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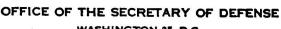
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Progress, Operation Meagoese

President in Mexico. State reported that President Kennedy's visit to Mexico greatly enhanced U.S. good-will in Mexico, was marked by the absence of pro-Castro propaganda, and fulfilled U.S. plans to impress upon Castro that Mexico, upon whem the Castro regime counts as an ally, is solidly with the United States and the West. In discussions about Cuba, President Lopes Maters expressed the Mexican view that Castro was in trouble and that his regime would fall of its own weight. President Kennedy expected the U.S. view of the Cuban problem; State believes this should ease the way for future discussions about Cuba with the Mexicans.

Joint Communique. The joint communique issued by President Kennedy and President Lopes Mateos, implicated a topic of interest to Operation Mongoose: "Both presidents reaffirmed the dedication of their countries to the ideals of individual liberty and personal Agaity which constitute the foundation of a civilization which they share in common. In consonance with their dedication to these ideals and acting always as severeign and independent countries. This is in the policies and their own courses of action, they provide this intervention may come from a continental or delign dedication of the intervention may come from a continental or delign dedication.

The UPI reported that the Mexican press and political chairward halled this joint message as evidence of President Mexical Mexical "surrendered" to Mexica's policy of "halles off Cuba." In resource to my query, the Department of State said: "Those were to mente resulting from the President's trip to Mexica, including text of the joint United States-Mexica Generalism, which there has to guidelines governing the Cuba project."

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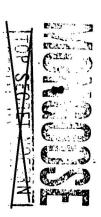
in operations into Communist-controlled areas (Europe and Asia), that CIA has built a team which has a number of people experienced of current work on Operation Mongoese. I was pleased to note policy matters, which are being stailed for presentation to you. with the operations staff of the CIA station, which carries the brus are being resolved on the operating level. American experience. whose know-bow strengthens the operations of people with Latta My visit to the Miami area included discussions They have some problems, most of which Some problems involve

there are some areas insufficiently severed now. being made to complete the provincial coverage at an early date, since agents now in the Habana area alons (a rather remarkable accomplishemphasis given the operation is indicated by the presence of 45 in addition, ment in a Communist capital where there is no official U.S. presence) Overall, this is a spleadid effort by CIA within present guide -On intelligence-collection, the magnitude of the special there are agents and teams in the previnces; effects are

stories of Castro's use of militia against in with other operations and to keep within Mangoose guidelines. and the "Voice of Cuba" breadcasts are being closely directed to fit The two stories put together by UPI have an relationship in reality, is noted that UPI carried this news item, but spiced it up with added and the replay of this news back into Cuba, for the general public. publication of the fact that even broadcasts were heard in the V.S., successful initial broadcasts from a U.S. Mavy submarine "Yolco of Cube. " The separate CLA weakly report as guerrillas in Matannas.

Diplomatic. State reports that diplomatic efforts are being made to block Cuba's application for accreditation to the European Economic Community. Similarly, efforts are being made to enclude Cuba from the proposed Latin American Free Trade area.

led to my tasking Defense for further contingency planning, including an inter-departmental plan. Contingency Planning. As an interim report, Defense notes that while the 18-day Rumore in mid-June of a Cuban sprising Defense reports this planning is progress



reaction time is still basic, a 9-day reaction time is feasible under certain pre-positioning and a 5-day reaction time can be undertaken with certain risks. You will be informed, when this planning is completed.

<u>Defense intelligence</u>. Defense is reviewing actively its responsibilities for intelligence collection in Cuba, with a view of strengthening the effort considerably, particularly those activities under NSA.

Voice of America. USIA reported that VOA concentrated mostly on the President's trip to Mexico. Other teiling news items were a Costa Ricaa labor union condemnation of the Castro tyranay, interviews with Cubans who had escaped from a concentration camp and who gave minute details of the terrible conditions, a quote from Castro's own press about chaotic administration (367 days to answer a letter from a Cuban asking permission to acquire industrial equipment), the story of Cuban students disappointed with Russian agricultural schools (VOA pointed out that Russia, with its own agricultural failures, was not in a position to teach others), and an interview with a person from Cardenas where the recent hunger demonstration led to a big Castro military show of force.

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