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Letters for discussion with Anthony R. PORCHAY
on Move of AMCIAS to Mexico

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For PORCHAY

The following is in response to your request for a summary of points that need to be clarified in discussions between you and Station Mexico on the forthcoming move of AMCIAS to Mexico City.

1. Political

A. The requirement that the "overt" office will consist of only three officials, the others being "covert", and the statement that "the presence of large AMCIAS in Mexico should not become known and never admitted". Cf. KXII-5964, 24 July. (Comments: It would appear impossible to comply with this requirement if there is to be an overt office and any AMCIAS publicity in Mexico or elsewhere, since the identities and whereabouts of all AMCIAS members will be a matter of public knowledge.)

B. The statement in para 3, KXII-5964 that the Mexican Government will not be friendly unless AMCIAS activities and "plotting to overthrow Cuban Government" remain covert. (Comments: Since there is to be an overt office and propaganda department and AMCIAS has been, and will have to continue to be, described as a group organized for the purpose of removing the CUBTRO Government, their necessary propaganda activities toward this end cannot be covert. Could it be modified to apply only to agreement that no military invasion would be launched from Mexico?)

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C. Clarification of the words "disavow" and "established" in the following statement by LITEN: "...may have to disavow AMCIAS and the effort should it be established AMCIAS in contact with AMCIAS in Mexico". (Comment: Since there will be no covert LITEN in support of AMCIAS, the term disavow is ambiguous. That will constitute its being established that AMCIAS is in contact with AMCIAS. Certainly we can expect the charge will be made many times by the Soviets and Communists.)

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D. Possibility of LITEN holding meeting to brief AMCIAS on Cuban subversive activities in Mexico (para 5, KXII-5964) before arrival AMCIAS, which would undoubtedly be of assistance in obtaining popular and official sympathy for AMCIAS activities.

2. Propaganda

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We plan to have AMCIAS propaganda department in Mexico, but it will be impossible for them to operate effectively, or indeed at all, if LITEN continues to insist on AMCIAS activities in Mexico remaining covert, and not becoming public or press issue. We feel a tremendous publicity drive should be made throughout Latin America at the time of arrival of AMCIAS in Mexico. Station KXIIAS assets will be needed to a large extent in improving the public and political climate to allow AMCIAS people to work effectively. Also, it is hoped Station will be able to guide and support AMCIAS, who will arrive in Mexico soon to produce a radio in exile, which will ostensibly be independent but actually will be pro-AMCIAS. AMCIAS will also make satirical, humorous radio tapes for broadcasting over Radio Swan.