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SUBJECT: Electing with Centy P. Lopez at t e Statler-Hilton Hotel on 1 February 1900 from 1000 hours to 1530 hours.

1. Those present were ..rs. Videl PP/FK, (lexurder Bunter Villians)
PP/EAD, Churles Penney (Twiss) SI/PH, and Chilip Toomey (Thompson) SE/L/PP.

2. Er. (Lopez) have a report of his contacts in Cuba after receiving his notes which were brought up by Ar. (Noel) and given to Er. (Lopez) by Fr. (Cooney) Er. (Lopez) said that he had given blographical sketches of Echevarrio, Rasco, Laureano Satista, Martinez Araga, Ruben do Leon and Samches Arango to the Station representative. He had also turned over a report of Martinez Fraga on the siss of the Recuperacion do la Revolucion.

3. Nr. (Lopez) report was taped and a transcript will be forwarded to TH by Po/Ph.

h. Specific recommendations made by Fr. Lopez included having
Herbert Natthews to to Havana and try to in hence Castro. Natthews
has a good reputation throughout the 25th of July Novement and could
help in an approach to Castro. I visit by El Eurov to do a broadcast
on Cuba was also recommended. Mr. (Lopez) feels that Castro will be in
power for a long time to co.e and that we should try to influence him.
He is seriously effected by any defections and these wight be encouraged.
The near who were mentioned as ripe for defection are flafe in Haciends
and Captro in Commercia. Fr. Diopez also recommended contact with Madre
Alberto de Castro in Caracas. This pairs was formerly Midel's instructor.
When Fidel was in Caracas he was scoulded by Frire Castro whom Midel
treated with great respect according to Roseo. The Paure and Fidel spent
about one and one half hours alone together at this time. This priest
should be checked as a possible influence on Fidel. The possibility of
a split between Fidel and Paul should be exploited. Roul is cold and
mean and the fact that he is Fidel's bruther does not carry too such
weight.

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