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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with AMWHIP/1 in New York 4 June 1965

1. Two meetings were held with AMWHIP/1 in New York on 4 June 1965. The first was a brief luncheon meeting from 1340-1445 between A/1 and (R. H. Webster) (known to him as "Harry Wills"). The second was at the Hotel Roosevelt from 2030-2230 during which A/1 was introduced to Mr. Harold Swenson (as "Mr. Safely") by (Webster).

2. A/1 had little news to report. He said he had not been abroad since his return from Europe in April, but that he plans to make another trip to Europe in July "for about 40 days". He had made brief trips in May to Philadelphia (business) and Washington (to meet "Mr. Breithelm" - (John Sherwood)). He also planned to fly to Puerto Rico 5 June on business, returning to New York about 10 June. During the trip he was going to discuss the possibility of establishing a shop of his jewelry firm in San Juan. He was asked if he expected to see Manolo RAY there and said that he probably would, since they were friends.

3. A/1 said he had not heard recently from AMLASH/1 or AMLASH/3, who is also now back in Cuba. He had received a letter from AMLASH/2 from Madrid dated 14 May and passed it to the case officer. (See attached translation.) He said he expected something (anti-Castro) to break in Cuba by October 1965, but he did not appear to have any firm basis for this date.

4. Prior to his next trip to Europe A/1 would like guidance on two matters:

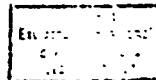
(a) What he should say to (UN)SNAFU/19 when the latter raises the question of the report given him in Paris in April that ODYOKE might deal with anti-Castro elements if they could get rid of Fidel.

(b) Whether we have any candidates for him to suggest to (U)19 to work for him at the Embassy.

5. The possibility of A/1 sending a representative to Cuba to assess remaining loot (mainly antiques and pictures) on our behalf is pending. (His best candidate is his Geneva rep.)

6. At the evening session Swenson had a general discussion with A/1, stressing the necessity of obtaining more details on the Cubans with whom he is involved and their activities. The atmosphere was friendly and A/1 appeared to react well to S's approach and suggestions. The groundwork was laid for follow-up conversations with A/1, at which it is intended to acquire from him full biographic data preliminary to a flutter, as well as the information referred to above.

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