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Mr. G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.   20515

Dear Bob:

Herewith are comments on the new version of the Defector paper and the Cuban paper. These comments were prepared in my absence by those on whom I have leaned during this phase of the inquiry.

I note the "Mongoose" reference, a basic factual comment. I also note the "golden boy" reference. Someone may have referred to the man that way, but it was not a categorization in general use. Makes interesting reading but is more literary than reliable, for the impression it conveys. Further, it indicates a tie we feel should be protected.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Defector Paper

The Forward. No comment.

Morris and Mollie Block. No comment.

Harold Citrynell. No comment.

Bruce Frederick Davis. No comment.

Shirley Dubinsky. No comment.

Joseph Dutkanicz. No comment.

Martin Greendlinger. No comment.

Nicholas Petrulli. No comment.

Libero Ricciardelli. No comment.

Vladimir Sloboda. No comment.

Robert E. Webster. No comment.

Lee Harvey Oswald. No comment.

Addendum - Debriefing Practices

Page 18/19, paragraph 190. Refer to letter to Mr. G. Robert Blakey, dated 26 March 1979 re subject.

Page 20, paragraph 193. Put period at end of line 4 after debriefing; delete "conducted by military intelligence".

Page 21, paragraph 194, second line. Delete "using Department of Defense cover".

Page 21, paragraph 194, fifth line. Delete "in the American Embassy in Copenhagen". Replace deletion with "abroad".

Page 21, sixth line. Delete "his" and replace with "the former's".

Page 21, line 9. Delete "Angleton" and replace deletion with "CIA".

Page 22, paragraph 195, second line. Insert "CIA" before "representative". Delete "from the CIA's Office of Operations and SR/6".

Veciana 27, paragraph 176, line 3. Delete "propaganda for".

Veciana 27, paragraph 177, lines 9-10. Delete "in the area of psychological warfare".

Veciana 27a, paragraph 179, line 4. Place period after "until his retirement". Delete in June 1973.

Veciana 27a, paragraph 179, line 5. Insert after "much of that time", "as a senior staff official". Delete "on the Covert Action Guidance Staff".

Page 2, D.H. Insert, paragraph 189. Substitute "Joseph Langosch" for true name Hal Swenson.

Veciana 31, paragraph 201, line 6. Insert "contribution" after "$500"; line 6 should then read: "a $500 contribution from a wealthy Puerto Rican [with whom the CIA was then developing a relationship] during a meeting convened in Puerto Rico by Veciana to raise funds for ALPHA 66; a U.S. Army directed operation". Delete "financier and industrialist, Codename SKEWER-1, with whom the CIA had a long-standing operational relationship". Four lines later, beginning with "or the industrialist", delete remainder of paragraph. Paragraph should read as follows: "and even though the Agency later used the Puerto Rican as a conduit for the passage of U.S. Government funds to selected anti-Castro groups, it appears that in Veciana's case, the money was provided solely by the Puerto Rican from his personal funds.

Veciana 32, paragraph 204. Sentence beginning "The available documentary record" should read as follows: "The available documentary record was sufficient to indicate that U.S. Army intelligence had a keen interest...."

Section VI. Brigade 2506.

Page 2, line 2. We point out that the information given in this quote is not accurate. U.S. Army special forces, not the CIA, trained the Brigade.

Page 2, paragraph 235, line 5. Delete the "CIA chose". Line should then read "a young physician was chosen who then organized...."

Page 2, paragraph 235. Sentence beginning "His name was Manuel Artime" should read as follows: "His name was Manuel Artime who had fled Cuba the previous December.

Page 3, line 2. Replace CIA with U.S. Government.

Page 6, paragraph 243, line 2. The Agency prefers that you delete the phrase "who had become known as the CIA's 'golden boy'".

Section VII. HUC

Page 7, paragraph 252, line 7. Substitute "his country" for "the West Germans".

Page 8, paragraph 263, line 1. Delete Nicaraguan.

Page 8, line 3. Delete Venezuelan. Substitute "another Latin American official".

Section VIII. JURE

Page 4, line 1. Substitute U.S. Government for CIA.

Page 4, line 2. Place a period after "potential". Delete remainder of sentence.

Section IX. DRE

Page 2, paragraph 290, line 6. Substitute U.S. Government for CIA.

Page 4, line 4. Line should read: "to confront U.S. Government officials including U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, and CIA Operations Chief Richard Helms, who told them...."

Section on David Ferrie

Page 12a, paragraph 422, line 3. Substitute U.S. Government for CIA.

Page 12a, paragraph 422, line 7. Substitute U.S. Government for CIA.

Section on 544 Camp Street

Page 9. Suggest the following change in lines 6 through 12: "In September 1960, the CIA considered using Guy Bannister Associates for the collection of foreign intelligence, but ultimately decided against it." Delete sentence beginning "the idea was dropped ... clash with the Mayor". Footnote 64 therefore becomes void. Statement made in Footnote 64 can be used as Footnote 65.

Footnotes

Page 5, Footnote 98. Footnote should read "CIA memorandum to Director, 7/9/64". Delete all rest.

Footnotes. Veciana

Page 4, Footnote 94. Delete classification (Secret).

Page 7, Footnote 184. Delete true name Crozier.

Page 8, Footnote 226. Delete Confidential.

Page 8, Footnote 236. Substitute "document" for "file".

Footnotes. JGCE

Page 2. Footnote 15. Delete "section on JGCE (Secret)".

Page 4. Footnote 57. Delete Confidential.

Page 4. Footnote 58. Delete "for Sierra".

Page 6. Footnote 76. Delete Cuba.

Page 7. Footnote 91. Delete CAS-63-154.

Footnotes. 544 Camp Street

Page 4. Footnote 63. Delete "on Guy Bannister".

Cuban Paper

Section I. "The Ingredients of an anti-Castro Cuban Conspiracy" is referred to subsequently as "V".

V15, last line. We point out that this sentence which continues on to the next page, V16, is inaccurate. Operation Mongoose was not initiated by CIA. It was set up and chaired by the Attorney General.

V18, paragraph 42, first sentence. We suggest the following rewrite: "It was the JMWAVE Station which monitored the anti-Castro groups".

V26, paragraph 55, tenth line. Replace CIA with U.S. Government.

Section III. Antonio Veciana Blanch

Veciana 3, last three lines. It is not true that CIA at any time recruited Lopez-Fresquet.

Veciana 5, paragraph 126, line 5. Delete name of [   ] replace name with [named CIA employee].

Veciana 16. Delete entire paragraph 150. Policy stated here is untrue; in addition, last sentence reveals fact of CIA use of State cover for Agency activities. Kail could not bring any Cuban into the CIA Station area.

Veciana 20, paragraph 159, line 6. Put period after 1964. Delete "and became an agent for the CIA".

Veciana 22, paragraph 163, line 7. Place period after Vale. Delete "whom he knew to be working for the CIA". This portion of the statement is inaccurate.

Veciana 25B, paragraph 174. Delete second sentence beginning "until 1963, Phillips' principal area of expertise...." The Agency considers this classified information obtained during an executive session.

Veciana 26, first line. " Phillips was serving in Havanna". Delete remainder of sentence. Also in the same paragraph, delete reference to Mexico City, Chile, Dominican Republic, Brazil, and Venezuela.

Veciana 26, paragraph 175, line 10. Place period after "groups". Delete remainder of sentence.

Veciana 26, paragraph 175, line 12. Delete "the psychological warfare" and replace with "certain".

Veciana 26, paragraph 175, line 14. Delete "the DRE's propaganda". Replace with "these".

Page 24, paragraph 198, sixth line. Delete "Collection Division of".

Footnotes

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Lee Harvey Oswald. Footnote 300. Replace Golitsyn with "X" and Deryabin with "Y".

Footnote 422. See Footnote 53. Delete "CIA notes Davis".

Footnote 435. Replace "Tennent H. Bagley" with "DC/SB"; Golitsyn with "X".

Footnote 437. Footnote should read "attachment to CIA memorandum, 1/27/78". Delete all rest.

Footnote 438. Delete footnote; replace with "Ibid".

Footnote 440. First sentence okay. We suggest you delete remainder of footnote. It appears to contradict the fact that not all the files were unexpurgated.

Footnote 441.   Staff summary.   Delete remainder of footnote.

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Footnote 451.   Staff summary.   Delete remainder of footnote.

NOTE: We note that you have changed footnote numbers. You will have to correlate old numbers appearing in our memorandum with your new numbering system.