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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion of Moody Boat
(Telephone Between RICHARD RYAN and WILLIAM FARLEY)

1. Mr. Farley telephoned this morning at 1045 hours and asked for Mr. Ryan. In the latter's absence Mr. Ryan's best the call. Mr. Farley said that Mr. Moody was receiving the broadcasts from his boat, that Mr. Moody was about to fly to the area near Miami where the boat is currently located, and that he wanted advice on the following operations:

- 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 coordinate his broadcasts that are being made from the Caribbean coast?
- c. Can he arrange 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. Ryan's request. It is still doing one morning and one evening broadcast.

3. Mr. Ryan 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 an deception and avoid having its permanent location discovered by the Cubans.

b. Coordination would be an excellent idea. It would suggest that Brian Hunter of the YRD be put in touch with the top man (Bartholomew) 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 schedules to the listening audience.

d. Mr. Reynolds conveyed this information back to Mr. Rustey at 1:30 hours. Mr. Rustey agreed on all points.

Robert Reynolds

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