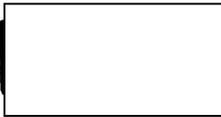


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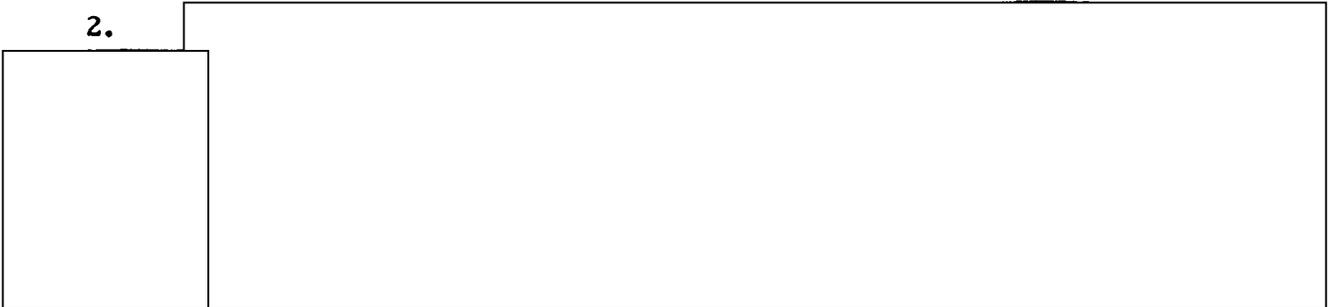
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: Meeting with the President - 5:30 - 15 Apr 1963
In Palm Beach, Florida

1. Mr. Lundahl gave a complete briefing on the latest satellite photography of the Soviet Union and both satellite and U-2 photography of Communist China.

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3. Discussed in some detail the Donovan negotiations in Cuba. Gave the President a [redacted] summary of the Donovan discussions and a copy of my memorandum of April 15th on Cuba. President raised the question of Miro Cardona, stated that Cardona had misrepresented the facts. I urged that the President not involve himself personally in a public argument with Miro Cardona.

I raised the question of the possibility of working on Castro with the objective of disenchanting him with his Soviet relations causing him to break relations with Khrushchev, to effect the removal of Soviet troops from Cuba, reorient his policies with respect to Latin America, and establish in Cuba government satisfactory to the rest of the Hemisphere. I explained to the President that the Cuban problem must be solved in one of two ways; either the manner outlined above or alternatively, by bringing consistent pressure of every possible nature on Khrushchev to force his withdrawal from Cuba, and then to bring about the downfall of Castro by means which could be developed after the removal of the Soviets troops (but not before) and thereafter establish a satisfactory government in Cuba. I stated to the President that we were studying both courses of action and I had not made up my mind concerning the feasibility of either plan. The President thought both approaches should be carefully examined and suggested the possibility of pursuing both courses at the same time. In any event it was decided that we should



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keep the Donovan channel open. I advised the President that Donovan has to return [REDACTED] at the end of the week and that I will see him privately prior to his departure.

4. The President and I talked at some length concerning sabotage in Cuba. I expressed grave doubts and pointed out the hazards from his standpoint in view of the stand-down of the hit-and-run exile operations, the danger of attribution, etc. The President seemed to question whether active sabotage was good unless it was of a type that could "come from within Cuba." I said this was very difficult [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I said I thought a program should be engaged in only if it was an essential building block in an agreed program to remove the Soviets from Cuba and to take care of Castro.

5. Advised the President of my plans for a brief trip to Europe. Also advised him that I had delayed my departure for a few days in order to meet with the Killian Board on April 23rd. I repeated my very strong objections to the Killian Board report and that I felt the report should either be withdrawn from the Board or amended. The President urged that I not engage in a controversy over this report, he had decided not to circulate it, that only one copy was in existence, and as far as he was concerned he had dismissed the entire matter. I told the President I had not discussed the Board's report with the Board, but if they brought it up I intended to urge its amendment but would not engage in a controversy with the Board.

6. Discussed briefly the problems of Soviet leadership in the USSR and gave the President a copy of the paper on this subject.

7. Advised the President of the study of future satellite photography which I had initiated. It was obvious from our brief discussion on this subject that the use of the OXCART over Soviet territory was of great concern to him and he was most hopeful of improving satellite photography to a point where it would suffice our intelligence needs.

8. Briefly discussed the views of Mr. Kelly Johnson on the TFX and the Navy's plans to install a submarine research center on Andros Island in the Bahamas.

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