

<b>DISPATCH</b>	CLASSIFICATION S-E-C-R-E-T	PROCESSING
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TO Chief of Station, JMWAVE		ACTION
INFO		INDEXED FOR INDEXING
		NO INDEXING REQUIRED
FROM Chief, Western Hemisphere Division		ONLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL SHOULD BE PERFORMING CAN LINE INDEXING
SUBJECT Operational/JMZIP/KUCAGE Conte Aguero Radio Program		ABSTRACT
		MICROFILM

**ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES**

**ACTION:** See PARA 5

- In September 1961 an agreement was reached with radio station WHUL to purchase 30 minutes daily for a period of six months for broadcasts to Latin America. Conte Aguero, formerly one of Cuba's most popular political analysts was selected to produce and voice these programs. The cost of this operation is approximately \$11,000 monthly.
- Some weeks after this agreement was made, the C.R.C. selected Dr. Conte as Propaganda Director of the Council. It is believed that Dr. Conte accepted this post with some reluctance, and we now understand that neither Conte nor Miro is completely satisfied with this arrangement.
- Dr. Conte is an effective speaker, a crowd pleaser with a following. He is aggressive, colorful, imaginative and courageous. Letters from listeners indicate that his radio program is having some impact and HOPE radio personnel feel he is effective. On the other hand he appears to be in disagreement with Dr. Miro, to have antagonized others by his ostentation, to have used poor political judgement in some newsconferences in the past and in general to have become a controversial figure.
- The question of renewal of his radio contract will arise on 1 March, and we must reach an understanding as to Dr. Conte's future use prior to that time. In reaching a decision, we should examine the following factors:
  - If his KUBARK-supplied radio program is dropped, he may become financially dependent upon Miro and thus more manageable.

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b. On the other hand if KUBARK support is discontinued and he breaks with Miro, he may become openly antagonistic to KUBARK and the Council.

c. If KUBARK renews Conte's contract for an added 13 weeks, we could consider; (1) a decrease in payments being made to Conte and his staff or, (2) more direct KUBARK control of Conte to assure closer conformity to KUBARK/C.R.C. objectives.

5. Hqs would appreciate the station's views on this subject on or before 1 March. If station sees no objective, we would appreciate Passavoy's discussing the problem with AMBUD-1, reminding him that this arrangement was made before Conte became Prop Director.

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