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MEMORANDUM FOR: COS *6/10*

SUBJECT: Intelligence Collection Program for AMBUD

REFERENCES: A. WAVE-8984

B. DIR-38443

C. WAVE-9108

D. DIR-39823

1. As per reference D Headquarters concurs in this program and has offered to forward requirements if JMWAVE so desires. Since this approval was obtained from Headquarters, I have taken the following steps: (A) requested and obtained some requirements from IS to be used in this program and (B) through PASSAVOY have requested some basic information as to specific facilities for use in this program. AMBUD-1 is to advise us on the following matters: if the Hotel Monroe, for which AMBUD receives approximately \$800 per month, has space available for the establishment of an interrogation center; if AMBUD has individuals ^{and} on its payroll who could be used in this program as interrogators and translators; if AMBUD-1 has, as requested, advised the group members of AMBUD to each appoint an individual as "Jefe de Informacion" in such cases where one does not already exist.

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2. My primary purposes in setting up this collection program ~~is~~ to obtain useful information and to make AMBUD a useful organization with a purpose in mind-- a purpose with a practical and visible ends. AMBUD is a large organization composed of a number of groups and individuals which also has affiliates who are not actual members. The ^{combined} personnel available to it is undoubtedly unequaled in the WAVE Area. From this vast reserve of manpower, there is every reason to believe competent interrogators can be found, although most of them would naturally need training in interrogation and reporting techniques, which factor can be surmounted. In addition to the AMBUD personnel supply, there is also a vast, untouched number of sources in of information in the WAVE area. For example, part of each plane load ~~with~~ of exiles which arrives from Cuba is released by Immigration; the remainder (about 2/3) are sent to CAC. Of that number all are screened at CAC and about 1/3 are actually interrogated at CAC due to the lack of personnel to handle any more cases. In ~~addition~~ ~~more~~ addition, no women arriving from Cuba are interrogated at CAC. Therefore, the number of persons who are potential sources of information available to AMBUD would be approximately 2/3 of all those arriving from Cuba, plus all the women.

3. I think we should approach this information collection program with an aim of making it an actual going concern and not a holding operation or as just an activity to keep AMBUD busy or make them feel they are contributing to the cause.

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As a result, I plan to make up a chart, or table of organization, of an actual interrogation center for this purpose. In addition, I will make an estimate of any additional expenses which might be involved in the near future. Since I have had actual KUBARK experience in an interrogation center, I believe I am at least somewhat qualified to make certain suggestions. (FYI: in the joint KUBARK/Spanish Interrogation Center created for the interrogation of Spanish repatriates from the USSR, I was chief of the CE Section. In addition, I trained several Police Inspectors and Spanish Army Officers in interrogation techniques. Also, I was head of a five-man Spanish interrogation team.)

4. An interrogation center of the type I have in mind, after serious consideration of the personnel, facilities and sources available to AMBUD, should put AMBUD on the operational map, so to speak, and should also do credit to JMWAVE. This center would not be in opposition to, or in competition with CAC, since the sources tapped would be those they are not physically able to handle and the women who now are under no one's jurisdiction for such ~~xxxxxxx~~ purposes.

5. At your convenience I would like the opportunity to discuss this program with you and to also talk about the requirements for passing to AMBUD.


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