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By Brig. Gen. Lansdale

Subject: Outline of Covert Operations

Last night, Deputy Secretary Gilpatric asked me to give him a brief outline, by this morning, of Operation Mongoose in the light of current US-USSR negotiations re Cuba. I was to cover present status of operations, resources, and sketch in future possibilities. I wrote the outline, based on current reports from the Mongoose operations team and my staff. Only two copies were typed.

I showed the outline to Mr. Gilpatric this morning as he rode out to the airport, to catch his flight to New York. I noted the exceptional sensitivity of the information in the outline. He acknowledged its sensitivity, said the outline was precisely what he had in mind, and that I should hold the paper rather than his taking it. He then asked me to show it to Secretary McNamara and to the Attorney General. I did so, today.

The outline was read by Mr. Frank Hand, Mr. Bruce Cheever, and by Lt-Col Patchell. I gave its general information to General Johnson. Cheever said that the figures were the same he had given me, for CIA operations; he noted that CIA intelligence reporting was spotty now, due to lack of mail deliveries from Cuba.

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