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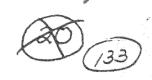
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Subject: Operation Mongoose Progress

Intelligence build-up by CIA includes efforts to recruit a Cusan ciplomat in-place and an official in an airlines office in Havana. The CIA team placed in Pinar del Rio Province last March was successfully re-supplied by maritime means on 24 Nay. The Navy and CIA have worked out a connerative effort to strengthen the U.S. security and intelligence program at Cuantanamo.

The CAC continues to provide word from inside Cuba covering local security moves and popular unrest (unrest reportedly increasing). A substantial reduction in oil refining and manufacture of tires and tukes is reported from CAC sources.

Economic pressure upon the Communist regime may be increased by a Lepartment of Commerce move denying bunkering facilities at U.S. poris to vessels under Sino-Soviet bloc charter carrying cargo to Cuba. State Department reports having solicited views of our Ambabsador to Japan regarding possible approaches to the Japanese asking them to cease sugar purchases from Cuba.

Propaganca efforts of USIA and CIA continue to apply pressure upon the Cuban regime by focusing upon abuses of power and failure of key programs such as medical and food. The VOA use of refugees in interviews especially underlined thin theme. I am looking into a USIA proposal that we counter Communist Cuba moves to incress Latin America by participation in the athletic North Central American and Caribbean Cames set for August 11-25 in Mingsion, Jamaica: a "free Cuba" team might be effective, with good publicity support.

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Incident at Guantanamo occurred 26 May when a light Guban aircrait lanced there. Three Gubans had forced the pilot, at pistol point, to land them at our Naval Ease. With State's concurrence, Defense acted: the Guban pilot flew home, the 3 Guban escapees stayed on the base.

Fracturing the Regime has been given priority attention by CIA. A senior case officer has been assigned full-time to this specific action, and has preferential use of CIA assets. Of 24 desirable defection targets, CIA has found several who seem vulnerable (including the Minister of National Leonomy, Leon Botil)

Priority Operations Schedule of 21 'sy, socking some positive actions in beazif of our project curing the next several weeks, has brought a very healthy response from CIA and USIA. The CIA determination to meet the challenge has surfaced four policy-type questions which I note for you on behalf of CIA:

Task 7, "Voice of Free Cuba," is almost immediately Teasible, if the Group will approve GIA arranging with Navy for use of a submarine. CIA has firm plans for worrying the Communist regime through broadcasts which would appear to come from local dissident groups actively planning to harass the regime.

- 2). Task 19, CIA is prepared to disseminate leaflets on Castro's failure to the Cuban population via ballocal with a view of increasing instability of the Communist inschine. The technique is tested and CIA has plans to operate from a surface ship in international waters. The Group is asked to approve the idea, including Navy support. This could be operating in time to exploit the 26 July anniversary of Castro's attack upon government forces at Santiago de
- 3). Task 19. CIA believes it can recruit some 20-man teams for possible use in beeting up resistance groups within Cuba. Croup approval is asked for I efense support in training, holding, logistics. The 'noise level' hazard is noted, but this special project could be almost unnoticed if timed with proposed U.S. military enlist nent of Cubans.

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I note here that CIA does not feel it has the operational means to undertake Task No. 22, at this time. Further that Task No. 11, would require operational facilities are now available. I accept intefinite deferral of Task No. 22 and scrubbing of Task No. 11 on this basis.

The Department of State reaction, to my effort to get the U.S. into priority actions towards our project's goals, has been disappointing to me thus far. Apparently, my schedule of targets for special efforts is accepted only as it may fit into long-range, existing programs already under way. If this is the theory of our project, I believe that the project then becomes only a special reporting device and not a special U.S. effort to win the goal of helping the Guoans recapture their country from a gang of Gommunists.

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