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MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT:

Proposal to Exploit AMLASH-1 and Jose Rebellon in AMSNEAK Operation

1. It is proposed that at the next meeting with UNSNAFU-25 we pass a message as follows:

"A big comandante or capitan who used to be a leader of the university students opened a numbered (secret) account in Switzerland through, Colombian Suarez (my successor). He was traveling in Europe at that time, roughly December 1964-January 1965. The deposit was in the amount of \$10,000."

The message is purposely so phrased that it could apply to both AMLASH-1 and Jose Rebellon. Both are past presidents of the FEU (Federation of University Students), one is a comandante and the other a captain, and both were traveling in Europe in December 1964-January 1965.

2. Subject proposal has taken the following information into consideration.

AMLASH-1

a. The record: The file shows that since April 1959 and repeatedly since then AMLASH-1 has threatened to eliminate AMTHUG-1, but has not done so. He also was reportedly on the verge several times of defecting but never did. There are numerous reports of varying credibility that he has been and is a Castro agent. His character is such that he has been described in a report as "a probable thief, a possible user of narcotics, a homosexual or a friend of homosexuals," but also "an exceedingly brave man." Various reports indicate that he is a heavy drinker and a party lover. Thus a person with such traits could resonably be believed to be involved in irregular financial transactions.

b. Favorable factors (from AMSNEAK standpoint): In the summer of 1962 AMLASH-1 gave AMWHIP-1 \$500 in Helsinki to be deposited for AMLASH-1 in a European bank "for a rainy day." In March 1961 AMLASH-1 showed great sensitivity on the subject of bank accounts in Europe by Cuban officials, indicating that he might shoot any official so involved.

c. Conclusion: While it cannot be discounted that AMLASH-1 may be a Castro agent, it may be that he has been sincere in his dealings with KUBARK. Resolution of doubts through an LCFLUTTER interview has been impossible since AMLASH-1 hit the ceiling when the matter was first mentioned.

Presumably KUBARK's interest in AMLASH-1 is to see him carry out his mission to eliminate AMTHUG-1. The above proposal may actually stimulate the desired action. If AMLASH-1 is questioned by the regime in connection with this charge, and should the investigation involve a certain amount of harassment and unpleasantness, he might well reach the conclusion that the time to take matters into his own hands (which he has threatened to do for several years) has at last arrived.

If AMLASH-1 is a Castro agent and Castro should be aware of AMLASH-1's relationship with KUBARK, Castro might conclude that AMLASH-1 received the money from KUBARK, banked it without reporting it, and was in fact working with KUBARK against Castro. (At the recent meetings in Paris AMLASH-1 asked us for \$10,000. We did not give him this sum, though AMWHIP-1 gave him \$7,000.)

If for any reason the regime should do away with AMLASH-1, his alleged sympathizers in the Armed Forces might feel they must react at once to save their own skins. Given the tense political situation in Cuba today, this is not out of the question and certainly this proposal could split the regime more.

Jose Rebellon

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Rebellon is a non-controversial good target for inclusion in this AMSNEAK play for the following reasons:

a. He is close to Castro, as well as to AMLASH-1, and has a Communist background.

b. He is familiar with the \$80,000 account opened in a Swiss bank by Ambassador Carrillo in the fall of 1964. Rebellon has been authorized by Castro to draw on that fund for purchases related to Castro's pet projects. Castro might think that Rebellon had raided Castro's own official fund.

As with ANLASH-1, any action by the regime against Rebellon might widen splits in Cuba and bring about further political uneasiness and tensions in interpersonal relationships that we desire.

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