

MEMORANDUM

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January 31, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

Subject: Cuban Exiles

We may expect to receive considerable correspondence from Cuban exiles as well as requests to see you. We have already received one such request from a prominent but highly opportunistic exile figure, and we have referred his letter to the State Department for reply.

The exile group is a highly fractionalized one with all kinds of axes to grind. It could be very embarrassing for the White House or you personally to get involved or become identified with any of the exile figures.

Recommendation

I recommend that as standard operating procedure letters or requests from Cuban exile figures be referred to the State Department for handling, unless you have some established personal relationship which would indicate a different procedure. If you approve, I will ask the White House staff to refer such letters and requests to the NSC staff for transmittal to the State Department.

Approve recommendation

Disapprove

*I disagree. State has handled this with disgusting ineptness. They carried on Pro Castro for the most part. Possibly Allen could handle them or*

*showing at least some sympathy for their plight. controlled document basis - showing at least some sympathy for their plight.*

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