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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Builes *Jef*

Tracy Barnes is looking into the present situation with regard to all of the recently returned government officials and will be in a position to give you a little report on this at your Deputies Meeting.

*Done at* *FMC*  
*Sops meeting* *FMC*  
*on 31 Jan 61. It* *30 January 1961*  
*was agreed no reply*  
*necessary.* \_\_\_\_\_  
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OSD REVIEW

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

Copies of this letter have already been sent to the DD/P, DD/I and DD/S for their information.

This is something you may want to bring up at your Deputies' meeting on Wednesday, 25 January.

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24 Jan. 61

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

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*31 Jan 61*

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The United States Government broke diplomatic relations with Cuba on January 3, 1961. The last of the 89 members of the U. S. Embassy Staff returned to the United States a week later. Unless action is taken immediately, these 89 staff members will be reassigned by their respective agencies.

These professionals are thoroughly knowledgeable of the entire Cuban program and have many close, informative, friends who are influential among the 120,000 anti-Castro Cubans now in Florida, and many others still in Cuba. A select group from this valuable team, attached either to the U. S. Immigration Office in Miami, or to the Tracy Voorhees Refugee Committee in Washington, could (1) make an important contribution toward the development of future plans for Cuba; (2) serve as an effective liaison between their reestablished Cuban contacts and U. S. Government agencies; and, (3) become the nucleus of a staff of experts to return to Cuba when the situation warrants such action.

In the interest of preventing the dissolution of this team of knowledgeable experts who have recently returned from Cuba, it is recommended that the reassignment of personnel in this category who are under your jurisdiction be deferred pending a decision in the formation of such a stand-by team. Similar action has been directed by me regarding military personnel concerned.

Sincerely,

*Wm. West*

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency

*D. J. [unclear]*