

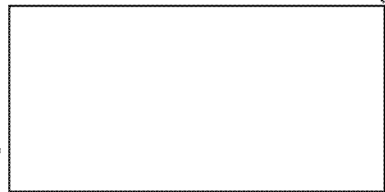


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Miami, Florida

APR 10 1962

RE: INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCES
(INTERPEN)
NEUTRALITY MATTER

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
ROBERT JAMES DWYER, at Miami, Florida, dated and captioned
as above.

MM T-1 has furnished reliable information in the
past.

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DETAILS:

By letter dated January 22, 1962, MICHAEL L. TOBIN, Cadet, St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wisconsin, advised that a friend of his had received a letter from GERRY PATRICK, representing Intercontinental Penetration Force and the letter was as follows:

"INTERCONTINENTAL PENETRATION FORCE
(INTERPEN)

"Dear Sir,

"Thank you for your letter requesting information concerning our organization. We have received many letters such as yours and are pleased to find that there are thousands of young Americans that are anxious to actively participate in the fight against International Communism.

"First, let me state that we are an independent and self supporting organization. Our primary mission is to provide qualified instructors for all legitimate organizations actively fighting the communists. We feel that Americans would be in a better position to defend their country if they were trained in the arts of Guerrilla Warfare and Survival. As a self supporting unit our present facilities are extremely limited and we are accepting only those veterans that were Special Forces trained as Guerrilla Warfare instructors, survival, parachute qualified etc. Also we suggest that prior to an individuals leaving his home he should have already purchased his own uniforms, combat

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"equipment, have a car, and enough money to pay room and board until he can be placed with one of the units under our command. We are NOT operating as a conventional force and therefore do not have standard barrack facilities, rank or pay.

"Considering the aforementioned, should you still be interested in joining, we suggest that prior to your departure for Miami you contact a local SKY DIVER CLUB (Parachutists) or ex-paratroopers, and have them train you as a parachutist. After your five student jumps you should buy your own equipment (back-pack, reserve, boots, helmet, etc.). The parachute training and five student jumps should cost not more than \$40. All of our active members are parachute qualified and have contributed to the costs of equipment and aircraft.

"Thank you again for your interest and if you wish to write address all mail to INTERPEN, c/o GERRY PATRICK, GENERAL DELIVERY, MIAMI, FLA.

"Respectfully Yours,

/s/"Gerry Patrick
"GERRY PATRICK
"INTERPEN"

On March 30, 1962, GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, 128 Southwest 8th Street, Miami, Florida, advised that he is unemployed, temporarily residing in a rooming house at that address, and continues his interest in Cuban revolutionary

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activities. HEMMING identified the above mentioned letter as one of about 60 form letters that he wrote and signed as GERRY PATRICK, the head of INTERPEN.

HEMMING explained that in July, 1961, he and some of his associates conducted a parachute demonstration wherein the press was invited and attended, and HEMMING and his organization received considerable national publicity.

As a result of this publicity, letters were received from all over the United States by HEMMING from young adventurers and soldiers of fortune who were desirous of joining HEMMING's organization and participating in some military action in Latin America. HEMMING explained that as a result of a flood of letters he received, he devised the above form letter to answer questions about his organization. HEMMING said this form letter was to give general information about the organization, to dissuade persons from coming to Miami, Florida, to join the organization, and to eliminate persons who did not have specialized training or background for this type of activity. HEMMING said that this form letter sets up a number of conditions that most people making inquiry would not be able to meet and, therefore, tended to stop people from coming to Florida to join his organization. HEMMING said that if a person met all these requirements, he would then write to HEMMING again and in reply HEMMING would invite the individual to come to Florida on vacation and if he had the talent and ability, he would be invited to stay in Miami and participate in survival training in the Florida Everglades.

HEMMING claimed he did not consider the above letter in any way an instrument of recruiting or any attempt to defraud or use the mails for defraud. HEMMING said that as a result of press inquiry and his

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replies with these form letters, some individuals did come to Miami, Florida, participate in survival training in the Florida Everglades, but INTERPEN, as such, no longer exists.

HEMMING explained that he presently conducts no training and is associated with ROBERT BROWN, a young man from Colorado, who is in Miami writing a book about the Cuban revolution. HEMMING is taking BROWN around to the different Cuban revolutionary organizations, helping BROWN gather information for his book. HEMMING said he still maintains an interest in being available to train Cuban exiles for some future military action in Cuba.

HEMMING said that in about the middle of January, 1962, he left Miami and went to Los Angeles, California, where he contacted a number of American businessmen who were interested in the present Cuban situation. He tried unsuccessfully to convince these businessmen to make money contributions to be used by the Cuban exiles for some future action against the present government of Cuba.

HEMMING said that about the middle of February, 1962, he traveled to Mobile, Alabama, where he visited a friend of his named DAMON NAPIER, and was arrested and incarcerated by the police in Mobile, Alabama, on the charge of investigation and was held one week. HEMMING said that he had previously met NAPIER in Miami and when he visited him in Mobile, it appeared that NAPIER had been involved with stolen automobiles and checks. HEMMING said he was interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and after a week of incarceration by the Mobile Police Department, was released. He said he did not know the disposition of the charges against or involvement of NAPIER.

On April 3, 1962, MM T-1, [redacted]
[redacted] of HEMMING, and who has been involved in

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Cuban revolutionary activities for the past four years, advised that INTERPEN no longer exists, has no members and that HEMMING is not a member of any Cuban revolutionary organization.

MM T-1 advised that HEMMING continues to visit different Cuban revolutionary organizations, is tolerated by these organizations and continues to work for the establishment of some sort of a military training camp where he would train Cuban nationals for guerrilla warfare in Cuba; however, HEMMING has no money or backing and no chance of establishing such a training camp.

On April 2, 1962, ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, 1126 Southwest 12th Avenue, formerly a commander in the Cuban revolutionary army and presently the head of a small independent anti-FIDEL CASTRO organization, advised that GERALD PATRICK HEMMING had recently visited him, but that his organization has nothing to do with HEMMING.

On April 2, 1962, RENE DECHARD, 1176 Southwest 12th Street, Miami, formerly the Cuban Consul General in Tampa, Florida, and presently active in Cuban revolutionary activities against the present government of Cuba, advised that HEMMING had recently visited him and that HEMMING has no group or organization and is not acceptable to leaders of the different Cuban revolutionary organizations.

During January, 1962, the following individuals advised that they had met HEMMING or had heard of him, considered him a mercenary, and a soldier of fortune and following the United States Government's policy of not accepting Americans into their organizations, they maintained no contact with HEMMING:

ANTONIO DE VARONA of the
Cuban Revolutionary Council

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ERNESTO DESPAIGNE
Military Section, Revolutionary Council

JUSTO CARRILLO of the
Montecristi Organization

RAFAEL RENCURRELL of the
Movimiento Democratica Cristiana

CESAR BARO of the
Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionario

RAUL MENDEZ PIRIZ of
Rescate.