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MINORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Highlights of Tape-Recorded Conversation in Hissa Between Mr. William D. Pauley and an Unidentified Cuban during Period 17-18 October

- 1. On 20 October the undersigned and Oven Faust of WH/3 listened to the play-back of a tape, brought to Washington from Missal and given to Colonel Ming by Mr. Pawley on 19 October, which was a recording of Mr. Pawley's conversations with two Gubans during the period 17-18 October. The first conversation was with an unidentified Guban, believed to be a member of a group of wealthy anti-CASTRO Gubans, members of which have talked to Mr. Pawley recently about their plans for asbetage of the coming sugar harvest as reported in UNMA-32 dated 2 October. The second Guban was AMPACA-1, a Guban journalist of operational interest to Station Habana, and a separate memorandum is submitted on that conversation.
- 2. The unidentified Cuban, who had somewhat of an accent and spoke indistinctly, was difficult to understand. He mentioned a meeting "with some of our people who came up from Cuban to discuss plans. He said his group had been contacted by a representative of General Jose Eleuteric PEDRAZA, leader of Cuban revolutionary groups in the Dominican Republic, who wented to know what action their group had taken and was told that they had a plan "to start sabotage". The Cuban said the PEDRAZA representative said their group (the PEDRAZA group) had four provinces organised in Cuba, mentioning Camaguey and Santa Clara, and that they had two provinces yet to be organized Habana and Matansas.
- 3. The Cuban said his group needed two things -- morel backing and money; he pointed out that Cubans in Cuba are afraid to start an underground movement, and there was no way to raise funds, ste. Mr. Pawley gave him no encouragement on the money angle, saying that even if there were Americans willing to run the risk of becoming involved in Cuban revolutionary setivities by furnishing money for such a movement, which he doubted, he felt that at the present time it would be like "putting money down a rat-hole" for the following reasons: (1) there is no unity among the anti-CASTRO groups, and there are at least 10 that he knows of who are working absolutely independently of one another; and (2) CASTRO is in control of the country and has the support of a large number of Cubana, especially the under-privileged. Hr. Payley said he falt the Cuban economic situation was worsening fast and that if it gets bad enough, a large number of Cubana will turn on CASTRO; but until that time comes it would be dangerous to try to organise a revolutionary movement.

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b. Mr. Padley asked the Cuben if his group felt they had moral support of the U.S. and the Cuben replied that they wanted U.S. moral support but whether they had it or not, they felt they were abliged to carry through with their plane. Mr. Pruley said he didn't know what to tell him -- would have to think about it and see if may thing could be done. He said, "having been connected with the U.S. Covernment, I can't get involved in revolutionary sowments". Also said he would hate to see the Downianan Government get involved, which sight be difficult to avoid with so many Cuban exiles there, but commented that he understood "the Downian Covernment hasn't given them a dime".

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