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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-196

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TO : Colonel Stanley J. Grogan,
Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Presidential Press Conference -- Statement on Cuban Refugees

REFERENCE:

1. After the NSC Meeting this morning, the President called me into his office and stated that he was having a press conference tomorrow (Wednesday, 3 April) and wanted to have a statement on Cuban refugees. He wanted to somehow point out that those exiles and refugees who were going into Cuba on espionage or controlled sabotage activities were all right and should be supported, but those who went off in all directions just shooting up things without rhyme or reason were bad guys and should be curtailed. The President realized that this was an extremely difficult distinction to draw but asked me to see if we could come up with something.

2. The statement requested by the President is a major policy problem which will require State Department coordination, perhaps through the Cottrell Committee. Please discuss the matter with DD/I and DD/P and see if there is anything constructive that we can come up with.

3. Keep me informed as I will want to be in touch with Bundy on it.

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