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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion of Moody Boat  
(Telecom Between [redacted] and WILLIAM FARLEY)

1. Mr. Farley telephoned this morning at 1040 hours and asked for Mr. [redacted]. In the latter's absence Mr. [redacted] took the call. Mr. Farley said that Mr. Moody was forwarding the broadcasts from his boat, that Mr. Moody was about to fly to the area near Bimini where the boat is currently located, and that he wanted advice on the following questions:

- a. Can a transfer of heavy equipment to an unoccupied island (not identified to Mr. Farley) that Moody has located be undertaken? Moody says that he has arranged everything with the authorities in whose area this island is, and that he would like to set up the heavy equipment on the island.
- b. Can he continue his broadcasts that are being made from the Caribbean area?
- c. Can he guarantee over his broadcasts the schedules and frequencies used by other anti-CASTRO stations?

2. Mr. Farley also said that Moody has cut out the 6:30 broadcast in accordance with Mr. [redacted]'s request. He is still doing one morning and one evening broadcast.

3. Mr. [redacted] gave no immediate answer to the questions in paragraph 2 above, but said that he would call Mr. Farley back. After a quick consultation with Mr. Phillips, it was decided that the replies would be as follows:

- a. The best solution would be to set up permanent antennas on the island, but to keep the other equipment on board the boat. This would allow the boat to tie up when appropriate and to use the permanent transmitters, but it would not deprive the mobility needed to carry on deception and avoid having it's permanent location discovered by the Cubans.
- b. Coordination would be an excellent idea. He would suggest that Foreign Liaison of the FID be put in touch with the top man (Humberto Batarroz) of the Moody apparatus to work out, on a continuing basis, the best possible coordination of broadcast schedules and content.

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c. As a part of this coordination it would be highly desirable that stations give each other mutual support by announcing each other's programs to the listening audience.

d. Mr. [redacted] conveyed this information back to Mr. Hurley at 1130 hours. Mr. Hurley agreed on all points.

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