MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: Cuban Overflight

You will recall that on April 29, 1969 Colonel Worthman forwarded a memorandum to you from General Steakley, JRC, concerning Cuban overflight.

At that time, GLASS LAMP missions were stood down by the JCS pending a review of a CINCSAC recommendation that the U-2's be replaced by SR-71's.

At Tab A is a memorandum from General Steakley reporting on the JCS review of the CINCSAC recommendation; Cuban overflight missions will continue to be flown with U-2 aircraft.

JOHN R. MECEDA
Captain, USAF
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, (S) National Reconnaissance Office
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

Subject: Cuban Overflight (S)

1. Reference J-3M 834-69, subject: "Replacement of the
   U-2 with the SR-71 for Cuban Overflight (TS)," dated
   26 April 1969.

2. After completing their evaluation of the CINCSAC
   recommendation to replace the U-2 with the SR-71 the
   Joint Chiefs of Staff recommended and the Secretary of
   Defense approved resumption of Cuban overflight operations
   using the U-2.

Ralph D. Steakley
Ralph D. Steakley
Brig General, USAF
Deputy Director
for Reconnaissance
Operations Directorate

BYE-78109-69

Approved for Release: 2020/02/07 C05115008