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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF — 1-4 by Col Swell

1. The President is impressed with the importance of evaluating the problem of seeing the Cuban missile sites by a pilot attacking them at low altitude. To obtain some feeling for the problem, he directs a post recce interrogation of the pilots flying low level reconnaissance missions on October 27 to obtain from them a description of what they have actually seen. They should be encouraged to maneuver their planes as a fighter bomber pilot might be expected to do in attacking a site. He has in mind such things as circling the sites and gaining additional altitude in order to see better.

2. Get out the implementing instructions to comply.

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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