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ARNOLD Meeting in Washington, 19 May 1964

SUBJECT: ARNOLD-1's Relations with Adelaide Pedro y Cruz

1. ANALYST reminded that ARNOLD-1 had not mentioned to anyone that BECKOFF had talked with him about this affair. (See ARNOLD Meeting Memo 15-16 Feb 1964, Subject: Adelaide Pedro y Cruz.)

2. BECKOFF re-affirmed that the matter had been raised in compliance with his wishes that we let him know about any derogatory information on subject. He had been told "in low English" that we in fact had information from several sources which testify to subject's former intimate relations with Fulgencio Batista. BECKOFF had drawn ARNOLD-1's attention to the following alternatives:

a. Rumors are true. ARNOLD-1's decision is obvious.

b. Rumors cannot be confirmed. How serious is the damage they cause to ARNOLD-1's public position.

3. ARNOLD-1 had listened carefully, merely commenting that all this was "very interesting." He had not been pressed to make a decision. Specifically, BECKOFF had told him that subject could prove to have been the mistress of other prominent Cubans, besides Batista, and that ARNOLD-1 could conceivably be blackmailed by JURE and the press, to mention only two sources, if he arrived at wrong conclusions based exclusively on his direct personal knowledge.

4. ARNOLD-1 had not been told that his affair with subject was linked to a separate affair. He was told that, as a rule, vigilance must be used at home to avoid scandals abroad. Villains are prone to scandal would be seriously hindered. Subject, according to BECKOFF, had taken the position that she was not the mistress of any prominent Cubans besides Batista. BECKOFF had told ARNOLD-1 that subject could not be blackmailed by JURE and the press, to mention only two sources, if he arrived at wrong conclusions based exclusively on his direct personal knowledge.

5. ANALYST believes that the problem in relations between ARNOLD-1 and ARNOLD-19 arises from the fact that the latter has discussed subject with ARNOLD-1. ARNOLD-19's and ...

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