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21 JUN 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General E. G. Lansdale

SUBJECT: U. S. Army Enlistment Program for Cubans

1. You will recall that on 7 June 1962 your office gave us the names of eight Cuban-born U. S. Army privates who were creating difficulties at Ft. Jackson, claiming that commitments concerning their enlistments were not being honored. A letter was sent to each of these men at our request by Manuel Antonio de VARONA y Laredo, head of the Movimiento de Rescate Constitucional Democratico, urging them not to jeopardize, by their indiscreet actions, a program believed to be in the best interests of the Cuban Revolutionary Council. These were individually written letters and were mailed on 14 and 15 June.

2. In this connection, there is attached a UPI release from Ft. Jackson which was published in the Washington Post on 17 June 1962. Our office in Miami has advised that the same story also appeared in the Miami Herald on the same date.

3. Although we assume that the eight men referred to in the UPI release are identical with the individuals to whom letters were sent by VARONA and that the immediate problem called to our attention on 7 June has been resolved, our representatives in Miami believe that this incident is indicative of problems that will probably arise under the new U. S. Army program as they now understand it.

SIGNED

WILLIAM K. HARVEY

Attachment: a/s

cc: Brig. Gen. W. H. Craig

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Army Ends Plan To Train Indians: Few Interested

The Army announced today that it will discontinue its plan to train 15,000 Indian youth in the next few years. The plan was part of a program to help the Indians adjust to modern life and to provide them with the skills necessary to find employment in the United States. The Army had been training about 10,000 Indians a year in the past few years, but the program was not popular with the Indians. Many of them did not want to leave their homes and families to go to military training camps. The Army had to spend a great deal of money to provide them with food, clothing, and shelter, and the results were not very good. The Army had to give up the plan because it was too expensive and the Indians were not interested.

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A public relations officer commented that some of the reasons for the lack of interest were that the Indians did not want to leave their homes and families, and that the program was too expensive. The officer said that the Army had to give up the plan because it was too expensive and the Indians were not interested.