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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert Kennedy

Mr. McCone requested that the attached copy of an internal CIA memorandum be called to your attention.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)  
Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Intelligence Support on Cuba

1. On 5 March 1962 OCI began the publication of a Summary of Current Intelligence on Cuba which will appear five times weekly. This publication is being disseminated to the DCI, DDP, DDI, and Mr. Harvey. A number of copies are being sent to WH-4 for internal use, and the text is being transmitted by wire to WAVE. The Summary concerns itself with items of possible interest to day-to-day DDP operations.

2. The publication of the OCI Cuba Summary is the culmination of a series of steps taken to provide intelligence support to DDP with regard to Cuba and therefore marks what might be thought of as the end of the first phase in the development of a DDI program of intelligence support. Other steps taken to date include the following:

a. A Cuba Branch has been organized in the Economic Research Area of ORR. It has already produced studies on the Cuban foreign exchange situation and the Cuban sugar industry. A series of additional studies are under way.

b. Other components of ORR have produced studies on the Cuban petroleum and mining industries.

c. The Transportation Branch of ORR has begun a weekly series of reports on shipping to and from Cuban ports.

d. The Latin American Branch of the Geography Division of ORR has been oriented heavily toward work on Cuba. It has produced a number of reports concerning specific areas of interest to DDP. It has also produced a study of mangrove swamps showing possibilities for their use in operations.

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- e. The Requirements Staff of ORR, acting for the entire intelligence community, has compiled and published a comprehensive interrogation guide for use in interrogating Cuban refugees. This document will be kept up to date and is designed so that it can be used by other collectors in ascertaining requirements on a wide variety of subject matter.
- f. The Office of Operations has begun a systematic interrogation of incoming refugees at Opalaka. It has also increased the coverage of Cuban radio broadcasts by FBIS.
- g. The Office of Current Intelligence and ORR have begun the preparation of a handbook on Cuba covering various aspects of intelligence of a reasonably stable nature.
- h. The Office of Central Reference has reactivated that portion of the Industrial Register concerned with Cuba.
- i. The Biographic Register of OCR has produced a series of biographies on key members of the Cuban regime.
- j. The OCR Graphics Register, while operating at a low key to avoid attracting undue attention to the problem, has begun a systematic campaign for the acquisition of ground photography relating to Cuba.
- k. The Office of Scientific Intelligence produced one ad hoc report relating to a possible operational problem in Cuba.
- l. The Office of National Estimates has drafted a new and detailed NIE on Cuba which is currently being coordinated with the other members of the United States Intelligence Board. In addition to the Estimate, however, it has also prepared a number of ad hoc papers dealing with matters that required responsible estimative judgment.
- m. NPIC has continued to devote a team to providing photo interpretation support and has sent one of its photo interpreters for extended TDY at WAVE.
- n. Extensive discussions have been held with NSA personnel which should lead to a substantial increase in the support given by NSA to various DDI components concerned with Cuba.

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o. Certain special collection activity monitored by the DDI has been doubled in scope and its exploitation by DDI components intensified.

p. In addition, the O/DD/I has prepared memoranda in response to specific ad hoc requests pertaining to the Cuban situation, e.g., an assessment of special intelligence sources for General Taylor and an assessment of the UN debate (5 - 15 February) relative to Cuban charges of US "aggressive" intentions.

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