

PRE-INVASION
CUBA

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Statements by Presidential Candidates

Yesterday Gen. Cabell discussed privately with Gordon Gray certain problems that arise in connection with the debate between the Presidential candidates on the subject of Cuba. He pointed out that certain of the statements, if followed to the letter, would tend to tie CIA's hands operationally; and in addition, comments made to the effect that the U. S. was not involved in the Guatemala operation might lead to further debate which can only result in damage to U. S. interests. Mr. Gray said that he would try to get this view to the proper quarters.

Today at the Special Group meeting Mr. Gray said that he had asked "certain Nixon people in the White House" to do whatever is possible to have these subjects soft-pedaled.

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* Memo to C/CA from WH/4 * Secret
15 Nov 60, sub: Draft Cuban
Operational Briefing: Presidential Ed.

Draft Briefing for JFK
Include in discussion
of ODE period?
1 NOV 60

(COG Chron from 5 Oct 60)

Follows format of briefing for Candidates
in July 1960, but this has details,
including details of planned GWC ops and
sea-air assault to remove ~~log~~ ^{log}
~~log~~ lodgement and possible air attack
on Havana.

also containing plan for US military intervention.

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Schlesinger, Thousand Days

p. 164. Refs Dulles-Bissell
briefing of SFC on Nov 18 re
Carban operation.

AWD
ER Sub-72-712
Box 9 Envelope "Cuba"

AWD on Nixon
Book re BOP
20 Mar 62

20 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable John A. McCone
Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Mr. Allen W. Dulles

I have read the portions of Mr. Nixon's book with regard to the intelligence briefings which he understood Senator Kennedy had been given by me with respect to Cuba during the campaign. I have also seen the White House statement issued today on this subject.

There has been here, I believe, an honest misunderstanding. This was probably due to the nature of the message Mr. Nixon writes he received as to these briefings. The Cuban situation was, of course, dealt with in the briefings I gave to Senator Kennedy. The last briefing I gave him was over a month before the debate in which the issue arose.

My briefings were intelligence briefings on the world situation. They did not cover our own Government's plans or programs for action -- overt or covert.

Signed

AWD/c

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Letter to Admiral Starfield Turner from
Fawn M. Brodie, 4 Jan 78. # (ER 78-4132). U.

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Nixon favors break
dip. relations

MR, 15 Nov 60 sub-[Transcript of Tape of] Telephone
Conversation between C/SMARC and William D.
Pawley, 14 Nov 60. S.

Oct 60

COG Feb:
C/SMARC Telecom
with William Pawley.

Not included
in my meeting
with Fawn Brodie

JBP 15 Mar '78

p.5. → Pawley speaking ^{to Jabe}: "I think we should
break relations [with Cuba]. Nixon told
me that more than three weeks ago, and
he was strongly in favor of that even when
he ~~was~~ thought he was winning, and
[then we should] recognize a government-
in-exile, and then pull help to them."

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