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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Cuba, Operation Mongoose.

In the interest of security and orderly procedure, it is suggested that files in CIA pertaining to Operation Mongoose be transferred to the officer currently responsible for your operations covering Cuba.

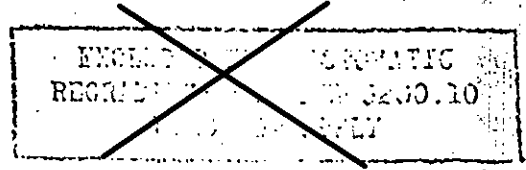
The Chairman, Special Group (5412/2), concurs in this proposal. The sensitivity of material as it involves deliberations of the Special Group is especially noted. My own files are being turned over to the custodian of Special Group records, Mr. Parrott, for reference as may be appropriate.

As Mongoose is phased out, my own warm appreciation will always remain for your fine support and the cooperation of your staff in this difficult task. I particularly wish to pass along my commendation to Mr. Helms, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Cheever, their staffs, and CIA's field personnel.

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