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purpose. He then asked if he could see the Hidalgo file for the 1960-63 period. It was pointed out that the interest had been understood to be Hidalgo's period as case officer for AMMUG, which didn't commence until 1964. He said he would like to start at the 1960-63 period and go from there. I replied that this approach would take us back to where we had been and that it would be preferred if consideration were to be given just what is wanted and why, and submit it in writing. He said it would be out first thing Monday morning and I promised first attention.

5. He asked about AMMUG's file. Messrs. Sturbitts and Hawkins explained the problem presented: the record revealed the extensive use of MUG after he became available to us, and this had to be reviewed in detail by a number of different desks. This took time. It became apparent that they were really interested in the "Mexican" period, which may suggest how the file is of interest to them.

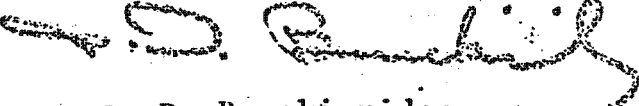
6. He asked about Casasin's file. Everything had been agreed about his interview in Paris, but as a former employee his file had been retired to Archives and had to be retrieved. It was now in and would soon be available. As the HSCA investigator was not planning travel for some time yet, there was time to handle this.

7. He asked about the Proenza file. I said that I had offered to brief Blakey either at the Agency when he next appears there, or at his office. I felt that when he understood the nature of the case, and what it wasn't, he would understand why it was not relevant. I said we didn't know why they were interested in Proenza, so had to guess at it. She had been recalled to Cuba shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy, which may have interested them, but we knew why she was recalled. He wanted to be briefed, and I declined in favor of waiting to brief Blakey.

8. I took the occasion to speak again, as had been done several times before in both writing and orally, that there is a need to bring some order to the requests from HSCA. We knew there was a loss of interest in some requests--material had been untouched for months after it had been made available. At the same time, as time constraints grow, his young men are getting excited and each feels that his current request should receive priority over others. In the absence of stated priorities, we simply have to work on the earlier requests in order to prevent a back-log accumulating; this will impair responsiveness.

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to bona fide current priority requests. He acknowledged the presentation of the problems but made no statement (as is customary).



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