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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Need for More Frequent Intelligence Community Assessments  
on Cuba (C)

(S) As suggested in your memorandum of 4 April 1966, we will be happy to participate on a joint CIA-DIA Team comprised of working-level representatives for the purpose of making a monthly assessment of the Cuban military posture. DIA representatives for the first meeting, 8 April, will be the following:



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These representatives have been in touch with Dr. R. J. Smith per your suggestion.

**JOSEPH F. CARROLL**  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Director

DIA review(s)  
completed.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

**SUBJECT:** Need for More Frequent Intelligence Community Assessments on Cuba

1. I agree with your 23 March memorandum that allegations that strategic weapons are located in Cuba or that there has been a Soviet troop buildup in Cuba will probably increase with the flow of Cuban refugees.

2. We continue to run down every scrap of evidence concerning these two critical phases of the Cuban problem. We agree with your judgment that "based on careful scrutiny of information from all sources, including photography, we are convinced that there are no strategic weapons in Cuba," and that "there has been no discernible Soviet troop strength increase." It is certainly true, however, that periodic assessments would increase our confidence.

3. With your concurrence, I suggest the establishment of a joint CIA-DIA Team, comprised of working-level representatives to meet once each month to review information on these matters and to publish a coordinated conclusion. I propose that the Team be chaired by a representative of the Directorate of Intelligence of CIA, and include representatives from your Agency and from various Directorates of this Agency. This Team would prepare a monthly assessment of the Cuban military posture, particularly with reference to any threat of strategic weapons introduction onto the island.

4. If this procedure meets with your approval, I suggest that your representatives get in touch with Dr. R. J. Smith, Deputy Director for Intelligence, to work out details. The ad hoc team could hold its first meeting on 8 April.

(signed) W. F. Raborn

**W. F. RABORN**

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CONCUR:

[Redacted]

11 MAR 1966

R. J. Smith  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Need for More Frequent Intelligence Community Assessments  
on Cuba (C)

1. (C) Approximately twice monthly, the Defense Intelligence Agency is tasked to respond to DoD inquiries stemming from allegations that strategic weapons are located in Cuba or that there has been a Soviet troop buildup on the island. With the current flow of Cuban refugees it is anticipated such allegations will increase.
2. (S) In most cases inquiries to DIA on the subject are of such a short-fuze nature that coordination with CIA and other agencies cannot be accomplished. Our response is usually to the effect that: "based on careful scrutiny of information from all sources, including photography, we are convinced that there are no strategic weapons in Cuba" and/or "there has been no discernible Soviet troop strength increase." Even though these judgments are contained generally in the Cuban NIE (NIE 85-4-65), it is believed our competence on this issue should rest on a more current intelligence community view. A coordinated up-to-date community conclusion would increase the confidence in these judgments.
3. (S/NFD) Periodic community assessment of the Cuban military posture, to include the strategic weapons threat, would provide each agency the benefit of the collective findings from all collection assets on a current basis. Thus we would have the assurance that the community is speaking with one voice on this very sensitive subject.
4. (S/NFD) In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that an ad hoc "Lookout Committee for Cuba" comprised of working level representatives from agencies of the intelligence community and chaired by CIA meet as required but at least once a month, review information and publish a coordinated conclusion with respect to the military posture of Cuba including the strategic weapons threat. These meetings would also provide a good vehicle for exchanging views on other general developments in Cuba.
5. (U) At your discretion, it is requested that you take the necessary steps for the establishment of such a committee.

*Joseph F. Carroll*  
JOSEPH F. CARROLL  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Director

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TO: DDCI  
DCI

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*signed 4 apr 66*

Attached for DCI's signature is a proposed response to General Carroll who recently wrote to suggest that an interagency task force be established to report periodically on the situation in Cuba with respect to any strategic weapons threat.

The DD/I has had this proposal under consideration and believes that it would be worthwhile to establish a CIA/DIA team to meet periodically to do this job.

Recommend signature.



L. K. White

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<b>Remarks:</b>  Attached for the DCI's signature is a reply to General Carroll's proposal for production of joint CIA-DIA assessments of the military posture in Cuba, including the presence of strategic weapons.  We propose to have monthly assessments prepared by a joint CIA-DIA Team which would be chaired by an Agency representative. The Team Chairman would be <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> Chief, Latin American Division, of OCI.					
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