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November 19, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. BUNDY

SUBJECT: Approach to Castro

Bill Attwood called to report the following:

1. Lisa Howard called Vallejo and then put Bill Attwood on the line. Vallejo repeated his invitation for Bill to come to Cuba, adding that the visit would be very secure. Bill replied that this was impossible for the present, that preliminary talks were essential, and that Vallejo might consider coming to New York.
2. Vallejo said he could not make it to New York at this time. However, a message would be sent to Lechuga instructing him to discuss an agenda with Bill. Bill agreed that this might be a good way for the Cubans to convey what was on their mind. He added that we are prepared to listen.
3. The ball is now in Castro's court. As soon as Lechuga calls Bill to set up an appointment for the discussion of an agenda, Bill will get in touch with us.

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Gordon Chase

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