis. Most will leave for Canada to play a match there -- leaving Friday, 3 April. Team will have early breakfast with the Amb that morning at the Embassy. BARRERA got a cable reading thusly: SAA O LI 28:1 CPR OC F Montreal 22 Meeting Plane Hotel Reservation simple but inconvenient act's host fourth to twelfth stop if you prefer will arrange Date fourth fifth instead of original dates. Moss. (REPORTED TO CHADEN FOR ACTION). CIRC SEC 2 APR 4.

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r. Teresa PROENZA returned acting like she was coming back to work and her passport contained a notation "Para reintegrarse a su cargo" but this was just window dressing, a sop to her to make her feel happier while she packs up to leave. She is going to return to Cuba within about six weeks, L-9 does not know what her job will be there. She reported that food in Cuba is much better, she seemed quite optimistic about things there. She got together with APARICIO for about an hour and talked over many things with him. (MKTRAP caught some of this). She made no mention of the RODRIGUEZ Alfonso trial in talking to L-9.

s. Teresa told L-9 that a friend had told her in Cuba about Fidel CASTRO's intervention when Raul ROA tried to get L-9 transferred out of Mexico about a year ago. CASTRO said to ROA: "If L-9 is doing a good job there in Mexico, why are you taking him away?" This ended the matter as ROA naturally agreed with Fidel. (L-9 heard exactly the same version of the conversation some time ago from his sister-in-law who contacted Fidel on the matter).

t. According to Teresa, ROA's decision to let L-9 take time off for painting was due to ROA's fear of incurring Fidel's displeasure again in connection with L-9.

u. Teresa hates ROA. Calls him "ese pequeno de Roa" and says that ROA spoke very harshly about Amb Hernandez Armas -- calling him an idiot and "even worse things." She said ROA had used the expression "conemierdas" to refer to the Amb.

v. Felipe ROJAS is acting unnaturally. He now asks lots of questions whereas he used to be very quiet and unassuming. L-9 said to B: "If he is ours, you better get word to him to slow down before people get too suspicious." B: "Maybe he's working for the Mexican Government." L-9: "Then you'd better tell the Mexicans!"

w. APARICIO is not a very likeable person. Uses rough language. He knows his diplomatic niceties from having majored in diplomacy in school but his knowledge is technical. The Amb doesn't like him, feels that A is a bit of a lambiscon (boot licker) and is not sincere.

x. Mexican senator ARAGON has been very nice to the Cuban chess team. The Amb has noted this with pleasure and has decided to put on the chara and win over ARAGON -- is going to send him a box of fine cigars and invite him to dine at the Embassy.

y. It will be recalled that some months ago Cap. RABEL Nunes tried to contact L-9 in Mexico. L-9 was instructed to report this to the Amb -- which he did. He also wrote to his sister-in-law about

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the incident and she wrote back telling him he had done the right thing to report this approach to the AFB. L-9 feels that the incident is nicely covered and will serve to show that he cannot be recruited even by old and very close friends.

4. Nico Garcia is back -- seems to be hanging around Mexico City.

5. NEXT MEETING: 10 April.

*Lawrence F. Barker*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Parker

SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 10 April 1964

1. A meeting was held with L-9 from 2000 until 2235 hours on 10 April -- in B's car, parked in three different locations in the Lomas District.

2. L-9 was made aware of the content of a LIDAL intercepted letter which, although dated July 1963 and mailed to Ambassador HERNANDEZ Armas in August, had just come to light since it had been mislaid in our file room. This letter, from an unknown person, denounced L-9 to the Ambassador for accepting dollars from the Revolutionary Government and using them to support counter-revolutionaries such as his (L-9's) brother. The letter goes on to criticize L-9's sister-in-law and speaks of "nepotism in full socialism." It had been expected that L-9 would be upset by this, but when B informed him of the gist of the denunciation he said, "That is fine. This sort of thing actually helps me. Any reference to my sister-in-law is good since everyone knows how close she is to Fidel and this serves to enhance my protection." In short, L-9 was not the least bit disturbed about the denunciation. File copy of the letter will be filed with original of this CR.

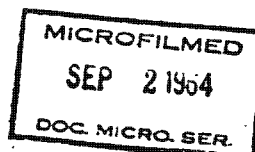
3. L-9 reported as follows:

- a. The telephones at the Embassy have recently been "all mixed up" and on 7 April a phone company worker was at work on the pole at the Embassy corner trying to straighten things out.
- b. L-9 has gained points with the Embassy by his smooth work in acquiring the new Ford Galaxie sedan which has been ordered. (He requested that we refrain from tampering with this car since it is identified with him and any "bugs" or other gadgetry which might be planted and discovered might point to L-9)
- c. The Embassy Cadillac is on the fritz. The automatic transmission is broken, having been allowed to run dry. It will cost 4,000 pesos to make the necessary repair or replacement.
- d. The Bulletin of the Cultural Department has not appeared recently because the Embassy does not have sufficient money to publish it.
- e. On 3 April some woman with a name like Nora BOWL (phonetic) called the Embassy asking about the chess team and explaining that she likes chess. No further detail.
- f. JORRIN is no longer so nervous, has calmed down noticeably.
- g. Nico GARCIA seems to be in a very happy mood these days.
- h. L-9 recently ran into the Mexican leftist journalist Rosa CASTRO in a bookstore. She said that the Mexican writers Carlos FUENTES and Fernando ~~SENTEZ~~ both returned from the USSR "disturbed" but that they were keeping their views to themselves and had told only

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a very few persons about their disillusionment. It seems that they did not find what they expected in Russia -- it did not live up to advance billing -- and both were affected by the attitude of the people who seemed beaten down and morose, certainly not nearly as gay and full of life as the Mexicans.

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- i. On 6 April the ~~name of~~ ARELLANO Belloc (mentioned in an earlier CR) was at the Embassy ~~dealing~~ dealing with Aparicio. L-9 overheard him commenting on the fact that Ramirez and Ramirez of the newspaper El Dia had "gone over" to the PRI and that Arellano Belloc was having trouble placing his own material in the newspaper Novedades.
  - j. There was no staff meeting on 4 April. L-9 believes this was due to the probability that staff members would discuss Brazil if they got together. When the Ambassador does not want to discuss a matter he endeavors to insure that the staff will not get together.
  - k. On 7 April the Ambassador asked L-9 for ideas on redecorating the downstairs salons of the Embassy, speaking of the need for new curtains, etc. (If this redecoration is to extend to the offices or living quarters it may give us an opportunity to extend our audio surveillance of the Embassy).
  - l. On the night of 7 April L-9 and the Amb went to an exposition of Dutch art at Bellas Artes. The Amb got into a cozy conversation with the Yugoslavian Ambassador but L-9 does not know what they discussed although he believes they were on the topic of Brazil since he overheard the Yugo Amb telling Hernandez Armas that it was bad that "there is no Ambassador there." Hdz Armas also spoke with Gorostiza at this affair -- just a handshake and a few words.
  - m. On 10 April Aparicio left for Morelia, Michoacan, to deliver a lecture, presumably at the University.
  - n. On 8 April, about 1300 hours, a Cuban, age about 40, wearing glasses, came by to see Aparicio was attended by Felipe Rojas. This man, who drives an old car, picks up propaganda material for distribution in barber shops.
  - o. On 8 April the group of physicians who had been attending a conference in Montevideo, Uruguay, and who had just returned to Mexico in transit to Habana asked for and received 5-day extensions on their Mexican transit visas.
  - p. On 2 April a Chilean musician named David SENDERO was at the Cultural Department but Aparicio would not deal with him. He is tall, heavy build. Apparently wants to go to Cuba.
  - q. On 7 April Aparicio was talking with a Costa Rican, naturalized Mexican, named (fnu) BERMUDEZ Romero, about 1000 hours. Bermudez arrived from Cuba about two weeks ago. He was trying to get hold of a copy of "Che" Guevara's book of Guerrilla Warfare.
  - r. At about 1030 hours 7 April a young Mexican writer named Fernando CAJERO Cortes visited Aparicio. He is trying to peddle his novels for publication in Cuba but has no talent.

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s. On the night of 9 April a group from the Cuban Embassy in Rio arrived -- Cultural Officer Manuel MENDEZ, 8 women, 3 children. They all first went to a short consulting habana. L-9 met them at the airport and got them bedded down at the Hotel Agnes. MENDEZ told L-9 that Regino MURROSO had been designated as the new Cultural Counselor in Rio but probably would not be going there until the dust settles. Mendez informed the group that he did not want any of them making contact with friends or relatives in Mexico City -- this appeared to be aimed at one of the women who had said that she had relatives here and would like to phone them. This woman can easily be identified from the others as she has extremely fat legs -- apparently some sort of disease. Mendez told them that no-one was to be allowed to separate from the group for any reason -- he seemed to be some sort of security control officer for the group. He was quite upset that there would be no plane before Sunday 12 April. Speaking of the Brazilian situation he said that it made no difference whether Cuba and Brazil maintained diplomatic relations since in any event Brazil would vote with the Organization of American States against Cuba. L-9 reported that the Embassy was not pleased to have to foot the hotel bill for this group in view of the shortage of money for such incidental expenses.

t. On 9 April Josefina GONZALEZ de VILASECA, wife of the Vice President of the National Bank of Cuba, came by to see L-9 who has known her for some time -- both are artists. L-9 took her in to see the Amb and in the ensuing conversation the Amb made the following remarks:

It appears that the military junta in Brazil will not break relations with us right away but they can be counted on to vote against us in the OAS.

There are many Korean war veterans in Brazil who influence things against Cuba.

Brizola is our one hope. He is decisive and audacious.

Chile has a well organized labor movement. In Brazil most of the people are farm workers and they lack political preparation.

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u. The same day, 9 April, L-9 went with Josefina GONZALEZ de VILASECA to visit Xavier GUERRERO and his wife Clara Porset de GUERRERO, also present at this affair; Sra. Victoria DE LA CRUZ, a Cuban cardiologist, close friend of the wife of Tomás Saul ROA -- she is in Mexico on her way to San Salvador and Colombia. Clara PORSET spoke about the trial in Habana of Marcos RODRIGUEZ Alfonso -- said she remembered him when he was in Mexico in the old days and that he was such a skinny, non-descript fellow she was surprised to learn later that he was an imperialist spy; that it was not until the Czechs began to follow him in Prague that it was learned that he was contacting foreign embassies; that he must have been working for CIA; that Fidel CASTRO has managed to set the record straight; that it appears that Faure CHOMON was trying to create division in the ranks of the revolutionaries.

v. While here, Josefina GONZALEZ de VILASECA also visited with Jose CHAVEZ Morado, Mexican Communist painter.

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w. On 13 April a Cuban Exposition will be inaugurated at the Colegio Rosa, a Catholic school at Avenida Ejercito Nacional 579, under the direction of Srta. Maria de la Luz AMAYA. A young man came to the Embassy a few days ago to pick up books, photos, maps, etc., about Cuba.

x. The following cable arrived at the Embassy recently:

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LIC. GUSTAVO ESPINOSA MIRELES, QUE MI ESPOSA TIENE AUTORIZACION Y PASAJE AVION PARA CUBA. SU AMIGO Y COMPANERO.

DR. CARLOS RAMIREZ CORREA

y. <sup>5/11/54</sup> ~~Dr. HERRERA~~ <sup>Pranzutti</sup> is planning to return to Cuba soon to reside. He doesn't seem to be very happy about this and his wife is just about terrified at the prospects.

4. L-9 turned over a number of publications (Bohemia, etc.) which will be pouched to WAVE.

5. L-9 was asked about ~~Deena ROYER~~ <sup>Deena ROYER</sup> who had come up on MKTRAP traffic. He said he had met her but that she spent most of her time talking with Aparicio. He began to speak to her in French but she switched to Spanish which she doesn't handle too well -- this led him to believe that she doesn't speak French too well either. L-9 felt, was not sure, that she was on a photo-journalistic jaunt to Cuba and might be working for Paris Match.

6. On the off chance that Humberto GARCIA (Cuban friend of Celia SANCHEZ who is in Mexico ostensibly to recover from asthma and who has been passing himself off as anti-Castro) might be the mysterious new AGENCE-1 case officer "Julian," L-9 was asked to describe him: Short, blond hair, blue eyes. This sounds like "Julian." Address: Bahia Corriente 69-3, Esquina Ejercito Nacional. (Will get the LIFEPIRES on him to take a picture for forwarding to WAVE).

7. L-9 was in good spirits throughout the meeting but got a bit queasy toward the end, perhaps from smoking one of the cigars he had earlier presented to B.

8. Next Meeting: Monday, 20 April.

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1. (LITAMIL-9 V) CLOSE ASSOCIATE CONCHITA FERNANDEZ HAS NO INFO THAT SHE HAS BEEN MEXI RECENTLY AND CONSIDERS THIS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE.
2. SOVIETS MENTIONED REF A ARE VLADIMIR IVANOVICH ANDREYEV, FIRST SECY SUSPECT KGB AND GALINA KUZNETSOVA, WIFE OF SVYATOSLAV FEDOROVICH KUZNETSOV, CULTURAL ATTACHE AND IDENTIFIED KGB.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker  
SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 30 Jan 1964

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1. A meeting with L-9 took place from 2000 until 2145 hours 30 Jan 1964 at the safe apartment. L-9 was in surprisingly good spirits, showed none of his usual depression.

2. L-9 reported on the following:

- a. On Saturday 18 Jan at the usual Embassy staff meeting, several new assignments were passed out. A "three month plan" was announced and during this period staff members, in addition to their usual duties, will prepare special reports on several topics. *p 3424*  
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 Raul APARICIO will do a report on the National University -- physical plant, student body, activities, ways in which the Cuban government can exert influence, etc. L-9 will do a similar report on the National Institute of Fine Arts (Bellas Artes). Dra. MAGNADO will do a report on countries which have diplomatic relations with Cuba -- emphasizing how contact with representatives here in Mexico of such countries may be parlayed into something more worthwhile for the Castro government. Rogelio RODRIGUEZ was given an assignment as Political Reporting Officer.

At this meeting Guillermo RUTZ of the Commercial Office -- who has recently been emerging as a Socialist Fidelista -- spoke out about the recent accord between the USSR and Cuba, saying that it was convenient for the USSR to keep on the good side of Cuba and thus keep a dagger in the back of the imperialists. Ambassador HERNANDEZ Armas, somewhat taken aback by RUTZ' language, pointed out that the relationship between the USSR and Cuba is based, above all, on the highest principles of international friendship.

- b. Last Wednesday (29 Jan) a Soviet official, Boris T. RUDENKO, visited the Cultural Department and spoke with APARICIO and L-9. L-9 took pains to "be a good Communist" during this encounter. (This conversation was picked up by MENTRAF) RUDENKO was also at the home of Horacio FLORES Sanchez on the 28th after the Marti homage session at the Cuban Cultural Institute.

- c. A Bolivian woman -- name possibly VILLALBA -- was recently at the Hotel Oxford with 7 children, waiting to go to Cuba to join her husband who works there. L-9 believes she has gone on to Cuba.

- d. On 17 January Cuban delegates to the CEPAL Conference visited the Embassy and spoke with Embassy employees. One of these delegates, referring to the Nicaro plant in Cuba, said that only 12 engineers of the original 37 remained. Of those, a man named (fnu) PRESILLA was still doing an excellent job although he is physically in poor condition. The Nicaro plant specifically, and technicians throughout Cuba in general, are having a hard time with the decimal system used by the USSR in its technical equipment. The delegates said that it was not apparent that Cuba will definitely plan to base its economy on sugar -- that Fidel Castro at least made this quite clear.

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- e. (fnu) GARCIA Inchausti told APARICIO in the Embassy the other day that 60 homosexuals had been "cleaned out" of MINREY.
- f. On 23 January Oscar CONCEPCION was standing at the gate when the mailman arrived with a letter for the Ambassador. This letter was from Lic. DIAZ Ordaz -- CONCEPCION said, "I saw it with my own eyes, the envelope had DIAZ Ordaz' name on it."
- g. On 29 Jan a Venezuelan woman named Susana BEJARANO came to the Embassy. She was staying at the Hotel Virreyes, Room 402. She was trying to sell exhibition rights to a film entitled "Twist y Crimen" which had been filmed in Venezuela and shown only twice before the government shut it down and prohibited future showings, labelling the film as of "improper social tendencies." BEJARANO said that she planned to stay in Mexico about a week and would also contact the Soviet and Czech Embassies in an effort to sell the film and recoup some of the cost of producing it. She was told that her proposition would be relayed to Havana.
- h. A young Cuban doctor, named Silvanio RIVERO, is in Mexico City and trying to return to Cuba. He was in the Embassy on 29 Jan and has been there before.
- i. The Marti commemoration at the Institute <sup>on 28 Jan</sup> was a big success. A lot of people showed up. The speakers were Ermannell CARBALLO, Raul APARICIO, Gaston MERO, Ernesto LIEVENY Sanchez, and Ermilo ABREU Gomez.
- j. After the affair at the institute a group of those present went to the home of Horacio FLORES Sanchez of Bellas Artes. CARBALLO did not want to go for some reason unknown to L-9. While at FLORES place, L-9 saw that Raul PEREIRA "Paulito" seemed very interested in FLORES Sanchez and asked a number of questions about him. L-9 says that FLORES is a well known homosexual. (LIEVENY shows that Raul PEREIRA is also homosexual) possibly
- k. Several days ago Ana Tereza GRIEBA de ARANGO came to visit the Cultural Department. She was accompanied by the brother of the Mexican dancer Berta MORALES -- he is a dancer. She said she is director of the "Titla" dancing studio located at Monte Ararat, corner of Sierra Leon, Lopez-Sardillaco. She would like to go to Cuba to seek up some culture.
- l. At 1330 hours 21 Jan Danilo PEREZ Revulado, a Honduran, visited the Cultural Department. He lives in Puebla at Puebla 13 Sur 3307-13. Later on he spoke with Rogelio RODRIGUEZ and told L-9 afterwards, "Rogelio doesn't seem to trust me."
- m. The Brazilian-Polish Engineer L-9 met at the airport has gone on to Cuba. This man (LIEVENY) is "very correct, does not say much, serious."
- n. After Tereza PROENZA was seen off at the airport, Oscar CONCEPCION "revealed" that she had been fired on orders of President DORTICOS who got tired of receiving reports that a famous international sex deviate (Luzosa "Borbillera" Internacional) was working at the Embassy. DORTICOS fired her for "immoral conduct."

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o. As Teresa PROENZA was leaving APARICIO gave her a personal letter addressed to DORRIGOS. Teresa told L-9 about this but warned him not to tell anyone. APARICIO is a close friend of DORRIGOS.

p. On Wednesday and Thursday (29 and 30 Jan) URBETA, an employee of the Commercial Section, was grumbling about the "kids" who supposedly work there -- RUIZ, CONCEPCION, and GARCIA -- but who can't seem to get anything done and only succeed in messing up paper. URBETA was quite disgusted.

q. Guillermo RUIZ has been showing himself to be quite aggressive politically in staff meetings. He appears to be a violent partisan of the Castro regime.

r. MIRABAL has been less aggressive than before, has recently been down in the dumps and has been spending a lot of time talking to Dra. MACHADO. The Ambassador told Dra. MACHADO that MIRABAL and Mexican food don't get along together.

s. Felipe ROJAS, Mexican employee of the Cultural Section -- who handles distribution of Castro propaganda to people who visit the Embassy -- has been given a desk in the Cultural Section. This man only earns about 5 - 600 pesos per month. L-9 SAYS THAT ROJAS COULD BE BOUGHT \*\* IS AVAILABLE! He is about 28-30 years old.

t. Coty SOLOREANO has returned from Cuba. There is some talk that she might marry Jesus SOTO, in Cuba, although she is much older. SOTO is some sort of leader -- perhaps a labor leader there.

u. On Sunday 26 Jan a group of Chinese acrobats paid a courtesy visit to the Embassy. The leader of this group said that Senator Manuel MORENO Sanchez would soon be going to China.

v. On Monday 27 Jan Dolores DE ~~ARMAS~~ was at the Embassy. She said she hopes to go to the US to cover the Johnson-Lopez Mateos interview. She came with Doris ~~HEIGES~~, divorced wife of a former ~~American Ambassador to Brazil~~ (country). Dolores said that DIAZ Ordaz and Ambassador ~~HERNANDEZ~~ Armas are great friends and that she had seen an envelope which DIAZ Ordaz sent to the Amb. She appeared to be quite upset that Victor RICO Galan had been invited to Cuba but that she had not. She wants to interview Fidel CASTRO again. HEIGES is an American citizen, lives: Insurgentes Sur 724, Mexico, 27-31-54. One daughter: Ma. Teresa

w. An American named Fred ~~BALDASARE~~, a swimming champion, has been in the Embassy trying to implement his plan to swim from Cuba to Florida and set a new world record. APARICIO remarked to L-9 that if they let this nut train a Cuban to make this swim (as he wants to do) it would probably result in thousands of Cubans doing the same thing to get out. (~~BUTRINOY~~ and ~~METRAP~~ have picked up ~~BALDASARE~~).

x. Some youngsters from a group called the "Movimiento Cultural Mexicano" have been trying to establish good contacts with the Embassy. The president is ~~Jose~~ ~~NAME~~, phone 23-24-39. The Vice-President is ~~Rafael~~ ~~NAME~~, phone 21-17-53, address Avenida Central No. 266-3, Colonia Pro Hogar. The Subsecretary of Organization is ~~Wladimir~~ ~~NAME~~, phone 13-35-73. They had their first "Cultural Festival" on 26 July 1963 "as proof of the

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extent of their love for the Cuban people." L-9 does not know much about this group, feels it bears investigating.

3. L-9 asked B to get him a book about the painter Arshile GORKY. This book is published by the Whitney Museum of American Art, The Macmillan Company, New York, 1957. It will be ordered from HQS separately.

4. The meeting had to be cut short since B had to go elsewhere to meet and assess an agent prospect who was planning to leave Mexico City the next morning. Accordingly, it was agreed that another meeting would be held on Tuesday 4 February at 2000 at the safe apartment. L-9 will be paid his January salary at that time.

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6 February 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker  
SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 5 Feb 64

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1. L-9 did not make the scheduled safehouse meeting of 5 Feb. An alternate meeting was laid on for 2000 hours at the Thiers-Gutenberg circle and he appeared on time. He explained that at 1945 hours 5 Feb as he emerged from a taxicab about five blocks from the safehouse he spotted AM-IE-1 standing nearby. L-9 immediately called out to him, "What are you doing here? How about joining me for a drink?" AM-IE was not in a very sociable mood so L-9 went into a nearby furniture store to look at some chairs and left soon thereafter, going uptown and moseying about for several hours before going home. It would appear that AM-IE's presence on Insurgentes Sur was not related to L-9's meeting with Barker. L-9 was told that he had done right to skip the meeting -- he was somewhat upset since he had never before missed a meeting.

2. L-9 was told that B would be out of town during the coming week and that he, L-9, should make another foray into the general area of the safehouse -- perhaps have supper at Chalupas at the corner of Insurgentes Sur and San Antonio -- just in case someone might be watching him.

3. As the meeting was held in B's car the LIERODE photos were not taken along. Backlog of these photos will be shown to him at the next safehouse meeting.

4. L-9 was shown a photo of INTERIAN and wife -- made a positive identification of these two. Said INTERIAN is a "police type" and very probably has the codes. His wife is often around the kitchen at the Embassy. They have two young daughters. INTERIAN is very friendly, a nice person. His wife is having some female troubles which INTERIAN told L-9 all about. L-9 was instructed to concentrate on INTERIAN and be prepared to report on him at each subsequent meeting.

5. L-9 reported that a Cuban physician named SILVANO had finally received his visa to return to Cuba -- he had been trying for several years to get back home. APARICIO helped him to get the visa. It was issued 4 Feb.

6. ~~XPOPCA~~ <sup>FERRER</sup>, a Communist from Northwest Mexico, and adherent of Braulio MALDONADO, was in the Embassy on 4 Feb. He spoke with APARICIO. (MEXTRAP should bring this up).

7. A Mexican named AVEDANO (fnu) was in the Embassy 4 Feb trying to get a visa.

8. ORNF: It was agreed that in any phone conversation with B, the meeting places would be termed THE OLD PLACE (Thiers & Gutenberg), THE STORE (Reforma & Arenal), THE RESTAURANT (Safehouse).

9. NEXT MEETING: Open. To be initiated by B upon return from trip.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 1 March 1964.

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1. A four-hour twenty-minute meeting was held with L-9 beginning at 2000 hours, Sunday 1 March. The meeting took place at B's home with B's wife handling the gate. No security problems were noted except that L-9 saw Eli de GORTARI in the vicinity of the pick-up point -- GORTARI and L-9 were both browsing in the same bookstore.

2. L-9 was in pretty good spirits. He reported as follows:

- a. Ramon SINGBAS, wife, and children came in to Mexi on the Cubana plane of 1 March. SINGBAS was scheduled to leave for Santiago, Chile that night where he will take up a position in the Cuban Embassy. L-9 planned to see him off at the airport about 0100 hours. L-9 described SINGBAS' wife as very common, a "cheap" woman, looks like a "putita."
- b. The Ambassador of Guinea in Habana was at the Embassy on 1 March -- planning to go to Cuba on the Cubana flight same date. He told L-9 that he will soon be going to Ethiopia -- had formerly been in the U.S. He will be replaced in Habana by the present Amb. from Guinea in Brasil -- a man whom he feels will fit in well with the Cubans.
- c. L-9 is hoping to exhibit his Cuban engravings in Morelia, Michoacan before long.
- d. A medical doctor named (fnu) QUIJANO Mareco, residing at Polanco 68, telephone 15-13-90, will be going to Cuba soon.
- e. On 15 February the Ambassador (HERNANDEZ Armas) and Lazaro CARDENAS went on a trip to Pico Toluca. Their jeep was bogged down in the mud and they had to abandon it. This information came from Coty SOLOZANO.
- f. Paul PEREIRA has some sort of chummy relationship with Sr. (fnu) CABELERO who is a close friend of Horacio FLORES Sanchez of the Bellas Artes Institute. APARICIO recently wondered aloud just "what the hell Pereira is up to."
- g. INTERIAN did not attend the staff meeting of 15 February.
- h. Ramon CUFENCA Mantoto has returned to Habana. As he left he told L-9, "I'll see you in Habana."
- i. The other day during a volleyball game at the Embassy INTERIAN complained that his arms were getting tired -- "something that never happened when I was a mason (albañil)."
- j. A Cuban delegate to some sort of conference in Brasil came in on the Cubana plane of 1 March with his wife -- name may have been Barrera -- L-9 not sure. While on the plane he lost the credential

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accrediting him as Cuban delegate to the conference. He planned to leave for Rio that same night (1 March). This man was recently at a UNESCO meeting in Paris. L-9 SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT WISH TO LOUSE THINGS UP FOR THIS MAN IN BRAZIL BY HAVING SOMEONE CHALLENGE HIS RIGHT TO REPRESENT CUBA \*\* THIS IN VIEW OF HIS NOT HAVING A VALID CREDENTIAL.

1. The Russian writer RUDENKO (who has come up on MSTRAP) recently spoke at an affair at the Soviet Cultural Institute and a tall, thin Mexican, about 55 years old, did a SUPERB job (L-9 repeated this several times) of harassing RUDENKO. The Mexican kept making remarks from the floor which compared the Russian revolution unfavorably to the Mexican revolution -- he succeeded in winning a lot of support from persons present and made RUDENKO look ridiculous. L-9 remarked, "If this man was yours, he should be congratulated."
2. RUDENKO was unable to speak at the Cuban institute -- pleading insufficient time. L-9 feels that the hazing he got at the Russian institute may have had something to do with this.
3. In mid-February President LOPEZ Mateos dedicated several schools -- dependencies of the UMM -- in the Tacubaya area. L-9 was with the Ambassador and on three occasions the Ambassador tried to greet LM with an abrazo -- he was unsuccessful, all the president would do was give him a wave of the hand.
  - a. Dolores de la MORA has gone to Jalisco on an extended trip.
  - b. Enrique ALVAREZ M. and Alberto PEREZ Razo, both members of the Comite Revolucionario de la Universidad Michoacana (in Morelia) -- both students -- visited the Embassy on 27 February. That afternoon RAUL APARICIO, rector of the University of Michoacan, spoke with Raul APARICIO and invited APARICIO to give a lecture at the University some time in March. L-9 thinks it might be a good idea to harass APARICIO at this time.
  - c. On 10 February Leon ANTONIO, Cuban Ambassador to Japan went through Mexico. He greeted L-9 effusively. L-9 said that about a year ago ANTONIO went to the Embassy in Mexi as an inspector of MINREX and recommended later in his report that L-9 be laid off as "unnecessary." L-9 found this change of tune interesting. ANTONIO had heretofore considered L-9 not sufficiently revolutionary but now makes great efforts to prove his friendship.
  - d. Sra. MONTAÑO, wife of a physician, was recently refused a visa by the American Embassy -- she says that this was due to her close association with Ambassador HERNANDEZ Armas. APARICIO told L-9 about this -- APARICIO finds it strange that the American Embassy should know of the association.
  - e. On 24 Feb, at 1130 hours, Victor FLORES Olea was in the Embassy with APARICIO.
  - f. A Mexican teacher (female) named Genia MARIA Hernandez, who resides at Calle Barcelona 3, Interior 4, Colonia Condesa, D.F., has been

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recommended by the Cultural Department of the Embassy for a teaching job in Cuba. APARICIO recommended her on 20 Feb.

t. L-9 attended an affair at the Soviet Embassy on 24 February -- anniversary of the Red Army. A Mexican official named ZAMBERO was there -- spoke at length with the Yugoslavian Ambassador. The Yugoslavian Ambassador remarked that Antonio RODRIGUEZ, a critic who writes for the magazine Siempre had been discovered to be "not as friendly to the Russians as some people think -- that's why he is not here today." RODRIGUEZ was reported to be friendly to the Castro regime.

On 24 February a short assembly was held at the Embassy to celebrate the Grito de Baire and representatives of the Grupo Jose Marti (the institute crowd) and the Escuela Jose Marti attended. No representative came from the Escuela República de Cuba. (fnu) FALOMERES spoke for the Grupo Jose Marti.

Dr. Ruben PAREJA, a Bolivian physician, has been invited to go to Cuba by the Cuban Medical College.

• Dr. Juan CARDENAS, a thorax specialist, was recently invited to fly to Cuba by APARICIO. L-9 was inclined to believe that this was not just one more doctor to lecture, but that some important person in Cuba might be suffering from some malady falling within CARDENAS' specialty.

• INTERIAN recently told L-9 that he is 34 years old. (This jibes).

• Enrique GONZALEZ Casanova is back from Cuba -- he saw Teresa PROENZA there at a party attended by DOMIN Raul ROA and Joaquin GONZALEZ, among others.

• Elena VASQUEZ Gomez, Teresa's "lover," has returned from Cuba where she saw Teresa. She said that Teresa will probably work in Cuba but that she may make a trip to MEXICO soon.

• Nico GARDIA is going to baptize his new son soon -- name will possibly be Samilo. Nico was at the Mexi airport on 1 March.

• Two weeks ago, at a weekly staff meeting, L-9 "blew his top" when informed that the library he had moved downstairs would have to be moved upstairs again. This was a "controlled outburst" -- L-9 feels it is a good idea to roar like a lion from time to time so no-one will dare push him around. The Ambassador criticized L-9 for his statements but later on pitched in and helped L-9 carry the books upstairs.

c. APARICIO doesn't have a desk in his office (this came up clearly on MEXMAP). The desk that was formerly in there was assigned to Teresa PROENZA but when she left the Commercial office of the Embassy "repossessed" it. APARICIO says he doesn't need a desk -- it would just get loaded with paperwork (this came up on MEXMAP, too). He would rather be free to get out into the city more often.

dd. APARICIO and the Ambassador are not getting along too well. L-9 remains an everyone's friend.

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3. A couple of hours were taken up in going over LIERGDE photos from which L-9 made many identifications.

4. L-9 was asked if he had ever seen Manuel PINERO ("Barbaroja") or his wife -- was shown photos. No identification.

5. L-9 was asked if he knew that Rosario PINERO Guerra and Juan N. OTERO Rodriguez were, or had been, in town. No. He knows OTERO as RONIN ROA's right hand man but has not seen him in Mexico recently. (Both arrived in Mexi 26 Feb).

6. L-9 is still shying away from using the safehouse and seemed so at ease at B's home that the next meeting will also be held there if security permits. NEXT MEETING: Pick up on Reforma in Lomas at 2000 hours 10 March.

7. L-9 turned over a large quantity of Cuban publications which will be forwarded to JMWAVE.

8. No serious morale problems this time -- of the 4-plus hours spent on the meeting about one hour was devoted to general conversation designed to calm L-9's nerves. L-9 feels that the US is making serious mistakes in not taking a tougher line with CASTRO -- he would have used the Guantanamo water incident as a pretext to "work Castro over" rather than back off and cut the water main.

*Lawrence F. Barker*

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**Chief of Station, Mexico City**

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SUBJECT  
**PERUMEN/Procurement of Art Materials for LITAMIL-9**

ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES

1. It is requested that the following art materials be procured and pouched to this Station for presentation to LITAMIL-9:

12 large tubes Permanent Pigments brand artists' oil color in sun thickened oil, zinc white.

12 large tubes Permanent Pigments brand artists' oil color, heavy fast drying, pastose white.

1 copy of an art book on Arshile Gorky, published for the Whitney Museum of American Art by the Macmillan Company, New York 1957.

2. The Case Officer tried to purchase the pigments in Arizona and California without success in December 1963 -- most art stores stocked Grumbacher materials or lower quality lines from Permanent Pigments. If the desired items cannot be located at Headquarters it is suggested that KUJUMP could procure these items at Cincinnati, Ohio, where the Permanent Pigments firm has its factory. Box labels are attached.

3. If the book on Arshile Gorky is out of print it may be available from Lowdermilk's in Washington, D.C., or some used book outlet in New York City.

4. LITAMIL-9 apologized for the inconvenience caused by his request but explained that he cannot obtain these items locally. In passing on the "inconvenience" to Headquarters, the Station notes that this presents the organization with rare opportunity to express gratitude to L-9 for his valuable services.

*Willard C. Curtis*  
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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
<p>PERUMEN LITAMIL-9</p> <p>There is attached a contact report covering a meeting with LITAMIL-9 on 16 January 1964.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Willard C. Curtis</i> Willard C. CURTIS</p> <p>Attachment: As stated</p> <p>Distribution:            2 - C/WHD w/att            2 - C/SAS w/att            2 - COS WAVE w/att <i>ent. Sec</i>            2 - Files  <i>2cc w/att to SAS/ESC</i> </p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">             OFFICE OF              EXTERNAL SECURITY              DIVISION           </div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"><i>50-6-105/3</i></p>			
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20 January 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker  
SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 16 Jan 64

1. A meeting was held with L-9 on the night of 16 Jan. Pick-up was made at the corner of Reforma and Alai (Lomas) and L-9 was driven to the vicinity of the recently acquired safe apartment which will be used for this operation in the future. When he learned that the meeting would be held in an apartment he got a bad case of nerves, said "I don't like this one bit," and came very close to refusing. Barker finally convinced him that this one meeting should be held there and that if, after talking things over, L-9 did not feel safe there the place would not be used for further meetings. B entered the safe apartment at 2017 and L-9 showed up at 2046. By this time he was almost shaking. Beginning by reminding L-9 that the two had always worked together well by being perfectly frank and open with each other, B proposed that L-9 state his reasons for being afraid of holding meetings in a safe apartment, after which B would state his reasons in favor of the proposition, at the end of which L-9 would be allowed to decide whether the apartment should be used in the future.

2. L-9 rambled all over the map, referred to his many meetings with his earlier C/O Shryock, sometimes two or three in one day, said he had absolute confidence in B, but didn't trust other people, etc., etc. The reasons for his allergy to safehouses did not become evident so B began his spiel and held forth on the good points of the new meeting place -- L-9 and B would never be together except behind these walls -- could not be seen together -- a cover story for use of the apartment explained to the portera B's presence (she could be counted on to spread it around a bit); there are two good looking women living in other apartments in the same building which could explain L-9's having entered if anyone knowing him were to see him go in (he is a bachelor); the person from whom the apartment is sub-leased does not know B's name or identity; B's car would never be parked in front of the house, etc., etc. L-9 acknowledged all this but repeated his statement that he doesn't trust other people. Then it finally came out, he was under the impression that the apartment was to be used by B for meeting numerous other agents -- apparently he could not conceive of our obtaining an apartment to use for meeting one lone agent. As soon as he was assured that he was the only agent who would be met there he calmed down and relaxed noticeably. In his mind's eye he had been seeing a penetration agent point out the apartment and causing it to be watched by the opposition which would eventually catch L-9 going in. L-9 required B's assurances three different times during the meeting that other persons would not be met there. This caused B to deliver a short course on compartmentation and show L-9 that we would consider it folly to meet more than one agent in the same place. (For the record, it should be noted that agent DEGRIP may be met there from time to time -- it is not planned that the apartment will be exposed to any other assets).

3. L-9 explained that he would have to leave by 2200 hours since he had to go to the airport to meet an unnamed Polish technician. He showed B two cables received by the Embassy announcing that a "tecnico Polones" would arrive by VARIO on 16 January and that the Embassy should meet him and arrange his travel to Havana on Cubana 20 Jan. L-9 was chosen to meet this man who was obviously Rio asset ESTIDE.

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4. L-9 reported on the following matters:

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- a. An Embassy staff meeting was held on 2 January to discuss the two functions held that day to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the revolution. Ambassador HERNANDEZ Armas asked Nico GARCIA why Erma CASTRO didn't turn up. Nico replied that she was probably in Acapulco — that Peregrina ALONSO took care to see that she got an invitation. It was announced that neither LEONARDO Toledano nor Lazaro CARDENAS had showed up — both had been invited. APARICIO said that Teresa PROENZA told him that CARDENAS didn't come because his invitation was sent by mail instead of being delivered by hand. The Ambassador, obviously miffed, said that between friends such protocol should not be required. Other invitees, particularly Communists, explained their absence by saying that it was not "convenient" for them to appear at the Cuban Embassy. In review, the Ambassador said that the noontime reception was a real success because even GONZALEZ from the Mexican Foreign Office showed up. On the other hand, the evening reception was a flop and he, the Amb, did not agree that people should stay away because it was not convenient to be seen around there. He had a few good words to say for L-9's skilful handling of the French-speaking guests, referring to "L-9, the Frenchman's friend."
  - b. On 8 January L-9 heard over the interphone that someone named Carol MILLER (phonetic) was being called into FERNANDEZ Roa's office at 1130 hours.
  - c. An IPN student named Francisco LAGUNEZ came to the Embassy looking for Teresa PROENZA a few days ago. He identified himself to L-9 by showing his PCM credential No. 2262. Teresa was, of course, not in.
  - d. A medical student who has hopes of going to Cuba to study has been waiting six months for a Cuban visa. His name is Alejandro ROMERO.
  - e. Lazaro AVILA Cisneros who lives at Multifamiliar Juarez, D-11-201, has sent in a letter asking for a scholarship to study in Cuba.
  - f. On 15 January a Mexican named Tomas SORIANO brought some envelopes for the Ambassador, APARICIO, and PROENZA. He also carried a copy of a book or pamphlet entitled "Yo Acuso" and written by Demetrio VALLEJO, the imprisoned RR union leader. SORIANO took 15 copies of the Embassy bulletin with him when he left.
  - g. At 1125 hours on 9 Jan Dr. CEVALLOS, a frequent visitor, came to see APARICIO.
  - h. At 1100 hours on 9 Jan a Mexican writer named Luisa Josefina HERNANDEZ came to see APARICIO. Her visit had something to do with the Literary contest being run by the Casa de Las Americas in Cuba.

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Teresa PROENZA has a ticket to go to Cuba on Monday 20 Jan (confirmed by LIENVOY).

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- j. A Spanish Communist named Juan <sup>(101-109635)</sup> REJANO told Teresa PROENZA that he could get 100 signatures on any paper demanding justice for her. She politely asked him not to do so.
- k. APARICIO says that he understands that Teresa is trying to get a position in Cuba and that former-Ambassador FORTUONDO is somehow involved in this.
- l. A man named (fnu) <sup>X</sup>POFOCA, Communist from Mexicali, B.C., probably mixed up with Braulio MALDONADO, was at the Embassy on 16 Jan. L-9 does not know who he dealt with.
- m. Dra. MACHADO is "going crazy" now that LITAMIL-7 is away on vacation. She recently pointed to a pile of papers on her desk and said, "If L-7 doesn't come back soon I'll die." L-9 says that this shows how important L-7 is to the smooth functioning of the office. As an aside to B, he remarked, "You know, L-7 is on our side." She is in Oaxaca on vacation.
- n. On Saturday 11 Jan many of the Embassy staff were invited to a social afternoon at the Soviet Embassy -- all the other Socialist Embassies received similar invitations. The Yugoslavs were conspicuously absent. L-9 noted that the Soviet Ambassador was especially interested in greeting APARICIO. Those present played volleyball and chess or just sat around and visited.
- o. Silvia DURAN was visiting the consulate on the morning of 15 Jan -- talking with Buenaventura REYES. L-9 said, "Are you back with us, Silvita?" to which she replied, "No, you folks don't love me anymore."
- p. The Embassy had a short ceremony in commemoration of the death of Mella -- the Ambassador, APARICIO, and MIRABAL spoke.
- q. There will be an affair at the Cultural Institute on the 28th celebrating Marti's birthday. Photographs will be exhibited and a few speeches will be made. Among the speakers will be (fnu) MELO, Ermilo (fnu), APARICIO, and Emanuel CARBALLO.
- r. On Wednesday morning (15 Jan) L-9 and APARICIO visited the Sociedad Mexicana de Planificacion. This was merely a courtesy visit -- no real business was transacted. (LIENVOY shows this visit).

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and other activities in 1964

5. In connection with the Literary Contest of the Casa de Las Americas in Havana, L-9 reported as follows:

- a. A number of people from Mexico are expected to travel to Havana to act as judges in this contest. Among these are:
  - Alejandro <sup>X</sup>VERVITSKY (phon) who will be ready to go in January. He is recommended by APARICIO.
  - Gabriel <sup>X</sup>FERRANDEZ Ledezma will go in April to be there when Soviet material is judged.
  - Leopoldo <sup>X</sup>MAREZ will go in May.

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Henrique GONZALEZ Casanova, one of the judges, expected to be in Cuba by 20 Jan.

Manuel GONZALEZ Casanova can go at any time to give lectures on motion pictures.

B. CASTRO Villagrana will go in September to give a 15 day lecture course.

Prof. Alberto RUZ will go to Cuba in December 1964.

Ing. Jorge I. TAMAYO was in Havana in Dec 63. He will be available to visit any month to give a 1 week lecture course.

Prof. Eli de GORTARI is willing to go to give a short course.

Prof. (fnu) SANCHEZ Vasquez can go as a contest judge.

A man named IBARQUENOITIA, now living in California, USA, is going to visit Cuba about 15 February on Casa de Las Americas business.

Juan RULFO, considered to be somewhat of a "big wheel" was talked into going to Havana by Carlos SOLORZANO but will not be able to go in time — he was due to visit early in the year. This has M. Leiseca quite upset. (There was not enough time to ask L-9 who Leiseca is).

Jean CASSOU of France has not answered the invitation sent him. He sent to the Casa de Las Americas a list of people in Latin America who are qualified to judge French material.

NOTE: On the above, time was so short that a detailed review was not possible. This information is set out from L-9's rather sketchy notes.

6. Since time was running short it was decided that B would drive L-9 out to the airport so that he could pick up BETIDE. On the way to the airport L-9 asked if he might "have a bit of time off to settle his nerves" so it was decided that no meeting would be held for two weeks. NEXT MEETING: 2000 hours Thursday 30 Jan at the safehouse.

7. A good bit of time at this meeting was devoted to rebuilding a shattered L-9 and a bit of bald flattery helped to do the trick. It was made clear to L-9 that, as he must already know, we are constantly looking for other agents within the Cuban government and, naturally, in the same Embassy where he works. He was told that while it must be apparent to anyone that a DSE officer would be worth more from the standpoint of access to information of value than an officer in L-9's position, L-9, because of his unusual perspicacity, was considered to be an exceedingly valuable asset. This word — perspicacity — did the trick: he picked it up and used it (surprisingly stumbling over it in his native Spanish each time) and "agreed" that it fit him to a "T." His flagging spirits were about back up to normal when the meeting ended. It is clear that he was absolutely terrified at the thought of using a safe apartment which he thought would be used by other agents. Even though he was disabused of this idea he was not quite over the shakes by the end of the evening. At the next meeting B is going to digress a bit and discuss Spanish literature of the Golden Age with L-9 — anything to calm him down!

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8. OPERATIONAL NOTE: The MTRAP phone is still in APARICIO's old office. The Commercial section is expected to move into this area shortly — at this time the office is not in use. APARICIO might go back in there himself. Lately the office has been used for storage while new construction is in progress.

*Lawrence F. Barker*

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<p>PERUMEN LITAMIL-9</p> <p>There are attached two contact reports covering meetings with LITAMIL-9 on 27 December 1963 and 6 January 1964.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Willard C. Curtis</i> Willard C. CURTIS</p> <p>Attachment:  2 - C/ WHD w/att  2 - C/ SAS w/att  2 - COS WAVE w/att <i>pd</i>  2 - Files  <i>See report to SAS/ESC</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CS COPY</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>5006-105/3</i></p>			
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7 January 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meeting with LITANIL-9, 6 January 1964

1. A meeting was held with L-9 from 2000 hours until 2320 hours 6 Jan -- pick-up and drop-off were made by car, the meeting took place at B's home with B's wife working the gate.

2. L-9 was unusually depressed -- had just received a letter from Spain indicating that his sister had been forced to leave her work as a result of excessive fatigue and the "never ending round of discussions and study circles" etc. She had not received much sympathy from the Cuban FOMIN and her request for 2 months leave in Spain was denied pending further study. L-9, who is quite fond of his sisters, took this news to heart and it ate away at him and compounded his usual miserable feeling. The first part of the meeting was taken up in a C/O delivered pep talk.

3. L-9 had the following to report:

- To 83692
- a. At the evening reception of 2 Jan at the Embassy, the TASS representative remarked that he believed KHRUSHCHEV did not travel to Cuba to attend the anniversary celebrations because of the revelation of an exile plot to bomb Havana -- revelations which came about as the result of the arrest by the US Coast Guard of some war-like Cubans with bombs in their possession. The TASS man said that he believed that KHRUSHCHEV would show up someday in Havana quite unannounced as did CASTRO in the USSR.
  - b. Teresa-FROENZA may be hired back by the Embassy -- APARICIO recently remarked to L-9, "Surely they will re-hire her." It is quite clear that APARICIO doesn't want her in his office again and he expressed the wish that if she were to be rehired she would work in the main embassy building.
  - c. In regard to the FROENZA firing, ROJAS of Cubana de Aviacion, who is married to Teresa's sister, said that he had written to FOMIN Raul ROA in her behalf but had received no reply.
  - d. Ambassador HERNANDEZ Armas sent a Christmas present to GOFOSTIZA of the Mexican Foreign Office this year -- it was really a New Year's present, sent 31 Dec. L-9 does not know what it was.

4. L-9 was asked what all the ruckus was at the airport on 5 Jan. This drew a blank. B then said he had heard that a phalanx of Embassy officers was out there apparently guarding someone who was on his way to Cuba. L-9 didn't know anything about it. B remarked that two Cuban officials were supposedly on the flight to Havana -- one from the Embassy in Montevideo. At this point, L-9 slapped his forehead and said, "My God, PEREZ I forgot about him." He then related the details of a conversation he had had with EARL PEREZ Frisan at the Embassy on 2 Jan -- details sent to HQS separately by cable. (See MEXI 7634). L-9 was not aware that PEREZ had been on the 5 Jan flight -- he described him perfectly. He was not made aware of KUBARK involvement in the alleged "assault" nor was he told anything about PEREZ' appearance at TPELIDE.

5. L-9 identified a number of persons appearing in the photos taken at the diplomatic reception held at the Embassy 2 Jan. Identifications were noted

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on the photos.

6. L-9 revealed that he had welcomed in the New Year at Nico GARCIA's home -- at Nico's invitation. When Nico picked him up at the Embassy they made a swing by a house at 131 Alvaro Buzas, Polanco, where Nico wanted to drop a couple of bottles off with a friend named Mary, a Cuban. L-9 tried to remain in the car -- was not dressed for calling -- but Nico insisted that he come in. Mary was not there but her sister was -- she had just recently arrived from Cuba. Another Cuban man and woman were there -- anti-Castro types who were very sad at being away from their homeland -- the man was softly crying -- probably a bit liquored up. Nico fit right in -- L-9 says that he is a master at getting along with people, even those on the other side of the political fence. (This tallies with info on file). The Mexican landlady -- an old crone -- tried to put the make on L-9, really flipped for him, and wanted him to stay but he and Nico finally drove off. L-9 does not know who these people are (to be checked out). They then went over to Nico's place where L-9 joined the family for a Cuban dinner. Nico's mother-in-law was there -- she recently came out of Cuba to be with her daughter (Nico's wife) while she has a baby -- due soon. Jorria appeared soon thereafter and joined in the meal. Nico put on some popular and light classical records, working his way from dance music to Tchaikovsky. When a carload of Embassy people -- Rogelio RODRIGUEZ and wife, Dra. MACHADO, Berta MACHADO, and Buenaventura REYES appeared in front Nico quickly took off the music and put on a record of Fidel CASTRO intoning his Second Declaration of Havana -- the new arrivals were greeted with this as they came in the door. L-9 says that Nico is a superb actor and knew just what to do when the Patria o Muerte types showed up.

7. In response to questioning L-9 revealed that Nico looks upon him as a Fidelista but definitely not a Communist. He says that Nico is very self assured, a calm man who cannot be ruffled. He appears to have no complexes about being a Negro. Asked whether he felt there might be any chance that Nico would cooperate against CASTRO, L-9 said, "Let us face the fact that many people are becoming more and more convinced that the revolution is here to stay. This man GARCIA is one of them. On the other hand, if he could be "got to" he would be invaluable. He would be a great loss to the Embassy. I would say that the chances are slim but it would probably be worth the effort to try to win him over. He has many friends from all walks of life, many of them among the anti-Castro elements."

8. L-9 showed B some documents regarding Cultural plans of the Embassy which did not seem to merit reporting. He turned over two long lists of persons invited to the 2 Jan receptions.

9. L-9 reported that Mr. Dudley THOMPSON, an opposition senator from Jamaica had been in town and he identified THOMPSON from among those photographed at the Diplomatic Reception of 2 Jan. T was in Nairobi, Kenya, two weeks ago and arrived in Mexico from Miami on 1 Jan. He hoped to continue on to Cuba right away but was unable to make the trip since he could not be assured of getting there and back to Jamaica by 6 Jan -- he had to be in Jamaica on the 6th to attend a meeting of those opposing the BUSTAMANTE regime and had to attend another meeting on 10 Jan which was to be attended by Cheddi JAGAN of British Guiana and leaders from Barbados. He hoped to be able to go to Cuba to see Jesus CANIZARES of the INRA in order to brief C about land reform measures in Kenya. He told L-9 that he would probably be back in Mexico in February 1964 to arrange to go to Cuba. L-9 says that T appears to be a very well educated, bright person.

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10. The latter portion of the meeting was taken up with small talk, good Cuban cigars, and a bit of scotch. L-9 relaxed a bit to some Brazilian music and even produced a few laughs when a couple of comedy records by the Spaniard Gils were put on. By 2300 hours he seemed to have calmed down completely. It is a shame this man cannot take a vacation but apparently under present Cuban Foreign Office rules all vacations of any length must be taken in Cuba -- since L-9 is seeing goblins under his bed every day it is not likely that he would profit much from a sojourn inside Cuba at this time. He does not appear to be in danger of cracking up at this time but if the Cuban problem should remain unsolved for another year or two it is likely that L-9 might come apart from the strain he feels he is under. Pep talks and re-motivation sessions will continue to be required in handling this agent.

11. DEVELOPMENTS: On 7 Jan B looked over a prospective safe apartment near the bullring -- well away from Polanco, where L-9 lives, and Lomas, where the C/O lives. This apartment would appear to be ideal for meeting L-9 and if secure arrangements can be made for renting it, it will be used for that purpose.

12. NEXT MEETING: Thursday 16 Jan. Auto pick-up at new pick-up point, phone booth on corner east of the LIBRERIA in Lomas -- on Reforma.

*Lawrence F. [Signature]*

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6 January 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : Lawrence F. Barker

SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 27 December 1963

1. A meeting with L-9 was held in B's car from 2000 until 2140 hours 27 December.

2. LITAMIL-9 reported on the recent firing of Teresa PROENZA Proenza and this was made the subject of two cables to Headquarters in view of her importance in the ALROD operation. (See MEXI 7613 and MEXI 7625) P-3696

3. L-9 was asked for further detail on Silvia Duran's statements regarding the visit of Lee Harvey Oswald to the Cuban Consulate in September. He had no further information to offer about this but reported that Silvia had not returned to work at the Consulate since her release from arrest the second time. This was reported to HQS. (See MEXI 7615) P-7969 -f-

4. B apologized for not having been able to find in the States some oil paints which L-9 needs. Six different art supply dealers in Arizona and California were tried without results. The paints will be requested from HQS.

5. L-9 reported on the following additional topics:

- (1) a. L-9 had received as of that date only one Christmas/New Years greeting card from a Mexican Government official. In past years he received large numbers of these cards. The one came from the Mexican Sub-Director of Cultural Relations. L-9 ascribes this to the resentment caused among Mexican officials by the strong note received from Raul ROA, Cuban FOMIN, in regard to the detention of Silvia Duran. Apparently word had been passed to Mexican officials that they were to give the Cubans the cold shoulder.
- (2) b. Roldolfo REYES, a Mexican citizen who works in Cuba for the Cuban Teatro Folklorico, was recently in town. He said that Fidel CASTRO had recently remarked that Cuba should use its theatrical group to earn dollars abroad. REYES said that a M. FLANCON and six other Parisian entrepreneurs connected with the Teatro de las Naciones in Paris would be travelling to Cuba in the near future to see what could be done about putting the Cuban show on the road.
- (3) c. The well-known Mexican cartoonist RIUS (true name Eduardo DEL RIO) who was scheduled to be a guest of the Cuban government at the Anniversary celebration on 2 Jan in Havana, did not get a Cuban visa. A cable came into to Embassy advising of this and saying that RIUS would be notified directly by a separate letter of the reasons for this refusal. Since RIUS is an outstanding propagandist for the Communist cause, L-9 could only conjecture that this development was related to the ROA note flap and the Cuban Government's desire to avoid antagonizing the Mexican government further. Another cartoonist, who uses a name something like RAN (?) also got the same treatment.
- d. Regelio RODRIGUEZ of the Embassy received some gifts from someone inside the Czech Embassy at Christmas.
- e. An Australian newspaperwoman named Julian or Jullian ROBERTSON was in town on 23 December, staying at Room 504 of the Gran Hotel Isabel, Isabel La Catolica # 63. She was trying to get a visa to visit Cuba but was unsuccessful

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and returned to Panama where she had come to pick up transportation to Australia. She wanted to interview Fidel CASTRO.

(4) f. About two weeks ago (as of 27 December) a man from Ceylon named E.R.S.R. COOMARASWAMY went to Cuba. He is a lawyer by profession and is a legal adviser to the Ceylon delegation to the United Nations. Cuban friends at the EM suggested that he go to Cuba to check on how Cuba went about expropriating the petroleum industry. COOMARASWAMY is Vice Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 38 Fife Road, Colombo S., Ceylon, phone 81511. He told L-9 that although Ceylon has no petroleum deposits the Government is interested in expropriating foreign petroleum interests there. He has since returned from Havana and has, presumably, returned to Ceylon.

(5) g. About two weeks ago (as of 27 Dec) FOMIN ROA sent a note to the Embassy announcing that the former home leave practice of giving Embassy functionaries 1 month in Cuba after 11 months abroad had been changed to 2 months in Cuba after 22 months abroad. This change is an economy measure -- according to MINREX too much money is being spent on official travel. Embassies were also cautioned against spending so much on cables -- it was announced that a study had shown that the COG was spending much more on cables than other governments with similar representations abroad.

h. Two Embassy functions were to be held on 2 January (anniversary celebrations) -- one in the afternoon, one in the evening.

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i. Raul APARICIO Negales seems glad that Teresa PROENZA has been fired -- now he is really boss of the Cultural Office.

j. INTERIAN seems like a "police type" -- he is always out of sight and is apparently doing some secret work. Code work - ?

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(6) k. A Canadian Communist was recently in the Embassy: Michel CHARTRAID, President of the Socialist Party in Quebec, 1870 Est. Boul. St-Joseph, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, phone 522 - 8119. This man is a printer, establishment called Presses Sociales, 54 Boul. Quinn, phone 674-1231. He was sent to the Cuban Embassy by Americo Cruz, Cuban Ambassador to Canada, and planned to travel to Cuba on 30 Dec. He tried to get Ambassador Hernandez Armas to put him in touch with "Communist Party and Socialist Party representatives in Mexico." Armas seemed quite upset about this, told L-9 "put him in touch with the FRI and LOMBARDO Tolodano -- none else." CHARTRAID was puzzled and not at all pleased by this brush off.

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l. Teresa PROENZA recently said that Coty SCIORZANO has a lover in Mexico named Jesus SOTO.

m. The Commercial Department is taking over the offices now occupied by the Cultural Office. New partitions are being built.

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n. Eusebio AZCUE went to see Dr. DOBAL (father of Elsa DOBAL -- the Dr. is now in the US) before he left for Cuba -- seemed very nervous. The doctor told him baldly, "The reason for your nervousness is that you are returning to Cuba and you don't really want to go!" AZCUE didn't contradict him.

o. A couple of Cuban men -- one Negro, one white, have been staying at Calle Morango 174. The white man is named (fnu) RODRIGUEZ and is hoping to get a visa to go to Brazil on some sort of mission. The Negro has already returned to Cuba.

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6. L-9 came up with what he thought might be a good CA gimmick: The Cuban Embassy is blossoming out with lots of cars -- apparently more than the much larger Soviets. L-9 thinks it might be a good idea to make some hay by planting in a local paper something about this and mentioning that the Cubans are living like fat cats on money supplied by the Soviet Union while the Soviets are pulling in their belts and economizing -- he feels this might cause some friction between the Cubans and Soviets and might cause some discomfort to the Cubans in any event.

7. L-9 gave B a book on archaeology (favorite subject) as a Christmas present -- also a few good Cuban cigars.

8. L-9, asked about repercussions of the ROA note to the Mexican Foreign Office, said that talk about this is tabu in the Embassy -- he has heard no-one discussing it. His personal opinion was that ROA went off half cocked.

9. Next meeting: 6 January -- REPORNA Lomas, half a block south of the LIBRERIA (nw pic: up point).

10. ACTION: Get a safehouse for meetings with L-9. A-lead on what sounds like a good apartment will be followed up 7 January.

*Laura F. Baker*

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