

22 July 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer to the DCI

SUBJECT: Senator Kennedy Briefing, Saturday, 23 July

Attached are two documents requested by the Director for the above briefing:

1. Attachment A deals with the MAR and should be added to the material for the Cuban part of the DCI's Saturday briefing. He requested this specifically and, as you probably know, it has to do with the Rubio Padillo group and was developed at a meeting yesterday which the DCI attended briefly and at which Mr. Pawley was also present. Although the Division has indicated its belief in the accuracy of the DDP organizational strength, i.e., 3,500, I would urge that the DCI be less confident until we have further proof.

2. Attachment B is a document specifically requested by the DCI and also is for the Saturday briefing.

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Attachments:

- A. Paper on MAR Group
- B.

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Discussions began on Thursday (21 July) and are continuing with representatives of the Action Movement for Recovery (MAR), an organization claiming to have a clandestine apparatus that operates in every province in Cuba.

The organization allegedly includes:

- a. Three separate guerrilla groups, totaling 256, which are operating in the Escambray area of Las Villas Province.
- b. A guerrilla warfare force of about 50 men which is operating in Pinar del Rio Province.
- c. A clandestine organization of 250 men in Havana City.
- d. Fifty-six trained clandestine resistance groups of 55 men each which are scattered throughout Cuba awaiting orders to go into action.

The MAR claims to have penetrations and activists in every labor union in Cuba through an affiliate, the Cuban Anti-Communist Bloc (BARCO). They have organized women and children, particularly members of various Roman Catholic organizations, into courier and cut-out groups.

MAR's most urgent requirement is for arms and ammunition. The organization appears tentatively willing to submerge its identity for the common cause and to coalesce with the FRD. The representatives, however,

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state that their organizations reserve the right, following the overthrow of CASTRO, to campaign as an individual political entity.

This is a most encouraging development. We believe that their claims relative to their total organizational strength (3,586) are probably true.