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Ben:

Attached are the extant documents from my area of responsibility concerning photographic requirements against Cuba. The 1970 review was the result of an exhaustive effort to bring Cuba coverage into the modern world from all the way back to the post-Cuban missile crisis era.

The 1970 requirement and the January 1973 evaluation are keyed to three main points in priority order:

First, the maintenance of an air-borne reconnaissance presence over the island, such that it is no major change in policy if a flight is needed. Secondly, given the first, the U-2 coverage provides for quick reaction capabilities to meet special needs as they arise -- a regular example is arrival of Soviet naval units in Cuban ports. Third is the so-called "standing requirement" for coverage of the island at periodic intervals. While this dictates the general program for coverage, it is governed in fact by the first two points.

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From the DoD point of view, this U-2 coverage has always been a somewhat nagging chore which has tied up limited assets and resources and there have always been pressures to, somehow, transfer this task to satellites. The "presence" argument and "quick reaction requirement" have always countered those moves on essentially political grounds.

Roland Inlow

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Lou:

Attached is the current draft of the procedures for BUSY PILOT that we discussed. At this stage, until final coordination, they should be used as background for your planning. We hopefully will have final coordination by tomorrow with, at least DoD. The next step after that will be to obtain some general concurrences from Kissinger which will be handled through NIO/DCI channels, probably in the process of his review of the Special Report.

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