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Task 33b. On a most discreet (strictly need-to-know) basis, Defense is to submit a plan by 2 February on what it can do [to put a majority of workers out of action, unable to work in the cane fields and sugar mills, for a significant period] during the remainder of this harvest. It is suggested that such planning consider [non-lethal BW, insect-borne,] introduced secretly to the target area [by the Navy. (BW information for this planning can be obtained from [Mr. Robert Edwards at Ft. Detrick, Maryland, and Mr. Cornelius Roosevelt at CIA.])] The plan will require policy approval before implementation.

Task 33c. By 2 February, Defense is to submit a plan for a C&D air-sea exercise in the vicinity of Cuba, in early March. The exercise is to have the appearance of an overt military activity for the benefit of U.S. personnel and, if possible, the improvement of Hemisphere military relations by inviting Latin American observers (like CINCPAC's highly successful weapons demonstrations). The C&D theme would be that this is cover for an invasion, with a plan for "provocation" which would justify U.S. response. The overt story makes it readily explainable as a normal U.S. military activity. In addition to the timing factors imposed in mounting the operation and in harvest dates, there is a political-psychological factor, depending in part on the OAS MFM results at Punta del Este, which further imposes a need for a policy decision prior to implementation.

Task 33d. By 2 February, Defense is to submit an alternate C&D plan for execution in early March, based on ideas reported to Gen. Craig from conversation with Captain Brower 19 January re rumors of an attack on Guantanamo being readied. A number of imaginative ideas were in lb of this report, which deserve further developing. As in other C&D projects, this plan will require policy approval prior to execution. (Intelligence reports that the Communist intend to harass Cuban employees of the Base, such as stoppage of transportation, can be used in psychological preparation to support the principle idea that we fear an attack.)

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