

30 April 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: William Douglas Pawley
SF#078 435

1. Subject, a U.S. citizen and former U.S. Ambassador to two Latin American countries, was of interest to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency circa 1952-1954, apparently in connection with Agency operational requirements. In 1959 Subject again became of operational interest to the Western Hemisphere Division in connection with the Agency's activities directed against Cuba. At that time Subject was an executive with a private corporation in Miami, Florida. Subject was granted a Covert Security Approval in connection with WH Division's interest circa December 1959.

2. On 7 October 1959 the Chief, WH Division requested the Office of Security to install an audio mike and wire device in Subject's Miami office for the purpose of "making available to WH Division representatives in Miami detailed reports of conversations held by (Subject) with his numerous contacts among Caribbean revolutionary groups, especially anti-Castro Cuban exile leaders." Cited request from the Chief, WH Division indicated that Subject is a personal friend of the then DCI and that he had cooperated with the Agency in the past. Subject's file also indicates that the then DCI was made aware of the planned audio installation.

3. Subject's file specifically states that the audio mike and wire was to be installed in Subject's office desk in such a manner that Subject could activate the recording device while talking to foreign nationals. The file reflects that Subject was not only witting of the mike and wire installation but was in complete control of the audio equipment.

4. Cited mike and wire installation was made on 15 October 1959 by employees of an Office of Security field office. Subject's file does not reflect when, or if, the audio equipment was removed from Subject's office. However, a report

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dated January 1961 indicates that the equipment was in operation as of that time as two Office of Security employees were dispatched to Miami, Florida, to repair certain audio equipment which was malfunctioning.

5. Subject's files do not reflect the results of any tape recordings made through the above installation although the file does indicate that any such product would have been given to WH Division representatives. Subject appears to have remained of interest to the WH Division and to the DCI until as late as 1964.

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IDENTITY LIST

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1. Western Hemisphere Division requesting officer: J. C. King, Chief, WH Division
2. Office of Security assigning officer: Jack Bauman
3. Office of Security employee who installed device: John B. Cryer
4. WH Division responsible officer:
5. Director of Central Intelligence at that time: Allen Dulles

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