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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Sarner
Assistant to the DUXSUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with William B. Pawley,
1230 Hours, 19 February 1960.

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2. Slepia is county chairman of the Dade County Republican Committee, and because of this, Pawley fears that much credence can be given to what he says. Pawley was quite alarmed over this matter and considered it the most explosive incident he has seen in the current Cuban situation. He also felt that such a statement coming from a county Republican Chairman immediately before President Eisenhower's visit to Latin America could have very far-reaching and damaging effects. Pawley said that all those present signed a paper which outlined their future revolutionary plans and that General BIAZ Tamayo also signed the paper, although reluctantly.

3. Slepia's office is in the Biscayne Building, Room 707, 19 Flagler Street, Miami. Pawley described Slepia as a "lawyer with a bad reputation."

4. In another telephone conversation with Colonel King later in the day, Pawley said that Slepia demanded the payment of the \$100,000 in advance, and also that the Florida State Chairman of the Republican Committee believed Slepia had direct access to President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon.

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Deputy Chief
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Comment by JEK:

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