

10/9/62 meeting with Pres re Cuban Reconnaissance

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Augmented group (State, Def, CIA, USIA, W.H. & Atty Gen) approved

NRO recommendations a & b - U-2 flight - SAC pilot (or military C.I.A.)

deferred action on <sup>(low level flights)</sup> c, pending Sec State, USIB & JCS review of requirements.

authorized preparations for d & e - peripheral & drone photo flights.

Precaution

cover story would be Caribbean peripheral reconnaissance flight of course

no indication yet that SA-2 sites have reached operational stage although

nearly 2 months since 1st installation.

over-sea rescue units protected by fighter escorts instead by

- U-2 only 12 minutes over Cuba at max alt. 74,000 ft. coming "wrong way" (south to north)

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- 1) <sup>A/</sup> U-2 probe we see of greater concern to suspected M.R.B.M. sites and near SA-2 site that would first become operational

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B/ if no production of SA-2s being operational, U-2 flights would be continued to check maximum coverage of western end of island (20 mile range)

- 2) Peripheral program with oblique photography with C-97 until Jan '63 when new camera\* (6.6 inch focal length lens) will be ready - 50 miles range

B-57E  
C-97

- 3) Forefly drone with photo equip as back-up strike (order more drones and rush contract suppressor)

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- 4) 6 F8U sorties to meet Group IV requirements (1 ft resolution simultaneous flights)

\* try to expedite realization

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