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Message from Droller

1. Under no circumstances will they (the group) accept funding via AMRASP.
2. Military matter: They are very serious about 27 November. The reason is two separate plans they intend to mesh into one:
 - a. [CAPOTE] ⁰⁴
 - b. Intelligence therefrom for the freeing of Matos. They feel that the man in charge of the Matos prison is [Padilla] ⁰⁴. This man will probably be transferred in the near future. Also, there is quite a likelihood that [Capote] ⁰⁴ will be transferred. Their idea is that [Capote] ⁰⁴ would go and capture a fellow by the name of "Chino" then would make a very routine trip with 40 men down to the place where the prison is, with the help of [Padilla] ⁰⁴ free Matos, and they are convinced -- and so is Barquin, who is their military planner -- that with Matos free, "Chino" neutralized, [Capote] ⁰⁴ and Matos can control this particular area. The question is that they can control it but they can hold it only for a longer period of time if they are assured of a) adequate resp supply and b) it is important that "The Beard's" air support for this area to be destroyed if possible. The reason they have picked the 27th is that:
 - a) [Padilla] ⁰⁴ might be transferred and b) [Capote] ⁰⁴ might not stay too long therefore they would like to move rather fast. What they would like from us is:

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- (1) Certain intelligence data on air fields and mining.
- (2) Advice how best to neutralize the "Beard's" air force.
- (3) If we could neutralize the air force by dropping anti-aircraft

artillery to them.

3. While they will not accept the financing under the AMRASP they are probably willing to have all this hardware support to be done in the name of AMRASP and told me that the AMRASP pilots belong in fact to them.

4. I (Droller) left with them a \$2,500 check and left the matter in this way: that I, as of today, cannot see how I could change the funding arrangement, that I would get in touch with them about 1530 hours and find out and tell them whether or not they could expect further sessions with my military colleague.

Telecon from Droller

Note Droller was still in the meeting at 1230 hours in an apartment and there was no pay phone near. He will call back between 1400 and 1430 hours.

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