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on 28/8/61 at
1815 hrs* (handwritten annotation)

1. YOUR REF MOST ENCOURAGING. IT HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED
WITH STATE AT DESK LEVEL AND TODAY I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW
COPY TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND TO IMPRESS HIM WITH THE OPPORTUNITY
WHICH I FELT THIS AFFORDED. I TOLD HIM STATE COGNIZANT OF MATTER.

2. I DESCRIBED NATURE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH [LOPEZ MATEOS] AND
THAT ALL OUR ACTIONS CONNECTION THEREWITH FULLY COORDINATED WITH
AMBASSADOR. I POINTED OUT THAT [LOPEZ MATEOS] DID NOT TRUST ALL
[MEMBERS OF HIS FO] AND HENCE DESIRED COVERT ROUTES FOR CERTAIN
TYPES OF ACTION AND PLANNING.

3. PRESIDENT KENNEDY MENTIONED CRITICAL PROBLEM IN CONNECTION
WITH U.N. VOTE ON ADMISSION COMMUNIST CHINA AND I BELIEVE HE WOULD
BE MOST INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER ANY LIKELIHOOD [LOPEZ MATEOS]

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COULD IN SOME WAY BE HELPFUL IN THIS SITUATION OR WHETHER IT BETTER

TRY OUT THIS CHANNEL FIRST IN SOME WAY WHICH MIGHT POSE LESSER

DIFFICULTIES FOR HIM.

    4. SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH AMBASSADOR TELLING HIM

I HAVE NOT YET PERSONALLY TAKEN UP THIS PARTICULAR IDEA WITH

SECRETARY OF STATE AND WOULD PREFER TO GET YOUR JOINT VIEWS

BEFORE DOING SO AS WE HAVE THE TIME FOR THIS. I FEEL PERSONALLY

HOWEVER THAT WE SHOULD MAKE SOME EARLY EFFORT TO FOLLOW UP ON

[LOPEZ MATEOS' OFFER] AND TEST OUT ITS POSSIBILITIES.

    5. KINDLY LET ME HAVE YOUR JOINT VIEWS AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

WITH STATE.

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