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To: The President

From: Adlai E. Stevenson *oza*

Last fall, with the knowledge of JFK, I brought Lisa Howard and Ambassador Bill Attwood (now in Nairobi) together to consider Castro's statement to her in Havana that he wanted to open discussions with the United States.

Under my supervision, the project had reached the point of preparation of an agenda by the Cubans, when President Kennedy was assassinated. Lisa Howard now informs me that following further talks and correspondence with Castro she was asked to give you the attached message.

Attwood's communication was through Dr. Rene Vallejo, said to be Castro's close friend and companion. He speaks perfect French and English.

While I am not sanguine that anything will come of this, she is convinced that he sincerely wants some channel of communication. If it could be resumed on a low enough level to avoid any possible embarrassment, it might be worth considering. I am sure it cannot be done through the usual channels.

If you wish to discuss this further, let me know.

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By *sq*, NARA, Date 4-12-96