

"...don't lie to them to the extent to say there is no [CIA] involvement" in his directions to Malden may refer to this. Short of plain lying there seems to be nothing else Nixon could ~~xxxxxx~~ have had in mind.

If it were not a lie to say there was CIA involvement and if it could not have been over the Bay of Pigs and ^{the} if/CIA were to have any basis for believing it, whatever Nixon did have in mind had to be something the CIA also would understand and ^{react} respond to.

Not a lie, a reality.