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APRIL PROGRESS REPORT

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GENERAL

Despite reports and accusations to the contrary (WAVE 2799), the Student Revolutionary Directorate is responding to KUBARK guidance and control with increasing docility. Their withdrawal from the AMBUD complex (WAVE 2066) and subsequent condemnation of prisoner ransom (WAVE 2799) has been a morale boost for their clandestine organization within PBRUMEN as well as salve to their irritations at KUBARK qualified support: namely, closer scrutiny of funding, limited and professional infiltration of their agents, and denial of support for their independent maritime effort. While some 16 of their fully trained AMHINT infiltration agents are still watching the clock and hoping, the DRE Executive Committee have turned to the AMBARB project for some imaginative and effective operations.

I. AMBARB PROJECT:

1. Support and Processing:

- a. Total number of candidates processed to date: 75
- b. Total number assigned: 40 (See attached Status List)
- c. Total assigned during April 1962: 3
- d. Total Financial Support: Subsistence: \$12,100.00
Operations : 2,365.00

2. Operations:

- a. By 9 April 1962, the radio network by AMBARBS directed against the denied area had been increased to 11 countries and totalled about 184 programs per month. (UFGA 3733)
- b. About 13 April, AMBARB delegates in 15 countries were sent about 60,000 leaflets with a 360-name and address list for denied area mailing operation. (UFGA 3811)
- c. Excerpts from Ecuadorean Press and reports from AMBARBS Quito and Quayaquil have indicated that much of the public interest and agitation for Ecuadorean break in diplomatic relations with PBRUMEN was generated by AMBARB agit/prop operations which began with the demonstration of 10,000 before the presidential palace in January. (WAVE 0841)

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- d. On 20 April 1962, AMBARB 36 and 60 reported their theft of a Soviet mail pouch at the National Airport in Montivideo. This was turned over to the Montivideo Station contact and WAVE is checking on this currently.
- e. Acting on headquarters proposal (DIR 04029) to send a student agit/prop through eight countries in Africa in preparation for forthcoming student congresses, an AMBARB team of four is preparing materials, documentation, itinerary, action plan and contacts for this tour. (WAVE 2854, WAVE 3067)
- f. During April, in Venezuela, ⁰² [CIGAP-1 (an AMBARB stolen by Station) and AMHINT-6 (requested by station)] continued training and organization of Accion Democratica youth in Guerrilla warfare and anti-communist tactics. This activity is reported under station direction.
- g. In Ecuador, the "Accion Anti-Comunista Ecuadoreano" organized by AMBARB-28 and 65 is now estimated to total about 5,000 persons with delegations in most major cities in Ecuador. Penetration into the hinter lands has reached the stage that DRE and WAVE prop is being translated and printed in the "Quichua" Indian dialect.
- h. In Uruguay, the "Movimiento de Recuperacion Moral Universitario" as organized by AMBARB-59, 36, and 60 has now penetrated all faculties of the University in their struggle against the Communist dominated FEUU (Federacion Estudiantil Universitario Uruguayo).

3. Plans and Potential:

- a. Financial support to the AMBARB project must be accelerated for operations. There is an obvious lack of proportion between salaries and operational funds, especially in view of their potential as recognized by WH, Task Force W and JMWAVE.
- b. JMWAVE as a station has not recognized the urgency of assignment of case officers for AMBARB development alone. All station activities at present are dedicated to the processing and the operational potential is neglected.
- c. When WAVE is properly staffed and AMBARBS are full strength, the following potential exists:
 - 1-Third country operations against the denied area for intelligence.
 - 2-Third country operations against the denied area for sabotage, agit/prop, and generation of international repudiation to the GOC.
 - 3-Local student and youth organizations with overt and covert activities designed to penetrate and combat communist penetration in schools and universities of all Latin America.

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4-A continuing program of indoctrination at all levels in each country by a student of a PBRUMEN nation that has actually suffered Communist take-over.

5-Black operations against the denied area and within the host country.

II. AMHINTS

1. Support and Processing:

- a. Financial support for AMHINT operations in PBRUMEN for April consisted of \$3,000.00 sent in through the black market exchange. \$25,000.00 pesos have been vouchered and are awaiting infiltration of AMHINT-53 scheduled for 10 May 1962. During April \$725.00 was sent in \$25.00 money orders for funding families of AMHINT members in their departure.
- b. AMHINTS courier a message to Miami requesting a list of electronic supplies for two small radio sets and preparation of electronic detonating devices. RIMM is working on procurement of these items which are to be sent in partly in diplomatic pouch and partly in infiltration operations.
- c. WAVE has processed AMHINT-52 as their Radop who is expected to begin training by the end of April. Subject is in the process of evaluation and LCFLUTTER.

2. Operations:

- a. AMHINT clandestine teams spent the first week in April painting black DRE signs in Havana, Vedado, Marianao, on walls and cars.
- b. Also during the first week, a bomb was exploded in a Camaguey college setting fire to the auditorium.
- c. During early April a bomb was exploded in front of the Marianao Municipal government offices.
- d. A report from their Action teams in Havana Province indicates their last cache of 400 lbs of C-4 plastic is almost exhausted.
- e. During the entire month of April, AMHINT skindivers have worked along the north coast of Matanzas collecting operational intelligence for forthcoming supply operations. This information should be available sometime during May and June.
- f. During the third week in April, agit/prop teams pasted DRE seals on automobiles throughout the general greater Havana area.
- g. During the first two weeks, more than 10,000 copies of "Trinchera" the official DRE organ, were printed and distribution in Havana, Matanzas, Pinar del Rio and Oriente.

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- h. AMHINT prop teams are printing DRE "Bonos" (funding certificates) in small denominations for internal support.
 - i. A courier message repositioning electronic supplies for small radio plants and electronic detonators is currently being studied for procurement by RIMM and will be shipped in by diplomatic pouches and infiltration when procured.
 - j. AMHINT action teams in Northern Matanzas are burning cane and henequen fields using small candles as time delay igniters.
5. Training:
- a. AMHINT-53 entered clandestine tradecraft training in preparation for his PBRUMEN infiltration scheduled for about 10 May 1962.
 - b. 14 Trained AMHINTS awaiting infiltration in Miami have been procuring weapons locally and going out into the everglade area for small arms practice, and holding classes on general theory review of their training on sabotage, demolition and Guerrilla warfare.
 - c. AMHINT maritime section has a secure base at Hillers dock in Marathon where they have their JUANIN II berthed. They have crew quarters and have fully equipped the vessel with the exception of radar at their own expense. On 28 April a shakedown run was made from base to Elbow Key thence Varadero and Cardenas area and return to base. All equipment operated well and AMHINT-40, 21, 42, and 42 were on as crew. If WAVE support for their operations is not approved it can be expected that they will make every effort to operate independently and without the vital coordination for such operations.

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