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MEMORANDUM

"Operation Liberation"

I. The necessary preliminary groundwork and the requisite initial phases of this undertaking have already been painstakingly developed over the period of the past several years, and, more specifically actively so since early 1958; this by a small and dedicated group, which, during the period under reference and to date, has slowly, methodically and securely expanded. Everyone of the original small group is still in the organization, and effectively active according to his own special talents, and the enlarging requirements; this under dedicated guidance and coordination, and the exceptional sacrifices of time, energy and well-being, coupled with many and recurring severe personal hardships, frustrations, and heartaches. The guidance and coordination have been possible largely because of unusual individual varied knowledge and experience of Haitian and inter-national natures.

The foregoing comprises the fields of (1) intelligence, both internal (Haiti) and external of a broad area; (2) the means for increased rapidity and security of communications between our "committee" within Haiti and the respective appropriate coordinators abroad, namely, (a) in the United States, and in the (b) Caribbean; (3) surveys to determine and provide for requisite elements, with degrees of flexibility and alternatives, as might eventually be required, and, possibly on very

short notice, such as (a) human beings, including voluntary expendables, for specific tasks requiring very special and/or unusual qualifications, in instances of a definitely unique nature; (b) preparations and facilities for the quick and effective indoctrination and briefing for the utilization of these individuals; (c) the acquisition of maps (available U. S. Department of Commerce and other Departments and Agencies, Map Sections of the National Geographic Society and the Library of Congress, as well as private sources, etc.) charts, photographs, both ground and aerial, etc., etc., and their study for the varying purposes of possible use, such as infiltration of agents into Haiti, departures of key figures and their return without absences being noted within Haiti, for the possible and probable movement at appointed times within Haiti of individual and group operations in connection with specific and/or general operations, etc., etc.; (d) determining the availability of possibly required individual non-Haitian experts of experience in certain specialized fields, as well as the matter of individual private planes, boats, electronic equipment, walkie-talkies, lines of supply, pieds-a-terre (bases), both momentarily transient and for longer temporary periods; (e) well prepared and background and currently briefed Press coverage for the operations and for the transition period of the Provisional government (which comprises individual "name" journalists and writers, newscasters and radio and TV political commentators, wire services, publishers and editors of dailies of extensive circulation - same both national and inter-

national - which have good Latin American coverage, and, further, publishers, editors, bureau chiefs and correspondents of dailies and weeklies of purely regional circulations, which have their individual and political influences on Members of the U. S. Congress, as well as public opinion, also upon our part providing background and current facts on the Haitian situation and developments to certain key and influential members of the House and Senate of the U. S. Congress, also to appropriate chiefs of state and cabinet ministers of Caribbean and other Latin American Governments - all this upon a personal basis, where a background of personal relationships and mutual respect already existed, also individual relationships within the upper hierarchy of the Church of Rome, now long the subject of attack by and the victim of the Duvalier dictatorship; within regional and inter-national Freemasonry (the oldest brother of the late Clement Jumelle, the founder of the Parti National d'Haiti, Ducasse Jumelle, who was assassinated by Duvalier in 1959, was the Grand Master of Haitian Masonry); etc., etc.

There is much more in these respects, including the element of many well placed individuals of position and influence, individual and organizational, American and Inter-National, based on personal relationships of individual members of our key group primarily and progressively of the opposition personalities as a whole, as, for example, U. S. Protestant Church personalities and groups, the Zionist (Jewish) organization, in connection with which one should bear in mind the Republic

of Israel, within the United Nations, the Pan American Union, the Organization of American States, among the diplomats and political personalities of the African Republics, the Labor organizations, namely, A. F. of L. - C.I.O. (Washington), O.R.I.T. (Mexico City), I.C.F.T.U. (Brussels), The Working Newspapermen's Guild, The Inter-American Association of Newspaper Publishers, etc., etc., but, it would seem that for the purposes at this time the foregoing might suffice.

II. Our efforts have been and are receiving helpful and timely assistance from Governor Munoz Marin of Puerto Rico, former President of Costa Rica "don Pepe" Figueres, President Romulo Betancourt of Venezuela, and, during the period of its tenure of office, from the Council of State of the Dominican Republic. (The matter of current and future cooperation and assistance upon the part of his Government is presently being worked out with newly inaugurated President Juan Bosch, by one of our key people close to him and his Party's leadership for a long time.)

III. Our key people have their constant communications with their respective cells within Haiti - within the Army, the Coast Guard, the Militia, the Ton-Ton Macoutes, etc., and even with key figures close to Duvalier and in his Government.

IV. The operation will be carried out through a carefully coordinated and timed combination of (1) military - orthodox and unorthodox - moves, (2) sabotage, and (3) psychological features, the latter being extremely significant and important, and necessarily effective, bearing in mind the

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background and minds of the Haitian people, and, more specifically, Dr. Duvalier, whose father was a Voodoo Witch Doctor and who himself practices Voodoo and is a High Priest of the Cult.

There will be no (repeat, no) Invasion; the initial Headquarters of the Leader and his Staff will appear temporarily at a preordained site on Haitian territory, to be rather quickly relocated at a different strategic location within Haiti. Plans are completed for the immobilization of the few planes of the Haitian so-called Air Force, for the destruction, if not conversion to our use, of the few Coast Guard boats (there is actually no Navy), and the destruction of Duvalier's store of arms and ammunition, preventing issuance to the Militia and the Ton-Ton Macoutes, the bulk of which, together with the few tanks, are in the Palace and on its grounds; the matter of the reservoirs of gasoline is also provided for, also the further matter of the quite limited means of communication connecting the Capital with the rest of the country, that is, the Southern Peninsula, St. Marc, the Artibonite Valley, Cape Haitian and the Northern Peninsula. The Army is practically without arms, and this comes into our design (military) in connection with the Army, from which there will be units of 8 and 10 pre-selected men equipped by our people with the requisite and appropriate arms and ammunition, and under competent integrated direction.

It is contemplated that it may be necessary to assassinate the dictator Duvalier if and when circumstances so require during the

execution of this operation.

There are provisions for a gasoline-fed electricity generating engine at the Leader's Headquarters together with radio broadcasting facilities for the purpose of appropriate, timely and effectively influencing broadcasts to the people of Haiti as the operation is initiated and progresses, and is successful. The reasons for this must appear obvious. Also at his Headquarters there will be a printing press and a copy producing apparatus - both of which are already well "broken-in" and can be operated either by electricity or manually.

V. A. The opposition is at this time finally and formally wholly united in the common purpose of the elimination of Duvalier and his Government, and the instantaneous replacement by a Provisional Government for the transition period to follow, the Provisional Government to be headed by the Leader, or, "Liberator".

B. The Leader is available, competent, suitable and prepared fully to move immediately.

C. What is required for the operation is

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D. The Time required to carry out and bring to a satisfactory conclusion the foregoing is a maximum of Thirty Days from the date of the activation of the operation.

Note No. 1

It is contemplated that this project must be a Haitian undertaking exclusively in its operations. (Credit for source of external assistance will appropriately as to time and nature be made known to the Haitian people by their leaders when the Provisional Government will be in control of the country.

The diplomatic groundwork has now substantially been completed for the immediate recognition of the Provisional Government by key Governments of Latin America, etc., by competent and respected diplomats of the opposition. The opposition through the Leader will be prepared to proclaim the Provisional Government, with complete Cabinet and formally to request diplomatic recognition at the moment it becomes timely. Qualified key diplomats are now in course of selection for the diplomatic missions of strategic diplomatic, political and economic (commercial) importance.

Note No. 2

The only requirement for the immediate activation of the operations is 50X1, E.O.13526

Note No. 3

The Leader already has his selections of competent military officers and others for his Staff for the operations, and who will be with him at his initial Headquarters. (Supply lines, communications and

"back-up" support have been fully contemplated.)

Note No. 4

To this date no commitments or obligations have been assumed by the Opposition, as to financial assistance, or otherwise.

Note. No. 5

In no case is it contemplated that any final preparations or initial action will be undertaken or carried out from territory or waters of the United States, its Territories, Commonwealths or Possessions. This is imperative in the best interest of both the Opposition and the Government of the United States.