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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel
ATTENTION: Mr. John D. Morrison, Jr.
FROM: Sidney D. Stenbridge
Acting Director of Security
SUBJECT: Justice Department Inquiry
Regarding Rafael Quintero et al

1. Action Requested: None; for information only.

2. Background: Reference is made to your request of 12 April 1977 (OGC 77-2520) which was premised on a U. S. Justice Department inquiry for any and all information this Agency might have regarding Rafael Quintero and five other individuals--Rafael Villaverde, Raul Villaverde, Jesus Lazo, Valentine Hernandez, and Anthony Nestor Izquierdo Diaz.

3. Records of the Office of Security have been searched in the names of the above individuals and the following represents a summary of the results:

Rafael Aurelio Quintero Ibarbia was of interest to the Directorate of Operations/Western Hemisphere (DDO/WH) from 1959 to 1967. He also was of interest to DDO/Special Operations Division circa 1970.

Rafael Villaverde Lamadriz was of interest to DDO/WH from February to September 1965.

Raul Villaverde Lamadriz was of interest to DDO/WH from 1960 until 1967. Villaverde had contact with DDO/Domestic Collection Division on several occasions from 1969 to 1974.

Files of these three individuals also contain the results of name checks, investigations, and polygraph examinations. Additional information regarding the above three individuals is also contained in Tab B of a memorandum sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on 21 September 1976, subject:

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William David Weisenburger. A copy of that memorandum was furnished the Office of General Counsel and contains the full identity of the "Tom" referred to in the Department of Justice request as having been in contact with "Quintero and the Villaverde brothers" on 19 September 1976.

No record was found of Jesus Lazo or Valentine Hernandez.

Due to the lack of biographic data, no identifiable information could be located regarding Anthony Nestor Izquierdo Diaz.

4. Office of Security records were also searched regarding three other persons referenced in the Justice Department attachment to your request--Guillermo Novo, Jose Dionisio Suarez, and Orlando Bosch. A meaningful search was not possible regarding the first two without additional identifying information. Office of Security records did disclose that Orlando Bosch Avila was of interest to DDO/WH from February to November 1962. This Office has no information pertinent to the Justice Department question in the paragraph citing these individuals.

5. The above is for your information only and the fact that any of these individuals has had a covert relationship with the Agency should not be disseminated without the concurrence of the Deputy Director for Operations. Additional details regarding the nature of their relationship and duties of these individuals could most accurately be obtained from Directorate of Operations records.

6. As a final point, the individual referred to as "Tom" in the Department of Justice request is a Directorate of Operations officer currently under cover and slated for an overseas assignment. Therefore, any release of his identity to the Department of Justice should also be subject to prior coordination with the Deputy Director for Operations.

Stanley D. Stenbridge

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