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Meetings with AMWHIF/1 on 15-16 September 1965

1. AMWHIF/1 was met by the case officer (using the name "Mr. Wills") in New York 15 and 16 September. The first meeting took place at the Du Midi Restaurant, 48th Street and 8th Ave., and lasted from 2115 until 2330 on 15 September. The second took place at the Taft Hotel and lasted from 1315 until 1430.
2. A/1 was told that we had no specific assignments for him on his forthcoming business trip to Europe and that he was not to ~~contact~~²⁴ initiate contact with officers at any of our (stations). He was instructed to send a cable to "John A. Breithelm, 6192 Apex Station, Washington, D.C." saying where he could be contacted if he should learn anything important and timely, such as the whereabouts of Che Guevara. It was also agreed that he could send an airmail letter to the same address if he should acquire ~~any~~ information that was perishable but could safely be sent by mail. In either case he would sign correspondence "Francisco".
3. A/1 plans to depart for Europe about 20 September and to remain there three to four weeks before returning to New York. He plans to go first to Italy and spend a week to ten days in Rome and Milan. He will then probably proceed to Geneva. He may or may not go to Paris, where he has no specific business. He plans to go to Madrid for a day or two, not on business, but to see relatives who are there awaiting visas to the United States.
4. Although A/1 was given no specific requirements and was told not to initiate contact with KUBARK officers in Europe---his decision ^(reached) following ~~his~~ his inconclusive flutter in August---he was told to ~~keep his eyes~~^{remain alert} ~~and~~ ~~report~~ for any information of interest, especially if he should go to Paris and see ^(if) ~~any~~ ~~one~~.

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5. On 16 September A/1 provided the following information from a letter he had received from AMTUP/2 written 9 September:

- a. A/2 and his wife had lunch in Paris on 8 September with (UNSWAFU/19 and "Pepin" NAWWJO, the Mayor of Havana. The latter was proceeding to Rome and expressed interest in seeing A/1 when he was in Europe, but A/2 did not provide details on N's trip or timing.
- b. A/2 had talked by telephone to IGLESIAS, a friend of A/1's from Havana, who again expressed interest in seeing A/1. IGLESIAS was staying at the Hotel La Corzan, Jose Antonio 31, Madrid. He did not indicate how long he would be in Europe or why he wished to see A/1.
- c. A/2 had seen the latest batch of jewelry from Havana to (UNSWAFU/19 for disposal in Europe and said it was very poor merchandise except for an unspecified number of gold coins. (The literal definition of the Spanish adjective was "shitty".)

they are getting the brush-off. He will probably try to help them when he goes to Madrid at the end of his trip.

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6. A/1 said that he received no messages from AMIASH/1-2-3 except for continued requests from A/2 in Madrid for money. A/3 is presumably still in Havana and there has been no confirmation of the June rumour that he might be in trouble. A/1 considers it odd that he's had no word from ANLASH/1 since his return to Cuba earlier this year.

7. A/1 returned to New York 13 September after a trip of about a week to San Juan, Puerto Rico (business) and Florida (pleasure). In Miami he heard a rumor to the effect he (A/1) sold Cuban jewelry in Europe that had been brought there and given him by AMIASH/1. A/1 had shrugged it off---and said it was untrue. He said the rumor had started in Madrid with a man named (FNU) MANGARBETTA; and was given him in Miami by MUSSO and Affetto LICHI.

8. A/1 is still agitated by the failure of his two elderly female relatives in Madrid to acquire visas of any kind to the U.S. and believes

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8. A/1 appeared to be ~~fairly~~ ^{good} relaxed and in ~~rather~~ health. He said that he was very busy at work and that business is going well; this is one reason that he does not intend to remain in Europe too long this trip. He wanted these meetings to continue his ~~association~~ ^{association} with us in the usual pattern, i.e. meetings before and after his trips to Europe. He probably ~~thinks~~ ^{suspects} that our failure to give him any specific requirements ~~and~~ combined with instructions not to contact our stations is a result, at least in part, of his inconclusive LCFLUTTER in August. He did not complain, however, nor react strongly. He still anticipates a further LCFLUTTER on his return—in Spanish.
9. A/1 said he will call us ("Mr. Wills" or "Mr. Breithelm") on his return from Europe.

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