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MEMORANDUM FOR: FI/D Staff
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SUBJECT : General: AMMUG/1 Debriefing Report #259
Specific: Cable Traffic, Couriers and Communications in DGI (Cuban Intelligence Service

1. Cable traffic leaving DGI headquarters for the field goes to "Vidalina" for dispatch. AMMUG/1 does not know how cable traffic is specifically addressed, but presumably to the embassy abroad where the field station is situated. In any case, all cable traffic goes to the Cuban embassy in the country for the field station; if there is a DGI representative at a consulate or other office outside the embassy, either in the capital city or at another place, he receives any cable traffic from DGI headquarters through the field station at the embassy and never direct. Usually the consul or officer, whatever his position and location, must go to the embassy-field station to pick up a cable message.

2. Couriers work for the Ministry of Foreign Relations and receive their pay from it, but they actually belong to either the DGI or the DSE; they must be one or the other. As far as assignment and carrying pouches and sensitive materials is concerned, no distinction is made between members of the two services; a courier is assumed to have been checked, screened, and guaranteed reliable for carrying classified matter. Actually, couriers receive DGI pouch inclusions already sealed and marked, so that they have no knowledge of the contents.

3. Material for inclusion in courier pouches is sent to the Ministry of Foreign Relations pouch room by messengers from the DGI or is picked up at the Department of Legal Centers (DLC) by the courier in person. Similarly, incoming pouch material may be brought directly to the DLC Department by a courier. In a few instances, an operations officer trying to get something out on a pouch delivery may happen to catch a courier at the DGI and hand him a packet of material personally. Courier visits to DGI offices are not on a fixed schedule.

4. All pouch material from the DGI is marked for "Pablo," and all outgoing DGI pouches are from "Pablo." This cryptonym is recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Relations pouch handlers, who simply separate any such material and forward it to the DGI representative in an embassy or mission abroad and to DGI headquarters in Habana. In the field, the chief of the DGI field station meets the plane on which the courier arrives and personally receives the pouch. He takes it back to the embassy, with the courier; the DGI field station chief is the person who opens the pouch and sorts the contents for distribution within the embassy to all offices, bona fide foreign service as well as DGI. The DGI station chief also prepares outgoing pouches, seals them, and takes them with the courier to the plane.

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