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AMWORLD Meeting in New Orleans, 24 June 1964

SUBJECT: AMTUR-19 or Nice Guys Finish Last

1. HQS conclusion that AMWORLD interests would best be served by not opposing the termination of liaison contacts with AMTUR-19 was prompted by some of the following considerations:

A. AMBIDDY-1's obvious displeasure with the existing relationship, as evidenced by his rather pointed observations about the corrupting effects of such contacts on subordinate levels. The fact that such contacts provide URBAN with a certain insight into those AMWORLD affairs which AMBIDDY-1 prefers to keep secret is obviously a factor, but not an overriding one. What really worries AMBIDDY-1 himself is the divisive effect that this arrangement has on working level liaison between Cubans and Americans except in those rare instances where the loyalty of the Cuban representative is beyond cavil.

B. AMBIDDY-1's lack of confidence in AMTUR-19's loyalty. HQS position has been all along that AMBIDDY-1 is the best judge of who among his co-workers merit trust and who doesn't. To dispute his

judgment would be to negate the basic tenet of the AMWORLD project: political responsibility for internal AMWORLD policy matters will always remain with AMBIDDY-1. Just as HQS reserves unto itself the right of co-determination on all matters of substance or record, AMWORLD personnel involved in such matters are those we do not become involved except in those instances where our opinions are sought. The only standard is the field of background investigation, loyalty, influence, and the field of loyalty to AMBIDDY-1. In sum, once AMBIDDY-1 withdraws his confidence from a co-worker we have no choice but to accept his decision that we have the right to be heard and to select the individual our chosen instrument in the field of liaison.

C. AMTUR-19's dual role as a ranking functionary at AMWORLD and the Number Two Man in AMTUR. There is reason for believing that a dichotomy has been opening up between AMWORLD and AMTUR's "old guard" (to SECRET