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f. Task 31 (1) - DOD Support for Caribbean Admission Center, Opa Locka, Florida - completed. DOD provided 25 military personnel as interrogators, report writers and supervisors in two increments in close coordination with CIA. Final increment completed CIA orientation and training course on 8 March and began infiltration into Miami area, 9 March. All personnel scheduled to be on board on 14 March and Center fully operational, 15 March 1962.

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1. Task 33 b - Plan for Incapacitation of Sugar Workers - completed 2 February. Task as assigned was to develop a plan for incapacitating large segments of the sugar workers by the covert use of BW or CW agents. Study revealed the idea was infeasible and it was canceled. (K6)(C)

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Plans prepared using cover of scheduled exercises at proposed military C&D exercises. Both plans approved by JCS on 16 February, however, the advantageous position of Plan 33 c noted as opposed to the elements of risk inherent in the less desirable alternative Plan 33 d. Plans forwarded to the Chief of Operations, Cuba Project, on 17 February with JCS recommendation that only Plan 33 c be considered for ultimate possible execution.

3. On 12 February, General Lansdale requested a survey and evaluation of DOD Psychological Assets in the Caribbean area and a plan for improving their use. By proper sanitization of the request, the Joint Staff was requested to prepare the study with a deadline date of 10 March. The Joint Staff response was received on 9 March and the document is now being studied with a view of responding to General Lansdale by 15 March 1962.

4. Additional actions to achieve the objective of the CSG, but not directly associated with any assigned task which have been accomplished to date include:

a. Preparation of detailed initial Essential Elements of Information (EEI) required for planning. These EEI were levied on the Intelligence Community through the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, on 15 February. First responses specifically identified with the EEI were received, 28 February 1962.

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(1) Whether a policy of non-attributability to the US Government will apply to all projects in connection with the activities of the CSG.

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(6) Whether overflights of Cuba for purposes of resupply, leaflet drops and diversion will be permitted.

(7) Whether use of Guantanamo as a base for agent operations, black flights and black broadcasts will be permitted.

Whether use of British-controlled and other foreign areas for advance staging areas will be permitted.

On 7 March, received request from CIA for a Navy Commander, experienced in small boat operations for permanent duty assignment. On 8 March, CNO approved request and directed Navy Bureau of Personnel to procure and assign a properly qualified officer to CIA without delay.

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