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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT

a. Contact with Dr. Ernesto de ARAGON  
15 and 16 September 1961

1. Following contact with Dr. MENDO Carreño by Mr. Robert L. Shaffer, DC/WB/L, and the undersigned at the Sheridan Belvedere Hotel (room 601), Baltimore, about 1130 to about 1330 15 September 1961, the undersigned, on the evening of 15 September, spoke by telephone on the following points with MENDO's representative, Dr. Ernesto de ARAGON, who was with MENDO at the New Howard Hotel (room 502), Baltimore. The undersigned based the content of his conversation with ARAGON on guidance provided by DC/WB/L.

s. MENDO's Request for P.M.C.O. (U.S.) Monthly for Use Inside China. We cannot give a favorable answer to this request at this time, even though we might agree with it in principle, because of the following factors, as we hope MENDO will realize:

(1) A considerable sum is involved, approval is necessary at various levels, and several different groups are involved in any decision.

(2) Appropriate channels for passing the funds will have to be worked out.

MENDO's reply on this point, as given through ARAGON, was that we should revise the amount of funds as we found necessary and arrange the appropriate channels for transmittal of funds.

b. The Problem of Judges and Lawyers. Solution of the economic problem of the Justicia and Lawyers is also an involved problem to which no answer can be given immediately. An analysis of the status of the various judges and lawyers, a number of whom were not included in the original group, is being made and a report is expected during the week beginning 17 September. Upon receipt of this report, we shall be in a position to come to a decision.

Dr. MENDO's answer to this information, again delivered through ARAGON, was that he had been told by Mr. Joaquin, in a meeting on 13 September, that a solution had been arrived at concerning the judges and lawyers. ARAGON emphatically confirmed this statement, but when pressed for details by the undersigned could, not, or

would not, give any details. MIGO stated that he would return to Miami on 10 October and virtually demand an answer to the problem of the judges and lawyers before he left.

- e. Permanent Contact for MIGO. ARAGON was told that Col. Wendell Johnson, U.S.A., retired, an outstanding man of wide military and political experience, had been designated as permanent contact for MIGO and that Col. Johnson would also be in frequent contact with Mr. Doohkin. Col. Johnson was now in the process of moving to Miami and contact between him and MIGO would be established within ten days to two weeks.

MIGO expressed satisfaction at the designation of Col. Johnson as contact.

2. The undersigned reported the above to DC/DIV/1 following the conversation with ARAGON and, at about 1530 16 September, again spoke with ARAGON, who was still in the New Howard Hotel (Room 502), Baltimore, to advise him and MIGO of the following concerning the status of the judges and lawyers, as requested by DC/DIV/1.

- a. We expect to work out details to provide Dr. MIGO or his designee, \$5,000 for the judges and lawyers for the month of August 1961 and \$5,000 for the month of September 1961, these amounts in addition to the monthly sums given via ALABAU.
- b. We had been proposing to reduce the number of judges and lawyers already on the list and it was not MIGO's responsibility to make the selection of the judges and lawyers who were to be paid from the funds to be placed at his disposal.
- c. The transition of control and payment of the judges and lawyers from ALABAU to MIGO would have to be worked out smoothly and without rancor by MIGO despite the personal feelings of MIGO towards ALABAU, since it was necessary to avoid infighting and recrimination which would become open and attract public notice. If clashes led to publicity, support for the judges and lawyers would have to be withdrawn.
- d. The judges and lawyers group is expected to engage in positive activities and all action programs involving them will have to be submitted to the new contact for approval. If positive programs are not developed, the judges and lawyers cannot expect continuing support. Further, the judges and lawyers group is not a relief organization and some of its members who may need jobs should look to H&S for positions or individually seek employment.

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