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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Views of ABRAM-3 on Current Cuban Radio Situation

1. The most logical action for ACRDIA and the one most urgently needed is the selection of a single chairman to replace the five-by-committee that is now employed by ACRDIA.

2. The most serious choice for chairman is ABRAM.

3. Because of the bitter personal differences between ABRAM and ABR-1, the selection of ABRAM as chairman would very well bring about the resignation of ABR-1 from ACRDIA. This would not be the least reason ACRDIA and might be most strengthen it.

4. The views expressed above are those of ABR-3, who made a special trip to the Headquarters area on 1 September to meet Paul J. RUCKEL and discuss these matters with him. The meeting lasted from 1630 until 1930 hours in a local hotel room.

5. As ABR-3 sees it, the selection of a single chairman would immediately solve several of the current problems of ACRDIA. For example, it would speed the decision-making process. It would force ABR-1 to work for the common good rather than his own personal political interests. It would protect the institutional Cuban allies with a strong personality around whom they could rally in the traditional Latin pattern.

6. ABR-3 points quite an encouraging picture regarding the Island office of ABRAM, but he says the good talent evidenced by the majority of ACRDIA to head up the Island office is being frustrated by the unilateral actions of ABR-1, who refuses to be bound by decisions which ACRDIA took in his absence. The good examples are the following:

a. ACRDIA never asked ABR-1 to choose ~~anyone~~ ^{any} from among the ~~Commissioner's~~ ^{Executive's} Committee. ~~ERNESTO~~ ^{ERNESTO} YRRA is a graduate of MIT and an investigator there. He was granted leave without pay by MIT to support the ABRAM plan. ABR-3 has the highest respect for him. However, when ABR-1 returned to Miami he immediately insisted on putting one of his sons, CARO (Frank), in as head of the Commission's Committee. CARO was formerly a part of the same organization at the 60 of July movement. He operated in Havana. He is probably well-qualified for the job but he is completely loyal to ABR-1 and was not the choice of ACRDIA for the chairmanship.

b. Central Service Plans is an outstanding figure and the best possible choice to head up the military committee. Although he was only issued a tentative verbal invitation to leave Cuba and join ABRAM by ACRDIA at the 60000, his response was immediate acceptance, to the surprise of ACRDIA. Since his arrival in Miami he has discussed

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ASMAIL-3 and others as a strong leader, honest, dedicated and professionally competent. Here again, however, ASMAIL-3 wishes to replace MARTIN with Colonel Oscar DIAZ. A struggle for power is under way between MARTIN Blasco and DIAZ, much to the detriment of AMHAF's military effort.

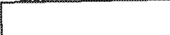
7. At the instructions of the AMHAF members in Mexico, ASMAIL-3 was to arrive in Miami on 11 August to put ASMOB-1 in his place. ASMAIL-3 is hopeful that this meeting will have the desired effect. He has promised to provide a private report on the outcome to ASMOB.

8. Among the other five members of AMHAF there is good faith. They do not see eye to eye in all matters, but they are willing in the interest of unity to resolve their differences in a civilized manner.

9. In reply to a query concerning Major Raul CHIRAS, ASMAIL-3 gave an unfavorable description. He called CHIRAS a person of little moral fiber who has been trying, without success, to form a competing organization headed by himself, AMCHIRP-1 and ASMAIL-4.



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