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7 August 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT : AMWHIP/1 Meeting, New York City,
24 July 1963

1. Meeting Time/Place. The meeting was arranged by telephone on 21 July, scheduled to take place on 47th Street. Meeting took place as planned at 1400 hours. Subject and undersigned then walked to Schraft's Restaurant located on W. 47th Street. The meeting terminated without incident at 1540.

2. Purpose of Meeting. The meeting was scheduled in order to review Subject's activities on our behalf during his recent trip to Europe, and to request him to write a letter to be used if necessary for an introduction to [redacted] a target presently residing in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (Letter subsequently was received. Nice job, too, see attachment.)

Operational Interest.

3. [redacted] Subject agreed without hesitation to prepare a letter for introduction to [redacted] It was so (See Attachment) addressed and worded so that the Rio C/O using same could do so without directly involving Subject with ODYOKE Cuban operations in [redacted] mind. (Implications, of course, cannot be avoided in such games, it is realized). In discussing [redacted] Subject said that he had known [redacted] for some time in Havana, but by implication, did not consider him a particularly close, personal friend. Subject stated that [redacted] had run a "health club" type of business, located in the Hilton Hotel in Havana. With the revolution and the breaking of relations with Castro Government by U.S.A., [redacted] business suffered to the point that it was totally unprofitable. For this reason, and perhaps others, [redacted] does not hold any love for Castro or his regime. During his residence in Havana, [redacted] developed a close friendship with the former Brazilian Ambassador to Cuba, Laitao DA CUNHA, who was later instrumental in getting [redacted] to emigrate to Brazil, and also presumably in helping him get his present job as a steel salesman. Subject said [redacted] is a good man but not without his foibles, and has the brave and extrovert-type of personality which enables him to enter any scene and be completely at ease. To illustrate this, Subject related how [redacted] used to put on his "black-tie" and literally crash very nice parties in Havana, and invariably ended the evening by having met everyone at the affair, including having made

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numerous new friends⁰⁶ I gathered from Subject that he was a bit too much in this direction to suit ~~his~~ his (Subject's) tastes, but that he admired ⁰⁶ for the ability to pull off these stunts. Subject inferred that because ⁰⁶ is a short, slight man, he felt obliged to act in this manner. His personality is pleasant, however, and is apparently a good mixer on the cocktail circuit. He speaks French, Spanish, and English, all very well. He is able still to return to Cuba for a visit⁰⁶ should this be found desirable. Subject felt that ⁰⁶ needed money at the present time; a factor to be considered in any recruitment pitch. Whether or not his dissatisfaction with Castro would be any incentive for his cooperating with KUBARK is problematical, probably negative. Money, and perhaps the adventure of the proposition would be the strongest motivations. The rest of the information provided by Subject at this meeting is already reflected in ⁰⁶ file.

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4. NICARO MINING CO. AMWHIP/1⁰⁶ stated that he was well acquainted with Rafael L ("Lito") GONZALEZ, who has been involved with the Nicaro Mines for a number of years and is quite familiar with its physical lay-out and operations. (GONZALEZ) is in New York⁰⁶ frequently and AMWHIP/1 offered to arrange a meeting with (GONZALEZ) anytime the writer wished. AMWHIP/1 feels (GONZALEZ) has some valuable information and perhaps ideas which would⁰⁶ be useful to ODYKE. Feeling that such a well-known individual must already be in contact with KUBARK, we did not press for details, but told AMWHIP/1 that we would check the matter. (Upon consulting with EDE, it was determined that no one is in contact with (GONZALEZ)⁰⁶ and that such a meeting would perhaps be useful. This will be arranged, priro to AMWHIP/1 coming trip to Europe ca. first two weeks in September '63. Traces have been initiated and POA will be requested.

5. AMWHIP/1's European Trip in September. AMWHIP/1 plans to depart for Europe sometime during the first two weeks of September. He will spend at least two or three weeks in Rome looking after his new store in the Cavalieri-Hilton (see 4 June contact report).⁰³ He will at this time again be in contact with the Rome Station, (Bunce) handling. He will undoubtedly be targeted against members of the Cuban Diplomatic Corps stationed in Rome. He hopes to have more time for this activity than during his previous visit, when difficulties with the store opening occupied much of AMWHIP/1's time. We will be in touch with AMWHIP/1 before this trip.

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