

# "Knock off Castro"

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: First Meeting of Branch 4 Task Force, 9 March 1960

PARTICIPANTS: Col. J. C. King, CWH;

and other CIA personnel

3. Col. King stated that

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CASTRO and Che GUEVERA could be eliminated in <sup>unless Fidel and Raul</sup> ~~the~~ package - which is highly likely - this operation can be a long, drawn-out affair and the present government will only be overthrown by the use of force.

14 April 1967

TO: The Director

FROM: John A. McCone

5. Through the years the Cuban problem was discussed in terms such as "dispose of Castro," "remove Castro," "knock off Castro," etc., and this meant the overthrow of the Communist Government in Cuba and the replacing of it with a democratic regime. Terms such as the above appear in many working papers, memoranda for the record, etc., and, as stated, all refer to a change in the Cuban Government.

The above excerpts are from documents released by the CIA on the agency's assassination plots.

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