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Task 33b. On a most discreet (strictly need-to-know) basis, Defense is to submit a plan by 2 February on what it can do to put a majority of workers out of action, unable to work in the cane fields and sugar mills, for a significant period during the remainder of this harvest. It is suggested that such planning consider non-lethal BW, insect-borne, introduced secretly to the target area by the Navy. (BW information for this planning can be obtained from Mr. Robert Edwards at Ft. Detrick, Maryland, and Mr. Cornelius Roosevelt at CLA.) The plan will require policy approval before implementation.

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Proposal for dropping a nonlethal bug-borne bioweapon on Cuban sugarcane workers, January 19, 1962: "consider non-lethal BW, insect-borne"

12. On March 13, 1962, the Defense Department provided a "status report" to the Special Group Augmented. It contained the following statement:

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The terms "BW" and "CW" stand for biological (or bacteriological) warfare and chemical warfare, respectively.

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