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INFO	COS, JEWAVE; COS, [REDACTED] 15		2 NO INDEXING REQUIRED									
FROM	[REDACTED] COS, [REDACTED]	27.12.64	3 ONLY QUALIFIED HEADQUARTERS DESK CAN USE INDEXING									
SUBJECT	Chief of Station, [REDACTED] 15-Q											
AMSHIP/PURCELL/AMSHIP Meeting of 11 December 1964 with AMSHIP/2												
ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES R&P: OIRA-23605, 3 November 1964												
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<p>1. AMSHIP/2 telephoned BURKE's house on 10 December 1964 and invited BURKE and wife to dinner the following evening. On 11 December 1964 BURKE picked him up at the store. En route to BURKE's place, and also at the close of the evening, AMSHIP/2 supplied the following information.</p>												
<p>2. With the help of a good lawyer and some influential friends AMSHIP/2 has finally managed to obtain official permission to reside indefinitely in Geneva. He is moving to a larger apartment sometime after the holidays.</p>												
<p>3. He will be back in Rome in early January 1964, without AMSHIP/1 (who was at the store when BURKE picked up AMSHIP/2). He will give BURKE the completed PBU 1 at that time. When BURKE expressed some mild skepticism (because AMSHIP/2's past visits to Rome have been much more widely spaced than he thought they were going to be), he repeatedly warned that he had to be back in January for business reasons.</p>												
<p>4. BURKE asked whether AMSHIP/2 and wife had had a visit in Geneva from Comandante Juan ALMELLA Bosque. (See OAVZ-4021, 30 October 1964, not to [REDACTED]) AMSHIP/2 said no. He also said that neither he nor his wife had had any correspondence from ALMELLA. He repeated some of the information about ALMELLA which appears in Reference and add on that while he (AMSHIP/2) and wife were still in Cuba, his wife's brother was arrested for possession of a radio receiver. The wife sent to ALMELLA, who was indignant and who promptly ordered the brother's release. AMSHIP/2 again describes ALMELLA as a simple but honorable and trustworthy man.</p>												
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3. BUNCK also asked about the invitation extended to AMSHIP/2 by the Cuban regime to visit Cuba (See AM-49847, 16 September 1964, not to JMWAVE, [] or []) AMSHIP/2 confirmed that he had been extended such an invitation and that he had wanted to accept. Had he gone? His contact would have been with the few [] who appears in (IEA) JTEC-6, 7 August 1964 (not to JMWAVE or []). AMSHIP/2 explained that had he gone, he would have been able to see all the jewelry that the GOC has for sale and not just those pieces which it sends to Europe. He said that he had checked with AMSHIP/1, who later told him that for security reasons he should not make the trip.

4. Does Headquarters have any questions about which it is desired that AMSHIP/2 be queried during his next trip to Rome?

a. If Headquarters continues to have a pressing need for Cuban pesos (per DIR-67711, 3 December 1964), we could ask AMSHIP/2 whether he can obtain them without hazard and at what price.

b. We could also query him concerning any cases he may know about which involve financial corruption on the part of any Cuban officials or bank accounts maintained by any such officials outside Cuba.

c. We intend to ask for full details on AMSHIP/1-AMSHIP/2 purchases of jewelry from the Cuban Ambassador in Paris unless Headquarters already has all this information from AMSHIP/1. Please advise.

d. We plan to debrief AMSHIP/2 systematically on any acquaintances or friends whom he may have in Cuba and who have an operational potential.

e. We also plan to ask him for any vulnerability data he may have on Cuban officials abroad.

7. If all or most of the above cannot be covered during AMSHIP/2's January trip to Rome, BUNCK plans to go to Geneva in February per paragraph nine of Reference.

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