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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

**SUBJECT : Request for Approval of
Additional Cuban Coverage**

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for approval of the Deputy Director (Plans). Such recommendation is set forth in paragraph 5.

2. Mission 3002 was flown on 27 October 1960 primarily to obtain intelligence to support [redacted] operations against Cuba. Approximately 50 percent of the flight route (1,511 linear miles) was successfully photographed. Of 17 specific targets requested for operational planning, four were completely covered and 12 were at least partially covered. Scattered clouds, and in some instances obliquity of the photography, precludes conclusive photo interpretation of the targets partially covered. A detailed analysis of the film which was free of clouds revealed no MIGs and no guided missile installations, search for which was an essential objective of the mission.

3. Accordingly, the need still exists for obtaining the remaining coverage to complete the Intelligence estimate on Cuba. On the attached map, WH Division's current Priority I targets in this regard are designated by the solid red circles. Priority II targets are indicated by open red circles. Targets adequately covered on Mission 3002 are marked in blue circles. The mission will include the requirements of the military services.

4. Because of atmospheric conditions in the area of interest, specifically the diurnal build-up of clouds as the morning progresses, the span of time from adequate sun angle to the point where cloud cover

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becomes prohibitive is approximately 2-1/2 hours. Obviously, one aircraft cannot in this time period adequately photograph the areas required. It is proposed, therefore, that approval be obtained for a minimum of two sorties. As in the case of Mission 3002, launch and post-strike would be from Del Rio, Texas.

5. Recommendation:

It is recommended that approval be granted for two sorties to cover priority targets in Cuba at the earliest opportunity.

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Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

Attachment:

Map

The recommendation contained
in paragraph 5 is approved:

SIGNED

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Deputy Director
(Plans)

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