

Framing Russia? Fabricating a Pretext to Wage War: Flight MH-17 and “Operation Northwoods”

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While in Gaza it is plain for all to see who are the perpetrators behind the slaughter, the case of the almost 300 victims of the MH 17 Malaysian airlines crash is giving us more questions than answers.

As I write this my thoughts are with the innocent victims in Gaza as well as those who died in the event dubbed the ‘MH-17 incident’ as well as their families.

Both issues dominate the news everywhere.

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As we look for answers we must not forget an important operation which was planned by the US Joint Chief of Staff in 1962, a plot to manufacture a casus belli (reason to go to war) with Cuba. It was called ‘Operation Northwoods’.

It sprang to my mind as the propaganda war after the the airplane tragedy in eastern Ukraine was unleashed. While at the time the Northwoods document was produced by the US military its implementation was rejected by then US President John F. Kennedy, circumstances have changed and I cannot help but ask myself if the MH-17 incident is a re-run of ‘Operation Northwoods’ with today’s technology on a bigger scale. This time not trying to frame Cuba but Russia.

The entire document can be downloaded in pdf format [here](#)



THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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13 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Justification for US Military Intervention
in Cuba (TS)

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered the attached Memorandum for the Chief of Operations, Cuba Project, which responds to a request of that office for brief but precise description of pretexts which would provide justification for US military intervention in Cuba.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that the proposed memorandum be forwarded as a preliminary submission suitable for planning purposes. It is assumed that there will be similar submissions from other agencies and that these inputs will be used as a basis for developing a time-phased plan. Individual projects can then be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. Further, it is assumed that a single agency will be given the primary responsibility for developing military and para-military aspects of the basic plan. It is recommended that this responsibility for both overt and covert military operations be assigned the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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BY JCS ON 21 May 84
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Among other things the document proposed the following (I have inserted in bold my comments to illustrate why the MH-17 incident could be a re-run):

It is possible to create an incident which will demonstrate convincingly that a Cuban aircraft (a BuK Anti-Aircraft missile system supplied by Russia to the 'Separatists' in eastern Ukraine) has attacked and shot down a chartered civil airliner (Malaysian Airlines MH-17) en route from the United States (Amsterdam, Schipol airport) to Jamaica, Guatemala, Panama, or Venezuela

(Kuala Lumpur) .

It is possible to create an incident which will make it appear that Communist Cuban MIGs (Eastern Ukraine 'Separatists') have destroyed a USAF aircraft (Malaysian passenger aircraft) over international waters (their territory) in an unprovoked attack.

Below are page 7 and 8 of the Annex to Appendix to Enclosure A of the Secret Northwoods Document entitled "Pretexts to Justify Military Intervention":

ANNEX TO APPENDIX TO ENCLOSURE A
PRETEXTS TO JUSTIFY US MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CUBA

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(Note: The courses of action which follow are a preliminary submission suitable only for planning purposes. They are arranged neither chronologically nor in ascending order. Together with similar inputs from other agencies, they are intended to provide a point of departure for the development of a single, integrated, time-phased plan. Such a plan would permit the evaluation of individual projects within the context of cumulative, correlated actions designed to lead inexorably to the objective of adequate justification for US military intervention in Cuba).

1. Since it would seem desirable to use legitimate provocation as the basis for US military intervention in Cuba a cover and deception plan, to include requisite preliminary actions such as has been developed in response to Task 33 c, could be executed as an initial effort to provoke Cuban reactions. Harassment plus deceptive actions to convince the Cubans of imminent invasion would be emphasized. Our military posture throughout execution of the plan will allow a rapid change from exercise to intervention if Cuban response justifies.

2. A series of well coordinated incidents will be planned to take place in and around Guantanamo to give genuine appearance of being done by hostile Cuban forces.

a. Incidents to establish a credible attack (not in chronological order):

- (1) Start rumors (many). Use clandestine radio.
- (2) Land friendly Cubans in uniform "over-the-fence" to stage attack on base.
- (3) Capture Cuban (friendly) saboteurs inside the base.
- (4) Start riots near the base main gate (friendly Cubans).

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- (5) Blow up ammunition inside the base; start fires.
- (6) Burn aircraft on air base (sabotage).
- (7) Lob mortar shells from outside of base into base.
Some damage to installations.
- (8) Capture assault teams approaching from the sea
or vicinity of Guantanamo City.
- (9) Capture militia group which storms the base.
- (10) Sabotage ship in harbor; large fires -- naphthalene.
- (11) Sink ship near harbor entrance. Conduct funerals
for mock-victims (may be lieu of (10)).

b. United States would respond by executing offensive operations to secure water and power supplies, destroying artillery and mortar emplacements which threaten the base.

c. Commence large scale United States military operations.

3. A "Remember the Maine" incident could be arranged in several forms:

a. We could blow up a US ship in Guantanamo Bay and blame Cuba.

b. We could blow up a drone (unmanned) vessel anywhere in the Cuban waters. We could arrange to cause such incident in the vicinity of Havana or Santiago as a spectacular result of Cuban attack from the air or sea, or both. The presence of Cuban planes or ships merely investigating the intent of the vessel could be fairly compelling evidence that the ship was taken under attack. The nearness to Havana or Santiago would add credibility especially to those people that might have heard the blast or have seen the fire. The US could follow up with an air/sea rescue operation covered by US fighters to "evacuate" remaining members of the non-existent crew. Casualty lists in US newspapers would cause a helpful wave of national indignation.

4. We could develop a Communist Cuban terror campaign in the Miami area, in other Florida cities and even in Washington.

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Annex to Appendix
to Enclosure A

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Can you see where I am coming from? Surely this line of thinking must be included as this incident can easily be used as just another fabricated pretext to gain public support for hostile actions. Can it be possible that the Kiev regime, or factions within it, have used this blueprint and put it into action?

Sanctions are already being implemented and hostile rethoric is abound. We can only hope that this time the public will get the truth. But given that the flight and voice recorders, handed to the Malaysian team of investigators on the crash scene, are now in the hands of

British authorities, that Kiev confiscated the voice recordings of the Ukrainian air traffic controllers and is not making them available and the US Military do not release their radar and satellite raw data, chances are slim that we get the undoctored versions.

What we are left with is the insight that we cannot trust anything coming out of mainstream media and must rely on the efforts of the alternative media to get to the bottom of this tragedy.

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