

23 March 1970

Mrs. Allen W. Dulles  
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Washington, D. C. 20007

Dear Mrs. Dulles:

I am enclosing a file pertaining to Allen's article on the Bay of Pigs. As you will see, there are a number of drafts but on top we have put one on plain white paper which has the word "final" on it and one on lined yellow paper which apparently is the one edited by Harper's Magazine, Inc. You will see a good deal of notation in Allen's handwriting, and it would seem this is the one they were considering for actual publication. Unfortunately, there are two pages missing in this version, which is noted on page 31. Probably these pages could be reconstructed from some of the other drafts if needed.

There is no security problem involved in this draft article, although General Cabell, who has reviewed it, has suggested editorial changes which are in his handwriting on pages 9, 13, and 22. They do not change the substance, and I believe they are a slight improvement.

You will note in the file a letter from Allen to Harper's, stating that he had decided not to publish at that time. As [REDACTED] and I discussed with you, we are not sure what his reasons were for withholding publication, but after thorough review here, there is no reason from the Agency's point of view why publication should not be considered. In this connection, I am also enclosing an exchange of letters between Mr. Louis F. Comus, Jr., of Sullivan & Cromwell, and Doubleday & Company, Inc., which recently expressed an interest in this article. If

publication is considered, however, I assume you would want to start with Harper's in view of the work they put in on it earlier. We have no position in this regard, and leave this to you and Mr. Pierce.

We are proceeding with the review of the rest of the papers, but this draft article seemed to be a specific item of possible current interest, so we are handling it separately. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

s/

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