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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Roy R. Rubottom
Assistant Secretary for
Inter-American Affairs

FROM: G. Lewis Schmidt
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(Latin America)

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Toward Cuba

At last Wednesday's Task Force Meeting, Mr. Hill indicated that State is considering some sort of "crash program" to help clarify before the American public recent events in the Caribbean area. He said USIA might wish at this time to consider the various points which would be emphasized for, as implied, use in our output for Latin America.

According to Mr. Salvatierra, IAL Policy Officer who attended the meeting, there are several points which would serve as the basis for this project: (1) There is a great amount of evidence available showing that the revolutionary expeditions have, for the most part, come from Cuba; (2) All of these expeditions have been failures and have resulted in an unnecessary loss of life; (3) There has been a great amount of duplicity; (4) There has been a degree of communist infiltration in these movements; (5) There have been heavy outlays of funds which could have been diverted to more beneficial purposes.

USIA has for some time carefully considered the advisability of publicizing all the points made by Mr. Hill. However, there has been hesitation, both on our part and that of the State Department, in determining the degree to which we should emphasize Castro's negative actions. Mr. Hill's statement raises the question as to whether or not the Department now believes we are in a position to pursue a new, concrete line around the area. I shall appreciate your advice on this matter. I would like to produce at an early date a policy paper for use of our field posts if we are now to sanction a more direct expose of Castro's activities.

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