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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of the letterhead memorandum captioned "Cuban Political Activities" and dated as above.

WF T-1 is [WF 568-S\*] WF T-2 is Lt. Col. (S) MARIANO FAGET, Director of the Cuban Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities (BRAC), as reflected in letter dated 11/7/58, from the Legat at Havana.

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On February 3, 1959, WF T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that I. Irving Davidson, a local Public Relations Counselor, who has been in frequent contact with the Israeli Embassy, was in contact with Avraham Salmon, Economic Counselor at the Israeli Embassy. (S)

The informant advised that Davidson had indicated he was just getting over the Cuban situation and that he did not get hurt at all. Davidson further reported that the Ministry (possibly Israeli Defense Ministry) was not involved and Salmon was glad to learn this. Davidson also said the Cuban situation did not touch Israel but that someone had tried but Davidson had locked it up in a manner which made everyone happy. Davidson said even Shimon (possibly Shimon Peres, Israeli Defense Minister) who was very nervous about the situation, is now happy. (S)

In regard to Davidson, on November 7, 1958, WF T-2, a confidential source abroad, advised that the Cuban Government had given a two hundred and sixty thousand dollar letter of credit to I. Irving Davidson, Public Relations Counselor, Washington, D. C., for the purchase of arms to the Cuban Government. The same source reported that Davidson had requested that the letter of credit be transferred to Mr. I. Cohen, representative of the Government of Israel with offices in New York City, New York. Cohen was referred to as affiliated with the Ministry of Defense for the Government of Israel. Under

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this arrangement, the Government of Israel was to ship arms valued at two hundred and sixty thousand dollars directly to Cuba. The arms were not described.

On February 3, 1959, WF T-1 learned [that Milton Friedman, of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Washington, D. C.] (S) had inquired about the voting record of Cuba concerning [Israeli issues before the United Nations] (S). WF T-1 advised that [Hugh Orgel, Press Attache of the Israeli Embassy] (S) reported that [the Embassy] (S) had the figures but these were not available at the present time. (S) [Friedman] reported that he could not recall any [anti-Israel feeling] on the part of the Cubans. (S) (S)

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