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Juan Antonio Rubio Padilla, 6719 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, Maryland, advised on July 15, 1969, that he has had only one contact with Juan Antonio Merigo Aza and his wife, Carolina. This contact occurred during 1967, and it was Dr. Rubio's best recollection that it occurred several months after the subject had arrived in the United States (U.S.) on his present assignment. It is noted that the subject arrived in the U.S. on March 5, 1967. Dr. Rubio related the following circumstances surrounding his contact with the subject:

Dr. Rubio advised that he had received a letter from Delia De Posada, the wife of Luis De Posada, requesting that he seek the assistance of the subject. Rubio advised that Luis De Posada was the society editor for the Havana, Cuba, newspaper, Diario de la Marina, at the time Fidel Castro came to power. According to Rubio, De Posada was well known and had numerous contacts among the more affluent people in Cuba and assisted many of them in their efforts to escape from Cuba. Rubio described De Posada as a very courageous man who took numerous risks in order to assist his friends who were being persecuted under the Castro regime. Through his position on the newspaper, he had contact with many of the people assigned to the diplomatic establishments in Havana, Cuba; however, he continued to assist his friends in their efforts to survive under Castro's persecution and to help many of them escape from Cuba. As a result of these activities, he was arrested by the Cuban Government, tried, and sentenced to thirty years in prison. Because of his

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numerous contacts within the diplomatic community in Havana, Cuba, his wife, Delia, was regularly invited to various diplomatic functions. (S) It was through these functions that Delia De Posada met the subject and his wife. According to Rubio, (S) Merigo Aza and his wife bought from Delia De Posada many jewels, paintings, and various articles of value at very low prices. Rubio advised that Delia De Posada had to sell these items and family heirlooms in order to maintain herself since her husband was in jail. (S)

Rubio further advised that Delia De Posada in her letter to him stated that the subject had told her that he would use his influence to get her husband released from jail. Delia De Posada asked Dr. Rubio to contact (S) Merigo Aza and see what he was doing about his promise to help free her husband. Rubio advised that he contacted the subject and he and his wife were invited to the subject's apartment. Rubio advised that the subject's wife, (S) Carolina, was also at the apartment when they arrived. Rubio explained the purpose of his visit and the subject immediately replied that there was nothing that he could do and nothing he would do for Luis De Posada. According to Rubio, (S) Merigo Aza then spoke in the most glowing terms, praising the Cuban revolution and the actions of Fidel Castro. Rubio advised that the subject's wife, (S) Carolina, even outdid her husband, in her praise and admiration for Fidel Castro. Rubio stated that he questioned (S) Merigo Aza as to why he had promised Delia De Posada that he would do something for her husband upon his (S) reassignment from Havana. (S) According to Rubio, (S) Merigo Aza replied that at the time he was in contact with Delia De Posada he thought he would be able to do something for her husband; but when he left Cuba, he realized that he could not. It was apparent to Rubio that the subject was no longer interested in the De Posadas and would make no efforts on their behalf. Furthermore, the praise and admiration that the (S) Merigo Azas showed toward Fidel Castro and the Cuban revolution so shocked Rubio and his wife that they quickly terminated their visit and agreed that they wanted to have no other contacts with the subject and his wife. (S)

Rubio further pointed out that (S) Merigo Aza's whole attitude was particularly offensive to him and his wife since (S)

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they were both Cuban exiles, as [Merigo Aza] (S) knew, and had fled Cuba because of Castro's actions. Rubio advised he had no further contact with the subject and could offer no additional information concerning the subject's activities since coming to Washington, D.C. (WDC) (S)

WF T-1 advised on July 24, 1969, that [Juan Antonio Merigo Aza] (S) and [Carolina Merigo Aza] (S) maintain a joint bank account at one of the Washington banking institutions. The balance in this account as of June 20, 1969, was \$155.12; the balance as of July 22, 1969, was \$131.41. During this period, the activity in the account showed deposits of \$1553.02 and withdrawals of \$1576.73. During this period, no checks of unusual interest were noted. (S)

The above information can be made public only upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. (S) (u)

On August 19, 1969, WF T-2 advised that the subject and his wife continue to occupy the same premises at [8200] (S) Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland. He advised that the subject continues to follow his normal routine of working at the [Mexican Embassy] (S). He noted that the subject's wife is not employed and appears to spend her time doing housework, shopping, and normal housewife activities. He noted that the subject had been visited by his son during the period July 4-6, 1969. He advised that he had no personal contact with the son and could offer no additional information concerning his visit. He advised that the subject's relatives, [Fernando Jimenez] (S) and [Maria Guadalupe de Jimenez] (S), continued to reside in the same building but in a separate apartment and were expected to remain at this residence until December of this year. He advised that the subject's activities seem quite normal and routine, and he has had no unusual visitors or guests that were known to the source. (S)

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