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3 October 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact Report between "Justo" and Mr. Hicks (using name Cal Hitch) on 22, 25, 27, 28 and 29 September 1961.

1. In addition to the subject names, Mr. Pakich (using name Jim Bowdin) was at all meetings and one or all of the following individuals also attended these meetings:

- a. Andres ZAYAS ("Justo")
- b. Luis SANCHEZ ("Piccolino")
- c. Tony HUNEZ ("Tony")
- d. Angel ROS ("Quilin")
- e. Wilfredo BRITO ("Babo") - using name E. I. Harrison
- f. Fernando CABADA - using name Frank Dutton

2. For additional details already reported by cable, see DIR 15354 (OUT 53207) dated 2 October 1961.

3. According to BRITO the leadership of the UR as of 17 April 1961 was as follows: ("Rafael" had been national coordinator until executed.)

- a. "Justo" - civilian coordinator.
- b. "Cesar" - action coordinator.
- c. "Piccolino" - general coordinator.
- d. "Piccolino" - right-hand man of "Rafael" (also known as "Pedro").
- e. "Arburo" - intelligence.
- f. "Babo" (true name: Wilfredo BRITO) - propaganda.
- g. "Ricardo" - security.
- h. "Hilario" - comms.
- i. "Marcial" - transportation.
- j. "Babo" (not the same as the above "Babo") - finance.

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k. "Frank" - public relations.

1. "Bob" - not a member of the official executive committee but attended all the meetings.

(Note: At a later meeting "Justo" said a man called "Ricardo" (true name: Sergio PVENTEPRIA) was the so-called UR leader on the street and "Ricardo" (another man, true name: Ricardo RODRIGUEZ-ESPADA) was the UR leader inside the Italian Embassy.)

4. "Cesar" was the member of the UR that the U/T operator, Al MENDOZA, using Signal Plan SULTAG, contacted. Luis and BRITO said MENDOZA was a crazy boy. When they saw him they got panicky.

5. "Justo" admitted getting ten thousand pesos from Miro CARDONA. However, first BRITO said he did not get it until corrected by "Justo".

6. Although "Justo" lived in the Italian Embassy he said he did not take asylum but rather used that as a safe operations base and was in and out many times conducting UR business. He finally admitted, however, that in the eyes of the Cuban people that was probably asylum.

7. The following groups and their leaders and the Embassies in which they took asylum was given by BRITO:

a. MRRC - "Quilin" - Italian Embassy. This is a different man than "Simone". "Simone" was the man who was the leader of the MRRC until "Quilin" returned to Cuba (believed to be March, 1961) and again took over the MRRC.

b. MRP - Marcos Williams - Italian Embassy.

c. UR - "Justo" - Italian Embassy. (He said this was not asylum for himself, but just a safe living area.)

d. MDC - "Lucas" - Italian Embassy. (They don't like "Lucas"; want to work with AMBLESS-1 as leader of MDC.)

e. DRE - "Luciano" - Embassy, if any, not known. (VOITELL supposedly now leader of DRE.)

f. RESCATE - "Dario" - Embassy, if any, not known. (They don't like him.)

g. 30th of November - VILLAREAL (true name). (They say you never know who the real leader of the 30th of November is, for it has a thousand groups and a thousand leaders.)

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8. "Quilin" supposedly organized the MRR back in 1959; then he had a falling-out and his element, known as the MRRC, supposedly broke with the MRR several months before the invasion and worked with the UR. However, all of them spoke well of "Francisco" and admitted that his group carried out most of the action but always adding along with the UR. It soon became apparent that with "Francisco" gone and the evident confused leadership of the MRR, that "Quilin" thought this would be the opportune time to attempt to regain control of the MRR. Since he did not feel he could claim the MRR as such, he attempted to do it by saying "All the good men left the MRR and now belong to him".

9. Marcos Williams was the action leader for the MRP and left because he wanted action and couldn't get it with RAY. He had orders from RAY not to use explosives, etc., and not to expose themselves; but, to just lie low and let the others take the risk. Marcos didn't agree with this and felt that the MRP was going to have to be active also.

10. They knew of AMPUG-1 using the warname "Andres" and also knew the true identity, and they denounced him and "Cesar". (However, this was not "Justo" talking, but was BRITO and SANCHEZ; and, BRITO freely admitted that "Justo" did not feel the same way about "Cesar" as he did.) SANCHEZ, in addition to knowing AMPUG, knew of an "Ernesto", but did not know his true identity (this was the warname used by AMCOAX-1).

11. When querying about some of the names in the newspaper article that announced the arrest of twelve people, TORREBOLLA was an excellent man; FUJAL, who was a distant cousin of BRITO, was an excellent man. Although they didn't like AMPUG-1 because they felt he was trying to split the UR in his attempt at unification with "Cesar" (again "Justo" did not seem to believe this about "Cesar"), they said AMPUG would never talk. "Cesar", BRITO felt, was weak and indicated he might talk, however, "Justo" was so violently opposed to that, that BRITO finally admitted that "Cesar" wouldn't talk; it was just that he didn't like him and thought he was no good. Most of the other individuals they didn't know or had no opinion of. However, one of them seemed to think that GARCIA-RUBIO might have talked, but this seemed to be based more on the fact that he knew of many of the events and was a loose talker and indiscrete rather than the fact that he ~~was~~ deliberately informed for his own benefit.

12. "Tony" was bragging about knowing of "Brand", GARCIA-RUBIO, and FIKLOK W/T messages. It was later learned through "Justo" that "Tony" got his information from AMPUG-1 and GARCIA-RUBIO actually lived in "Tony's" house and may have operated his radio from there.

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13. The following phone numbers and/or addresses were left to enable one of our people to contact them in Miami:

a. "Justo" - FR 3-1306

b. Angel ROS - 3451 SW 10th Street, Apt. #3, MI 3-7097

14. A Paul Burns was named as the man representing the outfit and a member of the American Embassy in Havana until June, 1960. He supposedly was in Santiago in 1959.

15. The following is a statement written by "Tony":

"I, Luis Antonio DIAZ Pina, gave the 24th of December, 1960, at the U. S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba, to Mr. William Jones Murray an envelope with the following contents: A photostatic copy of the Revolutionary Unity original document, a leaf of paper of 8" x 11" with some addresses, a half leaf of paper of about 6" x 4 1/2" cut in half, and four \$100.00 dollar bills. This envelope was addressed to Fred GONDIE, at Miami. I never got in touch with Bill because when I got to call him at Miami, we was called back to Cuba on account of the relation rupture between the U. S. and Cuba. Rafael DIAZ told me that he got the envelope he sent, but he didn't mine. He asked Bill's wife and she didn't know a thing about it."

September 25, 1961 - (Signed)

16. Attachment A is a copy of a document, self-explanatory, submitted by ROS.

17. No commitments were made to these people rather, it was a matter of listening to their ideas and feelings and getting them in a frame of mind to get down to real business after being sent back to the WAVE area. They were told they would deal with a Mr. Peters and all business including training would be handled through him. They appeared to be in an eager and receptive mood when they were ready to leave Washington the afternoon of 29 September. They indicated a willingness to cooperate with the MRA, that is, "Over" and "Monty", and further indicated that "Babe" ECOSTA would be no problem; that they would deal with the "Antonio"-Ignacio MEZDOZA MRP complex. In lieu of Marcos Williams, ROS would either just represent the MRC or might even fall back as a part of the GR. The relations with the other major groups would be much the same as advocated by AMCOAX-1, consequently, it is felt that this is a chance to facilitate AMCOAX-1's effort at producing a united resistance. They all indicated a willingness to return to Cuba if they could be guaranteed a firm support, but they did not want to go back to Cuba just for the sake of returning and they did not want to risk the lives of their men unless they felt sure there was a definite goal to be attained. "Justo" especially, felt very strongly that support must come through

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one command channel for all groups rather than to individual groups. At the same time, he recognized that for security sake this would have to be handled on a compartmented basis.

18. They were told that they must make an attempt to get along with Miro CARDONA and even though they may not like him they must try to cooperate with him and work with him and/or have him work for them rather than fight him. They must not lock horns with him, however, after attempting to work with him if they found it completely impossible we would not deny them support because of this.

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Atto Annex A

DECLARATION

M.P.R.C.

From: National Executive

To: Skills Delegation

Mr. Angel Ros Escala (Raul), General Coordinator of the National Executive of the Movimiento de Recuperacion Revolucionaria Cubano (MERC), is going abroad temporarily on a special mission.

By means of this document, with the Executive signing in complete and unanimous accord, it (the Executive) supports and indorses in all parts the decisions which Mr. Ros as General Coordinator may take outside of Cuba.

s/ (illegible) Jorge
General Coordinator

s/ (illegible)
Terr. Coordinator

s/ German (last letter of latterd illeg.)
Action Coordinator

s/ (illegible)
Military Coordinator

s/ Pedro Gonzalez
Propaganda Coordinator

s/ Rosa
Finance Coordinator

s/ Maria
Civil Resistance Coordinator

s/ (illegible)
Professionals Coordinator

s/ Luisa (?)
Labor Coordinator

s/ Gonzalez
Students' Coordinator

s/ Maria
Records Coordinator

s/ Rafael (?)
Union