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To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Attention: Mr. James Angleton

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

Reference is made to the letter dated June 3, 1961, from the Office of the Director, Central Intelligence Agency which referred to my letter dated May 22, 1961.

We are still making checks concerning the validity of the source involved. To date, we have ascertained that he, in the past, was in a position to have personal contact with Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa. We also have been able to verify some of the background data provided by the source concerning himself but have not as yet substantiated any of the data of intelligence interest volunteered by him.

You will be advised if we are able to obtain any further elaboration of the matters mentioned in the Central Intelligence Agency letter dated June 3, 1961.

2 - Miami (Enclosure)

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Enclosed is copy of self-explanatory CIA letter 6-3-61. You will note that CIA is vitally concerned as to the identity of any employee who might be in contact with a Soviet intelligence official. Promptly recontact Rene Pelleya y Justis and diplomatically attempt to develop all specific information known to Pelleya which would be of benefit to CIA in evaluating the validity of the information indicating that the Soviets have a source within CIA.

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Classified "Secret" since this refers to information indicating possibility that Soviets have a source within CIA. The information originated with Rene Pelleya, brother-in-law of Raul Roa, who defected to the United States on 5-2-61, apparently with Roa's assistance. Pelleya quoted Raul Roa as stating that in late December, 1960, the Soviet Intelligence Service told Roa that the United States planned to attack Cuba prior to 1-20-61 so that President Eisenhower would not leave this problem for President Kennedy. Roa was quoted as stating the Soviets attributed this information to a Soviet contact in CIA. We furnished this data to CIA, Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and other interested agencies. We pointed out that our source claimed to be a personal acquaintance of Roa but that our contact with him had been limited and we were making other checks concerning his validity. Miami has conducted additional background investigation which shows that Pelleya is brother-in-law of Roa and that he did recently arrive in the United States to seek asylum. He has emphatically stated he will not have anything to do with State Department and CIA as he has no confidence in either. We are maintaining contact with Pelleya and are instructing Miami to attempt to gather all possible information concerning the allegation against CIA. In view of his intense desire not to have anything to do with State or CIA or any other agency, we are not identifying Pelleya at this time and possibility exists that he can be used as a source concerning Roa in the future. It is noted that Roa allegedly has been wanting to defect from Cuba for some months but Pelleya claims this is not true and that Roa is happy in his present position as this is the first time he has ever held a position of any importance.

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