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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM:

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Classification Review Division  
Office of Information Services, DDA

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The attached five documents which the Agency received from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee are actually two separate cases, so to escape some of the confusion which I felt when I first read them, let me explain them separately. All five pages are Senate documents, only the last three concern CIA Testimony, they allow us to suggest sanitization as a courtesy (and to keep us from clamming up in future testimony).

The first two pages concern testimony by two State Department executives, Chester Bowles and Christian Herter, on 17 May and 6 January 1961. When the Senate Foreign Relations Committee desired now to publish this heretofore classified testimony, the State Department suggested the deletions indicated by the red brackets. They also said, however, that the deletions on page [REDACTED] on the galley) could be ignored if CIA agreed, and the deletions on page [REDACTED] could be reduced to the inner brackets [REDACTED] if CIA approved. I feel the DDO should make the choice here, though the DDS&T certainly might have an interest in [REDACTED]

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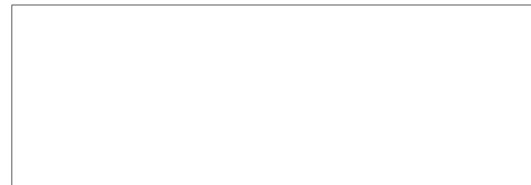
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The last three pages concern testimony to the committee by the CIA DDP on the Cuban situation, 2 May 1961. In 1979, the Committee asked CIA to sanitize this testimony. Our response was signed by Fred Hitz (then Leg. Liaison Officer) 9 April 1979, and our deletions of that time are indicated by the dark streaked areas (yellow on the originals) on the three pages. The Committee Staff actually scissored all our deletions out of their testimony folders, and sent this unclassified remainder to the National Archives "for the use of scholars." While at the Archives, the sanitized pages were microfilmed by University Publications of Frederick, Maryland and are available to the general public.

On 27 January 1983, Chairman Percy of the Committee wrote the DCI that they wished to include these pages in their Historical Series, and did we have any objections. The DDO did!--wanted the three questionable paragraphs on the three pages deleted entirely, in effect re-classifying those parts of the paragraphs not deleted in 1979. The Committee has replied that they feel additional classification is questionable here--bad precedent, and would draw attention to the new deletions, therefore, they would like further justification for the reclassification.



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