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MEMORANDUM for the Executive Director:

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1. There are no objections from a policy standpoint to publication of this book by [redacted] so long as there be no identification of [redacted] as a CIA official.

2. This is a good book and, in my opinion, a real contribution to helping Americans understand the Latin American mind. It is sympathetic to the Latin Americans; they would not take offense at it.

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3. The account of the rise to power of Castro would not please the oversimplified view of the rightists, i. e., that he was a Communist all along and CIA and State just muffed the ball. Nor would it please Schlesinger and similar gentlemen of the left who view the revolution more in terms of a peasant-based economic upheaval. On the other hand, [redacted] treatment is moderate, and, to the extent that it is controversial, it is the very stuff of intellectual debate. It adds light rather than fuel to that debate.

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(EXECUTIVE REGISTRY FILE Mr. Chretien)

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Remarks:

Paul:  wants to publish this. Would you see that it is properly vetted and make a judgment.

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