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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Dean Rusk  
The Secretary of State

SUBJECT: CIA Involvement in Cuban Counter-revolutionary Activities—Arrest of  
Rolando CUBELA Secades and Ramon Tomas GUIN Diaz

1. With reference to the Habana Prensa Latina news release  
of 5 March 1966, alleging CIA involvement with Rolando CUBELA  
Secades and Ramon Tomas GUIN Diaz in counterrevolutionary  
activities, and following our establishment of Agency's contact with these two  
individuals, it would appear that the CIA does not desire to have its activities  
connected with Cuban refugees or to be associated with any CIA activity that is  
not being conducted through Agency channels. Such activities are susceptible  
without further notice to the Castro government of our direct involvement. 

2. CUBELA was recruited by a CIA agent in January 1962 for  
use in Cuba as a Principal Agent to recruit high-level military leaders.  
Cuban military leaders of the Castro government. He has had no contact with CIA  
staff personnel.

3. CUBELA, the more important of the two men, has been  
in contact with this Agency during the period 1961-1965. The last  
Agency contact with CUBELA was in February 1965. He has had  
direct contact with several Agency officials and, in addition, is  
known to have been in contact with Cuban exiles, including Manuel  
ARTIME. CUBELA was not the only person the Agency dealt with  
CUBELA was not the only person the Agency dealt with  
in Cuba to collect intelligence on Cuban military activities and objectives in Cuba. The Agency was not  
involved with either of these two men in a plot to assassinate Fidel  
Castro, as claimed in the Prensa Latina news release, nor did it  
ever encourage either of these two persons to attempt such an act.

4. The James Neal mentioned in the press release, is a  
CIA official, concerned latterly with Intelligence work  
with Cuban refugees and Jesuits in the United States. 

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as noted in the press release. There is no truth to the allegation that CIA paid $100,000 or any other sizeable sum of money to either of these individuals.

5. The Agency has always been concerned with keeping the outlines of its operations as secret as possible. There have been no discussions of Case Assignment as noted in the press release. These contacts were restricted to the need-to-know basis.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
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