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MEMORANDUM TO MR. MCGEORGE BUNDY

SUBJECT: Procedure for Non-Bloc Non-Cuban Nationals to
Transit the United States from Cuba

I refer to the question raised by Mr. Dulles at the May 5 NSC meeting on the transit of non-bloc non-Cuban nationals through the United States and the delays being encountered by such persons in obtaining waivers being required under the then current procedures.

In accordance with Secretary Rusk's commitment, I have gone into this matter and arrangements have now been agreed upon by the Department of State and the Immigration and Naturalization Service under which the Service has agreed to restore to the citizens of non-bloc countries who are residents but not citizens of Cuba the privilege of continuous transit through the United States without visas. This will markedly facilitate the travel of such persons.

In the cases of other aliens who do not qualify for this bonded transit privilege, a waiver of the documentary requirements for transit may be granted by joint action of the Department of State and the Attorney General, application for which may be made through the person's diplomatic mission in Cuba to the diplomatic mission here, which contacts the Department of State. If the alien authorizes payment for telephone charges, it is possible to obtain such a waiver within a day.

U. Alexis Johnson

Copies to: Acting Secretary Bowles
The Honorable Allen W. Dulles

State Dept. review completed

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