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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you for your personal letter of 22 May 1961,
providing information from a source who claims to have an official
position in the Castro Regime in Cuba until recently and to have a
personal association with Raul ROA, Cuban Foreign Minister. (S)

From a counterintelligence point of view, I am most inter-
ested in the allegation by this source that Raul ROA said that the
Soviet Intelligence Service had told him in late December 1960 that
the United States planned to attack Cuba and change the Cuban Govern-
ment prior to January 20, 1961 in order that President Eisenhower
would not have to leave this problem to President Kennedy. Of par-
ticular concern is the report by this source that ROA said the Soviets
claimed this information came from a Soviet contact in the Central
Intelligence Agency. (U)

The information reported by the source to have been received
from ROA, who in turn is alleged to have received it from the Soviet
Intelligence Service in December 1960, is inconsistent with the facts.
As of December 1960, no plan as described existed. While this does
not challenge the credibility of the source as to what ROA said, it
does raise questions both as to the existence of and the accuracy of
the so-called contact in the Agency.

While the Soviet Intelligence Service could not be expected to
reveal to ROA the identity of its alleged contact in the Agency, it

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