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Chief of Station, ROM

KEYWORD/PURSUANT ANSHIP

Meeting of 25 October 1961 with ANSHIP/1 and ANSHIP/2

REFERENCES:

- a. QUSA-37858, 17 August 1961
(not to JMWAVE or Madrid)
 - b. DIR-19357, 16 September 1961
(not to JMWAVE, Paris, Bern or Geneva)
 - c. WAVE-1021, 30 October 1964
(not to Madrid)
 - d. DIR-60103, 30 October 1964
(not to Madrid)
 - e. ROME-
- WAVE-1021*

1. On the evening of 24 October 1961 SMITHAM received a telephone call from ANSHIP/1, who said that he and ANSHIP/2 would be in Rome until the morning of 27 October at the latest. An appointment was made for a meeting at the Hilton Hotel at 1200 hours on 25 October. SMITHAM and BUNCE kept the appointment.

2. We had planned to take ANSHIP/1 and ANSHIP/2 to lunch, but they were tied up and had, in fact, little anticipated free time before their departure. A brief talk was therefore held in the lobby of the Hilton--an unsatisfactory meeting site. ANSHIP/2 greeted us but immediately had to return to a store full of customers. ANSHIP/1 explained that he had recently been in Paris and Madrid and that Madrid was fully briefed on his recent activities. For this reason, and also because of the insecurity of the site, BUNCE did not take up the question posed in Reference b. Par Reference c, we can explore this matter later if it is still necessary.

3. ANSHIP/1 said that business in Rome is booming and that he and/or ANSHIP/2 expected to be back in ten days, when they would again get in touch with us. BUNCE briefly explained to ANSHIP/1 that we should appreciate it if he would determine whether he has any trusted Cuban friends in Paris, Madrid, or elsewhere who know Rafael MELLADO Latista (201-03144) well. He will check. ANSHIP/1 was asked if there was anything we could do for him and he said no.

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4. Shortly before SMITH and DUNCE left, AMHID/2 rejoined the group. At this juncture SMITH suggested a conversation in Spanish with AMHID/1. AMHID/2 told DUNCE a little to one side and explained in German (AMHID/1 was not listening, in any case) that he had filled out the P.R.Q. which DUNCE had given him but that there were a few items which he wanted to discuss with DUNCE before handing the form over. He could not do so in the presence of AMHID/1 because, according to AMHID/2, AMHID/1 is not aware of AMHID/2's tie to KUEHN, and AMHID/2 wants to keep it that way. (AMHID/2 is obviously well aware of AMHID/1's tie.)

5. AMHID/2 had to get back to Geneva not later than 27 October 1964 because as was reported in Reference c., Swiss authorities are continuing to insist that as a foreigner AMHID/2 cannot live in Geneva. He has now hired two lawyers and is prepared to make a fight of it, but he is obviously worried that he may be forced out, despite the fact that he grew up in Genova and regards it as his home town.

6. AMHID/2 also said that the Rome store was doing very well and that he felt sure that he would be back in ten days. (DUNCE Comment: In the past AMHID/2's visits to Rome have always been much more widely spaced than he had planned or expected.)

7. We have from DEVIGIL a report dated 23 October 1964 which merely states that AMHID/1 makes frequent trips between Rome and Genova for unknown reasons and that he is often accompanied by AMHID/2. As Headquarters knows, we have surfaced AMHID/1 to DEVIGIL; and in accordance with the permission granted in OIRW-22967, 7 August 1964, we shall also surface AMHID/2, but only to DEVIGIL and only verbally. We shall not communicate anything about the activities of either outside Italy and shall relay information about any action in Italy only if DEVIGIL has a need to know.

8. The information in Reference c. about Juan ALVIEDA Bosque is very interesting. AMHID/2 has twice mentioned ALVIEDA to DUNCE. ALVIEDA came out to the home of AMHID/2 and family in Mayana with the intent of requisitioning it but instead became a firm friend and protector of the family. AMHID/2 describes him as simple, straightforward, likeable, and very popular with the Cuban people. It is believed that AMHID/2 described him as a mulatto. He fought bravely with Castro's forces at the time of the revolution, but his present important position is the result of his popularity and his value to the regime as a symbol, not of sophistication or a high level of intelligence.

9. During his next visit to Rome AMHID/2 cannot get away from AMHID/1 long enough for the discussion of the P.R.Q. I believe it would be best for a debriefing on SILVEIDA's visit with AMHID/2 to be made fit it-safely (alixed), i.e. if AMHID/2's train is early delayed. DUNCE feels that he should accent AMHID/2's importance to the Cuban government by making us to obtain codes and other obvious advantage of making us to obtain whatever information he has more rapidly and more securely. It would have the further advantage of making it easier to persuade AMHID/2, who will feel more secure at home, that he runs no major risk, in a return to an event relating him to ULTRAMAR. One probable result of such a talk with AMHID/2 is that there is a renewal of his offer to bring his wife into the operational picture, per paragraph 1 of reference a. (According to AMHID/2, he and his wife served as a team for the COMINT officer listed in his file section a, a team for the COMINT officer listed in

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paragraph 3 of Reference c.) In this event, BUNCE will request biographic data on the wife, make an assessment, and forward a recommendation to Headquarters. If the trip to Geneva does become necessary, we shall of course notify ~~Geneva~~ and Geneva in advance.

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