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April 1, 1963

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cc: Mr. Bundy

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The implication is that we don't want the pictures published since we said in our March 30 statement that "Our preliminary evidence suggests that these raids have not in fact been launched ... from the U. S.." Bob Hurwitch and John Crimmons want no part of the deal if it comes up (matter of principle, sabotage our current policy). They want your confirmation.

*In addition to the above,*  
I agree that we shouldn't make a deal. I don't see how it <sup>could</sup> hurts us, if the pictures are published. Also, I doubt that they would be published, <sup>especially</sup> ~~especially~~ if the raiders have anything to do with the decision. By publishing the pictures, the raiders would be ~~imposing that we caused~~ <sup>giving us evidence to turn</sup> further heat on them, *if we wanted to.*

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