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Date: August 24, 1971

To: Office of Special Investigations
Department of the Air Force

Attention: Chief, Counterintelligence Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: PROPOSED INDUCED OPERATION (U)

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Reference is made to your letter in the captioned matter, your reference OSIE (07D127-0/12), which was received on August 17, 1971. (u)

The situation which existed at the time of our exchange of correspondence in October, 1970, appears to have dissipated in recent weeks. The Cuban Mission to the United Nations (CMUN) has been quite receptive to visitors in recent weeks, although some restrictions are still being imposed on distribution of literature by CMUN personnel to domestic subversive groups. (u)

We believe it would be appropriate at this time for your Office to discuss the details of your proposal with our involved field offices. As you are aware, our Miami Office covers Homestead Air Force Base; our Tampa Office covers MacDill Air Force Base; and our New York City Office covers the CMUN. We are alerting our field offices to a potential contact from your Office, and they will be in a position to discuss this matter without restriction and to keep our headquarters informed of all developments. Of course, you may feel free to contact FBI headquarters at any time you desire. (u)

We appreciate your interest in undertaking this operation, and you may be assured of our continuing cooperation. (u)

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NOTE FOR SACs:

Single copies of referenced Air Force letter are enclosed for recipients. All offices have had prior experiences with similar operations and it is expected that any proposal by Air Force will be thoroughly analyzed with positive recommendations promptly forwarded to the Bureau. If Air Force is able to produce a competent serviceman who is agreeable to undertaking the assignment, we should carefully consider the Air Force proposal and lend our support to the operation wherever feasible. (X)

NOTE:

Classified "Secret, Group 1" since this involves very sensitive operation [against an enemy diplomatic establishment] [S] unauthorized disclosure of which could seriously affect national defense interests. (X)

In past we have had some limited success [with "walk-in"] [S] operations involving military personnel visiting CMUN for various reasons. In 10/70 Air Force proposed [sending Cuban-born serviceman into CMUN and offering a document for sale] [S] based on either desire for money or an affinity for the Cuban regime. At the time we discouraged the plan, as we had just arranged for State Department to [declare the two top intelligence officers at the CMUN persona non grata] [S] and the entire complement [at the CMUN was very nervous and suspicious.] [S] We have noted a [S] general relaxation, as indicated, and we feel now would be an opportune time to try the plan, if it can be made to appear logical. (X)

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ATTN OF: [OSIE (07D127-0/12)] (S)

SUBJECT: Proposed Induced Operation (U)

TO: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Attn: Domestic Intelligence Division

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Cuban matters - counterintelligence Program

1. (U) Reference is made to our letter of 19 October 1970, file and subject as above, and to your letter of 27 October 1970, file (NI) 105-99938.

2. (S) The essence of our letter was to suggest for your consideration and analysis an operation targeting the Cuban Intelligence Service (CubIS). The basic scenario entailed an Air Force asset, of Cuban birth or descent, stationed at Homestead AFB or McDill AFB, Florida, walking in to the Cuban Mission to the United Nations and offering a document for sale based on either monetary or ideological motivation. Our stated objectives were: (a) the acceptance of our controlled asset by the CubIS as a credible espionage agent, (b) a determination of CubIS EEIs directed against USAF installations in Florida, (c) a determination of CubIS MO in handling USAF assets and, (d) a determination of the degree of cooperation between the CubIS and the Soviet Intelligence Services.

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3. (S) Your Bureau's evaluation of the proposal was that such an operation possessed minimal chance of success at that time in light of the then recent persona non grata action taken by the United States Government against two CMUN officials. It was concluded this action would affect CubIS operations for many months to come and make the chance for success of any walk-in to the CMUN unlikely.

4. (U) We would appreciate your current analysis of the operational climate and your views on the scenario outlined above.

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ROY C. TUCKER, JR., Colonel, USAF
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