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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NEC Meeting, 10 March 1960

1. The following briefings were prepared:

- ✓ a. [REDACTED]
- ✓ b. [REDACTED]
- ✓ c. [REDACTED]
- ✓ d. [REDACTED]
- ✓ e. [REDACTED]
- ✓ f. Cuba
- g. [REDACTED]

- 2. [REDACTED]
- 3. [REDACTED]

4. The DCI used all briefings prepared for presentation and treated each one almost verbatim. He followed the text faithfully except in the case of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He kept to the order decided on at rehearsal (see above), ending with Cuba, which, according to plan, was followed by an extensive discussion lasting one-half hour on the various perplexing problems confronting the US there. DCI's presentation occupied 40 minutes. Numerous helpful comments at various points were made by Asst. Sec'y Dillon, acting for Sec'y Herter.

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CUBA

- I. US Embassy in Havana sees no hope that US will ever be able to establish a satisfactory relationship with any Cuban government dominated by Fidel Castro and his associates.
- A. Embassy believes that government charge of US responsibility for ship explosion in Havana harbor, coupled with other hostile acts and mounting anti-US frenzy in government controlled mass media, indicate deliberate attempt to precipitate a crisis and to force US to take drastic measures.
- II. Anti-American feeling being whipped up by constant government propaganda, having some effect among Cubans previously cool to Castro diatribes.
- III. An incident could cause an outbreak of violence against American personnel and interests in this highly tense situation.
- A. Embassy has invoked preparatory, limited warning phases of evacuation plan. Some classified material is being removed from the Embassy and a blanket evacuation travel order for Embassy personnel and dependents is being prepared for possible use.
- IV. Castro is reliably reported to be planning a demand for the evacuation of the US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay with a 30 to 45 day deadline.
- A. Demand would be presented as soon as legislation adversely affecting US sugar purchases is introduced into the US Congress, which Castro believes imminent.
- B. If US refuses to evacuate, Cuba might then take issue to the United Nations.
- [REDACTED]

- V. Abusive personal attacks on Pres Eisenhower and Secretary Herter by government controlled radio and press are continuing.
- A. Radio Mambi, the most vicious of the radio stations called President Eisenhower "slavery's spokesman, the champion of the threatening atom bomb...who had the effrontery to talk of democracy to exploited people and is now stained with the blood [of Uruguayan students]..." Claimed the president's trip was to form a political cordon in LA to isolate Cuba.
 - B. Chilean President Alessandri was recently called a US puppet and Argentine President Frondizi "an unhappy comedian...ready to sell his soul to the US devil."
 - C. Radio Mambi also said newsmen had to be beaten by police in the countries the President visited to keep them from showing photographs of how the people repudiated Eisenhower.
 - D. Government mouthpiece, the daily Revolucion, editorially charged after the 4 March explosion that a favorite tactic of the US is to manufacture incidents in order to mobilize public opinion for an attack on another country. "This was the technique of the Alamo, the Maine, the Lusitania, and Pearl Harbor."
- VI. Castro and Guevara continue to condemn foreign and private investment. They will dominate the newly formed Central Planning Board, which will supervise and control every phase of Cuba's economy, particularly industry.
- A. Decision by US companies like Moa Bay Nickel and Bethlehem Steel to close operations this month will probably be followed rapidly by government intervention. Castro regime will increasingly dominate basic industries as well as agriculture and turn to USSR and European countries for technical advice and supplies.