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March 4, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Mr. Donovan's Trip to Cuba

At Mr. Bundy's request I passed to Bob Hurwitch the following Presidential reactions to the attached memorandum:

1. The President does not agree that we should make the breaking of Sino/Soviet ties a non-negotiable point. We don't want to present Castro with a condition that he obviously cannot fulfill. We should start thinking along more flexible lines.

2. Donovan should resist taking his week-long walk along the beach with Castro until we have had a chance to give Donovan a very good briefing. We may want to give Donovan some flies to dangle in front of Castro.

3. The above must be kept close to the vest. The President, himself, is very interested in this one.

Gordon Chase

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