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DISCUSSION PAPER

Pedro Diaz Lanz

1. Procedures:

- 1. Diaz Lanz to be released as soon as this can be done in an orderly fashion, with appropriate coordination by publicity among U.S. Government agencies concerned and between U.S. Government and Diaz Lanz. Target dates are visualized in terms of roughly Thursday morning.
- 2. Upon his release, Diaz Lanz should act on his own responsibility with respect to anything he might say to the press and there should be no appearance of U.S. Government sponsorship or endorsement. He should consider whether, upon release, he would desire to seek the aid and sponsorship of any exile Cuban elements identified with neither Castro or Batista whom he may know or know of in this country.
- 3. Any contact with or appearance before the Senate Internal Security Committee should be handled in such a way as it will be clear that the arrangements and procedures were arranged between the Committee and Diaz Lanz without the intervention of the Executive Branch.
- 4. Diaz Lanz' plans with respect to his future residence and his views re personal protection should be ascertained and any appropriate action thereon should be discreetly taken by the agency principally concerned.
- 5. Any further debriefing by U.S. Government agencies should be coordinated among them, avoiding duplication to the maximum extent possible.

2. Public Relations:

- 1. No U.S. Government agencies should initiate any announcement re Diaz Lanz nor overtly make any arrangements to present Diaz Lanz to the press or allow press interviews to take place at U.S. Government installations. It is an important objective that the U.S. Government be identified with Diaz Lanz as little as possible.
- 2. Pending his public appearance, all agencies should state that they have no information.

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3. In answer to any queries after his public appearance, the IRS representative in Miami should reply:

- a) Diaz Lanz arrived in this country after fleeing from Cuba.
- b) Diaz Lanz reported to IRS and was admitted to this country on the basis of the documentation as a permanent resident which he had acquired during his previous stay in the United States.
- c) Diaz Lanz requested the IRS not to reveal his whereabouts, expressing his concern about the safety of members of his family remaining in Cuba and his desire to have his immediate family safely installed in the U.S. before any publicity was given to his flight to this country.
- d) In the circumstances, the IRS felt obliged to favor the alien's request.
- e) The IRS does not know Diaz Lanz' future plans or intentions and any query on this score should be directed to him.

The above should be coordinated with Diaz Lanz himself and, provided he agrees, he should be prepared to corroborate the story.

4. If IRE is queried re the position of the Department of State, the reply should be: IRS informed the Department of State. If necessary, it may be added that the Department of State ~~concurred~~ concurred that Diaz Lanz' request should be honored for a reasonable period to allow him to make adequate arrangements with respect to his residence in the U.S.

In reply to any further press queries, the Department of State and Justice should restrict themselves to and cite the substance of the answers given by IRS, Miami. In particular, they should avoid evaluating or endorsing his statements re Cuba.

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