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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact Report on Meeting with AMERUNG-1 201-270613

1. On 5 November at 1130 hours, AMERUNG-1 and WICKESMAN were met at the Washington Airport by undersigned. They were then taken by taxi to the Mayflower Hotel, where a room had been reserved ... for their use. After having lunch at the hotel, the party adjourned to the room, where AMERUNG-1 was given a short briefing on Francisco ⁰³ Castell, the W/T operator who was scheduled to meet AMERUNG-1 at 1400 hours.

2. At 1400 hours, the undersigned ⁰³ went to the lobby of the hotel where Francisco was waiting with Ray Garcia, his escort officer. ⁰³ Garcia was instructed to bring Francisco up to the room. It was agreed in advance of this that all principals would withdraw from the room to give AMERUNG-1 an opportunity to talk with Francisco alone. However, it was suggested that Garcia return a half hour before the interview was terminated to clear up any points as to the nature of Francisco's training, or any aspects that AMERUNG-1 might wish to clarify. The interview with Francisco was terminated about 1510 hours, as AMERUNG-1 stated he would be pleased to have Francisco assigned to him. All indications were that a happy rapport was established between the principals and a complete understanding was reached as to the future role of Francisco as the W/T operator for the ANTON group in Cuba.

3. At approximately 1535 hours, ⁰³ Lindy Rogers put in his appearance at the room and was introduced to AMERUNG-1 as Mr. Rodrick. Prior to this meeting, AMERUNG-1 was told that Mr. Rodrick was the coordinator for operations and would like to discuss some of the more specific aspects with him, prior to his return to Cuba. Cecil Cartwright, who ⁰¹ had escorted AMERUNG-1 to Washington, asked to sit in on this meeting along with Peters and Rogers, as he felt that MASH should be fully informed on whatever operational matters were discussed with AMERUNG-1 for more effective future coordination between Headquarters and MASH. ⁰³ Rogers indicated no objections to this and stated he was glad to have him sit in at this meeting.

4. In substance, ⁰² Rogers covered most of the highlights dealing with previous attempts to supply the ANTON group with arms and ammo, and air-maritime operations currently being planned. In this connection, AMERUNG-1 was highly pleased to learn that a 1,000 pound

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shipment had been successfully infiltrated to his group during his absence and again urged that more such shipments should be stepped up in the future. 03 **Rogers** then briefly discussed the SINGA operation and asked AMENG-1 if he didn't think this area for the EE was already "blown" due to the number of people who already knew of his operation. (This includes 5 other people besides AMENG-1 and AMENG-1.) AMENG-1 stated he was not sure, but would investigate this upon his return. However, he felt that this was an excellent EE site and should be utilized for any subsequent airdrop scheduled in the Pinar del Rio province. 03 **Rogers** informed AMENG-1 that his overlays on various LZ's and EE's had been received and were being reviewed by the operations people. He complimented AMENG-1 on the excellent work of his cartographer and expressed the view that these EE areas would be put to good use. Finally, he assured AMENG-1 that no stone is being left unturned to provide his group with the necessary material support which is critically needed and that this support will be stepped up as our infiltration capabilities are increased both by air and sea. In parting, he cautioned AMENG-1 not to take any unnecessary chances when he resumed operational activities in Cuba, since his leadership in the AMENG group was vital to our overall interests. The meeting was terminated about 1720 hours as **Rogers** and Peters took their departure. 03

5. Some of the more significant highlights of the conversations which took place between AMENG-1 and the undersigned prior to his meetings with the W/T operator (Francisco) and **Rogers** are noted herewith:

- a. Security: Castro has taken stringent action in tightening up his internal security against counter-revolutionary forces inside Cuba. The militia are being used to search houses for concealed weapons (usually by a block system), and anyone failing to produce proper identification is removed for questioning by the DIER. Hence, AMENG-1 and his organization are largely confining their activities to the daylight hours from 0700 to 2000 hours. He considers night operations - particularly on the streets of Havana - as highly dangerous inasmuch as the DIER (security organs) are constantly on the alert to stop individuals on the street to check their identification documents.
- b. Documentation of Agents in Cuba: AMENG-1 suggested using an identification card issued by the Havana University for their students. He had a sample copy in his possession, which he claims was readily accepted by Castro security forces as being valid. Similarly, a driver's license properly authenticated along with a health certificate were considered to be good "cover" documents for agents operating in the Havana area. A supply of blank identification cards will be turned over to the Station by AMENG-1 for transmittal to headquarters for any subsequent documentation of

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