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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Unidentified Installations in Cuba

REFERENCE: Tab A, USIB-D-41. 14/13, 21 February 1963

1. The referenced USIB paper was prepared by the COMOR in response to a request of the Special Group that a comprehensive study be made of low-level reconnaissance in Cuba. Among the objectives which the COMOR concluded were appropriate for low-level recon- naissance were 18 installations, the precise nature of which could not be determined from high-level photography. These were listed as Tab A of the COMOR paper.

2. This recommendation and the listing of installations prompted the DDI area to make a study of all available intelligence, including photographic evidence, to determine precisely how important these installations were as intelligence targets and also to find out what we could learn about them through concerted use of the materials and analytical capability available in CIA. A task force, headed by the Deputy Assistant Director of OCR, attacked these problems on the weekend of 23-24 February. On the task force were representatives from ORR, OSI, the DDP Area, and the Photographic Interpretation Division of NPIC. OCI participated in a consultative capacity, and a requirement was levied on NSA to screen materials related to these targets.

3. The product of this task force operation is the attached critique of the 18 recommended targets. Three principal conclusions can be drawn:

   a. Many of the targets on the list are of little intel- ligence significance.

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b.   Under rigorous task-force conditions during off-duty hours it was possible to draw together a more valid set of intelligence estimates than had been possible under normal working conditions.

c.   Targeting for overhead reconnaissance demands broader and stronger substantive support than it has been receiving.

Ray S. Cline
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