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TO Chief, WHD

DATE 2 May 1957FROM Chief of Station, Habana *SPR*

INFO: COS, San Jose

SUBJECT  GENERAL Operational  
 SPECIFIC Arthur G. VAIVADA

Reference: SANJ 2506, 19 March 1957

1. Following Subject's arrival in Habana on 19 March 1957, he first contacted AMPHODARCH-3 (on 20 March) and set up fresh contact arrangements between AMPHODARCH-3 and cut-out AMANTELOPE to be initiated following VAIVADA's departure for PBPRIME. On 21 March, VAIVADA contacted the mother of AMPHODARCH-10 and was informed that the latter had taken asylum in the Panamanian Embassy in Habana on 15 March as a result of the attack upon the Presidential Palace of 13 March. At a personal meeting held in a secure location with AMPHODARCH-10's mother on that day, the latter asked help in getting AMPHODARCH-10 into PBPRIME. After consulting with the Station, VAIVADA told the mother that this would be impractical as her son would have to personally appear in the Consulate to obtain a visa; she was advised to tell AMPHODARCH-10 to go into exile in Panama, and from there to go to Costa Rica if he so desired under the conditions set out in EKH-A-3507, dated 4 April 1957, already forwarded to San Jose and to the Chief, WHD. At the same time, VAIVADA forwarded the sum of \$100 to AMPHODARCH-10 through his mother. The help afforded AMPHODARCH-10 at this meeting was greatly appreciated, the agent's mother affirming to VAIVADA before their parting that she felt certain the agent would cooperate with us at any time. Arrangements were made for the Station to contact the mother independently at any time this appears necessary.

2. In the evening of 21 March, after having telephoned to arrange a visit, VAIVADA met with the sister and niece of AMPHODARCH-1. The Station had determined that VAIVADA should, if possible, broach the problem of payment of the \$1000 authorized at that time, describing it as being back salary due AMPHODARCH-1, rather than presenting it as a pay-off since the amount, by local standards and that of an insurance policy premium, was small. VAIVADA was well-received by the family and as a result of the visit believes there is no possibility that the family is interested in embarrassing him. However, the whole atmosphere and tone of the visit was such that VAIVADA found it

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impossible to take up the subject of the money and therefore did not do so, reporting that he believes a payment will now be necessary. The Station hasn't noticed any unusual references to the murder of AMPHODARCH-1 in the local press since lifting of the censorship. However, about 3 April AMPHODARCH-1's niece again visited the Embassy and talked to the Citizenship Officer, reopening the case of AMPHODARCH-1 and asking whether something could not be done by the Embassy regarding his murder. When the Citizenship Officer, after checking the files, told her that as AMPHODARCH-1 was not a citizen and therefore he could do nothing about the matter, the niece left the Embassy obviously annoyed and disappointed. No further visits to the Embassy by AMPHODARCH-1's family have come to the attention of the Station, and no contact has been made with that family. Efforts are being made, with the assistance of the local ODENVY, to identify the killer or killers of this agent, for the record.

3. On 9 April 1957, the cut-out AVANTELOPE contacted AMPHODARCH-3 and is now in regular weekly touch with that agent. In addition to a certain amount of reporting upon student and university events, AMPHODARCH-3's principal current task is maintaining contact with AMPHODARCH-6 with a view to arranging a personal meeting between AVANTELOPE and AMPHODARCH-6 to enable the Station to check progress of this operation and strengthen our relationship with the latter. Progress in this effort will be reported.

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