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MEMORANDUM TO : Chief, WH/4/PM

FROM : WH/4/CI

SUBJECT : Robert M. GEDDES and the Unidad Revolucionaria

Reference : WAVE 667S (IN 3091), 12 June 1961

1. Attached for your information is a thermo of the briefing of Mr. [redacted] by Clark SIMMONS, C/WH/4/CI on some of the aspects of the GEDDES case. This sets forth the background and arrest of GEDDES, as well as a chronology of the events leading up to it.

2. It is the opinion of this Desk that a portion of the UR has been blown by the events in this case, but it cannot be determined to what extent. In reference to this, we list below some of the individuals with whom GEDDES has had contact, and who have been either arrested, or possibly exposed. It is also believed that some of them may be under G-2 control.

- a. Antonio CUELLAR - (probably identical with Pedro CUELLAR Alonso, former G-2 agent) - W/T operator for UR.
- b. Hector PESLES Barreto - WAVE contact
- c. Ralph DIAZ Eascom - AMGLAD/1 - arrested 18 March
- d. Humberto SORI Marin - arrested 18 March
- e. Rogelio GONIALEZ Corozo - arrested 18 March
- f. (fma) FERNANDEZ of MRR - arrested 18 March
- g. Manuel PUIG - arrested 18 March
- h. Capt. Aciviliales BERMUDEZ ("Peralta") - traitor to UR
- i. Capt. CASTRO Osevarra - leader of Navy defection plot
- j. (fma) SUAREZ Lora - UR - arrested and betrayed associates
- k. Henry SANS - UR - arrested; released; asylee in Swiss Embassy
- l. Antonio BILLET - UR - arrested but did not talk

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- m. Arturo VILLAR ("Navier") - long-time friend of GEDES; asylee in Venezuelan Embassy
- n. "Jorge" - replaced AMILAD/1 in UR
- o. Dr. (fmu) GALAN - married to a Canadian
- p. Bonifacio HERRERA - UR rep in Miami
- q. Georgina CHIRINO - UR rep in Havana

3. After the abortive payment of \$6,000 on 7 June, a Mrs. TORRES and her daughter, Chirino (possibly identical with Georgina CHIRINO) appeared at the British Embassy and reported that GEDES, Villaneuva (wife of the Manager of the Pepsi Cola Bottling Plant) who had made several calls to Mrs. GEDES re "purchase of the house for \$6,000", "Elena" and (fmu) GONZALEZ, and "everyone" were arrested on the evening of 6 June.

4. It is the opinion of this Desk, that before any commitments are made regarding the support of the UR, a more detailed plan of their proposed activities together with a list of individuals they intend to use be submitted. An attempt can then be made to determine whether any of the proposed assets are under suspicion or control. We do not know at this stage of the game whether, or how much, GEDES has talked, but every precaution should be taken to avoid picking up an already-blown group.