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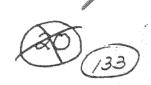
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From: Drig. Cen. Lansdale Sal

Subject: Operation Mongoose Progress

Intellisance build-up by CIA includes efforts to recruit a Cuban diplomat in-place and an official in an airlines office in Havana, The CIA team placed in Finar del Rio Province last March was successfully re-supplied by maritime means on 24 May. The Navy and CIA have worked out a cooperative 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 tubes 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. ports to vessels under Sino-Soviet bloc charter carrying cargo to Cuba. State Department reports having solicited views of our Ambassador 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 Gusan 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 this theme. I am looking into a USIA proposal that we counter Communist Cuba moves to impress Latin America by participation in the athletic North Central American and Caribbean Cames set for August 11-25 in Mingston, 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 Cubans had forced the pilot, at pistol point, to land them at our Raval Base. With State's concurrence. Defense acted: the Cupan pilot flew home, the 3 Cuban escapees stayed on the base.

Fracturing the Sections can been given priority attention by CIA. A senior case childer 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 Pinister of National Leonamy, Leon Boti)

Priority Operations Schodule of 21 ' ay, 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 challengo has surfaced four policy-type questions which I note for you on behalf of CIA:

> ask 7. "Voice of Free Cuba," is almost immediately Teasicle, if the Croup will approve CIA 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 balloon with a view of increasing instability of the Communist Aschine. The technique is tosted 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 ut Santiago de Cuba in 1953, for "the revolution" he has now betrayed.
- 3). Task 19. CIA believes it can recruit some 23-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 notee, but this special project could be almost unnoticed if timed with -proposed U.S. inilitary enlist ment of Gubans.

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Other Tasks.

I note here that CIA does not feel it has the operational means to undertake Task No. 22.

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operational facilities not now available. I accept intefinite deferrat 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, emisting 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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