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that would be General Goodpastor, because he was very close to the President, although he was a relatively junior officer at that time, he was a young colonel -- I think he may have even been a major when he started there in the White House. But he was sort of Staff Secretary to the President on all those relations with the Pentagon and the CIA and the State Department. If you wanted to see the President on something important, it was generally through General Goodpastor rather than through Gordon Gray. And Gordon Gray handled most of the detailed mechanics of setting up meetings, and that sort of thing. He was not as much a personal assistant to the President. And that job was held by General Goodpastor.

Mr. Dillon. No, except the discussion of preparing a capacity to invade Cuba. That was considered. And we have the minutes on that. That was considered a number of times and reported a number of times.

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Mr. Dawson. But in circumstances where the President was going to be made aware of attempts to overthrow a government, in front of a number of people like the Special Group of the National Security Council, were you privy to some of those occurrences?

Mr. Dillon. I don't ever recall one.

Mr. Dawson. You don't recall instances where an attempt or discussion to overthrow a government or anything more sinister than an assassination was brought up?