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TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC MIAMI

5:21 AM ESTM 3-29-63 (JFK)

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REBUTELCALLS TODAY.

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Branch info included in memo for Dir
3/29/63 re Cuba Contingent structure cc sent
MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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