Following is uncleared memorandum of conversation:

Mexican Ambassador called on Secretary, September 18 at Secretary's request. After brief discussion Far East trip, Lopez Mateos and expression desire on part Secretary do everything possible assist on President's stops in United States, Secretary turned to discussion Cuban situation. He said he had little to add on facts he had described.

Latin American Ambassador. In response question he said weapons received by Cuba were normally part of defensive system but of course had offensive capability if targets came within range, e.g., US aircraft flying outside Cuban territorial waters but within range of ground to air missiles.

He acknowledged weapons did not constitute military threat US and that they would require minimum attention if US had to move into Cuba.
said US, of course, had no intention permitting weapons move out of Cuba to other Latin American countries.

Secretary said we had to recognize that Castro regime could not be permitted to continue in Hemisphere because it was incompatible with basic interests of US as Foreign Ministers had said at Punto del Este. He said US concerned about Cuban espionage activities, large number of Latinas receiving training in Cuba, the furnishing of funds from Cuba for activities in other countries. He noted serious preoccupation of the people in the U.S. and other republics. He said some might consider feelings irrational, but that US Government had to deal with facts of life.

Ambassador said his own experience confirmed to him that there was no question of an emotional feeling in US on Cuban issue. He related fact he is unable make speech anywhere without question arising. Secretary said in explaining feeling one of cause to be considered the maximum amount of money in US on problem that he had told NATO Parliamentarians all money their countries spend on propaganda in US would be wasted so long as ships carrying their flag participated in Cuban trade.

Secretary said US believes there is in fact an extra-continental inter-
vention in Hemispher. We believe that Cuba intends export its system of communism to other countries. We consider Castro-Communist activity deeply antithetical to the Charter of the United Nations and to values and systems of each of the Republics.

He urged Mexico to take a serious look to her foreign policy in light of Mexico's own interest, to views of Mexico's neighbors who look to her for leadership, to Mexico's commitment in Hemisphere, to what Cuba really means, to Cuba's activities in Mexico and Hemisphere, etc.

The Secretary said he did not want to suggest any specific steps to Mexico, but he felt certain these would occur to Mexico as it studied the problem. He called attention to the fact that Mexico's neighbors are preoccupied by the large number of their citizens who are passing through Mexico enroute to South America being so used to disturbing them and they are impatient in dealing with problem.

He noted Mexican airline provides part of this service. He said US feels that catch should be taken in Washington, that Mexico could not reach.

He expressed hope that Mexico maintain its present alliances against Cuba.
activities of Cuban Embassy and Consular personnel in Mexico. Ambassador referred to strict control which Government maintains at airport as example and said now there is surveillance over Cuban diplomatic and consular personnel. Secretary said he referred to Cuban diplomatic activities only as those which Mexico might want to consider. Maybe such activities could be controlled by limiting number of Cuban personnel in Mexico.

Secretary emphasized again that he was not proposing or asking for any specific action but did want to suggest Mexico earnestly explore what was in its own best interest and that of the Hemisphere. Ambassador inquired whether sense of Secretary’s remarks was that Mexico should show it is preoccupied and not indifferent to problem. Secretary hoped Mexico could go further and show that it was deeply concerned. He said Hemisphere leaders had to look forward and see where continuance of present situation would lead. He noted that this is first time that people now living have had to deal with problem vicious form in Hemisphere. intervention. Secretary said he thought everything should be done isolate Cuba and was afraid Mexico not conveying impression of solidarity.

Ambassador said that he had not previously been confronted with so difficult and complex problem in US-Mexican relations. He thought it was political and not military problem. He understood Secretary to be urging Mexico consider how it could best establish that it had sense of solidarity with other Republics on Communism issue and even after dealing with Kennedy in Central America popular figure, another job of Secretary. Mexico also realized...
Secretary said problem for US is not just political or one of public opinion in US or Congress. In real sense it involved future Cuba and hemispheric security. Secretary said new invasion of Cuba would be disastrous. Secretary said right of US to use force to defend it. Secretary said such invasion would lead to war, which would be worse, worse, worse. Secretary said problem was not of US but of whole hemispheric security.

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