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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Recent Reports of Missile Activity in Cuba

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3.4(b)(1)

1. In view of the recent increase in the number of [redacted] reports of suspect missile activity in Cuba ([redacted] since 26 March), we have reviewed all reporting of this kind since the last comprehensive review in July 1963. Approximately [redacted] reports of unidentified missile or missile-related activity have been received since then. Of these, [redacted] could subsequently be related to known missile facilities or activities, [redacted] were patently false or constituted exaggerated descriptions of known non-missile activity, and [redacted] could not be reconciled with available information but appeared to be highly doubtful.

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[redacted]

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3. Although the lack of detail in these and other such reports precludes their positive confirmation or denial, no operational long range missiles or missile sites have been discovered in the almost daily high altitude photography, nor have we seen in Cuba any of the distinctive security measures associated with Soviet nuclear storage facilities elsewhere. Moreover, neither overhead photography nor any of the [redacted] reports received to date have provided evidence that the complex and numerous equipment necessary for support of strategic missile installations is present in Cuba.

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5. In conclusion, we continue to lack verifiable evidence of the presence of strategic missiles in Cuba. We continue to believe that no such weapons have been retained in or introduced into Cuba since they were removed from the island in the fall of 1962. We have alerted NPIC to the recent receipt of these [REDACTED] reports so that the photo interpreters will be looking with care for the possible appearance of such weapons in high altitude photography.

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