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8 March 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: AMCLATTER-1

03 1. After considerable conversation with Bernie Reichhardt in Miami and Jim Hoel in Habana, it was decided that AMCLATTER-1 may be taking a bit of advantage of the Station in asking for exchange of the additional \$15,000, \$12,000 of which is his own money and \$3,000 is from his mother-in-law. In view of AMCLATTER-1's excellent record with the organization and his present tense financial situation, it was agreed that some effort should be made to help him in the matter. Accordingly, after a short meeting in Miami with AMCLATTER-1, Reichhardt and Esterline agreed to cable the Station, bringing them up-to-date on the matter.

2. There appeared to be some misunderstanding between Headquarters and Reichhardt with regard to whether AMCLATTER-1--who is a stateless person at the present time--should leave the country for such a place as Nassau and re-enter the States with proper documentation. After it was explained to Reichhardt that Headquarters has an obligation to Immigration in this matter, he agreed to instruct AMCLATTER-1 to proceed to Nassau in the next few days and get his papers in order. AMCLATTER-1, in a meeting with Esterline, agreed to do this.

3. It became very apparent during the meeting with AMCLATTER-1 that he still is most anxious to work with the organization. Esterline received an excellent impression of the man, his motivation, his drive, and his present need in view of the hardships he has suffered. AMCLATTER-1 was therefore told that some consideration would be given to finding employment for him on his return if he was successful in clarifying his status in the States.

J. D. Esterline

Distributions:

- Orig. - Mr. Stamulis
- 1 - Mr. [Toomey] 03
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NOTE: Mr. [Toomey] and Mr. Phillips: (Info: Mr. Stamulis)

In view of the fact that Bill Kent will not be able to handle all of the support, administrative, and other related problems of the safe house/terms

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he will be operating, I recommend that you give immediate and serious consideration to hiring AMCLATTER-1 as an administrative helper, transmitter, etc. He knows many of the group we are working with and, from all that I have gathered from the Cuban Station, is extremely effective in working with Cuban nationals. I therefore believe this man may be precisely what we are looking for to take much of the load off Kent and allow him a little more time for his duties. Advise me of your decision on this matter.

JTB

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