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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting of the Special Group (Augmented) on Operation MONGOOSE, 14 September 1962

PRESENT: Mr. Bundy; the Attorney General; Mr. Johnson; Mr. Nitze, General Lemnitzer, General Lansdale; General Carter; Mr. Donald Wilson

1. The Group approved in principle General Lansdale's paper of 31 August, with the amendments that had been agreed upon at last week's meeting and which were attached to General Lansdale's memorandum of 12 September. However, Mr. Bundy made it clear that this did not constitute blanket approval of every item in the paper and that sensitive ones such as sabotage, for example, will have to be presented in more detail on a case by case basis.

2. General Lansdale noted that he has asked appropriate people in the Pentagon to draw up estimates covering requirements for personnel, space, communications, etc., against the contingency that Cuban operations will move into a more active phase and will require such facilities.

3. General Carter said that CIA would examine the possibilities of sabotaging airplane parts which are scheduled to be shipped from Canada to Cuba.

4. CIA will attempt to develop hard intelligence on the reported funding of subversive elements in Ecuador and perhaps elsewhere from Canada. Mr. Johnson emphasized that any such evidence which could be adduced before the OAS Foreign Ministers' meeting would be highly valuable.

5. General Lansdale reported that the NSA collection program is being stepped up considerably and should be in full swing by 1 November.

6. Mr. Bundy expressed his concern about the necessity for linking planning in the political and military fields with the MONGOOSE operations. He said that his tentative conclusion is that what is required is a tightly knit interagency group closely tied to the MONGOOSE group but not a part of it. He said he would discuss this concept with higher authority.

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