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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 2, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

SUBJECT: Caribbean and Other

Here are a few items which came up while you were away and which you may want to know about.

1. BG - Greenwood's New Look - Attached at Tab 1 is a cable from BG reporting on Greenwood's recent trip to BG. It is a pleasant thing to read in that it tells about Greenwood's growing disenchantment with Cheddi and growing admiration for Burnahm. Even divided by half, it sounds good.
2. BG Rice and our Covert Help - In order to help BG get rid of its rice export bottleneck which is causing serious difficulties for Burnham, we are in the midst of working out a deal whereby BG can sell some rice to Latin America. It is going to cost us \$200,000 to break the bottleneck - i.e., to pay the difference between what BG has gotten from Cuba in the past and what Latin America is willing to pay now. Needless to say, this is all quite covert.
3. Cecil King - As of possible interest, attached at Tab 2 is a cable reporting Del Carlson's conversation with Cecil King. King mentions a talk with Bill Tyler and you; he also makes a strong pitch in favor of a PPP/PNC coalition.
4. Secretary Rusk and Policy - The Secretary recently told John Crimmins that he wants no new initiatives on Cuba policy for the time being. Apparently, he wants to keep the temperature low while we are sorting out our Vietnam problem.
5. Cuban Deals with Spain and Morocco - Cuba recently concluded long-term sugar agreements with Spain and Morocco. The Spanish are willing to buy sugar at a higher price than the Russians are willing to pay (so they can sell ships), and this especially bugs us. Some details on these two deals are at Tab 3.
6. Covert Program - You are likely to be faced with a full Cuba menu at your next Special Group meeting. First, State will probably want to cut off Arttime's water and stay as far away as possible from any internal Cuban dissidents; CIA may feel differently. Second, there may be some discussion of whether or not

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it is desirable to maintain the CIA paramilitary capability which is presently on the shelf. CIA will probably say "no" (fish or cut bait) and State will probably say "yes" (with world scene hotting up, it may be good to have this capability in reserve). Third, State, CIA, and DOD may ask permission to offer some low-risk assistance to the new exile group, REGE (Oliva and Freyre). I am against but thus far I seem to be alone. My memo to John Crimmins on the subject is attached at Tab 4.

7. Communications Security Survey - The BOB study group has finished with the Ranch and has completed about 2/3 of the Washington portion of its work. The balance should go fairly quickly in view of the fact that we recently blasted loose the information which the group needed on the telephone system at the White House and EOB. The group will probably not examine the emergency locations. There is not much there that they can usefully do and it does not seem worth the time and effort to override Ted Clifton's objections; besides, this less urgent task can be done at some future date.
- ✓ The group is running behind schedule (report due on March 1). They asked for another month, and I gave it to them; I'm fairly confident they will meet the new deadline.

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Gordon Chase

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