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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1962

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

1. The Attorney General and Mr. McCone met with the President twice on matters related to Cuba: Tuesday at 4 PM and Wednesday at 6:15. On Tuesday Mr. McCone presented the Donovan situation and indicated that it was his recommendation that we go ahead with emphasis on medicines and that we give Donovan whatever support he needed. After some discussion the President agreed and suggested that Mr. McCone discuss the matter with General Eisenhower preparatory to briefing the appropriate Members of Congress.
2. The President asked Mr. McCone about the situation of the sugar taken from the Streathan Hill in San Juan. The President asked Mr. McCone to find some way to back off from this situation.
3. In the second meeting Mr. McCone reported General Eisenhower's views which were broadly favorable. The President suggested that we do the best we can to avoid a clear turn-down now if we didn't get immediate favorable response.
4. On the sugar situation, Mr. McCone agreed that he would discuss with the Secretary of State in New York today whether it would be better to give private warnings to the Soviets at an appropriate time or to attempt to undo what has been done in some other way. Mr. McCone pointed out the difficulties of the latest course and indicated that his own preference would be the former.
5. The Attorney General and Mr. McCone had a private conversation with the President for ten or fifteen minutes.

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