

10 July 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

FROM : Lawrence J. ...
 SUBJECT : Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 17 July 1963

1. An unexpected meeting was held with LITAMIL-9 at 2105 hours 17 July -- Barker had a scheduled meeting with AMSAIL-1 at the corner of Ejercito Nacional and Belcher Campo at 2100 hours but A-1 was not in place at 2103 when B made his second pass -- B then stopped by the corner of Gutenberg and Thiers where there is a pay phone -- to make a call to A-1 -- but as B's car pulled up, LITAMIL-9 stepped out of the bushes and said, in English, "Here I am." -- L-2 got in the car and L-9 drove away -- the mystery was clarified when L-9 explained that he had called B's home about 2030 hours and spoken with B's wife who said he was out and would probably be back in about half an hour -- L-9 was on his way to phone again (from the pay phone at Gutenberg & Thiers -- usual pick up point) when he saw Barker pass by -- later spotted the car pull up at the corner -- he assumed by this time that Barker had spoken with his wife, and received the word that L-9 was looking for him that night -- this a coincidence, L-9 explained his presence in the area (partly true) by saying he was coming for better pick up points -- the mission was made of another scheduled meeting (with A-1). L-9 drove on the Guatemalan highway to the vicinity of the Dawn Motel where the meeting was held. L-9 was dropped off at 2325 hours.

2. L-9 revealed again his concern about security -- since the new embassy and cultural center are such sharp people, hence much more dangerous. The elements of a complete clandestine communication system were explained to L-9 -- regular, scheduled and non-scheduled, relay, and warning -- and some proposals made in writing out the details.

3. L-9 reported that he had seen ... **Inaugurate at ... of ...**
Urban engravings, ...
Avondale Center No. 379 ...
... about 21 July ...
Urban ...
... and will last about
two weeks.

4. He reported the following additional developments:

(a) A big celebration of the 36th of July ... will be held in ... suburb of ... This celebration -- sponsored by the ... -- will take place in the ... The principal ... The event will take place at ...

L-9 ... it wants to have a photograph ... and ... a stink bomb or ...

(b) ... who was introduced ... RUBY ... the support ... the ... in the United States and is planning to go there ... no further details.

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She was introduced to the First Lady by (Mrs) BARRIOS. See (phonetic).

- (c) F. J. BERT, the new Canadian Consul, told me that (phonetic), Cuban Ambassador in Ecuador is going to be recalled soon because he has done much harm there to Cuban-Swiss relations.
- (d) APAL, etc. also reported that the magazine EXHIBIT in Cuba is having serious trouble obtaining newspaper.
- (e) ARANCIO said that when he was in Prague he had trouble with the elite -- asked to be sent to some other European country -- was surprised at the suddenness of his transfer to Mexico.
- (f) (In response to a question as to who should be the man we might most easily recruit among the Embassy staff) I said he has doubts about JORDAN's loyalty to the Castro regime. Believes JORDAN might be recruitable but wouldn't dare do it himself (I assured Lina would never ask him to undertake such a risky venture). JORDAN goes window shopping along San Juan de los Rios often -- might be approachable there.
- (g) Only two Cubans were invited to the French Ambassador's residence on Retillo Bay (14 July) -- Ambassador HERNANDEZ ARTEAGA and Lina. Each was accompanied by Lina and I. (The Ambassador's car. The Amb was clearly impressed with Lina's standing with the French -- L is a close friend of the French Military Attache to whom he introduced the Amb -- and the Amb got L by his side during the celebration -- J. J. said good French.) At this affair, DIME of the Soviet Embassy spoke in a superficial manner of international politics and it became clear that the Cuban Amb is a man of the Soviets in the directorate with Lina. DIME remarked that he would be leaving soon but would be replaced with "another young man, just a step or two up." DIME and the Amb agreed that Cuban foreign policy for Latin America is designed to give the impression that such governments as the one in Argentina represent a sincere advance whereas in fact they are waiting for the military.
- (h) Mr. Snedden (with whom Ulises BORTOLINI was in the Embassy on 17 July -- spoke with ARANCIO, who represents a group of pro-Castro writers in Ecuador and is trying to go to Cuba who probably got there. He has a package and board -- brought a box as a gift for ARANCIO.
- (i) ARANCIO is busy working on the forthcoming Congress of Americans which is to take place in Havana. Lina dealing personally with a man named LAMAR on this subject. Lina says that the US Government has been paying lots of money to have the best of the exiles. Lina to some other place -- without success. I checked 100 dollars, a government corruption fees paid by Mexican delegates to the Congress, has been sent to Havana.
- (j) Lina in the Embassy seems unduly upset by the restrictions on selling currency transactions with Cuba.

(c) L turned over to B (for return) a handbill put out by the Escuela Normal Rural de Santa Teresa Coshula, dated 10 June 1963, explaining that school's invitation to Fidel Castro to act as sponsor of the 1958-1963 graduating class. Copy attached.

(1) L turned over a pornographic cartoon (for return) distributed by pro-Castro elements in Tampico. Copy not attached.

(2) Wilfredo of the Cuban Consulate, Tampico, reported that Lucia CALDERON has a sister residing in Reynosa, Tama., married to an American of Mexican descent. Luisa may go up to the border to visit her sister soon -- or her mother may make the trip -- details not clear.

5. L-9 reports that he is very well "in" with the new ambassador who seems to respect him highly and to admire him for his contacts. He is also getting along very nicely with his new boss, APARICIO. His information gathering method is still to keep his eyes and ears open and ask no questions -- thus he often gets only fragments -- while questions or discreet elicitation might fill in detail he is extremely wary lest he arouse any suspicion.

6. While he suggested V might want to toss a few stink bombs at the engraving exhibit on the 20th in Tampico and the subsequent celebration of the 26th in Ciudad Madero -- he was also concerned lest any disruption might get him in trouble since he is the principal organizer of both affairs -- felt that the Mexican Government might think the disruption was engineered by the Castro Cubans, themselves, to throw suspicion at the anti-Castroites.

7. L-9 is really worried about his security and it will be up to us to take every practical precaution to protect him. He loves to talk -- quite a conversation list -- and needs constant encouragement and shoring-up. He is ~~unusually~~ inclined to get himself on the back quite often and wait for a further pat from his case officer (which B is always quick to add). This characteristic comes out in his conversation when he stops and says, "I did very well there, didn't I?" or "That was a good ~~summary~~ idea I had, wasn't it?" or "I think my ideas on handling such-and-such are pretty clever, don't you?"

8. For the present it has been decided to keep holding meetings in B's car -- always at night. The pick up point has been abandoned in favor of a mobile pick up -- L will start at the corner of Thiers and Melchor Ocampo at the prescribed hour and work slowly up the street to Thiers and Gutenberg -- then, without turning, will work his way back down the opposite side of the street to Melchor Ocampo -- B will cruise by in his car and make the pick up while L is walking. Other scene details will be worked out at the next meeting.

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