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To: ARA - Mr. William D. Rogers ✓
 From: ARA/CCA - Culver Gleysteen '10
 Subject: Baseball Exchange with Cuba

At your meeting today with Senator McGovern (attended by Messrs. Hollum, Dockery, Richardson, and myself), the Senator said:

-- although the Cuban baseball season is over he believes they could get together an all-star team;

-- from the standpoint of US baseball the event would have to be either mid-July or put off until next spring;

-- Castro is very enthusiastic about having an exhibition match.

You said:

-- you had been in touch with Bowie Kuhn about 4 months ago about a baseball team to Cuba but the idea did not work-out;

-- some time after Senator McGovern returned from Cuba, Kuhn got in touch with you to ask whether McGovern had opened the possibility again for a baseball team to Cuba;

-- you told Kuhn that the issue was still complicated by our overall policy toward Cuba;

-- Kuhn should draw up a scenario, including proposed personalities, timing, and publicity arrangements and you would see whether you could present the proposal to the Secretary;

-- matches in Cuba should be combined with a match in Santo Domingo for general foreign policy purposes;

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-- keeping the matter confidential was essential.

McGovern commented that he appreciated the points made by you. He had not realized you already had been in touch with Kuhn before his visit to Cuba and this put a new light on things. He thought the idea of having the team also go to Santo Domingo was an excellent one. He was prepared to go along with your approach and to keep it confidential.

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