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ACTION MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. B-14

Date 23 August 1962

TO : DD/L, DD/P, DD/R

SUBJECT :

REFERENCE:

This memorandum will confirm Mr. McCone's discussion of actions to be undertaken in connection with the Cuban situation.

At a high-level meeting on 23 August, the Secretary of State requested permission to inform our NATO Allies of the growing seriousness of the Cuban situation. His request was approved.

The Secretary of State also advocated removal of restrictions on mounting operations out of the Guantanamo base.

Action: DD/P to follow up with the Pentagon to determine Department of Defense attitude or actions on Secretary of State's suggestion.

Higher authority requests a continuing analysis of the numbers and types of Communist Bloc personnel entering Cuba, quantity and types of Bloc equipment and its probable use, all construction, particularly missile sites.

Action: The Board of National Estimates will establish a procedure to ensure working on a continuing assessment of the above subjects.

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Higher authority requested an assessment of the physical and psychological dangers to the United States and Latin America of missile installations in Cuba.

Action: The Board of National Estimates will prepare such an assessment.

Higher authority raised the following further questions which should be studied by the addressees of this memorandum:

- a. Should this Government make a statement in advance of what our position should be if the Soviets install missiles in Cuba?
- b. What action could we take to sabotage or destroy such installations?
- c. As a reverse side of the coin, what should this Government do in Cuba in case the Soviets precipitate a Berlin crisis?

Action: A coordinated Agency position to be prepared for the information and use of the Acting DCI.

Action: DD/I will institute immediately a daily publication on Cuban developments to include current intelligence reporting, substantiating evidence, estimative assessments, and coverage of domestic and foreign press. This publication will be distributed to the President, McGeorge Bundy, Secretary McNamara, Mr. Gilpatric, General Lemnitzer, Secretary Rusk, General Taylor, and the Attorney General.

Action: DD/R will arrange for overflights of Cuba as frequently as the situation demands.

Action: DD/P to begin work immediately on a plan of operations which would be supplementary to the course of action approved at the 10 August meeting.

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