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Rogelio Rodriguez Lopez 201-332665

Memo for Record, ~~MEMO~~

From: Lawrence F. Barker

Subj: Meeting w/ LITAMIL-9, 27 Dec 63

"Litamil-9 reported on the recent firing of Teresa Proenza Proenza and this was made the subject of 2 cables to HQ's in view of the importance in the AMROD operation (see MEXI 7613 and MEXI 7625)

MEXI 8982 IN 59445 11 April 64

To: DIR

1. Subj ref, Rogelio Rodriguez Lopez, is one of two top priority Mexi targets for recruitment (other is Code Clerk) Station planning pitch soon.

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Memo for: C/W/H/3 Mex

Subj - Rogelio R. Lopez / Delruffin report # 59 of Ammony - 1

Ref: OTTA 1611 26 April 64

1. Rogelio Rodriguez Lopez to CWS (CPSI) station in Tlx Cr. He uses the pseudonyms "Eduardo", "Casamen", & "Jose Antonio"

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2 Rodriguez has the following description: age approximately 24 years old, 5'8" tall, husky build, blond hair & a reddish complexion.

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Target Personality Data Form
opened on Rogelio Rodriguez Lopez

Loose Docs / RRL

HMMA-18861, Dispatch 17 Apr. 1962

To: C/WHD

From: COS/MLL

Subj: Operational / Link's relation-
ship w/ Osmin Fernandez Concepcion
aka "Oswaldo," concerning
Guatemalan guerrilla activities.

at P6 under COMMENTS

2. "Link has been cautioned to be extremely careful in his approach to and departure from the safehouse & to double check himself carefully en-route. He is well aware of the need for such precautions and has assured his Case Officer that he is observing all precautions possible. (A new safehouse has just been obtained for the phase of the operation.) Link also has been instructed again to stop seeing June Cobb

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since she has proved a definite
danger to the operation especially
since Gutierrez, according to
Ginluck's version has dodged
responsibility for failing to
properly support the Moore
13 November group by implying
that "infiltration" of the Party
was responsible for the capture
of that group and that June
Cobb knows too many Party
secrets through her association
w/ Ginluck. Ginluck once again
has promised to stop seeing
her and has admitted the
validity of our past attempts
to get him to stop his affair
w/ her. He also has been criticized
against letting the relationship
w/ Cobb alienate Gutierrez.

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Memo for: C/WHP for Cuba
Subject: Espionage Allegations

1. Sensitivity: Regardless of accuracy, they
 - A. present a problem because of their having been presented to other govt agencies;
 - B. in view of matters touching on U.S. security, are delicate and could have unfavorable repercussions if repeated to newsmen by the complainant or his associate (whose independent, previous threats were of greater potential embarrassment);
 - C. affect the reputation and the security of our personnel at Madrid and Paris

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Action: In view of the foregoing, the allegations

- A. should be put in proper perspective i.e. not ignored because of the potential embarrassment but considered in the light of what we already know (Almost all of them are repetitions of previous charges and reports, known well to both the Madrid + Paris stations & to HQ's office)

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Concerned w/ the AMLASH group,
whose members' reliability, repu-
tation and good faith are
questionable. Two of the charges -
about Carle and "Tota" and
about AMW HIP-1 and Carrillo -
are new.]

B. should be treated so as to protect
us against any charge of laxity
and so as to establish the
facts but, at the same time,
^{not} treated so as to avoid attributing
to them more importance than
they deserve.

C. should be kept in mind as
example of other charges which
may be bandied about and
reported by the AMLASH group to
other governmental agencies or to
other governments or to news
media (In the last connection
recall the implied threat of
publishing ODYOKR responsibility
be reported previously by MADR ³⁷¹⁶
IN ³⁷⁸⁶³⁴ ~~3716~~).

D. should be examined together
with all the other available reports
so that we may

(1) clarify our own position and
views w/ respect to all the
AMLASH group (and this includes

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- 2) sort out which people, if any, are worth our time in the future;
- 3) take appropriate measures, including interrogation and polygraphing, to clarify doubts and then, when necessary, terminate those who are working ~~for us~~ for us but are not worthwhile;
- 4) tighten up our own operational and security procedure in connection w/ the AMKASH group

3. Preliminary Analysis: As pointed out in a preliminary analysis of the AMKASH complex, made in March 1965 when I was preparing for travel to Madrid in connection w/ the OOHOPS-1 case: "... There is no convincing evidence that the group is working either for or against the regime of Fidel Castro. Reports on their contacts w/ us and their discussions among themselves are at variance. In 1962 Fidel Castro, reportedly knowing that they were plotting against him, talked to AMKASH and seven members of the group

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To enlist their support against Anibal Escalante Pellunde and the communists in Cuba. Possibly they are playing both ends against the middle. They certainly have been and are in contact with the two ends." The following comments are keys to the matter raised by Espinosa:

A. The AMKASH conspiracy - As detailed by MADR-3716 (IN 28634) on 6 April 65, OUSPORT-1 reporting on a meeting of the AMKASH group, including AMWHIP-1 mentioned the following significant points:

- 1) Mulwash was criticized for "fooling around for years" w/out helping and for jeopardizing the operation.
- 2) The group was to be prepared to denounce ODYOKK as responsible if the operation fails and be- lieved that the resulting scandal would make the Bay of Pigs seem insignificant and
- 3) AMKASH-3 was in touch w/ Cuban Intelligence as established by code message which he exhibited

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As reported by PARI-1532 (JW
8 2939) on 4 June 65, based on
meetings w/ Espinoza, the
problem seen by Paris is that
"The AMKASH circle is wide and
each new friend of whom we
learn seems to have knowledge
of the plan." I believe that
the problem is a more serious
and basic one. As indicated
in paragraph 3 of the present
memorandum Fidel Castro
himself reportedly knew as
far back as 1962 that the
group was plotting against
him and knewing it, enlisted
its support. Hence we cannot rule
out the possibility of provocation.
Assassination, obviously, is a
dangerous game, not merely to
the plotters in a physical
sense, but to a sponsoring
government which may
suffer severe political reper-
cussions at home and abroad
if its involvement is made
known. In the instant case,
the risks of exposing the
ODYSEE hand would appear high
whether there is a provocation or
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not. Considering the individuals who are involved directly, their contacts w/ KOBARK officer, and their reported plan to expose ODYOKE, persisting in the plan could be highly embarrassing to KOBARK. (This is even more the case now that Espirasa has talked to ODENVY and ODURSE, although fortunately the tenor of his complaint was that KOBARK had not given adequate support to the plan.

B. The contacts at Paris and the matters affecting the Paris Station - The "recruitment" of Maureen had been the subject of an exchange of cable between Paris and HQ and of discussions at HQ between WH/c and WF (See Paris-1071 (IN 66557) and DIR-10955). The annoying thing in this connection now is that Espirasa has talked about it to ODENVY & ODURSE and the danger that, if he is indiscreet, his story about this (and the other matters) could reach some curious newspaperman. (In this connection, it appears

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That the questionable decision to put Maurice in touch w/ the AMWASH group was made w/out the knowledge of STOKWOOD. Espinosa did not report any criticism of the KOBARKERS at Paris but it is evident that the AMWASH group knows more about them than we might wish. What is new and of

concern from Espinosa about matters in Paris is his story of AMWHIP-1 and UNSNAFU-19 dealings. The questions raised about AMWHIP-1 are of mutual concern also to HQ's which has been running him and MADRID which he has visited often. (On the occasion of my previous trip to Madrid on the QUHOPS-1 case, Rowley had voiced his doubts about the whole group and specifically about AMWHIP-1 and his connection w/ UNSNAFU-19.)

At issue are two basic points, the knowledge on the part of UNSNAFU-19 about KOBARK'S connection w/ AMWHIP-1 and the charge that AMWHIP-1 has been

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defrauding KUBARK in the jewelry transaction. Also to be kept in mind is the fact that ODENVY has an office in Paris which well might have been informed of the allegations and which might have been asked for comments - although OPRNW policy always has been to stay away from any investigation of other government agencies unless specifically directed by the Attorney General to investigate.

C. Criticism of the Madrid Station
Criticism of the Madrid Station by the AMKASH group is not new. Amlesh 2 and 3 were in Madrid and wanted direct contact, but the Station has had reservations about seeing them. The Station has been involved indirectly because of reporting by its source about and involvement of Station targets w/ both the AMKASH and AMWOPKO operations (both handled from H 25) (See MADR-2982 (QNTD256) and MADR-2998 (FN 73094) (with RYBAT).) Meetings among QUSPRT, QUSWIFT, AMWOPKO-1 and AMKASH

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figures produced conflicting reports which previously were discussed at Madrid and at H.A.S. Insofar as GROVERY himself is concerned, it must be kept in mind that he is a natural target in whom the AMWASH group would be inclined to focus its complaints. With regard to the specific complaint about "Tota", Grovery has identified her as QOSWIFT-7 and has reported that no staffer from the Station ever had contact w/ her.

4. Further involvement of ESPINOSSA:

On 10 June ODEWY notified KUBARK at New York that AMWASH-2 had telephoned ESPINOSSA to ask whether he had succeeded in contacting "the proper people" i.e., responsible KUBARK representatives and to request notice of the resulting arrangements.

5. AMWHIP-1: Our plan calls for meeting him re: respect to obtain PRG information and to obtain clarification of the roles played by those involved w/

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him in the AMKASH operation.
His dealing w/ UNSWATU-19
also will be covered. Following
this, and LCFUTTER operation
is planned. This may help
to determine whether he has
been truthful in his reporting.

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