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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Viron P. Vaky

SUBJECT: Cuban Exile Activity, Cuban Retaliation, and Southeast Asia

*No formal action  
has been discussed  
with Pres.  
HK*

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Attached at Tab A is a TDCS suggesting that ALPHA-66, a Miami-based Cuban exile organization, is organizing a new expedition to Cuba. This organization mounted a raid April 17, which was crushed. The raid, however, stimulated strong public reaction by Castro. See my memo of April 28 (copy attached at Tab B for ready reference).

The ALPHA-66 organization's activities are "spontaneous", i. e., they are not U. S.-sponsored or instigated--so everyone assures me.

The possibility that Cuba might deliberately create a diversion to offset anything we might be thinking of in Southeast Asia cannot be discounted. However, it would be especially unfortunate if the "pinpricks" of the Cuban exiles unwittingly shoved us into an "unplanned" confrontation with Cuba.

I believe that the Department of Justice should "sit on" the ALPHA-66 organization to prevent this kind of activity at this time. This kind of activity now, combined with Castro's peculiar sensitivity, could itself provoke a Cuban retaliation action which in my judgment we neither want nor are we prepared for.

Attachment:

- Tab A - TDCS DB 315/02156-70 dtd 4/29/70
- Tab B - 4/28/70 memo Vaky to HAK

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