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1. A neeting was held with L-9 from 2000 to 2135 hours in B's car (parked in Tacuba) on 26 October.

2. (L-9)reported as follows:

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A few days earlier Coty^XSCLCRCANO, sister-in-law of General Lazaro GARDENAS, told(L-9) with a grean of disgust that it looks like DIAZ Order has been chosen as the PRI presidential candidate.

The Ambassador is still using the wall safe built into the chimney of his office (we have photos of this in our files). (1-9) thinks that the Embassy payroll is kept there as the other day when he walked into the Ambassador's office he saw the Ambassador shut the safe door -- Dra. MACHADO was there, having just returned from the benk where she withdrew the payroll. Dra. MACHADO handles the payroll for the whole Embassy.

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C. NATCUE IS leaving PCS for Havana on & November.

dowl VEGA/is leaving quite soon. No replacement for him has arrived.

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6. PERCENTIS looking more and more like a "security type." He is a

1. Rey ran ("lleva la batuta alli") and appears to be a convinced

Communist. In the old days, before CASTRO, HIRABAL worked for

the Sherwin Williams paint factory (L-9")

f. Dra.*MACHADO recently told(L-9) that CENA was discourteous to her when she first arrived here but that he has softened up a bit recently and now seems to "accept" her. She thinks this may be because she lost two sons in the Revolution (no details given). She complained that LLACOSTERA still doesn't accept her but JORRIN seems to be coming around. (This may be the usual resentment caused by a female in a responsible executive position).

- g. Embassy staff meetings are held every Saturday morning from 0900 on — usually lasting about two hours. They used to be held in the "theater" out back under the new construction but are now being held in the glassol-in terrace at the rear of the main building.
- h. Three Marxist study groups are being set up in the Embassy to include everyone on the staff. FERVANCE Rea, known as RCA to the staffers, is rampoiding this effort. These groups should be organized within a week. (L-9) dreads the thought of submitting to this indoctrination but realizes he must go along with it).

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