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1. On 17 April 1963 Francis Patrick, District Solicitor in
Fiction, N.Y., advised to the effect that a former Grand Juror,
Charles had been paid for days earlier and had been arrested
in New York. A friend of Charles, named George, for one of the persons
known, that John Smith, Smith, had written a General Order,
James W. Smith General, mentioning Charles as a man of great
abilities to the Government in view of the events in Cuba. Charles
was described as President of the New Committee, part on future,
Facts, who is in New York and in the State. Mr. Patrick mentioned
that he had checked the FBI file in New York to confirm report in
order to obtain more background information and an assessment on
Charles.

2. On 1 May 63 Maj. Hurlack advised that Charles was staying at the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York, and that he had telephoned him since her name had been supplied to him by Sykes. Charles contacted her to be his point of contact in Washington. According to Maj. Hurlack, Charles had appointments to see Vice President Johnson, Senator Eastland, and Congressman Farrow (Missile). However, Charles was willing to talk to representatives of Mrs. Hurlack's office. Maj. Hurlack stated that the British had men in ABE was ready to go to New York to talk to Charles and Hurlack CIA to accompany him. Charles speaks very little English and a strategy in French was therefore required for the future visit. Maj. Hurlack stated that in order to able to obtain a French specialist from West Army, Commander's Island, but he would not be an intelligence officer. It was noted that James Baker, New York Office, who has a knowledge of the French language would accompany the ABE representative during any event. It was also mentioned that Baker would meet the ABE representative (Captain Rogers) as they both Sheraton Hotel where Charles was staying.

3. On 2 May 1934, Dwyer reported that Col. Holt had interviewed Mr. Dyer in New York, N.Y. Dyer had appointed Charles as Director of his bank in Haiti. Charles, according to Dyer, strongly had no political ambitions but in view of the current political situation in Haiti, Charles now thinks that he may have to be practical. Dyer described Charles as well-connected, politically and financially, on both sides of the fence in Haiti. He is also a good friend of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Dyer had given Charles letters of introduction to Senator Keating and to other capitalists in Washington. Charles wanted to see President Kennedy and indeed had gone to the White House to arrange a - an appointment. He was well received by the President's assistant-secretary and invited to dinner that evening with the appointment

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7. I met Mrs. Rutland in the lobby of the Hotel Hamilton shortly before noon, and a Mr. Charles Lacey, Mr. Charles' nephew, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lacey, also arrived. We talked for some time in the lobby. Mr. Lacey mentioned that he had been born in India, Burma, but that he had been educated in England and to travel as a world traveler. He had spent some time in the United States before he went to the United Kingdom and in the United States. He also mentioned that he had been a member of the F.B.I. from 1937 to 1947 and while in the F.B.I. he had met Charles who was visiting Bermuda at the time. He had spoken to Charles and was familiar to what he said, which was somewhat surprising. He was in England, France. He has a B.S. in history and has had some teaching experience. Mr. Chamberlain had been in Tokyo, China. The father was Russian and had been in London, and the father of his from a Russian designer. Mr. Chamberlain mentioned that he was from Charles the position and that he was a partner with him in a small business in Paris.

8. Both Charles and Chamberlain were anxious to arrange meetings with government officials in Washington. I mentioned to Charles that a meeting had been arranged for him at 2:15 and that a Mr. Green would meet him in the lobby. At 2:15 Mrs. Rutland, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain and I departed and Charles remained in the lobby waiting for contact.

9. In the course of the morning conversation, Charles had mentioned to Mrs. Rutland that he desired to see a Mr. Ware, A.D., to discuss the aid to Russia. Later that afternoon Mrs. Rutland called to state that she had called the State Department to pass along Charles' request. Mr. Lacey (Charles) had called her back to pass on the Russian Bank's credit disbursements that came in the United States Government should be in official contact with Charles. She did not consider Charles to be close to the Russian Government, to have been involved in several study financial matters, and in general, to be an undesirable character. Mrs. Rutland asked whether the Agency had any interest in Charles which would dictate further contact with Charles.

10. Page Stuart checked with Mr. Rutland and determined that as a result of the meeting with Charles, the Mr. Lacey had no further plans to contact him. I told Mrs. Rutland that our interests seemed to have been satisfied and that I believed we should disengage ourselves as gracefully as possible.

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11. Upon return, R/S Coordinator, called on 7 May to inform concerning our involvement in the Charles case. He stated that he had called his contact that day to advise him that AML had no direct interest in Charles and that it was acting as an intermediary of the request of General Bunker who had passed the lead to General Hatch. AML was concerned that due to the nature of involvement to the Charles, certain might have to note that AML had interfered or had obstructed the contact with Charles. I explained to him that had happened and he later called back to state that AML was completely satisfied in the way the matter had been handled.

12. On 8 May Mr. Patrick telephoned to advise that the Operational Branch of AML was discussing the Charles case with R/S to determine future course of action. He was still somewhat concerned over our position in the case since Charles continued her to in the field point in Washington. I explained to her that the matter was one for delay, the State Department or the Operational Branch to handle and that we preferred to remain uninvolved. Mr. Patrick mentioned that a dispatch had been received to the effect that a circle of Charles was gradually notified as a measure to facilitate should the latter be overthrown. One was of the opinion that the US government should continue to "play ball" with Charles as a foreign agent in Latin America.

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