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interfere with (or countenance) the commerce of Canadian corporate citizens and it was to this that we had consistently taken serious objection on the basis of principle.

- 6. I went on to say that it did not repeat not seem to me that any form of words in a press release could be found which would meet the Canadian position so long as USA insisted on the licensing of transactions by Canadian firms upon application by their USA parents or based their public announcement of an exemption on the nature of Canadian policy vis-à-vis Cuba. Although we would look at their proposal carefully, I hoped very much that they would reconsider the possibility of implementing the earlier understanding to exempt Canadian companies entirely.
- 7. Finally I said that I hoped very much that action would not repeat not be taken before the meeting of the Prime Minister with the President in Ottawa next week. Ball said that no repeat no date had been fixed (and indeed no repeat no final decision taken, as I understand it,) for a presidential order. He said that he would try to delay action until he had further word from us.
  - 8. Will you please instruct me as soon as possible as to the firm reply I should make.

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Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to Latin American Division

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## CUBA: CALL OF POLISH CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES

At his own urgent request the Polish Chargé d'affaires called on me on Monday afternoon. He said that he had been instructed by his authorities to discuss Cuba again with me in view of the grave consequences which might arise out of developments there. He said he did not wish to repeat the catalogue of considerations which he had outlined in his interview on April 18, but he had received further reports from the Polish Embassy in Washington and elsewhere which he would like to discuss.

- 2. Members of the Polish Embassy and other Poles in Washington have recently had conversations about Cuba with Messrs. Bowles, Rostow, Wiesner and other personalities in the U.S. Administration, and had found a general feeling that the recent episode had been a tragedy and should not be repeated. This had been the line taken by Bowles with Ambassador Spasowski. The Polish authorities were encouraged by these reports but worried by others which suggested that, although U.S. intervention in Cuba was not anticipated, there might be a repetition of the same operation which had failed. In particular, they were concerned by interpretations which had been published of a remark by Secretary Rusk when he specified that intervention by U.S. forces was not contemplated. There had been other disturbing reports which indicated that a further intervention was still a possibility.
- 3. In the circumstances, the Polish authorities wished to suggest that the Canadian Government consider this question with a view to making representations in Washington on the side of the liberal elements which were opposed to intervention. Mr. Sieradzki referred to his earlier request that the Canadian Government might bring its influence to bear in Washington, and said that in renewing this request the Polish authorities were pointing out that representations would be in support of a policy which, as he had indicated, was favoured by many influential persons in the U.S. Administration.