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24 March 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting With [WUSLAB/1] on 19 March 1970

1. PRODUCTION: I phoned [WUSLAB/1] on 17 March and we chatted for a time on recent news from Bolivia. A very prominent newspaper publisher and his wife had been killed by a bomb delivered in a package. [W/1 [redacted] Ambassador Sanjines who said that the military forces in the cabinet around General Valencia were more inclined to take action to restore "law and order". There were various rumors about the motivation of the bombing, and [W/1] noticed the similiarities to the murder of [redacted] in the MNR one month ago.

2. On the morning of 19 March by prearrangement I went out to his house. His [daughter], who has grown [quite attractive], let me in and said that [her father] was waiting for me upstairs. We had a generalized conversation about history and about current events in Bolivia. He thinks that the civilian members of the cabinet are on their way out and that the military will replace them with civilian technocrats of their own choosing. He draws ~~parrells~~ parallels with the government of Villaroel, which was overturned by the mob. That government also had civilian elements [including W/1's father]. They were forced out and eventually, the government was overturned in violent fashion.

3. Plans: I told [WUSLAB/1] that I would phone him before next 25 March and set up a time for a meeting on that day. We will then go over the psychological makeup of Viera.

4. Medical: The specialist in [redacted] examined [W/1] on [18 March] and reported that he was making a satisfactory recovery. He expects to go back again in 15 days. He can take off his [pin point] eye shades on [23 March].

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