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1. In September 1961 an agreement was reached with radio station MRUL to parchase 30 minutes daily for a period of six months for broadcasts to Latin America. Conte Aguero, formerly one of Cuba's most popular political analysts was selected to produce and voice these programs. The cost of this operation is approximately \$11,000 monthly.

2. Some weeks after this agreement was made, the C.R.C. selected Dr. Conte as Propaganda Director of the Council. It is believed that Dr. Conte accepted this post with some reluctance, and we now understand that mather Conte nor Miro is completely satisfied with this arrangement.

3. Dr. Cinte is an effective speaker, a crowd pleaser with a following. He is arressive. colorful, imaginative and courageous. Letters from listeners indicate that his radio program is having some impact and HOPE radio personnel feel he is effective. On the other hand he appears to be in disagreement with Dr. Mire, to have antagonized others by his estentation, to have used poor political judgement in some news conferences in the past and in general to have become a controversial figure.

4. The question of reneval of his radio contract will arise on 1 March, and we must reach an understanding as to Dr. Conte's future use prior to that time. In reaching a decision, we should examine the following fasters:

a. If his KUBARE-support ad radio program is dropped, he may e financially dependent upon Miro and thus more manageable. RETURN TO CIA

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b. On the other hand if KUBARK support is discontinued and he breaks with Miro, he may become openly antagenistic to KUBAEK and the Council.

c. If KUBARK repows Conte's contract for an added 13 weeks, we could consider; (1) a docrease in payments being made to Conte and his staff or, (2) more direct KUBAHK control of Conte to assure closer conformity to KUBASK/C.R.C. objectives.

5. Has would appreciate the station's views on this subject on or before 1 March. If station sees so objective, we would approciate Passavoy's discussing the problem with AMBUD-1, reminding him that this arrangement was made before Conte became Prop Director.

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