MEMORANDUM

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Incluyo copia del memorándum de conversación de mi reunión en Washington con la gente del Departamento de Estado. Esto, conjuntamente al que ustedes deben haber recibido de la conversación de ustedes, completa el ciclo nuestro.

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Memorandum of Conversation

Sept. 7, 1960

Meeting to Establish Working Arrangements Between the Federal Government and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. SCA Conference Room, 10:00 September 7, 1960.

SUBJECT: Chairman: Mr. Edmund J. Dorsey, State Department Treasury Dep't - Admiral Richmond (Coast Guard) and Mr. Brown (Customs)

PARTICIPANTS: Dep't of Justice - Messrs. Barnes, Davitt and Clark
Dep't of Defense - Captain Haskerly
Post Office Department - Messrs. Stephens and Knoll
Dep't of State - Messrs. Wade, Kluckhohn, McDonnell, Reed, Shaw, Courtenay and Holman

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USIA - Mr. Webb and Miss Kearney

FUERTO RICAN PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Fornos-Isern, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico

Mr. Torres Braschi, Superintendent of Police, and Capt. Juan Gonzalez Delgado, Chief of Intelligence.

Mr. Dorsey opened the meeting by introducing Mr. Fornos-Isern, Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico, and the two Puerto Rican visitors from San Juan: Mr. Ramon Torres Braschi, Superintendent of Police, and Captain Juan Gonzalez Delgado, Chief of Intelligence.

On behalf of the Federal Government and his colleagues at the meeting, Mr. Dorsey expressed concern and sympathy over the recent disaster in Puerto Rico resulting from Hurricane Donna.

After summarizing recent Federal-Puerto Rican discussions, Mr. Dorsey asked the Committee guests to outline their problems.

Mr. Torres Braschi expressed gratitude for the extension of sympathy and stated that the disaster required his return to Puerto Rico that evening. He then outlined the types of information which reach the Police, the kinds of sources from which it comes, and the difficulties involved in assessing its reliability. The Police assemble a great deal of information locally on independence and statehood movements, and also a limited amount of information on the training in Cuba and elsewhere of Puerto Ricans to engage in anti-government activities. The Cuban Consulate in

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San Juan through a consular employee, Mrs. Angeline Cruz de
Henriquez, was involved. For this reason, the Puerto Rican
government desired the removal of Mrs. Cruz from Puerto Rico.
(The Puerto Ricans were told that on September 3, the State
Department had requested the Cuban Embassy here to take appropriate
action to withdraw Mrs. Cruz from Puerto Rico within a week.)

Mr. Torres Braschi listed the following weaknesses in the
government's effort to deal with the problem it faces:

(1) Puerto Rico has insufficient forces to give
the large coastal areas more than superficial coverage;

(2) Cubans and Dominicans who may be bent on anti-
government activities move freely in and out of the
country;

(3) Puerto Ricans travel without hindrance between
their homeland and such trouble spots as Cuba and the
Dominican Republic;

(4) Airplanes can land and depart with ease and
fly anywhere within the islands, virtually uncontrolled;

(5) Mala fide individuals coming into Puerto Rico
seem to know who to contact; and

(6) Insufficient information about the movement of
persons into and out of the country reaches the police.

Mr. Derex asked what ideas the Puerto Rican officials wished
to offer in the effort to minimize the difficulties.

Mr. Torres Braschi suggested for our consideration:

(1) Establishment of better liaison between the
Puerto Rican police and the Federal agencies at San Juan
(his description of his department's relationship with the FBI,
Coast Guard, INS, Customs, and the Post Office Department
was sober and practically non-existent; with
the FBI, it was "excellent").

(2) Proviision of more information on what is hap-
peening among Puerto Rican groups in such large Puerto Rican
centers as New York, Chicago and Miami;

(3) Seeking for submission to the Puerto Rican authorities information on activities in the Dominican Republic, Cuba and Venezuela which might affect Puerto Rico; and

(4) Assistance in obtaining a research analyst (a) to evaluate the bits and pieces of information coming to the attention of the Police and (b) to train Puerto Ricans in the analytical art.

The Federal agencies represented at the meeting agreed to consider:

(1) Exploring the possibility of obtaining additional pertinent information of the kind sought by the Puerto Rican authorities;

(2) Developing an agreed method of channeling such information to the interested authorities;

(3) Participating in the formation of a joint coordinating information committee to be established in San Juan at Puerto Rican initiative;

(4) Alerting their representatives in San Juan of (3) and encouraging their participation in discussions with respect to the establishment of such a committee; and

(5) Recommending a list of candidates for the research analyst position.

Copies to participants.