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FROM: Chief of Station, JMWAVE *(WR)*

SUBJECT: TYPIC/OPERATIONAL/AMDENIM/1
PROGRESS REPORT 28 February 1963

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

1. **SUMMARY.** Three female radio operators are now in training, and a fishing boat operation requiring only limited financial support is ready to go as the result of the efforts of AMDENIM/1 in this period. He has also contributed both operational and intelligence information and has had some difficulty accepting the longer appearing basis upon which the Cuban problem is being handled. Plans call for him to continue fulfilling operational requirements in the WAVE area for agent personnel and to prepare a paper on a large scale fishing organization which would provide cover for various types of intelligence activity.

OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

2. The recruiting and delivery of three female agent radio operator candidates to the Station for training was completed by Subject during this period. This involved two side trips from New York City to Newark, N.J. in the course of personal trips to New York City and a complicated agent holding problem. After getting the girls recruited and ready for the trip to the JMWAVE area their clearances were delayed as a result of their living in Newark and thus not coming under the jurisdiction of the WAVE area ODEENVY office. The clearances were received eventually and in the latter part of February one girl arrived in town. Despite our request for them to all come together she as the unofficial leader of the group had come ahead to check out the plan and be sure that they weren't all giving up their jobs needlessly. This type of logic couldn't be disputed so the game was played out and the other two girls arrived shortly thereafter. They were handled by AMDENIM/1 thru the assessment and ICFLUTTER process at which point they were turned over to a JMWAVE Case Officer who will provide separate and complete reporting on them. Suffice it to say that AMDENIM/1 did his part quite well and although the girls are not as good prospects as might be desired they are thus far willing and able. Their development is being documented very closely so

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that this first effort with Cuban women as infiltrators will be available for reference by all concerned.

3. AMDENIM/1 continued to handle ANTRIGON/2 during this period in the sense of holding him secure following his successful exfiltration from the target area. He served as a leg man and made a number of supporting contacts and investigations during the period which assisted AMDENIM/1 and the Station in their overall efforts. ANTRIGON/2 has now indicated a desire to return to the target area. His plans are being checked out. AMHELM/1, 201-328512, was put on the payroll at AMDENIM/1's suggestion after much deliberation. As a long time target area gun runner he is probably the most experienced "fisherman" in the business and well worth a nominal retainer each month for the operational information he provides and for the reconnaissance purposes he serves. For example he was the first fisherman back into the Banks following the MIG and Kidnapping incidents so that it was possible through him to have a test run in the area without committing a fully qualified agent who would be much more damaging to the Station if caught. He is by no means a fully controlled or trusted agent. He is a tool who is manipulated through AMDENIM/1 by never explaining the true purpose behind any particular request.

4. Regarding internal contacts of AMDENIM/1: on learning of the well being of AMEPOCH/6 via mail to regular correspondents following the October crisis an SW message was sent to him early in February requesting that he signal via telegram code when he is ready for a reception and that he send out SW letters on a regular basis to give us the benefit of intelligence available to him. No reply has as yet been received. This is in part due to his being in Camaguey and probably not having received the letter (letter sent to his home in Matanzas) right away. Several potential internal contacts have been spotted through a fisherman AMDENIM/1 picked up in the JMWAIVE area by the name of [Rolando MATEU Paz]. He and two fishermen brothers by the names of [Francisco and Manuel MARRERO] are being developed by AMDENIM/1 to return to the area in which their contacts are located in the near future in the hopes of developing a hiding place for a radio operator and possibly a courier net leading into Santa Clara, Placetas and other large towns in Las Villas.

5. Over and above these agent handling activities AMDENIM/1 has continued to submit reports on activities such as the 1963 sugar crop, AMBIDY/1 and potential legal travellers. His first paper on AMBIDY/1 was more scurrilous than complete so that he was taken to task for contributing to the fracturing of the exile community without either having or being willing to put out the facts to support his charges. He was pressed over a period of a month to substantiate his charge that AMBIDY is a "little Fidel" and finally realized that he would never hear the end of it if he didn't attempt to substantiate his claim. He then submitted a paper which carefully based his charge on information obtained directly from Sori MARIN (original U R leader who infiltrated and was executed) who helped AMBIDY/1 get his start and said that AMBIDY/1 had forged the entry on his government job record to show that he had had combat experience during the revolution when this was not the case. He declined to provide further detail on the basis that he would have to obtain factual data from other people to substantiate the stories he had heard and that this would call attention to his disapproval of AMBIDY/1 which he thought would be poor business at this time. The Case Officer feels that a constructive purpose was served by this matter, but is not deluded to feel that AMDENIM/1 has changed his spots in any way.

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6. On about 29 January AMDENIM/1 called from New York City to say that he wanted to stop by Washington D.C. to see a few people that he hadn't seen for a long time. He was advised that this was contrary to Station desires and that it was not in his best interests. Despite this advisement he went to Washington with his friend AMPATRIN and did see representatives of both ODACID and KUBARK (under cover). His explanation of this was that he had gone along with AMPATRIN to Washington for business purposes and despite his objections had been finagled into the two meetings by AMPATRIN. He was informed that this was not believed and that the incident had lowered considerably the degree to which the Case Officer was willing to accept his word on anything. Beyond that it is felt that he managed to let off a little steam and confirmed that his only real chance for accomplishing anything is through JMWAVE.

7. Miscellaneous items re Subject include the following. Don Hogan turned up like a bad penny during the period and made a few inquiries from people like AMDENIM/2 as to what Subject was doing. No significance other than that of "fishing expedition" which failed to turn up anything could be attributed to this visit. Subject's father has threatened to cut off his monthly stipend presumably on the basis that he is complicating life for AMBUD/1 by not joining him. He has heard from the Internal Revenue Service about his application for tax exempt status for his Cuban relief fund and is providing the additional information they have requested. He of course hopes that KUBARK will use its good offices to help get this matter approved. The last correspondence on this matter is WAVE-3816 dated 22 January 1963, which leaves the next move up to Headquarters.

INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

8. UFG 2195, Subject "Stopping of Dredging in Banes Bay"
9. UFG 2225, Subject "Possible Construction of Submarine Base in Herradura, Oriente."

10. COSTS

1) AMTRIGON/2 salary @ \$200.00 for two months	\$400.00
2) AMGLAD/1's widow benefit @ \$300.00 for two months	\$600.00
3) AMHELM/1's salary @ \$200.00 for two months	\$400.00
4) AMDENIM/1's Operational expenses @ \$300.00 for two months	\$600.00
TOTAL	\$2000.00

PLANS

11. In furtherance to para 4⁰⁵ above AMDENIM/1 is planning to⁰⁵ mount Operation WILE using (Rolando MATEU) and the (MARRERO brothers) to explore a ratline into Las Villas Province. This will be his operation with the exception of financial support not to exceed \$400.00 in the first instance and bonuses of not over \$250.00 apiece for the three boys depending upon their success. The important point here is that they are planning on using a native fishing boat to get them in again as it has in the past and thus avoid detection through the sighting of a bigger boat on radar which would obviously not be a

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Cuban fishing boat. Approval to support this AMDENIM operation is being sought by separate correspondence.

12. ANTRIGON/2 is being queried on operational possibilities as a result of his voluntary expression of desire to return to action. He is being considered for use as a reconnaissance agent who could make short trips to the vicinity of prime targets to obtain requisite photography. This will involve considerable re-training and will be dependent upon his ability to learn maritime navigation well enough to get himself out of the target area if necessary.

13. By way of long range plans AMDENIM/1 has been asked to provide a paper on the organization of a fairly large scale fishing fleet for intelligence collecting purposes. He had previously indicated a desire to try a project like this and have it be self-supporting. When he admitted that it couldn't be self-supporting on a small scale in this immediate area the matter was allowed to rest long enough to indicate that we preferred direct requests for financial support rather than beating around the bush. Then he was asked to provide a plan for a fleet which would not be restricted to this immediate area and which would have the cover necessary to operate freely most anywhere in the Western Hemisphere. The need for paying attention to this field of interest as a result of Soviet interest in it is obvious and hopefully something will emerge from these efforts which will have value for other than the JMWAVE operational program.

14. Subject will continue to develop agents and information for the Station in response to requirements. His professionalism is increasing and by local standards can be considered good, but the need for formal training remains. It is hoped that he will be able to accompany a team to ISOLATION one day or possibly even receive tutorial training by himself.

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