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MONGOOSE

The Attorney General's assistant says his afternoon is free Thursday. Therefore, we have set up Mongoose for 4:00 o'clock. Ed Murrow will be on hand.

Herewith are the following papers:

1. The Lansdale schedule.

He has talked to State (Goodwin and Hurwitch). Somewhat to everyone's surprise they seemed to have no substantive suggestions, being simply a little unhappy they hadn't been consulted.

All others have concurred (CIA with some reservations).

Suggest you ask for formal concurrence.

2. USIA Report on Broadcasting.

This memorandum was addressed to Lansdale and this is a bootleg copy. However, I've now asked for one for our file, and Murrow will bring other copies to pass out.

It is a curious memo. It is difficult to figure out what they are saying - whether they are for stepped-up broadcasting, or not. Actually, they've played it cozy by saying what can be done but at the same time saying we shouldn't ask for trouble.

Marked paragraph on page 5 is particularly interesting.

My general conclusion is that, given the situation today, there is too much on the negative side of all this to justify going ahead now.

3. Cubans for U.S. Army.

Memo from Lansdale, attaching Gilpatrick paper sent to JCS.

Suggest you needle on progress.

4. Intelligence reports.

You wanted to mention report in Weekly Summary of 22 May, from Canadian official. Also over-optimistic report of 21 May.

5. New Weekly Summary

Yap,
T.A.P.

29 May 1962

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c. Arrangements could be made to buy time on one of seventeen U.S. "clear channel" stations in the event a short-term tactical situation should arise which would justify such an operation.

3. Recruitment of Cubans into the U.S. Army

General Craig reported that the JCS had established a deadline of June 8th for developing a plan. The Group agreed that this is now a matter of considerable urgency, especially since it has been the object of very high level attention, and therefore General Craig was asked to move this deadline up.

4. Progress Report of 31 May

The Group came to the following decisions on General Lansdale's memorandum:

a. Task 7, "Voice of Free Cuba," is approved with the understanding that it will be handled in a low key and that CIA will maintain very close coordination with State.

b. Task 10, on leaflet balloons, was not approved. The Group directed that more details on objectives, feasibility, visibility, etc., be developed.

c. On Task 19 - Training of 20-Men Teams - the Group directed that a detailed plan be prepared, with particular emphasis on cover.

d. On Task 23 - Counterfeit Currency - the Group directed that an evaluation be prepared on exactly what could be accomplished and how it would be done, as well as why this is a good time to consider such an operation.

Yap
Thomas A. Parrott

cc: General Lansdale

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