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30 January 1961

*(original in Lorie's file)*

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WIA

SUBJECT: The Lorie Group

<sup>03</sup> 1. As a follow up to the 28 January 1961 meeting with you and Mr.  I intend--subject to your approval--to take the following position with the Lorie group:

a. Bender remains most sympathetic to the group's anti-Castro aims.

b. Bender has carefully examined the Cuban exile picture and the anti-Castro activities inside Cuba and has concluded that:

(1) It would be undesirable to keep yet one more exile group artificially alive.

(2) Inside Cuba unity--especially during the militant phase--is more necessary than ever. Thus to strive for the maintenance of a separate political entity now would be hindering rather than helping inside Cuban unity.

(3) To supply now existing, provable resistance elements in Cuba is of greatest importance.

c. As the result of a and b above:

(1) Bender regrets that he cannot supply funds for the maintenance of the MRRD.

(2) However, Bender will ask his military colleagues to explore with the MRRD whether its boat and radio can be fitted into the over-all military effort under existing criteria.

(3) Bender group of political representatives would like to remain in friendly contact with the MRRD to exchange views, ideas, information, and insure continuing good relations now and after Castro's overthrow.

2. Your approval of the above is requested.

GERARD BROTLER

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APPROVED: J. D. ESTERLINE

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