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Castro's Reported Participation in Bogotazo

The attached memorandum prompted us to recognize that we should make an additional effort to investigate and assemble the facts on Castro's participation in the Bogotazo, and also ascertain the roles, if any, of "Che" Guevara, Raul Castro and others now prominent in Cuba.

RRR's impression is that there was additional information in your 1948 files at the scene. Also there probably still are a lot of people who were there who can shed light, and it would be worthwhile to make a special effort to get to them.

It is noted that our Embassy at Bogota thinks it unlikely that Castro will be asked to make an official statement about the allegations about his participation made in the Rojas Pinilla hearings in the Colombian Congress. However, an explicit question by a reporter to Castro based on this might elicit an answer as well as draw attention to this chapter of his history.

Attachment:

Copy of memorandum from Mr. Gerberich
to Mr. Rubottom of February 26.

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