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The Honorable Arthur A. Gardner
American Ambassador
United States Embassy
Havana, Cuba

Miss Tishhammer
Miss IRISH
Mr. Egan
Mr. Chapin
Mr. Shaw
Mr. Clarke
Chris
DCI File

Dear Arthur:

I have received your message and invitation through Bill and have been trying to see how I might accept. I would certainly welcome another visit down there as I know just how pleasant it is!

Unfortunately, I'm afraid I can't make it this time. I leave tomorrow with Lewis Strauss for the Pacific and shall be gone for probably ten days. Then, after my return here, it will not be too long before I must take off again for Europe followed by commitments in the Far East where I have not been in four years. Under these circumstances I am sure that both you and the President will understand why I must express my regrets at not being able to join you at any time within the very near future.

Please give my deepest sympathy to President Batista and his wife on the loss of their baby and my sincere regret that I cannot pay a visit to Havana at the present time. I would appreciate your offering him my encouragement and best wishes and the hope that he will keep up the good fight against the international Communist conspiracy.

With best regards,

Faithfully,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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