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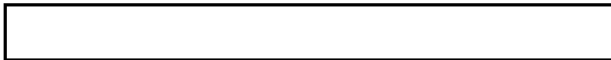
MEMORANDUM FOR: *Welder* The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense *McNamara*  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs *McGuire*

I wish to bring the attached cable, and particularly the underlined portion, to your personal attention.

The fact that Castro is reliably reported to have given consideration to shooting down a U-2 emphasizes in my mind the urgent need for an agreed contingency plan. As I have said many times before, I believe we face the probability of an emergency situation on this issue.

JOHN A. McCONE  
Director

Attachment



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