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## 1. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Project activity during the first eight days of September can only be described as hectic. As September began, AMTRUNK-9, who had been exfiltrated on 23 August, was being rushed through tradecraft and FI training, being further debriefed and briefed, and trained in S/W and OWVL in preparation for his re-infiltration on 9 September. At the same time, complications arose over AMTRUNK-9's POA when his first LCFLUTTER turned out inconclusively and when it was discovered that ODIBEX had laid prior claim to his services. The difficulty over the LCFLUTTER was straightened out following a second LCFLUTTER test at which time the results were much clearer to read and indicated no deception. ODIBEX relinquished all claim to AMTRUNK-9 after the Station had granted an interview to an ODIBEX case officer with AMTRUNK-9 in order that A-9 could be debriefed on his knowledge of AMFAUNA-3's activities. At the same time KUBARK offered to assist ODIBEX by exfiltrating AMFAUNA-3 on the same operation during which AMTRUNK-9 would be infiltrated.

In the midst of the rush to train and hold operational discussions with AMTRUNK-9, a newspaper article on changing trends among high level personnel within the AMTHUG-1 government written by AMCAPE-1 appeared in a major daily newspaper. AMCAPE-1 reportedly told a high level ODYOKE official that AMICE-27, the AMTRUNK team leader, was the source of his information. The debriefing of AMICE-27 had produced information at considerable variance to that in AMCAPE-1's article. Confronted with the article, AMICE-27 admitted talking to AMCAPE-1 but denied that most of the information in the article was based on anything which AMICE-27 had said. As this article was creating considerable furor in ZRMETAL, Irving N. PEGGINS escorted AMICE-27 on 5 September to ZRMETAL for further debriefings and operational discussions.

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Discussions with Headquarters personnel were held on 5 and 6 September, during which AMICE-27 continued to stick to exactly the same story which he had given during his JMWAVE debriefings. These discussions also covered the future direction and scope of the AMTRUNK project. No concrete meeting of minds between KUBARK officers and AMICE-27 was obtained during these two days. It was agreed that the discussions would continue in the JMWAVE area.

On late 6 September, AMICE-27 proceeded alone to New York City to contact <sup>FR</sup> ~~Dr. Raul~~ TRILLO Gomez, former comandante in the Rebel Army and personal physician of AMTHUG-1, to ask him to come to the JMWAVE area for discussions with AMTRUNK-9 and KUBARK officers on the general AMTRUNK concept. At the same time, PEGGINS and Willard R. NAUMAN from Headquarters returned to the WAVE area. On 7 September AMICE-27 accompanied by TRILLO arrived in that area. Discussions continued in the safehouse during 7 and 8 September. } End

At the same time, preparations were going forward to infiltrate AMTRUNK-9 and to exfiltrate AMFAUNA-1, -3 and -34. AMICE-14 was to be acting team leader for this operation, accompanied by the two team guides, AMTRUNK-7 and -8. Late on 8 September AMICE-27 escorted TRILLO to the airport for his return to New York. Several hours later the infiltration team consisting of AMICE-14, AMTRUNK-7, -8 and -9 were loaded on board the M/V Neptune for their infiltration scheduled for the following evening, 9 September. The infiltration of AMTRUNK-9 and the exfiltration of four AMFAUNAs (AMFAUNA-13 was included in the exfiltration party at the last moment) went off very smoothly. Attached herewith as Attachment A is AMICE-14's log of this operation. Due to the fact that the infiltration area was rolled up because of an exile refugee infil in the same area, AMICE-14 decided to clear the area one night earlier than scheduled. He therefore headed straight for Marathon, arriving the following morning within one mile of that town. At this point he had the misfortune to run out of gas, to be picked up by the Coast Guard, and to be towed into the town dock where the boat was greeted by police, newspaper photographers and tourists. This created considerable stir but the team was eventually picked up from local authorities by the case officer without any team identities becoming known. Through liaison with two local newspapers, all photographs showing identifiable team member faces were suppressed and obtained for Station files. The rather spectacular nature of the AMTRUNK re-entry at Marathon somewhat obscured the precise, professional manner in which the team had carried out its assigned task during the entire mission, including the feat of sailing a 16' Boston Whaler with seven persons aboard across some 120 miles of ocean.

During the latter half of the reporting period considerable discussion continued between the case officers and AMICE-27 as to the future direction of the operation. AMICE-27 continued to hold out for very grandiose schemes. In essence he wanted carte blanche to recruit more infil-exfil agents, to organize an amorphous Rebel Army group in exile, to recruit, train and dispatch PM teams for resistance and sabotage on the inside, to establish a commando unit on the outside, and to run a propaganda program beamed from PBPRIME into Cuba. At one point in these discussions the COS, JMWAVE, was introduced to AMICE-27 and laid out the general parameters as to the Station's interest in AMICE-27's ideas. By the end of the reporting period we had been able to reduce AMICE-27 again to a manageable size and were proceeding to spot and recruit two candidates for the next AMTRUNK infiltration and to work out a propaganda program to be handled by the Station's

PW Branch beamed at the Cuban Rebel Army. During the reporting period two S/W messages were received from AMTRUNK-11 and S/W messages were sent to AMTRUNK-10, AMTRUNK-11 (2) and AMTRUNK-12. One OWVL message was sent to AMTRUNK-9.

Transmitted herewith are several other attachments to help bring the record of AMTRUNK activities up to date. Attachment B is the account of the August infiltration as written by AMICE-27. In this account, "Leon" is AMICE-27, "David" is AMICE-14. Attachment C is a more thorough debriefing of the AMICES on their initial contacts on the inside. Attachment D lists the main operational contacts of AMTRUNK-10, as obtained from debriefing AMICE-14 and 27. Attachment E is a paper written by AMICE-27 attempting to outline his ideas, following the discussions held in ZRMETAL. AMTRUNK-1 told PEGGINS that this paper was originally about twelve pages long, but that he had helped AMICE-27 cut it down. A-1 didn't think much of the paper, just as he professes not to think much of AMICE-27's ideas. In this regard it would appear that AMTRUNK-1 has been of help to the case officers in that he, too, has been deflating A-27's balloon since the latter's ZRMETAL trip.

## 2. INTELLIGENCE REPORTING

UFG-3596, 11 September 1963, Unexplained Presence of Soviets at Playa Menendez & Presence of Hungarian Agricultural Advisors at Finca Hatuey, Matanzas Province.

UFG-3608, 12 September 1963, Militia Outposts and Patrols in the Area of the Coastal Keys North of the Bahia de Santa Clara, Matanzas Province.

## 3. OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES

### Salaries

AMICE-27	\$350.00
AMICE-14	\$250.00
AMTRUNK-7	\$200.00
AMTRUNK-8	\$200.00
	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Expenses (safehouse and operational including AMICE-27 ZRMETAL and New York City trip): \$493.87

Mileage : \$126.00

GRAND TOTAL : \$1,619.87

### Pesos

AMICE-14	P 700.00
AMTRUNK-9	<u>P 2,000.00</u>
Peso Total :	P 2,700.00

4. PROJECTED PLANS

During the month of October, it is planned to process and debrief the two new candidates for infiltration, AMTRUNK-13 and -14, to prepare them to begin FI and tradecraft training during the latter part of the month. Continued planning for the propaganda campaign, to be directed against the Rebel Army, will be carried on during the month of October. In addition, further progress on the formation of a political platform is expected during the coming month. Other possibilities which will be explored with AMICE-27 and -14 are the infiltration of one or several radio operators to shore up the system of communications with the internal AMTRUNK assets and the formation of one action team to be infiltrated for an indefinite period.

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