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2 In view of the geographic location and insular nature of Cuba, together with the paucity of pro-Bloc air bases and effective resupply air routes, it is considered that a blockade which would preclude the export and import of the vital commodities necessary to the Cuban economy could be accomplished by maritime forces.
Therefore, if directed to institute a blockade of Cuba, CINCLANT would initially put twelve (12) destroyers on perimeter patrol stations or eleven (11) destroyers on blockade stations for the control of specific harbors. These would be augmented by two (2) surveillance aircraft on air patrol stations. Fighter aircraft would be on call at Key West and Guantanamo and available to proceed to the assistance of the surveillance aircraft or destroyers in the event that the lockading forces were attacked by Cuban aircraft.

3. Detailed plans and instructions for the conduct of a blockade of Cuba are in existence. A sketch of the basic concept of the perimeter blockade stations is appended for information. It is considered that an effective blockade can be readily accomplished with existing naval forces. (See Tab A for force totals). The Department of State has no objection to the (elease or declassification of this document to une

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Blockade Forces 12 Destroyers

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Perimeter Patrol Backup for Sustained Effort

2 Surveillance Aircraft Air Patrol 12 Destroyers for rotation

1 Fighter Squadron On call at Key West (existing) 10 Surveillance Aircraft

1 Fighter Squadron On call at Guantanamo (existing) None required

None required

Total forces required: (For sustained effort)

24 Destroyers

12 Surveillance Aircraft

2 Fighter Squadrons

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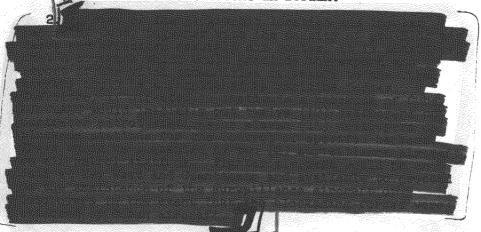
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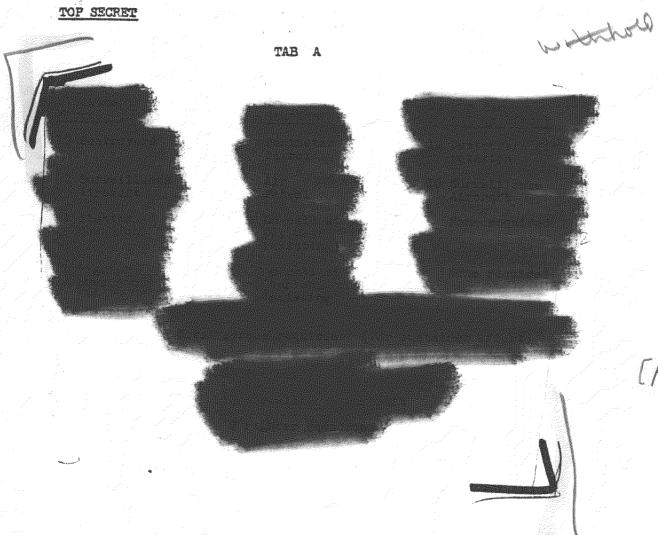
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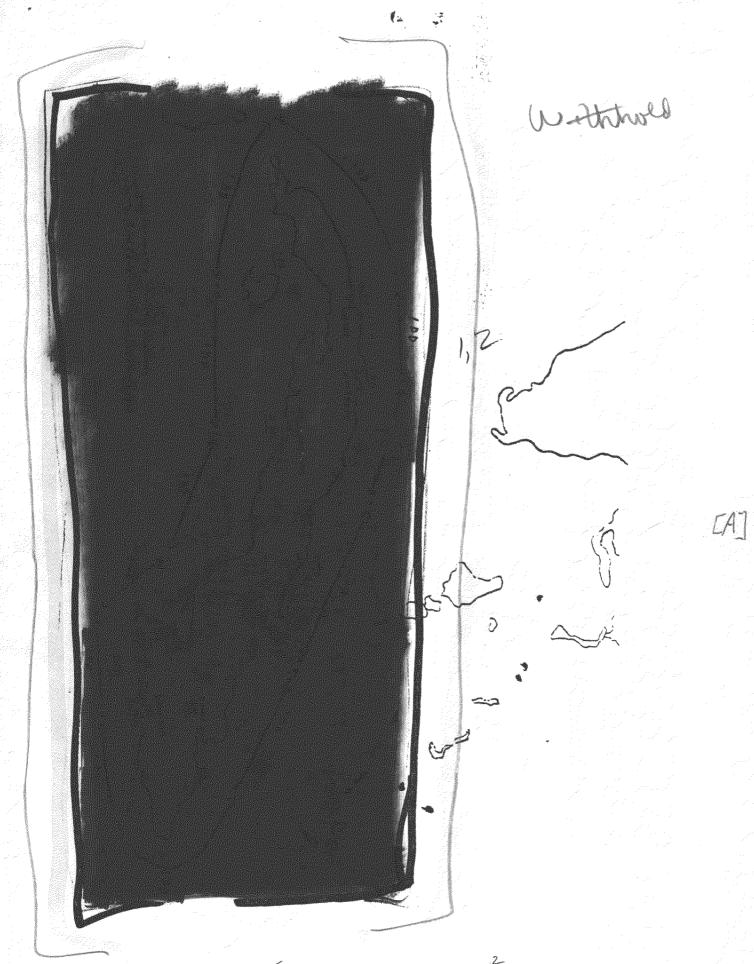
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