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ReNYlet dated 10/18/62.

MICHAEL J. P. MALONE, Vice President, Czarnikow-Rionda Company, 105 Wall Street, NYC, whose identity should be protected and who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 10/18/62, that he had been in Washington, D.C., on 10/17/62, to speak with ROBERT HURWITCH of the US Department of State and his two contacts in CIA, namely CHARLES MACHIN (ph) and RAY HERBERT. (u)

MALONE advised on 10/18/62, that in his conversation with ROBERT HURWITCH, he found HURWITCH to be generally encouraged about the possibilities of correcting the situation in Cuba, but got no indication from him as to when this would take place. MALONE stated that HURWITCH mentioned to him that the pressure on the US Department of State, the White House and the entire KENNEDY Administration relative to Cuba is fantastic and that the pressure is coming from newspapers, magazines, Congress and politicians of both major parties.

HURWITCH stated that President JOHN F. KENNEDY, and his brother, Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY, are dedicated to the destruction of CASTRO, Castroism and Communism in Cuba and the rest of Latin America, but that any action relative to the ultimate elimination of these problems may take a little time. HURWITCH stated that the enlistment of Cubans into the US Armed Forces was good and that he had just returned from Miami, Florida, where he had conferred with officials and

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in the event DONOVAN falls short of the goal of credits of 62 million dollars demanded by CASTRO, the US Government would supply what they needed to make the negotiations a success. HURWITCH further stated that in conversation with DONOVAN, it was the opinion of DONOVAN that in the event these drugs are acceptable to CASTRO, CASTRO will not distribute the drugs to the Cuban people, but will sell them and the markup will be eight to nine times the wholesale price and that this could bring CASTRO approximately 55 million dollars from the Cuban people. MALONE stated that HURWITCH said that there was a reasonable chance for success in these negotiations with CASTRO and that it would probably be several weeks before CASTRO gives his answer to the propositions made to him by DONOVAN.

MALONE also advised on 10/18/62, that he had contacted (S) [CHARLIE MACHIN] (ph) and [MACHIN] informed him that the Russian (S) build-up of military supplies in Cuba was continuing at an alarming pace and that it is thought that this would continue for the next couple of weeks. [MACHIN] (S) stated that the interpretation given to this build-up by President KENNEDY and the Administration that it was a build-up of defensive arms was his own interpretation of the situation.

[MACHIN] (S) indicated to MALONE that in general, he was encouraged by the degree of activity being carried on at the present time by the Anti-CASTRO element and stated that CIA was continuing to take people into Cuba and that this was also increasing. [MACHIN] stated that CIA is receiving many (S) requests from Cuban exiles to return to Cuba to fight and wherever possible these people are being dropped into the island.

MALONE stated that [MACHIN] (S) also informed him that the people in the policy making level of CIA have now run out of alternatives and are now faced with definite decisions relative to action in Cuba and that this situation has prompted a change within the agency because decisions are now being made more quickly than they were previously. [MACHIN] advised that (S) in his opinion, "the show was definitely on the road",

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