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The Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Al:

In response to your letter regarding a strategy to counter Cuban subversive activities in Central America and Africa, I am in complete agreement that we move now to develop such a strategy. I have asked OSD and OJCS to assist Bud McFarlane in his efforts to formulate such a strategy. Bing West or his representative in ISA has been working with Bud; the Joint Staff point of contact is Rear Admiral Johnston, J-5.

With regard to the mechanism for bringing this matter to appropriate interagency consideration, it is our understanding that, following development of the draft paper, it will be made available to DOD for review and clearance prior to addressal at a Senior Interdepartmental Group meeting.

I am in agreement with you concerning the need for discretion on the part of participants as we address this sensitive and complex issue.

Sincerely,

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