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*Edwin Martin Card*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Secretary of State,  
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MEMORANDUM

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FROM

SUBJECT: Type of Cuban Refugees Arriving

1. It seems obvious that the Cuban Government is utilizing the Red Cross transportation facilities to foist off on the US great number of undesirables. As has been well documented in reports secured from the arrivals themselves, (and the newspapers), the majority of the passengers on the "African Pilot" and the "Shirley Lykes" had little or no connection with the Invasion Prisoners. At the most, the "good" ones could ascribe their departure from Cuba to the fact that they had property the Cuban Government wanted. At the worst, the "bad" ones would appear to be Castro agents, Communists, nationalists, criminals and physically disabled.

2. The arrivals on the Red Cross plane of 25 Jan 63 were just about the dregs of Cuban society. The passengers made accusations against their fellow passengers, and from the reports secured from individuals, it was apparent that many of them were would be Castristas, neophyte Communists, or genuine Castro agents.

3. The arrivals on the plane of 1 Feb 63 were the worst collection of human beings it has ever been my misfortune to view. There were four or five honest hardship cases of very old persons. There were some who were obviously physical wrecks, there were a number of mentally deficient, and there were some who were obviously seriously ill with disease. In addition to those there were extremely low class people, there were almost illiterate negroes, and there were self admitted Fidelistas, and Nacionalistas who had left the US after the April 1961 invasion to return to Cuba. Apparently, however, life got too tough for them there--or it was decided they could better serve the cause here.

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4. These people are not, in my mind, genuine refugees. They are (1) cast-offs of the Cuban society, (2) arrogant Castro agents, or (3) people so devoid of political conviction that they could owe no allegiance to any country.

5. The wave of indignation experienced by the Immigration and Customs Inspectors is most revealing. These men, veterans of long years of experience in dealing with all types of humanity, have reached the point where they make open statements that "such trash should never be admitted to the US," and before I go on admitting people like this, I'll take my retirement."

6. Somehow, something should be done to call the attention of Washington to this most sorry state of affairs. This sovereign nation should say when people will enter this nation, and should also say who should enter this nation, regardless of how much the do-gooders howl about "humanitarianism." It is my opinion that until facilities are again set up properly to screen these arrivals at Opa-Locka, no more refugees should be allowed to come to the US.



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