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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
JFK Maxwell Taylor	27 Sept 62	Special Group Augmented MOONGOOSE Diem

OCCURRENCE:

Taylor states that the Special Group and the Special Group Augmented considered a proposal by CIA for covert activities designed to harass the Democratic REpublic of Vietnam. This had been prepared in response to a request by the Sec.'s of State and Defense.

Taylor added that the Special Group asked that a more detailed operation plan be prepared. It was agreed that Defense make certain equipment and personnel available to CIA in support of this program. ~~An elint flight designed to identify the North Vietnamese radar order of battle, so as to permit planning over-flight routes was authorized. This will be flown out of Saigon, using the specially equipped aircraft available on Taiwan, but with the Chinese Air Force markings removed, and employing Chinese Nationalists pilots documented South Vietnamese citizens.~~

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Maxwell Taylor's memorandum for the President, dated Sept 27, 1962. (00050).	PGW
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

HELMS, Richard

DATES: feb 61

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

OCCURRENCE: (continued from card 1)

HARVEY used SILVER in developing the EXECUTIVE ACTION capability (38).

RUGS states that Sometime shortly after this initial meeting, and while HARVEY was still discussing the development of EXECUTIVE ACTION with BISSELL, "he briefed Mr. HELMS fully on the general concept but without mention of the then on-going plan to assassinate CASTRO." (38)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Maheu Edwards Rosselli Giancana	Trafficante Breckinridge	3 or 4-61	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Breckinridge testified that Maheu was on retainer to CIA "in the early days" (Tr. 99) ('50's?) and "on one occasion he obtained a female companion for an important foreign leader." (Tr. 99) Edwards contacted Maheu who contacted Roselli who contacted Giancana who contacted Trafficante, who "travelled to and from Cuba," (Tr. 100) and who "had a source inside Cuba (who) ...was believed to have access to Castro and a poison pill was developed that he was to insert into Castro's food." (Tr. 101)

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Testimony of Wm. Colby, 5/23/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:
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DATES:
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CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET
CASTRO ~~CUBA~~ - SYNDICATE/PHASE II -- KNOWLEDGE OF PHASE II
CARD 1 of 3

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OCCURRENCE:

SHACKLEY, cont: the purpose for which the material was to be used.)

3. ([redacted], TSD [redacted] participation was limited to furnishing the bills to O'CONNELL on 18 April 1962.)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HARVEY, William O'CONNELL [redacted] ROSSELLI, John	14 April 1962 June 1962	CASTRO ~~CUBA~~ -- SYNDICATE/PHASE II

OCCURRENCE: (46)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET
HARVEY, William ROSSELLI, John VARONA, Tony O'CONNELL [redacted] CASTRO, Fidel	21 April 1962	CASTRO ~~CUBA~~ SYNDICATE/PHASE II

OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY arrives in Miami to find ROSSELLI already in touch with TONY VARONA, the Cuban exile leader who had participated in PHASE I. (47)

According to HARVEY and O'CONNELL, who agreed that this was an on-going operation, the poison pills were to be placed into CASTRO's food, by an asset of VARONA's who had access to someone in a restaurant frequented by CASTRO.

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MCCONE, HARVEY, [redacted] de Cunha, Virginia	July 10, 1962 ~~June, 11, 1962~~ ~~July 1, 1962~~ ~~May 1962~~	MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Efforts were made to establish contact with Juana Castro Ruz, half sister of Fidel and Raul Castro Ruz, because she opposed the strong Communist nature of the Cuban regime. According to Mrs. Virginia Leitao de Cunha, she contacted Ruz and obtained Ruz agreement to provide intelligence on the Cuban political leadership and to work against the Cuban Communist regime, "short of engaging in activity which might result in direct personal harm to her brothers Raul and Fidel." Arrangements were being made for direct recruitment of Ruz in Mexico.

SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum for McCone from William Harvey re: Juana Castro Ruz, 10 July 1962 (02561)	di Genova
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Desmond FITZGERALD AMLASH [redacted] Robert KENNEDY HELMS	Oct. 29, 1963 Nov. 13, 1963	Castro

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
SANCHEZ FITZGERALD AMLASH	Oct. 29, 1963 Nov. 13, 1963	Castro Card 2 of 2

OCCURRENCE:

(CARD 2)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
SANCHEZ AMLASH (MANUEL) ARTIME	Dec. 6-7, 1964	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

SANCHEZ met with AMLASH in Paris. AMLASH indicated that although he was unable to carry out his plans during the past year, he "continued to feel that his solution to the Cuban problem was the only one feasible and that he had to continue trying." (100). AMLASH "was told that the U.S. Government could not and would not in any way become involved or provide assistance in the task he had planned for himself." (100)

However, the IG REPORT explains that SAS "contrived to put (MANUEL) ARTIME and (AMLASH) together in such a way that neither knew that the contact had been engineered by the CIA. The thought was that ARTIME needed a man inside and (AMLASH) wanted a silenced weapon, which CIA was unwilling to furnish to him directly. By putting the two together, ARTIME might get his man inside and (AMLASH) might get his silenced weapon--from ARTIME. CIA did not intend to furnish an assassination weapon for ARTIME to give to (AMLASH), and had no wish to be involved."

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
~~ARTIME~~ AMLASH SANCHEZ	Dec. 30, 1964 Jan. 3, 1965	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

ARTIME and AMLASH met in Madrid, where AMLASH told ARTIME that "he had requested a silencer for a FAL rifle from the Americans, which they had not been able to provide. ARTIME agreed to furnish either a silencer for a FAL or a comparable rifle with silencer." (102) ARTIME reported the results of this conversation in a meeting with SANCHEZ in Florida on Jan. 3, 1965.

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:			DATES:	CATEGORIES:
RFK	Mr. McCone	Col. Ledford (CIA)	Oct 9, 1962	Special Group (Augmented)
McGeorge Bundy	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Parrot		
Mr. Johnson	Dr. Charyk			
Mr. Gilpatric	Dr. Scoville			Mongoose
Gen. Taylor	Col. Steakley			

OCCURRENCE:

SGA discussed various possibilities of accomplishing reconnissance of Cuba, ranging from very low level coverage by tactical aircraft to high performance aircraft and drones. Overflights and peripheral flights were discussed.

It was agreed that the first priority is one high performance mission in the western part of the island, to be accompanied by all out Elint support. Depending on the results of this, a number of similar searches may be mounted. First mission was later approved by higher authority, but the decision on the second proposition left open.

The entire package was to be discussed at the USIB, and by Chiefs on Wednesday, October 10th.

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SOURCE:

Memorandum for the record, dated October 9, 1962, effecting a meeting of Special Group Augmented and prepared by Thomas Parrot.

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(See list of names below.)	Apr 17, 61 -	CASTRO ~~CUBA~~ - SYNDICATE/PHASE II -- KNOWLEDGE OF PHASE II CARD 1 of 3

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HARVEY, William SILVER, Arnold BISSELL, Richard	26 Jan. 1961	EXECUTIVE ACTION

OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY testified that he had a conversation with ARNOLD SILVER about the EXECUTIVE ACTION project on January 26, 1961, after HARVEY and BISSELL had already discussed the matter. (52) HARVEY testified that he learned early in the operation that BISSELL had discussed the question of assassination with ARNOLD SILVER. (52)

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SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 25, 1975, p. 52	STAFF: Rhea
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Silver, Arnold Harvey, William Bissell, Richard	1/26/61	EXECUTIVE ACTION

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HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 25, 1975, p. 52	Rhea
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HARVEY, WILLIAM SILVER, ARNOLD KUBARK	~~Spring, 1961~~ ~~1/61~~ Jan. 26, 1961	EXECUTIVE ACTION

OCCURRENCE: Harvey was asked about notes written by him and Silver from their meeting in January of 1961, concerning Executive Action. One portion of the notes stated, "Be within KUBARK, one focal point for control, search, training, case officering, etc. -- GDP authority in this focal point mandatory. DCI officially advised?" (57) Harvey testified that he did not know whether the DCI was advised, that he had been asked to create a capability for Executive Action and had taken certain steps to have an assessment of assets in that connection. (57) Harvey clarified that the wording of the memo probably meant that consideration should be given to the question of how, whether and under what circumstances the DCI should be officially advised of his program, "I want to make it clear that this in no way means he should be advised. He should not be advised, he should never be advised, he should always be advised." (59). He testified that this matter would have been brought up again at any time the Executive Action Project led to specific targeting or specific operation or specific [illegible] for that purpose. (59)

SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 2, 1975, pp. [illegible]

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET
~~ZRRIFLE~~ QJWIN SILVER, Arnold O'DONNELL, Justin BISSELL, Richard LUMUMBA, Patrice	May 1961 February 19, 1962 Feb., 1961	EXECUTIVE ACTION ZRRIFLE

OCCURRENCE:

"The project name, ZRRIFLE, first appears in the files in May 1961, although the first recorded approval is dated 19 February 1962." (38)

"The EXECUTIVE ACTION ~~tweep~~ program came to be known as ZRRIFLE. Its principal asset was an agent, QJWIN, who had been recruited earlier by ARNOLD SILVER for use in a special operation in the [redacted], to be run by JUSTIN O'DONNELL. O'DONNELL made a survey of the scene, decided he wanted no part in that assassination attempt, and asked to be released -- which BISSELL granted)." (38)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET
BISSELL, Richard HARVEY WHITE HOUSE SILVER, Arnold GOTTLIEB, Sidney	February 1961 (HARVEY's rough estimate)	EXECUTIVE ACTION / ZR/RIFLE CASTRO ~~[illegible]~~ CONGO

OCCURRENCE:

BISSELL assigns to HARVEY the developing of "an EXECUTIVE ACTION capability, i.e., a general stand-by capability to carry out assassinations when required." (37)

"HARVEY's notes quote BISSELL as saying, 'The WHITE HOUSE has twice urged me to create such a capability.' BISSELL recalls discussing the question of developing a general capability with HARVEY." (37)

"HARVEY says that BISSELL had already discussed certain aspects of the problem with ARNOLD SILVER and with SIDNEY GOTTLIEB." (37-38).

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BISSELL, Richard HARVEY, William [redacted] SILVER, Arnold LUMUMBA, Patrice O'DONNELL, Justin BRECKENRIDGE, S. HELMS, Richard QJWIN	FEB ~~May~~ 1961	EXECUTIVE ACTION/ZRRIFLE CONGO TOP SECRET

OCCURRENCE:

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NOTE: In the copy of the I.G. REPORT provided to the Committee, which was, according to EARMAN's cover memorandum the ribbon copy, which was the only text of the report in existence, the phrase in the above paragraph [redacted] was crossed out. S. BRECKENRIDGE indicated to the Committee that this phrase was crossed out by RICHARD HELMS when he read the report. Why?

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, p. 38	STAFF: Baron
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HARVEY, William ~~Win, K. J.~~ QJWIN SILVER, Arnold	6/25/75	EXECUTIVE ACTION

OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY testified that QJ.Win was an agent that he considered for possible use and used for a limited period through ARNOLD SILVER for the spotting of individuals with criminal and underworld connections in Europe for possible multipurpose use, none of whom were ever advised of the use. (50) Or were ever used.

When HARVEY was asked if the multipurpose use included assassination, he stated that if he had ever been directly ordered to perform an assassination, he would have considered the people spotted by Q.J.Win as possibilities. (50) He testified that before someone would have actually been approached to carry out that operation, there would have been a long period of assessment and cross checks. As far as he knew, the particular spotting mechanism never went that far. So far as HARVEY could recall K.J.Win was used only once in connection with an operation in the [redacted] (51)

SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 25, 1975, pp. 50-51

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AMLASH [redacted]	March 9, 1961	CASTRO 1 of 2

OCCURRENCE:

[redacted], an officer [redacted] met in Mexico City with a high officer in the Cuban armed forces who was subsequently to become a CIA asset known as A.M. LASH-1.* [redacted] met with A.M. LASH to sound out his views on the Cuban situation. A.M. LASH was in Mexico City to attend a "leftist-sponsored" conference. (78).

The March 1961 meeting was inconclusive, but it led to other meetings out of which Project A.M.LASH was created. A.M. LASH-1 "repeatedly insisted that the essential first step in overthrowing the regime was the elimination of CASTRO himself, which /A.M. LASH-1/ claimed he was prepared to accomplish. He repeatedly requested that we /CIA/ furnish him the special equipment or material needed to do the job." (79).

The IG REPORT concludes that: "The Agency offered both direct and indirect support for /A.M. LASH's/ plottings." (80). (continued on next card)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:			DATES:	CATEGORIES:
RFK	Mr. McCone	Col. Lelford (CIA)		
McGeorge Bundy	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Parrot	Oct 9, 1962	Special Group (Augmented)
Mr. Johnson	Dr. Charyk			
Mr. Gilpatric	Dr. Scoville			
Gen. Taylor	Col. Steakley			Mongoose

OCCURRENCE:

SGA discussed various possibilities of accomplishing reconnissance of Cuba, ranging from very low level coverage by tactical aircraft to high performance aircraft and drones. Overflights and peripheral flights were discussed.

It was agreed that the first priority is one high performance mission in the western part of the island, to be accompanied by all out Elint support. Depending on the results of this, a number of similar searches may be mounted. First mission was later approved by higher authority, but the decision on the second proposition left open.

The entire package was to be discussed at the USIB, and by Chiefs on Wednesday, October 10th.

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SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum for the record, dated October 9, 1962, effecting a meeting of Special Group Augmented and prepared by Thomas Parrot. (02821)	DATE: PGW 6/29/75

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