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Mr. Harold E. Hoemayr (P)
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoemayr:

Your Cover

1. Cover has been contrived for you with two notional organizations, Public Surveys Institute and **Betvins Travel Folders.**

2. Public Surveys Institute is a notional organization which is ostensibly engaged in conducting all types of polls to determine public reactions on matters of interest to its many clients. This organization is located at Suite 532 Fidelity Union Life Building, 1511 Bryan Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone: **Riverside 1-3674.** The Institute is directed by Albert E. Johnson, a fictitious individual.

3. **The above address is in actuality that of a telephone answering service where all normal calls of inquiry are handled by unwitting personnel during the course of their regular duties. However, any call which requires special attention is referred to a cleared and witting individual who has contact with headquarters. This person is adequately prepared to acknowledge your relationship with your cover firm and also answer any inquiries concerning you or your cover organization.**

4. **In addition to the above arrangement, you also have a contract with another notional firm to submit photographs and reports which are to be utilized in the preparation of travel brochures. This firm is Betvins Travel Folders which is located at Room 2101, 50 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, Telephone: Murray Hill 7-4473. Betvins is directed by Charles E. Betvin, a fictitious individual, and is engaged in the preparation of material for travel folders, brochures, package tours, etc.**

5. **The above address for Betvins is in actuality located in the office of a cleared attorney who is prepared to backstop both the cover firm and your association with Betvins Travel Folders. This person also has contact with headquarters.**

6. **You are engaged on a contract basis to provide photographs and reports relating to possible tours, places of interest, eating establishments, hotels, etc. This information is then edited by Betvins and sold to various clients who desire travel folders.**

7. **You also have legitimate cover in the form of your free lance photography and short story writing. The past publication of this work can be used as a supplement to your Betvin cover.**

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8. Your cover story for having been engaged by the Public Surveys Institute is as follows:

During a visit to the United States in May 1957, you became acquainted with Albert E. Johnson, the Director of Public Surveys Institute. Johnson indicated that he was interested in engaging the services of several people to organize and conduct polls in various Latin American areas.

Since you were already located in Cuba and had a knowledge of the language and customs, he expressed an interest in employing you in Cuba. As you felt this type of work would not conflict with your photographic efforts, you accepted the position effective May 1, 1957, in order to have an extra source of income.

Early in 1958, Johnson advised you that he had acquired several promising accounts who were interested in Mexico and he desired to transfer you to Mexico City since you had both experience and the necessary language qualification. You readily agreed to the transfer and planned to leave for Mexico during the latter part of May after a short vacation in the United States.

9. Your cover story for having been engaged by Betvins Travel Folders is as follows:

While visiting in the United States during April 1958 prior to your departure for Mexico, you became acquainted with Charles H. Betvin through Albert Johnson in New York. Betvin had seen some of your published work and expressed an interest in engaging your services on a part-time basis in Mexico. Since it meant an additional source of income as well as an opportunity to utilize your photographic talents, you readily accepted his offer. You were to photograph various places which were of interest to Betvin's clients and also forward information relating to prices, possible package tours, historical points of interest, etc.

Documentation

10. Correspondence reflecting your progress or difficulties encountered should be carried on between you and your cover firms. Such correspondence should be at intervals which would make your association with your cover firms appear to be the normal relationship of employer and employee.

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Financial Arrangements

11. It is understood that there actually will be no disbursement of funds for salary or other purposes to you through your cover firm, and therefore, arrangements for salary payments are a matter of concern between you and your division case officer. However, precautions must be taken to insure that the arrangements made will not conflict with your cover story.

Taxes

12. Your income tax returns will be filed with the Internal Revenue Tax Unit stationed at headquarters in accordance with Agency FH 20-660-4.

Restrictions

13. Should you at any time feel the necessity for a modification of this cover arrangement, or supplementing the cover outside of the present arrangement, or if any problems arise affecting your cover, direct a routine communication to your cover firm outlining the need or situation and concurrently notify your case officer of the conditions so that he may check with headquarters. Subsequently, you will receive advice from your cover concerns as would be normal and also be provided with official compatible instructions from your case officer.

14. With regard to any persons desiring to apply for a position with either cover firm, you are instructed to state that to the best of your knowledge and belief, the firms are adequately staffed. However, in order the the matter may be treated casually, the inquirer may be told to submit his application to the New York or Texas address, which ever applies, where it will receive due consideration.

15. You understand that these cover facilities have been established through cleared cooperative individuals who are witting, but not actually a part of the Agency. These persons know that you are actually an employee of the Agency and, as such, an extremely high standard of conduct will be expected of you.

16. A copy of this cover story will be retained in the station files. You may refer to it when necessary.

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582 IN/DIR/WH
 ORIG : L. D. FUCKETT
 UNIT : WHD
 EXT : 2555
 DATE : 25 APRIL 1958

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CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

S-E-C-R-E-T

TO : MEXICO CITY
 FROM : DIRECTOR
 CONF : WH 5
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TO MEXI INFO CITE DIR 19152

RE: A. DIR 16715 (OUT 61381)

B. MEXI 1146 (IN 20477)*

C. HYMN-5826

1. SUB REF C ASSIGNED NEW PSEUDO HAROLD R. NOEMAYR.

2. APPRECIATE REF B SUGGESTION. HOWEVER, HQS ARRANGING NOEMAYR

BACKSTOPPED COVER AS REPRESENTATIVE NOTIONAL PUBLIC POLLING SERVICES

FIRM IN DALLAS, WHICH NOEMAYR USED IN CUBA, AND PHOTOGRAPHER AND COLLECTOR

OF TRAVEL DATA FOR NOTIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE FIRM IN NEW YORK WHICH SUPPLIES

TRAVEL INFO FOR PACKAGE TOURS. ALSO, HE WILL CONTINUE SUBMIT ARTICLES

TO BOYS LIFE MAGAZINE. BELIEVE ABOVE COVER WILL GIVE NOEMAYR GOOD

FLEXIBILITY AND MOBILITY AND WILL ELIMINATE MEXI NEED ARRANGE LOCAL COVER.

3. NOEMAYR PLANS ETA MEXI END MAY AS TOURIST. WILL ARRANGE WORKING PAPERS THRU STATION RECOMMENDED MEXI LAW FIRM.

4. REQUEST MEXI CONCURRENCE PARAS 2, AND 3 ABOVE.

END OF MESSAGE

CS COMMENT: *STATION CONCURS JOURNALISTIC COVER.
 COORDINATED IN DRAFT WITH: CI/ICD/WH/HR. ANDERSON

COORDINATED BY PHONE WITH: CDD/IC/HR. BILAUDEAU

J. C. KING, C/WH
 RELEASING OFFICER

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R. E. DANLON, C/WH/III
 AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

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DATE: 24 APR 1958

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REC'D CABLE SECT.

ROUTINE

IN 20477

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: MEXICO CITY

ACTION: WH 5

INFO: CI, CI/OPS, CI/IC, FI, FI/OPS 2, S/C 2

TO: DIR INFO CITE MEXI 1446

RE: DIR 16715 (OUT 64381 9)

1. MR JOSEPH RAVOTTO, DEPUTY PAO, WHO KNOWS BENJAMIN AS WELL AS ANY ONE IN EMBASSY STATES HE SOUND, RESPECTED NEWS PAPER MAN WITH GOOD MEXI SOCIAL AND OFFICIAL CONTACTS. OUR FILES, ODENVY AND BIOG SECTION EMB TRACES NEGATIVE.
2. STATION CONCURS JOURNALISTIC COVER.
3. IF HQS APPROVES STATION WILL HAVE TALK BENJAMIN IN ORDER FURNISH DETAILS RE REIMBURSEMENT, FLEXIBILITY, DURABILITY AND OTHER ASPECTS GOOD COVER. WOULD NOT MENTION ANY NAME OR TARGET.
4. IF BENJAMIN UNDER CONSIDERATION URGE VAIVADA BE PERMITTED MEET, EVALUATE AND AGREE COVER ACCEPTABLE. ADVISE.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: * CONCERNED VAIVADA COVER.

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16 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DD/P
VIA : Chief, Central Cover Branch
SUBJECT : **Journalistic** Cover for Harold R. WOLFE (ps)

1. Attached are the pertinent data pertaining to Subject's background as required by OSI 210-6.

2. **It is requested that approval be granted for Subject's use of journalistic cover and that CCD/DC undertake the necessary arrangements to facilitate Subject's affiliation with appropriate news media.**

J. C. KING
CHIEF
Western Hemisphere Division

CONCUR:

Chief, Central Cover Branch

APPROVED:

Chief of Operations, DD/P

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- (4) Special groups to be contacted: While subject will be concerned principally with the local Communist party, it is not necessary for him to have personal access to any special group.
- (5) Approximate annual income to be attributed to covers: \$10,000 (including allowances).
- (6) Hours which must be devoted to operational duties: Subject should be able to devote at least 60% of his time to operational activity. His proposed cover will allow him a maximum of flexibility in arranging his cover and operational activity.
- (7) Physical security requirements: No problems anticipated in this respect.
- (8) Communications: Subject will utilize station communications facilities and will have regular contact with station personnel.
- (9) Cover suggestions: In view of subject's previous journalistic experience, listed below, it is believed that it would be most appropriate for him to utilize cover connected with journalism. Probably the most advantageous arrangement would be for subject to become affiliated with one or two relatively small U.S. newspapers who do not currently have representatives in Mexico City. His contributions to such news media should be in the field of feature and human-interest stories, rather than of current events. His salary could, and probably should, be based on a stringer or piecemeal basis, rather than having a fixed income. Since subject is also a competent and experienced photographer, he could be expected to make photographic contributions to the newspapers or magazines he represents.

In addition to the above arrangements, it is suggested further that the notional cover (Public Surveys Institute, General Polling Service, Dallas, Texas) previously utilized by subject be continued. Subject maintains that he has developed a very sound and detailed cover based on this notional arrangement and that it would be very logical for him to use it in Mexico. Also, this additional cover arrangement would give subject another means of income together with added social flexibility and geographic mobility.

(10) Previous journalistic and writing experience:

NOEMAYR's formal journalistic training consists of a two-year correspondence course in fiction writing with the Palmer Institute of Authorship.

NOEMAYR has had three short stories published: "Old Esber Ness" in Boys Life, September 1956; "The Golden Mince," in

On 1 May 1953, MR. CROZIER was in charge of an attempt to physically penetrate the home of Manuel NOGA Valverde, President of the Costa Rican Communist Party for the purpose of obtaining documents which could be used to prove the Communist party's control over the partido progresista independiente, a front which had been organized to participate in the 1953 elections. The sub-agent who was to actually perform the penetration failed to appear and realizing the urgency of the operation, CROZIER ^{+ on his own initiative} made the penetration. At the time ~~midday~~ (c400) he entered the NOGA house, the entire family was known to be sleeping in the rear part of the house.

^{GREAT} Working quietly and quickly under conditions of ~~considerable~~ personal risk, MR. CROZIER succeeded in carrying away approximately 85 percent of the legal PPI documentation and other records as well as a large amount of Communist Party documents such as minutes to meetings, code words, etc. A few days later a high level party penetration reported that the PPI may have been eliminated from the electoral scene due to the almost impossible task of reconstructing the legally required records. However, the PPI was ~~able~~ able to reconstruct the records and registered by the deadline of 26 May. According to the Station, "this operation provided the station with a bulk of compromising documents, seriously hampered PPI activities because of missing records, almost eliminated them from the scene, spread distrust, suspicion, and confusion among the political Commission, and, because it was finally attributed to Figuerista ~~elements~~ elements, enraged the Communists against FIGUERES and destroyed any

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possibility of an agreement with or support for FIGUEROA." (HRG-A-212). On

29 May a careful selection of the more compromising documents obtained by

CROZIER's penetration was mailed to the head of the Legislative Commission

investigating the Communist affiliations of the PPI. On May 5 June an additional

batch of the documents were mailed. These papers were selected for their authentic-

ty, i.e. carbon copies of letters previously sent to the Assembly by the PPI,

in order to establish the validity of the documents. On 24 July 1953 the

President of Costa Rica signed a bill outlawing the PPI. The participation

of Mr. CROZIER in the campaign to prevent the PPI from becoming a legal party

is considered to have been instrumental in its success.

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CONTRACT INFORMATION AND CHECK LIST		CASE OFFICER Lo. D. Puckett	DIVISION ED
INSTRUCTIONS: Complete all items, marking "AD" when items are not applicable. Forward original and one copy for preparation of contract.		TELEPHONE EXTENSION 2555 or 3162	DATE 16 April 1958
SECTION I GENERAL			
1. NAME <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST <input type="checkbox"/> LAST Harold B. NEUMAYER	2. PROJECT LIEGE	3. ALLOTMENT NO.	4. SLOT NO.
5. PREVIOUS CIA PSEUDONYM OR ALIASES Arthur G. VALVADA	6. INDIVIDUAL IS PRESENTLY ENGAGED OR HAS BEEN ENGAGED BY CIA OR ITS ALLIED ACTIVITIES IN SOME CAPACITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If yes, describe and include salary) Career Agent GS-12 \$7,570.00		
7. SECURITY CLEARANCE (Type and date) CSA 3 July 1957 (Assignment in process to include Mexico City)	8. CONTRACT IS TO BE WRITTEN IN STENOGRAPHIC FORM I.E., "U.S. GOVERNMENT" <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		
9. INDIVIDUAL WILL WORK "CLASSIFIED COMPARTMENTS" I.E., REGULAR OFFICE HOURS AWAY FROM SUBJECT'S HOME AND PERFORMS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A STAFF EMPLOYEE OR STAFF AGENT <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	10. PROPOSED CATEGORY (Contract Agent, Contract Employee, etc.) Career Agent		
SECTION II PERSONAL DATA			
11. CITIZENSHIP USA	12. IF NOT U.S. CITIZEN, INDIVIDUAL IS A PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	13. AGE 35	14. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) 20 June 1923
15. LEGAL RESIDENCE (City and state or country) Costa Rica, Limon		16. CURRENT RESIDENCE (City and state or country) Alexandria, Virginia	
17. MARITAL STATUS (Mark as appropriate) <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULLED <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED			
18. NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS (Not including individual) RELATIONSHIP: Three, wife and two children		19. INDIVIDUAL IS RELATED TO A STAFF EMPLOYEE, STAFF AGENT OR AN INDIVIDUAL CURRENTLY WORKING FOR THE AGENCY IN SOME CAPACITY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO RELATIONSHIP: X	
SECTION III U.S. MILITARY STATUS			
20. RESERVE No	21. VETERAN Yes	22. IF RETIRED, INDICATE CATEGORY (Longevity, combat disability service disability non-combat)	
23. BRANCH OF SERVICE Air Force	24. RANK OR GRADE Tech 6-8	25. DRAFT ELIGIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	26. DRAFT DEFERMENT OBTAINED BY CIA <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
SECTION IV COMPENSATION			
27. BASIC SALARY \$7,570.00 p/a	28. POST DIFFERENTIAL None	29. COVER (Breakdown, if any) Income derived from cover will be turned in to Station	
30. TAXES TO BE WITHHELD BY COVER <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
SECTION V ALLOWANCES (NORMALLY GRANTED ONLY TO RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES)			
31. QUARTERS None	32. POST None	33. OTHER Temporary living allowance, if required, not to exceed additional \$136.00 Educational (2 children) \$50.00	
34. None			
SECTION VI TRAVEL			
35. TYPES <input type="checkbox"/> PCS <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> FOREIGN OPERATIONAL		36. WITH DEPENDENTS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
37. HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS TO BE SHIPPED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	38. PERSONAL VEHICLE 1 BE SHIPPED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	39. TRANSPORTED VEHICLE TO BE USED FOR OPERATIONAL TRAVEL <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
40. DEPENDENTS STATE RELATIONSHIP, CITIZENSHIP, AGE AND DATE OF BIRTH Mexico City			
Wife, Costa Rican citizen, born 15 March 1918			
Son, born 4 September 1949 - US citizen			
Daughter, born 24 June 1951 - US citizen			
41. PAYMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY WILL BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CIA REGULATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> COVER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES			
SECTION VII OPERATIONAL EXPENSES			
42. PURCHASE OF INFORMATION		43. ENTERTAINMENT	
44. OTHER Travel in Mexico. Yes, no			

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14 April 1958.

- 5) Societies - Memberships: Completed a two year correspondence course in fiction writing - Palmer Institute of Authorship.

Member of the American Legion - Havana.

Assessment (see)

a) Last assignment: Arrived Havana in August 1954 with a one-year scholarship at the University of Habana (Pan American Foundation, University of Florida at Gainesville). This cover adequately set up and well back stopped. I travelled to Gainesville, met the man (Curt Kilgus) on that end of the line and the only documentation necessary was a series of letters from the Foundation that indicated my efforts to obtain the scholarship and finally their grant. After arriving, however, and matriculating at the U of H, it became immediately obvious that the nature of my target was such that my presence within the university was more a handicap than an asset. After a few months at the university, I abandoned studies (it was becoming increasingly difficult anyway due to political disturbances) and turned to freelance photography and writing for my cover. For several months I had the photography on just enough of a paying basis that would satisfy any security surveillance.

Photography and writing was definitely superior to university as cover, since it then gave me the opportunity to work inconspicuously on penetrations within the university.

Concerning general security aspects of that assignment, there was that one incident with the threat to exposure coming out of the death of an amphotach key agent and my proximity throughout the entire incident. However, there has never been any indication that I was exposed or compromised. The station in Cuba felt that if I could return and operate as free from surveillance as I did, that certainly Cuban security people did not have anything compromising on me.

b) Previous assignments: To the best of my knowledge, I have never been exposed or compromised during the years of operation in Costa Rica, Guatemala and Cuba. There was an incident which prompted an early departure from Guatemala for personal and operational security reasons - but again, there was never any further indication as to the validity of the warning. What occurred - the Costa Rican source MARY - apparently learned from high level party sources that "a US agent, specialist in communist matters, had departed San Jose for Guatemala" and of course, this vagary unfortunately coincided with my arrival at Guatemala. At any rate, I was doing very little at Guatemala and would have departed anyway in view of the deteriorating situation of June 1954.

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Naturally, there are many intangibles involved with operating over long periods (almost years in Cuba) in one place, and then travelling back and forth between areas of previous assignment (Costa Rica), and last but not least, cultivating communists in all these places. The question becomes, how thorough are these people? Does a Cuban CP character communicate with a Guatemalan or Costa Rican along lines of security, of movement of Americans in these areas, and actual approaches made? Probably not, at their best, the administration is haphazard. A typical example: Once, in 1955, when I was leaving Costa Rica, I made a couple of cold approaches - one was with woman communist, a leader in the Union de Mujeres Carmen Liza. I walked away from her house - she evidently got a taxi right behind me - and she went straight to the headquarters and reported to Manuel Mora. But she couldn't describe me - had the story so confused (the so-called story) as to render it useless to them, and absolutely nothing ever came of the incident. (By the same token, it would have been a different story in Cuba.)

Although, even in Cuba, there is not persistence or perseverance in investigations. I was working with a municipal committee youth communist - he is a translator and did a story for me in Spanish - and he was visiting my home (twice) while I went to his apartment about four times. I gave him my business card (Dallas Corporation) and some time later a SIM net picked him - searched his premises - and among other things, turned up my business card. He was queried on it and stated that he was simply translating for me. Now this boy is a known communist, although they could get nothing on him at this time - but such an incident ^{should} have provoked at least a casual surveillance of me or my premises. Nothing came of this incident either - and the station down there would know.

Lastly, the mission up to the Sierra Maestra has security implications. Not so much concerning communists, but its reasonable to assume that Cuban security people will come up with my name as having been up there. However, with the pictures published, perhaps an article later, there should be enough cover as a writer to neutralize any hazard there.

Past employment (with us)

a) Company or foundations: Scholarship from Panamerican Foundation at University of Florida at Gainesville, from July 1954 to June 1955.

Then the national cover set up last year (May 1957) was the Public Surveys Institute, General Polling Service, 532 Fidelity Union Life Bldg., 1511 Bryan street, Dallas, Texas.

This arranged so that any mail or telephone to the above corporation would confirm my company connections and could even be used as a credit reference if necessary. This arrangement was quite satisfactory.

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b) The security aspects of the Dallas corporation were very good I believe. Since freelance writing at best is considered a weak cover, this corporation connection gave me a more solid standing with more serious creditors such as landlords, banks and the larger merchandizing houses. In addition to the above, this cover was utilized very conveniently in operational instances where a realistic approach story was needed. Communists were approached on the basis of a political polling - this could be narrowed right down to soliciting information on the communist party as a political party. Again, it was always nice to have a business card with addresses and telephone numbers that could be given as immediate reference to any type of security interrogation.

Estimate of Journalistic capability:

While my contributions in fiction have been principally juvenile, my writing training has come largely over a period of years at reportorial writing. Since I have some experience as a photographer also, it is convenient to relate the two, and possibly my best field would be feature and article writing. However, while on the mission with the Castro revolutionary movement, I associated with various members of the press and had no difficulty whatsoever in passing as one of them. Given an adequate period for familiarization, I feel that I could just about move into any press or writing slot that did not require a great deal of copy or tight deadlines.

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ORIG : L. D. POCKETT
 UNIT : WHD 656
 EXT : 2555
 DATE : 9 APRIL 1958

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TO : MEXICO CITY

FROM : DIRECTOR

CONF : WH 5

INFO : CI, CI/OFS, CI/IC, FI/OFS 2, S/C 2

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TO MEXI INFO CITE DIR

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MEXI 1017 (IN 26340)

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1. DISCUSSIONS WITH ARTHUR G. VAIVADA INDICATE JOURNALISTIC COVER

SUITABLE FOR MEXI ASSIGNMENT. THIS BASED HIS PUBLISHED FICTIONAL AND NEWS STORIES DURING PAST FEW YEARS AND PUBLISHED NEWS PHOTOS TAKEN DURING RECENT VISIT FIDEL CASTRO CAMP.

2. HQS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING U.S. COVER ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, TO INSURE CONSIDERATION ALL POSSIBILITIES, REQUEST STATION OPINION USE ROBERT SPIERS BENJAMIN (REQUEST CURRENT TRACES), WHO KNOWN TO HANHAN.

3. REQUEST STATION CONCURRENCE VAIVADA USE JOURNALISTIC COVER.

END OF MESSAGE.

C/S COMMENT: *VAIVADA ACCEPTABLE, SUGGESTED ARRIVE MEXI ON 1 MAY FOR ORIENTATION.

COORDINATION WITH:

WH/III/CARIBBEAN *RR*

DC/CI/ICD *Paul J. Bunker*

CCB/NC/Mr. LaRoshie by phone *JP*

R. G. King
J. G. KING, C/WH
RELEASING OFFICER

COORDINATING OFFICERS

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R. H. Dahlgren
R. H. DAHLGREN, C/WH/III
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

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OW/P 3-8523

4 April 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DD/P

VIA : CCB/NO

SUBJECT: : Sale of News Photographs by Arthur G. VAIWADA (na)

1. It is requested that Arthur G. VAIWADA be granted permission to sell news photographs of Fidel CASTRO's Cuban Revolutionary Group to an appropriate United States news agency.

2. VAIWADA is a Career Agent who has very recently returned from a PCS assignment in Cuba. At the direction of the Western Hemisphere Division, VAIWADA spent the last three weeks of his Cuba assignment in the Pierre Maestre camp of Fidel CASTRO for the purpose of collecting current intelligence information on CASTRO's activities. As a result of his national cover as a representative of a U. S. public opinion polling service, VAIWADA was able to take numerous photographs of current news interest. This Division considers the sale of these photographs as an integral part of the cover backstopping necessary to protect the identity of VAIWADA's actual sponsor (CIA) from three U. S. news media correspondents who were with VAIWADA during his visit with CASTRO. Also, the sale of these photographs would supplement a future news media cover for VAIWADA in his forthcoming PCS assignment in Mexico City.

3. All money resulting from the sale of these photographs will be retained by the Agency.

J. C. King
J. C. KING
CHIEF
WESTERN HEMISPHERE DIVISION

CONCUR:

J. R. [unclear]
CHIEF, CCB/NO

APPROVED:

J. M. [unclear]
CCPS
4 April 1958

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CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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DATE: 10 FEBRUARY 1958

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FROM: DIRECTOR

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CITE DIR

3. VAIVADA TO USE COVER REF B. **HE IS NOT USE POLLING COVER FOR CURRENT OPERATION. POLLING COVER TO BE REVEALED ONLY IF QUESTIONED REGARDING PAST ACTIVITY.** STATION TO PROVIDE ESCAPE AND EVASION PLAN USE EVENT NEED.

END OF MESSAGE

CS COMMENT: *HQ'S SUGGESTED SUCH BE ADVISED VAIVADA IS FREE LANCE WRITER WITH GOOD COYOTE CONTACTS.

R. B. King
for R. B. KING, C/WH/
RELEASING OFFICER

FI/OPS
COORDINATING OFFICERS

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H. N. Dahlberg
H. N. DAHLBERG, C/WH/3
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

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 R. REYNOLDS
 KH/III
 EXT 2056
 DATE 21 JANUARY 1958

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 FROM : DIRECTOR
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RE: HAVA-133 (IN-18923)*

HQS CONCURS BUT SUGGEST MUCH BE ADVISED VALVADA IS FREELANCE WRITER
 WITH "GOOD OUTSIDE CONTACTS".

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: EBERWEIN THROUGH CLOSE CONTACT LUIS BUCH, KEY FIGURE IN 26 JULY
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RE: DIR 02147
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1. EBERWEIN THROUGH CLOSE CONTACT LUIS BUCH, KEY FIGURE IN 26 JULY MOVEMENT, CAN ESTABLISH BONA FIDES FOR VAIVADA MISSION. VAIVADA THINKS CHANCES SUCCESS WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED IF CASTRO BELIEVES HE IS UNOFFICIAL U.S. OBSERVER. STATION CONCURS AND SUGGESTS BUCH BE DISCREETLY INFORMED ANYTHING CASTRO TELLS VAIVADA WILL FIND ITS WAY TO U.S. GOVT CHANNELS. LIGHT FREELANCE WRITER COVER WILL THEN BE ADEQUATE.

2. REQUEST HQS APPROVAL PROCEED THIS BASIS UNLESS EVENTS ORIENTE FORCE DELAY.

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C/S COMMENT: * APPARENTLY WRONG REFERENCE.

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TO HAVA INFO CITE DIR 02147

REF: HAVA-119 (IN 13430)

1. HQS AGREES VAIVADA WELL QUALIFIED TO UNDERTAKE MISSION **PROVIDED MORE SUITABLE COVER CAN BE ARRANGED. BELIEVE HIS FORMER COVER AS FREE LANCE WRITER WOULD BE MORE ADEQUATE FOR CONTACTING CASTRO. PROPOSED COVER REF COULD BE USED ONLY EVENT CAPTURE BY AUTHORITIES.** DESIRE HE LEAVE ON MISSION NOT LATER END FEB. MEANWHILE VAIVADA CAN ARRANGE INTERVIEW FAUSTINO PEREZ.

2. PROJECT AMPHODARCH AMENDMENT UNDER PROCESS TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND COVERAGE TRANSFER FAMILY COSTA RICA AND DISPOSITION HEB AND AUTO. HQS WILL ADVISE APPROVAL.

3. VAIVADA'S NEXT ASSIGNMENT UNDER STUDY AND EXPECT DECISION PRIOR END FEB.

4. PREPARE PCS HAVA UNLIKELY BEFORE ONE APRIL.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: REQUESTED PCS COMMENTS ON ASSIGNING ARTHUR G. VAIVADA TO VISIT CASTRO.

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 for J. C. KING, C/CHD
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Chief, WH/3/PI
 ATTN : Mr. James B. Moland

DATE: 10 June 1957

FROM : AC/GS/TR

SUBJECT: Training Report on Arthur G. VAIVADA, (P)
 Training Alias: "VICKS"

1. Arthur G. VAIVADA was trained covertly by instructors of this office in Washington, D.C. from 25 March 1957 through 7 May 1957. The original Training Request form dated 4 December 1955 reveals the following information concerning his background, experience and proposed assignment:

"VAIVADA is thirty-four years of age, married and a U.S. citizen by birth. He attended high school in De Kalb, Illinois and entered the U.S. Army in 1940, later transferring to the U.S. Air Force. The trainee served as an operations and intelligence specialist, first in the China/Burma theatre and later in Panama. He was discharged from the service in 1945. Following his discharge, VAIVADA worked for a short period as a laboratory technician in the Sterling Silica-Gel Corporation, Illinois and then returned to the Panama Canal Zone to work as a stevedore and a labor foreman. He reenlisted in the U.S. Air Force in April 1946 and was honorably discharged in 1949. On 1 June 1949, VAIVADA became a contract agent for this Agency. He served in this capacity in Costa Rica, handling a high level penetration of the Communist Party until 1953. In July 1954, the trainee became principal agent of Project AMPHODARCH. He has been operating under a student cover, working for his A.B. degree at the University of Havana. It is planned that VAIVADA will return to Havana, Cuba under cover of a representative of a well known U.S. polling agency. He will perform the duties of principal agent, handling a large net of sub-agent informants in Cuban university youth circles to provide coverage of Communist, leftist, revolutionary and other political activities among these groups."

2. The instructors who participated in VAIVADA's training indicate that his overall performance was above average. He is a highly intelligent, practical and realistic young man possessing excellent judgment and common sense. His motivation is strong and his interest in clandestine activity as a profession appears to be genuine. VAIVADA should continue to develop as a skilled and competent agent.

The official to whom this report is entrusted is personally responsible for it. Although he may, within his discretion, show it to other members of his staff, the report should never be shown to the student whom it concerns.

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TO : SAN JOSE

FROM : HAVANA

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CITE: HAVA 826

TO: SANJ

REQUEST SANJ CABLE VAIVADA REPLIES TO FOLLOWING: WHO AMONG
 HQS HAVA CONTA CTS COULD ALSO KNOW TELEPHONE F-5019? GIVE DETAILED
 ADDRESS GARAGE WHERE JOAQUIN MARTINEZ VELASQUEZ, JS CONTACT, WORKS
 AND CAN BE REACHED.

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