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Mr. E. Henry Knoche  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Knoche:

In connection with our inquiry, I would like to request copies of certain documents referred to in a May 15, 1975, memorandum, which has been forwarded to us, entitled "AMB Research of DPD Files Related to Cuban Operations." These documents were provided by Mr. Seltzer of your Inspector General office to Mason Cargill of my staff on May 21, 1975, for a review; however, copies were not provided at that time. The documents we require are as follow:

1. Memorandum for the record, unsigned, undated, Subject: "First Meeting of Branch Four Task Force, 9 March 1960." This memo outlines the meeting of the Branch Four Group which apparently was to concern itself with covert operations against Cuba.

2. Cable, dated August 30, 1960, from Headquarters to ~~MAADD~~. This cable reads as follows:

- "1. Attempting obtain one helio. Expect this to fulfill all operational and emergency requirements.
2. RE REF B PARA 2B Do not approve. Justification assignment this acct for strict operational and emergency."

3. Cable, dated April 4, 1961, to BELL from ~~MAADD~~. This cable, written in Spanish, appears to be a request from an agent within Cuba that certain equipment be air-dropped to him. Among the items requested in this cable, are one .50-caliber machine gun, two boxes of Springfields with telescopic sights, plus other weapons and rockets.

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4. Cable, dated March 27, 1961, to BELL and ~~REDACTED~~. This appears to be another message from an agent within Cuba. Written in Spanish, it is translated as follows:

"March 23 I told Luis Bueno to ask you opinion regarding sabotage Cia. Electricidad (electric company) in order to leave Havana ten days without power. We can coordinate with attempt against Fidel in public appearance (at) Sports Palace. Suggest attempt against Fidel in accordance with general plan. Light and Fidel possibly can be coordinated with Pinar del Rio. Reply urgent. Monty."

5. Cable, March 29, 1961, from BELL to ~~REDACTED~~. This cable recounts another message apparently received from an agent within Cuba. The agent who sent this message had the cryptonym "NOTLOX." The English translation of this cable reads as follows:

"Plan (4) 9 April. Fidel will talk at the palace. Assassination attempt at said place followed by a general shutting off of main electric plants in Havana Veladura. Occupy the public square, telephone company, atares (arsenal) and MINFAR (Ministerio de Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionario - Armed Forces Ministry). Action throughout the entire island combined (with) your debarkation at Salado and Santa Maria (del) Mar. We need arms enter Havana. We have sufficient men and courage. State of mind desperate impossible to endure this longer. Every day situation worse daily arrest. We can blow up any electric company at anytime. Consider what this represents for us after the action. Answer before 1 April. Agent 2637."

6. Cable, dated April 5, 1961, to BELL from ~~REDACTED~~. This cable, an information copy of which was sent to the DDP, transmitted a message received from an agent within Cuba, whose cryptonym was NOTLOX. The English translation of this message is as follows:

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"Your message 15. Brand, Chacho, and Luis only have arms for 50 men. Blowing up (of) central electric plant and possibly attempt on Fidel will be decidedly carried out 9 April. Once this (is) achieved impossible to maintain clandestine organization in Cuba. Your military aid is decisive. If it does not come that date we are lost."

7. Cable, dated June 4, 1961, to BELL from ~~URIM~~  
This message transmits a message received from the agent NOTLOX from within Cuba. Its English translation reads as follows:

"Functionary Italian Embassy by the name of Moratori says he works for one intelligence organization of yours, he says he is in contact with Martin Elena and others and that you have plans for invasion within 30 days after killing Fidel, advise if we can confide in Moratori."

8. Cable, dated May 3, 1961, to BELL from ~~URIM~~.  
This message transmits another one received from an agent inside Cuba. The cryptonym of this agent was TEKLOK. The English translation of the message reads as follows:

"We are contacting all groups (dos) to organize one united front with a coordinator. You name him or we elect him. Tell us. Will try kill Fidel today. Andres OK but still hiding. His men gone to hill. Want know and what can be used. (as rcvd) Luis Jorge."

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Also, I request to be supplied with the true identities of the addressors and addressees of the above messages, which are identified in them by cryptonyms, as well as the identities of the agents within Cuba who sent them. Further, we would appreciate copies of any replies the CIA may have sent in response to these messages coming out of Cuba relating to plans to assassinate Castro.

Thank you very much for your help with this matter.

Sincerely,

David W. Belin  
Executive Director

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