

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Helms

Attached is the memorandum I just spoke to you about. Kindly return it to me.

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Thank
Returned herewith
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16 April 1962
(DATE)

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

I showed the attached memorandum
to General Carter, who asked me to show it
to Mr. Helms. This has been done.

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19 April 1962

 (DATE)

E.O. 62-2391

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11 April 1962

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MEMORANDUM OF A DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY RUSK ON 10 APRIL 1962

SUBJECT: Brazilian Foreign Minister Dantas

1. Rusk explained that he had had confidential discussion with Dantas concerning Cuba and had told Dantas that Castro's affiliation with International Communism and his efforts to subvert or otherwise influence other Caribbean and Latin American countries were not negotiable as far as the United States was concerned. Rusk indicated other matters such as compensation for American prisoners, etc. were in his opinion negotiable. *properties*

2. Dantas has told Rusk that the Castro regime was split at the top and that his Ambassador had reported a serious conflict existed between Castro and his followers on the one hand and the hard-line Communists on the other. *Dantas* The Communists felt that this split might be capitalized on and the Communist regime disposed of. Rusk encouraged this thinking and urged me to explore carefully with Dantas and felt Dantas might be used to accomplish this.

3. Rusk envisaged a two-stage operation; first the rupture between Castro and the Communist and, second the disposal of Castro. At one point Rusk intimated that Castro might be acceptable if free of Communist influence. McCone disagreed.

4. Rusk felt we should attempt to develop a direct unattributable contact with Castro as the ability to reach him might be important at some future time.

5. Rusk denied any involving policy on Food for Prisoners. *ment in* McCone expressed great concern over AG's talks with Perrez and President's meeting this afternoon with Cardona, which Rusk knew nothing about. Apparently probing in this area is being done outside of State.

6. In summary, Rusk felt we should recruit Dantas' assistance to split Castro and the Communists but should not under any circumstances reveal our decision reference Castro.

JOHN A. McCONE
Director

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