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To: The Secretary

From: ARA - William D. Rogers

Mankiewicz' Trip

Further to Larry's memo of January 16, I suggest that Frank carry a limited message -- one which would only say that we suggest another meeting with Larry, that the travel for the Cuban UN delegation and for Jose Viera is being arranged and that we are prepared to accommodate the visits to Cuba of a baseball team and the Council of the Americas staff. A draft message is at Tab A.

1. As to the Baseball Team Visit: Bowie Kuhn, Commissioner of Baseball (and a former client of mine) wrote you earlier this week reporting that he has been asked to send a team of U.S. baseball stars to Cuba (Tab B). They would play some exhibition games in late March. Kuhn wants to talk details with the Cubans in Mexico on Tuesday. There is, of course, a long-standing policy of granting visas for Olympic-level athletes, but this would be more widely noted than the earlier sports exchanges.

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2. The Council of the Americas Visit: Hugo Yedia, Third Secretary of the Cuban UN Mission (who has been in New York six months) has sought out Harvey Wallender of the Council of the Americas staff. Cuba is aware that the Council is an association of the 50-odd dominant U.S. firms doing business in and with Latin America. It also knows that Wallender was chief of the Green Berets in Bolivia who trained the Bolivian Rangers that caught Guevara. Yet they want him to come to Cuba to talk about the care and feeding of U.S. corporate managers.

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Harry Geyelin, the Council's President, will mention this to certain Council Trustees (David Rockefeller, Jose de Cubas, Pete Collado, etc.) shortly.

I am intrigued by this step because it seems to foreshadow, but is not in point of fact, an easing of the "embargo," as the Cubans call it.

3. As to Our Trade Policy: I would not say anything directly about the "embargo" in the letter to be carried by Mankiewicz, I would instead suggest that we hold that for the next meeting with the Cuban emissary (which Mankiewicz should not attend, in my view). In the meanwhile, we should decide to grant the Litton license, as a further gesture which would be useful for that meeting. The Litton license is the subject of a separate action memorandum now before you.

Recommendation:

That you approve the attached message to be carried to Cuba by Frank Mankiewicz on Tuesday.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Redraft *HR per LSR*

Attachments:

Tab A - Draft Message **Attachment Not in File**
Tab B - Letter from Bowie Kuhn

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