

1 May 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Brief Conference with [] Deputy Director/ONE,
1 May, and Request for Documents

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1. Mr. [] anticipating that inquiry would be made, had had the ONE papers referring to Cuba collected in one folder. He delivered to me the nine papers shown on the attached list, saying that they were all that ONE had prepared since 1 January 1960. (These are his file copies and must be returned.) ONE answers all inquiries in writing.

2. The following is a summary of Mr. [] remarks on the relations between ONE and DD/P: These relations vary in intensity with the personalities of the ONE and DD/P desk men, respectively; but in general there is a silken curtain between the two organizations, which is the result chiefly of distance (telephone security) and of DD/P operational philosophy (compartmentation for security reasons). Occasionally, DD/P asks ONE for comments on operational plans, but ONE has the feeling that DD/P does not "level" with them, is not completely frank about the reasons for the inquiry, etc. In fact, DD/P made no such inquiry about any plan for Cuba. ONE feels that DD/P sometimes refrains from making inquiries of this sort because they do not want to risk hearing views expressed that go against their own. The appropriate DD/P man is occasionally invited to attend an ONE board meeting, if he is considered to be particularly well qualified on the subject to be discussed. ONE, of course, has the benefit of "all^{the} intelligence the DD/P cares to give it." The two ONE Latin American men are [] and [] both very energetic. ([] is now in Latin America, EPA back 15 May.)

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3. [] said that ONE had not been asked or consulted about the recent Cuban operation. He added that in retrospect he felt that ONE could perhaps have volunteered to prepare a paper for DD/P in the recent past, say on the probable reactions of other countries to an invasion; but that ONE could not have prepared anything recently on internal Cuban matters for the reason that ONE had not received any intelligence in that field, either from State or DD/P. (ONE also gets [] reports occasionally.)

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4. From a preliminary study of these ONE documents, it seems that the points most relevant to our present inquiry are:

a. ONE view that time is on the side of Castro, i.e., that, as a result of improving security controls, his regime was likely to grow stronger, rather than weaker, with the passage of time.

SNIE 85-3-60 Prospects for the Castro Regime, 8 Dec 60, supplemented by 2-pp. memorandum for DCI, Is Time on Our Side in Cuba, 27 Jan 61.

b. ONE view that the Soviet bloc would respond vigorously to any major U.S. move in Cuba, would increase military aid, would avoid direct confrontation with U.S. forces, but would increase pressures elsewhere.

Memorandum for USIB, 2 Feb 61, Probable International Reactions to Certain Possible U.S. Courses of Action Against the Castro Regime

(The ONE file has to be returned, but can be borrowed again. The attached copies of three printed documents may be retained for the time being.)

5. Sherman Kent, AD/ONE, went to Latin America on 21 April and returned on 17 May.



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Attachments

List of ONE Papers re Cuba

NIE 85-2-60, C4 # 267

SNIE 85-3-60, C4 # 253

SNIE 85-60, C4 # 255

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CUBAEstimates 1960-1961

SNIE 85-60	Communist Influence in Cuba	22 Mar 60
NIE 85-2-60	The Situation in Cuba	14 Jun 60
SNIE 85-3-60	Prospects for the Castro Regime	8 Dec 60

Memoranda for the DCI 1960-1961

The Cuban Pot Boils Over	15 Jul 60
The Estimative Record on Cuba	15 Nov 60
Is Time on Our Side in Cuba?	27 Jan 61
Probable International Reactions to Certain Possible US Courses of Action Against the Castro Regime	2 Feb 61
Why the Cuban Revolution of 1958 Led to Cuba's Alignment with the USSR	21 Feb 61
Attitudes of Other Latin American Governments Towards Cuba	21 Feb 61

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