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Reference is made to memorandum dated October 9, 1961, from Mr. Donahoe to Mr. Sullivan. Liaison was requested to discreetly attempt to obtain details of a previous Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) approach to bring about the defection of the subject (S) (U)

MIGUEL ANGEL QUEVEDO (S)

The Liaison Agent has ascertained that prior to the Cuban invasion in April, 1961, CIA became quite excited about the possibilities of [redacted] Roa. He allegedly had become disilluminated (S) and was interested in establishing his residence in the U.S. CIA was not receiving this information directly but through different Cuban intermediaries. The Agency then promoted [redacted] through a Cuban named Quevedo who is the owner and editor of the Cuban publication, "Bohemia Libre" in New York City. Quevedo reportedly had direct contact with Roa and was also in touch with one of Roa's sisters not identified. CIA also utilized a source named Falcon Breceno who had made some contact with Roa (S) NY

As we know, CIA was unsuccessful in [redacted] Roa allegedly had expressed an interest but after the abortive invasion in April, he took an entirely different attitude and continued to remain loyal to Castro. CIA did not promote any further attempts [redacted] (S)

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ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the Nationalities Intelligence Section.

- 1 - Mr. Donahoe
- 1 - Mr. Mullins
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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