

8 November 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. David Kraslow of Knight Newspapers called me at home about 6 p.m., on Friday, 4 November, and referred to the telegram to Mr. Dulles from George Beebe, Managing Editor, Miami Herald (Tab A), in which Beebe requested an appointment with Mr. Dulles for Mr. Lahey, Chief of the Knight Newspapers' Washington Bureau, to discuss a story the Miami Herald has been documenting on how CIA and U. S. military are collaborating and recruiting and training anti-Castro forces in Miami and in the Caribbean. Kraslow also referred to my reply to Beebe (Tab B), stating that the Director was out of the country until 8 November and that his message would be brought to Mr. Dulles' attention upon his return to the office on 9 November. This reply had been discussed and concurred in at the Deputies Meeting on 4 November. Kraslow said he was somewhat disappointed that the home office was "running around his end" but, on the other hand, the action we had taken was not satisfactory. He said there was no doubt in his mind that the story the Miami Herald had, "with pictures and names of players," is a true one and while he did not expect us to either confirm or deny, he was seeking "some guidance." I advised him that I knew nothing of what he and Beebe were talking about. He said he could not accept this answer and while the Knight Newspapers did not wish to do anything that would harm national security, they "were quite edgy" and might go ahead and publish the story without any further notice. I told him that this of course was Mr. ^{Kraslow's} prerogative. He agreed and commented again that all they were seeking was "just some guidance." I reiterated my previous statement that I did not know what they were talking about. (Colonel Grogan had warned me that in his opinion all Knight is seeking is some slight peg which in their judgment will allow the story to be published.) Kraslow continued to cajole and threaten. However, I stuck to my ignorance of the whole matter.

2. On 8 November Andy Goodpaster advised General Cabell that Jim Hagerty had received a request from Mr. Beebe similar

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to the one mentioned above (Tab C). It was first decided between Generals Cabell and Goodpaster that Mr. Hagerty would reply indicating he would bring Beebe's request to the Director's attention upon his return to the office on 9 November. Andy called me later, however, and said after discussing this with Mr. Hagerty, it had been decided that Mr. Hagerty would keep completely out of this and refer his message to us for reply. After consultation with Mr. Bissell and Colonel Grogan, the attached reply (Tab D) was sent to Beebe.


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ALLEN DULLES, DIRECTOR
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MIAMI HERALD HAS BEEN DOCUMENTING STORY OF HOW
CIA AND U.S. MILITARY ARE COLLABORATING IN RECRUITING
AND TRAINING ANTI-CASTRO FORCES HERE AND IN THE CARIBBEAN.

WE ARE PREPARING TO PUBLISH FACTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.
EFFORTS TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH PROPER AUTHORITIES HAVE
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THIS IS A MATTER OF IMPORTANCE WHICH WE FEEL MERITS
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TO DISCUSS IT WITH YOU BEFORE PUBLICATION OF ARTICLES.

EDW. A. LAHEY, CHIEF OF THE NIGHT NEWSPAPERS
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GEORGE BEEBE
MANAGING EDITOR
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MR. GEORGE BEEBE
MANAGING EDITOR, MIAMI HERALD
MIAMI, FLORIDA

RECEIPT IS ACKNOWLEDGED OF YOUR TELEGRAM OF 3 NOVEMBER.
MR. DULLES IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY UNTIL 8 NOVEMBER. YOUR
MESSAGE WILL BE BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION UPON HIS RETURN
TO THE OFFICE ON 9 NOVEMBER.


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George Beebe
Managing Editor
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