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CONTACT REPORT

SUBJECT: Meeting with Manuel Gaudin, Pine Cottage, Coral Gables, Florida, 1130 hours, 17 September 1960

1. Gaudin had asked for this private meeting since he wanted to raise a few sensitive items: Oscar Diaz and Orlando Garcia were acting in behalf of Sanchez Arango and were in touch with Macferrer. This amounted to a scandal and should be stopped.
2. Tony Vignone -- while in Mexico -- had met publicly with Margaret Sterling; this, too, is a scandal.
3. Gaudin had asked Padre Pascua, a Spanish Jesuit living in Cuba, to go to Spain in order to explore with Franco the possibility of recruiting in Spain approximately one thousand soldiers who would be trained, put under the command of a Cuban officer, and then sent into Cuba together with our other guerrilla teams (this information was transmitted to C/MH/a/PM on 20 September 1960). I expressed considerable doubt about the political wisdom of such a move and the matter was left there, especially since Gaudin added that he had called this item already to the attention of Jim Smith. 07
4. Gaudin elaborated on his ideas concerning the formation of a special command unit -- a unit specially trained to perform sabotage activities. My comment was that he should raise this matter with Smith and that this topic would also be a suitable item for future discussions in New York with "Bender's top military advisor." 03

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