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**OPERATION MONGOOSE**  
**Main Points to Consider**  
**26 October 1962**

1. What is the Policy Objective? We need a sharp focus on exactly what we hope to get from Mongoose now. This will determine how best to employ these unique U.S. resources -- either to support U.S. military operations or directly to commit against the Communist regime immediately.

Is the end objective the removal of the Castro/Communist regime or to bring it to its knees? Should Mongoose help generate a popular revolt with the probable need for overt U.S. military help as the regime moves in to crush it? Or, is the aim that of maximum harassment, to make Cuba a maximum burden for the Bloc?

Undoubtedly, most people in the world now expect us to move towards removing the Castro/Communist regime. Certainly the Cubans in exile and inside Cuba, who are the main covert assets of CIA, now expect this policy goal as the price of risking their lives.

2. Mongoose Actions

a. Harassment of and resistance to Cuban regime.

Status: 3 teams (3- to 5-man) en route by small craft today. 4 teams by submarine, starting tomorrow. One more team being readied to go in by small craft. 10 more teams being readied to go by submarine shortly. One team now in Oriente and one team in Pinar del Rio. All teams have W/T, arms, explosives.

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b. Cuban-owned shipping (22 ships). Sink in Cuban or Bloc ports, or high seas. Sabotage cargoes. Make crews inoperative.

Status: CIA has 11 assets aboard Cuban-owned ships. Action orders have gone to Hamburg, for action. Other action pending.

c. Propaganda delivered to Cuba by balloon from ship.

Status: CIA does not have capability yet.

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