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Mr. Langbourne M. Williams
Chairman of the Board
Freeport Sulphur Company
161 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

16 APR 1960

Dear Lang:

I appreciate your letter of 12 April 1960 with the details of developments at Moa Bay. It is very helpful to be kept up to date on these developments.

Events are moving in Cuba and, while I don't expect any early solution, I hope that we will be seeing you resuming operations one of these days.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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April 12, 1960

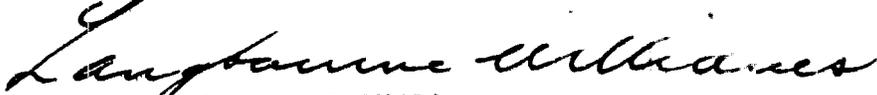
Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Allen:

When I last talked with you on the telephone I told you that we were posting a notice saying that April 8th would be the last day for which we would be responsible for payroll at the Moa Bay property. I am glad to say that we were able to bring things to a close there and terminate the employment of some 1400 people without any unpleasant incident. We decided that it would be wise prior to the final day to bring the women and children home, and last Thursday we safely landed in New Orleans 67 men, women and children, 10 dogs and a cat. This is a great relief to me. We are still continuing our negotiations with the Cuban government and are doing our best to reach an agreement which would permit resumption of our operations. In the meantime the men we brought home will be taking their vacations and will, I trust, be available to return to Cuba if an arrangement can be made. We have left some of our top men at Moa Bay and we have a few people in Santiago and Havana. The government has not intervened our property and we are keeping guards at Moa Bay where everything has been peaceful and pleasant. The government gives every indication of wanting to conclude an agreement with us so that operations may be resumed and they are telling the men at the property to be quiet as they are planning for operations to be resumed. Whether this can be accomplished I cannot hazard a guess.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,


Langbourne M. Williams

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