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19 October 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Colonel Johnson

VIA : Mr. Kille

SUBJECT : i. Outstanding re: Dr. Miro CARDONA

REFERENCE : i. Your memorandum for the Record of

16 October 1961.

1. In your discussions with State and MACO it might be wise, for security reasons, to assure that have little specific knowledge of our operations and certainly of specific individuals who have some connection with C.I.A. For example, when they speak of Castro & guero, it has been too far for us to deny any relationship, but we should firmly insist C.I.A. is not directly involved with Castro.

2. Regarding the difficult handling problems you have, I am putting down my own reactions to some of the points in your memo, which may, I hope, be of some assistance.

3. Regarding your paragraph 2, item a, I do not believe we should, for security reasons alone, reveal to MACO or State our espionage in this area. Much of the time when they raise issues like this they are simply boasting and blabbing. Frequently their guesses on our assets are very erroneous. Usually, their forecasts can be countered by saying we agree that the propagandists there should be disrupted or they should tell us what they think the "line" should be and we will comment if we disagree. In short, we are willing to carefully try to support them, but we are not obliged to reveal to MACO our specific operations and personnel, which should be in a general situation classification. Accordingly,

4. Regarding your paragraph 2, b, the no news is good news principle seems strong. Tell him to keep us advised as to what he proposes to do with his funds in Cuba (C.I.A. should be kept in the loop). In order to be what we should do here in our country.

5. Regarding your paragraph 2.c, you may wish to remind him of his conversation with CLARK and HANLEY in Baltimore where this was discussed. You may tell him that we are so agreed endeavoring to provide funds to the internal groups which he indicated should be supported. Naturally the means are secret. If he has a particular leader or group inside he wants us to try to support he should tell us. We could suggest some of his million dollars could be utilized by him also for this purpose. As to commando action, the State Department, which sets policy, has not authorized any commando operations of any kind and we are accordingly not in a position to organize or support any for the present.

6. Regarding your paragraph 3 on Commando Action, this plan is not yet in Headquarters; however, we have no policy authorization from State for such an operation.

7. Regarding your item 4, you will recall and he will recall, he took this up with GOODWIN and then with HURWITZ and then with CLARK and HANLEY. He was unable then to say exactly how or even if he could develop a commando item to Ramfrez now b less how he would get arms to RAMFREZ, or anybody else by air, and in either boat or air operations there would have to be some assurance that he had the capability to arrange a reception party in Cuba for the arms, assuming we had the policy authorization to support this kind of operation. You should tell him that as explained by HANLEY to him, it is not enough for him to just say he would like to support a given guerrilla group. He will have to have some capability for doing it before we can support him, assuming we can get policy approval for same.

8. Regarding your item 6, although we sympathize with his view, as Mr. HURWITZ and Mr. COERR, as well as Mr. GOODWIN, have told him, the U.S. Government has not and does not plan to commit itself to him on the question of sending U.S. troops to Cuba.

9. With regard to your item 7, I could suggest you remind him he agreed in his conversation with HANLEY and CLARK that he would arrange an honorable takeover of the junta which he admittedly has not done. We still hope he can exert enough influence over his people to keep the mess out of the press.

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10. With regard to your item 1, we too would like to see him exert some leadership and induce these groups to unite with him in one way or another, but do not agree with him that is the best way which can be accomplished by just saying I control the money, and I am TELL channel to the U.S. Government. He must keep in mind that there are in existence lots of channels to the U.S. Government and by that we do not mean C.I.A.

11. Regarding your item 11, you probably should emphasize to him again that he has taken over the UNO budget and personnel and it is up to him to get them organized and doing something other than drawing salary checks.

12. Regarding your item 14, I suggest you continue your coordination line with MIRO, pointing out those groups are not under complete control of C.I.A., that they do many things on their own, that we merely support them from time to time, usually indirectly. Accordingly, we are not in a position to turn them over to him, even if we wanted to, which we at this point, are not sure they would agree to in any case. He will simply have to get into some working relationship with them, using his million dollars or leadership, preferably the latter.



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