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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Lawrence F. Parker

SUBJECT: Meeting with LITAMIL-9, 27 December 1963

1. A meeting with L-9 was held in B's car from 0000 until 0100 hours on 27 December.

2. LITAMIL-9 reported on the recent firing of Teresa PROENZA Proenza, and this was made the subject of two cables to Headquarters in view of her importance in the AMBOD operation. (See NEBI 7613 and NEBI 7625)

3. L-9 was asked for further details of Duran's statements regarding the visit of Lee Harvey Oswald to the Cuban Consulate in September. He had no further information to offer about this but reported that Silvia had not returned to work at the Consulate since her release from arrest the second time. This was reported to HQS. (See NEBI 7615)

4. I apologized for not having been able to find in the States some oil paints which L-9 needs. Six different art supply dealers in Arizona and California were tried without results. The paints will be requested from HQS.

5. L-9 reported on the following additional topics:

a. L-9 had received as of that date only one Christmas/New Years greeting card from a Mexican Government official. In past years he received large numbers of these cards. The one came from the Mexican Sub-Director of Cultural Relations. L-9 attributes this to the resentment caused among Mexican officials by the strong note received from Paul ROA, Cuban FOMIN, in regard to the detention of Silvia Duran. Apparently word had been passed to Mexican officials that they were to give the Cubans the cold shoulder.

b. Rolando RETES, a Mexican citizen who works in Cuba for the Cuban Teatro Folklorico, was recently in town. He said that Fidel CASTRO had recently remarked that Cuba should use its theatrical group to earn dollars abroad. RETES said that a M. PLANCHON and six other Parisian empresarios connected with the Teatro de las Naciones in Paris would be travelling to Cuba in the near future to see what could be done about putting the Cuban show on the road.

c. The well-known Mexican cartoonist RHIIS (true name Eduardo DEL RIO) who was scheduled to be a guest of the Cuban government at the Anniversary celebration on 2 Jan in Havana, did not get a Cuban visa. A cable came into Embassy advising of this and saying that RHIIS would be notified directly by a separate letter of the reasons for this refusal. Since RHIIS is an outstanding propagandist for the Communist cause, L-9 could only conjecture that this development was related to this fact that the Cuban Government's desire to avoid antagonizing the Mexican Government further and another cartoonist, who uses a name something like RHIIS (7) was not issued with treatment.

d. Rogelio RODRIGUEZ at the Embassy received some gifts from someone inside the Czech Embassy at Christmas.

e. An Australian newspaperman named Julian or Jullian ROBERTSON was in town on 23 December, staying at Room 405 of the Gran Hotel Isabel, Isabel La Catolica # 63. She was trying to get a visa to visit Cuba but was unsuccessful...