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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: AMWHIP/1 Meeting, New York City, 23 October 1962

1. Meeting Time/Place. Subject was contacted by letter (see file) requesting a meeting. He answered in the affirmative by letter to the assigned accommodation address. The undersigned subsequently went to New York on 23 October, contacted Subject by telephone at his office, and arranged for a meeting at 1330 at The Forum restaurant, on 48th between 5th and 6th Avenues. The contact took place without difficulty. After lunch, Subject and the undersigned went to the former's office in order to verify some information related by Subject at lunch. The undersigned left Subject's office (see file) at 1510 and returned by air directly to Washington.

2. Purpose of Meeting. To maintain contact with Subject, pay him the sum of \$400.00 to cover the remainder of expenses incurred by Subject in the AMLASH recruitment last summer in Europe, and to determine additional information as described below in this report.

3. Travel and Financial Arrangements.

A. Travel. Subject stated that he was willing to meet with the undersigned or another representative in New York, Washington or any other city...whichever would prove most convenient for us. He stated that business was a little slow just now, and as a result, did not mind any reasonable travel to effect meetings. We thanked him for this consideration, and stated that perhaps in the future, this might prove most helpful to us.

B. Finances. Subject was paid the sum of \$400.00, which he accepted in lieu of some \$409.00 as stated above. A receipt was obtained. This amount represents \$299.20 for hotel bills and incidental expenses in Paris for Subject and AMWHIP/1, and the balance for a plane ticket for AMLASH Prague-Paris and return.

4. Contact Arrangements. Subject was instructed to continue using the accommodation address he has been provided (see Subj's file) in the event he wishes to communicate with the undersigned or his office. He has been informed that it may not be possible for the undersigned to be in contact with him for several months, but that he would be contacted by another member of my office. This person would continue to write to Subject signing the letters "Bill Thompson", and will identify himself in the event of any telephone calls as a "friend of Bill Thompson's". Arrangements for meetings can be made by letter, telephone, or a combination thereof.

Personal Meetings. Subject is willing to meet anyplace or time (within reason) with the undersigned or a representative from this office. The case officer should introduce himself as a "friend of Bill Thompson's" and be prepared to produce his half of the physical bona fide (attached herewith) upon request from Subject. The bona fide is one-half of a yellow typewriter delivery ticket, upon which have been drawn two approximately parallel lines made in Subject's presence. It is noted that Subject probably will not ask for this, judging from past experience with him. Please, also note that Subject does know the undersigned by his true name, so that after initial use of the name "Bill Thompson" as the recognition phrase, use the true name of the undersigned in discussions.

In order to aid the case officer in spotting him (although pictures of Subject are available in his file) Subject has been instructed to make the meeting carrying a copy of TIME magazine folded in half with the cover outward.

5. Items of Interest.

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A. AMLASH/1's PAA Girl Friend. AMWHIP was not able to give us the full name of the French-born, Miami-based Pan-American stewardess who is, according to Subject, a very good friend of AMLASH, and the one whom AMLASH was trying to get to come over to Paris last August. Subject did know, however, that her first name was Loretta, and promised to call Miami to determine her family name. This, he will mail to us at the accommodation address. The party in Miami that Subject will contact for this purpose is Sylvia Vilarello, of 3502 SW 15th St. Miami. The relationship of Subject with this girl (Sylvia) is not clear to us, but he made it obvious that discretion would be appreciated in the matter.

B. Alternate AMLASH/1 Commo Channel. We advised Subject, in answer to his question, that we had heard from AMLASH, but that his reply had not been very satisfactory and more important, he had not provided an address at which he was to receive mail from "Jaime" [redacted] 03 Upon hearing this, Subject volunteered that he had learned from several sources that AMLASH had visited them on four occasions asking if they had any word from Subject for him. These were Subject's cousin, [redacted] 06, 10 ("Fomento 608 Palatino Cerro - Havana") and [redacted] 06, 10 (603- or 605 Subj forgets which) Estrada Palma entre Mayia Rodriguez y Sola Stos Suarez. He asked the former three times, the latter, once. Subject says he trusts both men explicitly, and has used them before to get letters handcarried to AMLASH. The "courier" from the States in this case is [redacted] 06 an old friend of Subject's and long-time employe of the Italian Embassy in Havana. [redacted] 08/10 gets the letters in Miami either from Subject himself or from another trusted friend of Subject, [redacted] 06 (telephones TU 3-3324 and TU 7-5307), the first being his office, the second, his home)

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Considering the need now to maintain contact with "assets" in Cuba, we asked Subject to write a letter immediately to AMLASH/1 and including in it the fact that his girl friend in Madrid wants to write to him but does not have his address and to please provide it as soon as possible. By this message, AMLASH should send an accommodation address to his Madrid drop quickly, that is, if he intends to keep in touch with us. Judging by the above actions of AMLASH, we are inclined to give him the benefit of the doubt, and feels that perhaps he did actually forget to provide a return address in his SW letter to Madrid. In any case this will give us an opportunity to test his true inclinations. It is noted that the "courier", [redacted] 06 was supposed to come to Miami on the 20th of October, but did not appear. The next time he could be expected was, according to [redacted] 06 about the end of this month. Travel restrictions imposed by the Crisis might defeat this plan. It is noted that [redacted] 06 usually cables [redacted] before he comes to Miami.

03 C. Operational Lead. Subject stated that he had discussed with [redacted] last August the possibility that one [redacted] 06 might be recruitable. He stated that he personally did not like [redacted] 06 as a person, but felt that he would be a good action asset to have on our side. He had no BI on [redacted] 06 other than the fact that he was, or is, a captain in the Army and is a lawyer by training. His father is a journalist. Subject stated that he believed [redacted] was at one time involved in a bar-room brawl with an American citizen, whom he shot to death. Subject stated that AMLASH/1 also did not personally care for [redacted] 06

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D. Subject's Recent Visit to Miami. Subject said he was in Miami recently for some time (about a week) on business, and also saw and talked to AMCONCERT/1 and Lucia Echevarria. He said he told them the story he was told to tell, i.e., that he had seen AMLASH/1 for some days in Europe, but had not succeeded in convincing AMLASH to leave Cuba. He said that he told them that AMLASH felt that he was uncertain about a future away from Cuba and that, although he didn't necessarily approve of the way the regime was handling things in Cuba, he felt that he had best remain there, and attempt to help Cuba to a better future in his own way and not to fight, per se, against the regime, but rather try to live with it. Subject was told about the statement by AMLASH in his letter that "...his intimate friend had made a very indiscrete phone call to Havana...". Subject said he was not sure whether LASH meant by this Lucia Echevarria or Sylvia VILARELLO. He said he would look into this and attempt to find out who it was and what was said.

E. Subject Volunteers Services. Subject offered to return to Havana for us if need be, if we could but guarantee his safe exit. We thanked him and said that, although we felt he could do the most good out of Cuba just now, we would keep the offer in mind. He seemed pleased by this.

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F. Roberto ECHEVARRIA, Commercial Secretary, Ottawa. Subject said he had met E. only once and that was in Canada during his trip there last summer just before he went to Helsinki and Paris for the AMLASH operation. He said he didn't know where E. was just now, but thought he was in Canada. We asked him to discreetly ask his business partner, who was making a trip to northern New York State and/or Canada this weekend, to make a phone call to the Commercial Mission in Ottawa, and to inquire for E., and/or when he would be back, etc., if in fact he was not there. He can use Subject's name or an alleged business matter as the pretext for calling. He will advise us on the outcome.

G. Pending Trip to Colombia. Subject stated that he planned to make a trip in the near future to Columbia to buy some emeralds. He will arrange the trip in order to avoid being away from home on 7 November, the anniversary of his brother's death, and which day he understandably wishes to be with his mother and father. The undersigned is not absolutely sure of this date, but if it is not correct, it is not far off. A check of our files might clarify this point.

H. Passports for Sale. Subject said he had recently bought two Cuban passports in Miami for two friends in Switzerland, whose passports had run out of pages. Subject is concerned over this market in passports and stressed the point to us. He said he paid \$50.00 apiece for them. The wholesale price is \$25.00, Subject informed us. He said he would be glad to get some for us if we desired. We said we would advise him. He did not know whether he could get any diplomatic passports or not, but he would discreetly check on this. Passports are availed used or blank. He thinks the blanks are the real McCoy and not poor imitations.

6. SECURITY Considerations. There were no incidents of a security nature to report. The undersigned had coffee in Subject's offices while the latter made a call to Miami re BORDO's expected visit to Miami. We chatted briefly with Subject's father and one of the partners. No questions were asked of the undersigned whatsoever, and the conversation was polite only. 06