

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO
TO	Chief, WFO Division		UFGA-12
FROM	Miami (KARNLEY)		HEADQUARTERS REF NO
DATE	13 August 1955		DATE
SUBJECT	Report of Contact with QOCHEAR on 13 August 1955		RE "X" - (CHECK "X" ONE)
ACTION REQUIRED	See Para 10.		MARKED FOR INDEXING
REFERENCES	UFGA-11		NO INDEXING REQUIRED
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<p>1. QOCHEAR was asked first to bring me up to date on what he and the others in his group have been doing and he reported that they were not doing much of anything except waiting. Waiting, first, for some funds which they are expecting to come primarily from the sale of the C-46; and, second, waiting for the establishment of some better communication with their contacts in Cuba.</p> <p>2. With regard to the aircraft, BAKER told me on this date that he believes he does now have a sale for the aircraft and he thinks the sale price will be between US\$50 and US\$55 thousand.</p> <p>3. QOCHEAR said that [REDACTED] has communicated with someone (he wasn't sure of the name) in an attempt to solicit funds from people in Cuba. QOCHEAR presented this in the light that [REDACTED] was "authorizing" some people in Cuba to go ahead and solicit funds. In this connection, QOCHEAR mentioned that at one time in the past Julio LOBO (note: this name has never been mentioned in any previous conversations with this group) had considered donating US\$100 thousand for the air force school which QOCHEAR was promoting at that time, but apparently became frightened of the deal and nothing along this line materialized. QOCHEAR said that he was hopeful that sometime he would be able to re-establish contact with LOBO. All his reference is entirely coincidental to my suggestions made to [REDACTED] that I might try to bring this group together with Julio LOBO. Having learned of this previous connection, I want to revive this idea and proceed with the plan to bring these two together.</p> <p>4. If and when they are able to accumulate some funds, it is their intention to go ahead with their plans for the establishment of a propaganda program which would be initially voice radio. QOCHEAR said that he had been trying to persuade QOCHEAS and [REDACTED] to a more narrow program within the limitations which I had cited for them in a previous meeting (see UFGA-11). He said he thinks now that this is the more realistic approach, but [REDACTED] holds to the original thinking that they cannot commit themselves to such limitations. QOCHEAR informed me that [REDACTED] requests another meeting with me. He was told that I would be away for a few days but would contact him as soon as I return.</p> <p>5. I then questioned QOCHEAR about his knowledge and QOCHEAS' knowledge of the presence of Soviet Russians in Cuba. QOCHEAR stated that his only information had come to him through [REDACTED] (this is the Canadian whom QOCHEAR referred to frequently in his earlier debriefing by [REDACTED] et al.). [REDACTED] claimed to him to have seen the Soviets in Santiago de Cuba and QOCHEAR said that furthermore he had obtained the names which he passed to Colonel KIMBLE in the American Embassy in Havana. When asked if he thought these were the same Soviets that QOCHEAS had referred to in his testimony in Washington, QOCHEAR said he felt that they were, although he believed QOCHEAS' information was obtained independent of his, QOCHEAR's, source.</p> <p>6. Going on in this vein, QOCHEAR stated that [REDACTED] is one of several people whom QOCHEAR encouraged to remain in place and to go along with Raul CASTRO and others for the purpose of obtaining more specific information on Communist and Communist activities in the armed forces. He said that along this line [REDACTED] had been introduced to Fidel CASTRO's secretary, whose name is Maria. QOCHEAR said her full name is a Russian name but at the moment he can only recall the name "Maria". Through this relationship, it was expected that [REDACTED] would develop a good deal of information. Others named in this connection were Raul VALDES, who is close to Raul Castro, Juan FERNANDEZ de Castro of the Air Force, and Efraim FERNANDEZ, whom QOCHEAR says is an American. QOCHEAR is certain that if he by some means can re-establish communication with these individuals he will obtain important information regarding Communist activities in the Cuban armed forces.</p>			
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