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To: Tom\_Samoluk @ JFK-ARRB.GOVcc: (bcc: Tom Samoluk/ARRB)From: ANELSON @ american.edu @ INTERNET @ INTERLIANT Date: 11/11/97 01:03:15 PMSubject: Re: Mini-Selection of Cuba DocumentsTom, I received the package of documents including the mini-selection. I quicklywent through them and it seems to me that there are several "talking" points:1. These various plans were not just low level people keeping busy. Theyinvolved the JCS, Sec. of Army and Dep. Sec. of Defense.2. Several documents mention the fact that they are carrying out the wishes ofthe president - he was not just an onlooker.3. Although CIA plans have been at least partly known since the Church Commission, this is the first time we have documents illustrating the plans being madein DOD (I think - we may have to hedge here). This is a department that so farhas stayed out of the public eye vis-a-vis Cuba.4. Military more gung-ho than civilian leaders in DOD. Note the way Gilpatrickdismisses some of military planning.5. Recently some historians have tentatively proposed that Castro was eager toget Missiles because of a genuine fear of American military intervention. Ingeneral, this has been dismissed by the Cuban Missile Crisis cottage industry.But the elaborate charts, lengthy papers on military intervention and meetingsdo indicate that the Kennedy Administration was totally preoccupied with Cuba.The CIA was not always the "rogue elephant" in this story. I'll peruse the FRUS volume tomorrow. It is in my university office and Ihave several appointments there tomorrow. Anna

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