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Dear Bebe:

The President has asked me to thank you for sending on to us the letter from Dr. Manuel J. Reyes on the situation in Cuba. We, of course, are continuing to watch the situation closely.

Warm regards,

(Signed) Henry

Henry A. Kissinger

**Mr. Charles G. Rebozo
Key Biscayne
Florida**

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ACTION
June 8, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER
FROM: ARNOLD NACHMANOFF
SUBJECT: Report on Situation in Cuba

Bebe Rebozo sent to Al Haig the attached letter to the President from Manuel J. Reyes, a prominent member of the Cuban exile community in Miami. He is characterized as extremely anti-Castro and is well-known for attempting to stimulate US action against Cuba. In 1969 he provided information to Bebe Rebozo alleging the existence of missile bases in Cuba. In his present letter Reyes reports receiving information that the Cuban people are now ready to mount an insurrection against the Castro government.

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The latest SNIE on Cuba, completed in May, and other current intelligence information indicate that while there is discontent in Cuba, there is no real prospect of a popular uprising or major threat to Castro's power.

Although Rebozo's note indicates an acknowledgement is necessary, I have attached for your signature at Tab A a brief letter thanking him on the President's behalf for sending on the letter and informing him that we are following the Cuban situation carefully.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to Bebe Rebozo at Tab A.

Attachments:

- Tab A - Letter to Rebozo
- Tab B - Rebozo note with letter from Reyes

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May 15, 1971

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Honorable Richard Nixon
President of the United States of America
Key Biscayne White House
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. President:

Two years ago, through our mutual friend Mr. C. G. Rebozo, I sent you to the Key Biscayne White House, the first information that I had received of the Russian military increment inside of Cuba. Time has proved that such information was valid.

At that time, I felt it was my duty to give you such an information as a proof of the solidarity that should exist among all the nations of the American continent defending our freedom. And particularly, because of the traditional friendship that has always existed between your country and mine.

Today, I feel it is my duty as a Cuban, to let you know that my country is ready to fight against the tyrannical communist regime that tries to subjugate it. This week it has been confirmed to me.

For twelve and a half years Cuba has suffered an apocalyptical lash. Now my country, small in figures, but great in the quality of its citizens, is ready for an insurrection.

In June of last year, the first symptoms of this situation were starting to show. For this reason, our great mutual friend, Dr. Eduardo Zuleta Angel, a Colombian of great personality and myself, presented to the Organization of American States on June 25, 1970, the enclosed document, that shows the actual condition of the Cuban people.

I again presented this document when I was officially invited to testify before the Security Counsel of the OAS on November 24, 1970. Seven nations were present, including the United States, represented by Mr. Harvey Summ.

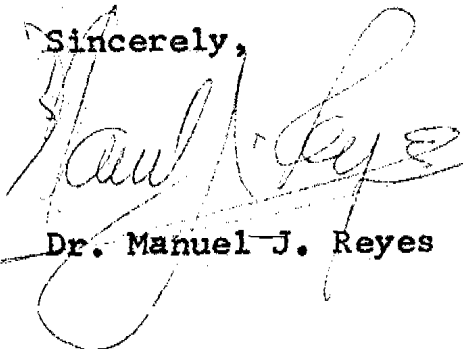
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Today the situation in Cuba is unbearable. The Cuban people are ready to gain their liberty at any cost and are willing to give their lives for it. But the shadows of the Russian troops falls over our country. Thousands of so called technicians and foreign communist soldiers, with modern war equipment, are intrenching there more each day, leaving their footprints in our land.

This letter, before God and before history, is being sent to you and your worthy country with great respect, not as an appeal, because liberty cannot be begged for....but as the sincere expression of a country that has always been and will continue to be your friend and that in the final hour, which is so near, is willing to throw the enemy from Cuba, no matter how.

Mr. President, I want you to know that the United States will always have the gratefulness of the Cuban country, reciprocating the wonderful hospitality extended to us when we needed it most.

Sincerely,



Dr. Manuel J. Reyes

Encl.

Transcription

BEFORE DR. GALO PLAZA

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES.

THOSE WHO ENDORSE, DR. EDUARDO ZULETA ANGEL, PRESIDENT OF THE FOURTH PANAMERICAN CONFERENCE, AND DR. MANUEL J. REYES XIQUES, DOCTOR IN DIPLOMATIC LAW AND ATTORNEY AT LAW, APPEAR BEFORE YOU AND STATE THAT:

THE AMERICAN CONTINENT, AND SPECIALLY CUBA, ARE LIVING ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL MOMENTS OF THEIR HISTORY.

EVERYTHING LEADS US TO THE CONVICTION THAT THE CUBAN PEOPLE INSIDE THE ISLAND ARE DESPERATE AND READY FOR AN UPRISING AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO'S TYRANNY.

OUTSTANDING FIGURES OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT, AS THE COSTA RICAN CHANCELLOR, DR. GONZALO FACIO, HAVE RECENTLY STATED THAT THE CUBAN PEOPLE COULD BE READY TO REBEL AT ANY MOMENT AGAINST THE TOTALITARIAN REGIME THAT TRIES TO SUBJUGATE THEM.

THE BREAK OUT OF A POPULAR REBELION SEEMS IMMINENT AND IT WOULD UNCHAIN WHAT COULD BE THE BLOODIEST CIVIL WAR OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT, DUE TO THE SOVIET MILITARY POWER IN CUBA, WHICH SIGNIFIES A THREAT TO THE DESIRE OF FREEDOM OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE AND A CHALLENGE TO THE SECURITY OF THE HEMISPHERE.

BEFORE THIS ALARMING PICTURE, WE APPEAL TO THE OAS, SO THAT IN ITS NEXT REUNION OF JUNE 25th, IT STUDIES THE ATTITUDE IT SHOULD ASSUME IN THE VERY PROBABLE CASE OF A POPULAR UPRISING IN CUBA.

THE CRIMINAL MASSACRES THAT OCCURRED IN HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA CAN NOT BE REPEATED WITH IMPUNITY IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

IF THE ORGANIZATION OF UNITED NATIONS WAS UNABLE TO AVOID AND CONTAIN THOSE KILLINGS, THE OAS SHOULD NOT BE THE SAME IN TRYING TO SAVE CUBA FROM SIMILAR OCCURRENCES.

MIAMI, JUNE 18, 1970

Dr. Manuel J. Reyes Xiques

Dr. Eduardo Zuleta Angel
President
Fourth Panamerican Conference

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