

Dr. Kiro has also informed Mr. Carr that the positions of Mr. Carr and the
 Defense and Minister of State will be offered to Dr. Kiro and to Dr. Carr.
 Dr. Kiro will be given the opportunity to select between the two posts and the
 Government activity prior to the actual setting up of the Provisional Government
 undoubtedly be a great deal of planning to be done in the various stages of
 it. In the time, the reasoning behind it is not too clear to us. There will
 the Provisional Government in a position to establish itself on Cuban soil.
 appointment of these Council members and they will assume no functions until
 Dr. Kiro has informed Mr. Carr that there will be no announcement of the

- Dr. Manuel Antonio "Tony" Varona
- Dr. Carlos Maria
- Dr. Julio Ferrillo
- Dr. A. M. M. M. M.
- Ing. Manuel Ray (for Dr. Felipe Pardo)
- Dr. Manuel Ariza

Council are the following:
 in the underground. The six persons whom Dr. Kiro plans to invite into his
 men and women who are now in Cuba carrying on the revolution in the hills and
 most of these - it thought in their original aims - will be selected from
 - they will be considerably enlarged - partly by twenty three men and
 to select only six members of his Council when, after the fall of Castro,
 other members of the Council. As of this time, Dr. Kiro apparently intends
 Mr. Carr has been in close contact with Dr. Kiro concerning the selection of
 Dr. Kiro and Mr. Carr returned, separately, to Miami. Since their return
 Dr. Kiro reports to the position of chairman of the Revolutionary Council,
 following the official announcement in New York of the election of

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other post will automatically go to Mr. Horta. Dr. Miro said he personally would prefer Mr. Horta for the post of Minister of Defense but indicated the post may very well go to Mr. Varas. Our suggestion - transmitted through Mr. Carr - that Dr. Artibe might be an excellent choice for the position of Minister of Defense in view of his popularity with the men in the camps, his youth, his ability to work in with the Strike Force on D-Day as a representative of the Council - was flatly turned down by Dr. Miro who said the position is an important one and must be filled by a man of experience and maturity. He said that Mr. Artibe has considerable promise but he is not ready, as yet, to assume a position of such responsibility.

4. Dr. Miro made it very plain to Mr. Carr that he wishes to cooperate as fully as he can with us but that he will accept no dictation from us and will resign his position if there is any attempt to force decisions on him which he cannot conscientiously go along with. At the same time he assured Mr. Carr that he does not intend, in any way, to interfere with the military aspects of the project. However, he says it is vital that he be able to confer as soon as possible with a person on "the highest level" to discuss the military question and the appointment of a "Jefe de operaciones."

5. VISIT TO CAMP. Dr. Miro informed Mr. Carr that he would like to visit the Camp accompanied by all six members of the Council and by an aide. If this is not acceptable he will take only his aide. He will not, as we had suggested, take Mr. Artibe along with him except as a member of his six-man council. When it was pointed out to him that Mr. Artibe's great popularity with the troops might be an important factor in influencing the troops to support the Revolutionary Council, Dr. Miro's response was: "If the Council as constituted by me and under my leadership can't stand on its own merits, we'd better find that out right now". (In a conversation on the evening of 24 March 1961 (after our discussion with Mr. Carr) Mr. Horta informed Mr. Ureller that Dr. Miro had told him that he

the ultimate aim of the overall project, which is the replacement of the Castro government by a government which will be friendly to the United States. We feel that this point cannot be over emphasized and propose that unequivocal instructions be transmitted to the Camp for its guidance.

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