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NOTES

Interview - Dave Phillips
 8/23/78 at HSCA offices -
 1:15 pm by DLA, Fonzi +
~~Blackman~~.

letter reminder ✓

Lachuga

knew Bethel - not through
 him met L-F.
 was through Bethel's boss -
 Dick Bushing.

[Coagwell] rings bells but/
 no recollection.

MOA BAY - no recall - probably
 did.

[clients] few AMBAR MOTORS
 EL MUNDO
 Berlitz School
 American cit who invented
 a liquid to clean sugar
 pipes

Freeport Sulphur - must
 have but no specific recall

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name very familiar

Darnell - no recall

Ewing Smith - in a
play together → pleasant
guy I saw him around

Valle - no recall

travelled @ true name
documents

never had a false passport

Pan Am Bank jobs/assets:
no recall.

Notes - HARDWAY interview of DAVID PHILLIPS
 8/23/78 - 1:20 p.m. → 4:35 p.m.
 in office of G.R. Blakey - HSCA

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Propaganda loop in Mexico -

- myself secure office & see unless -
- > from 61 to '63 ran about 6 or 7 operations -
 "projects" - active ^{activities} ^{plan} - 16 or 17 on-going
 operations -
- > directed at Cuban target - "most recent
 ultimate aim of having effort on Cuba target
 but I don't recall that great percentage
 had anti-Cuban or anti-Soviet bias
- > How many agents handle yourself: "very very
 few. I met someone [in deep cover who
 would handle several agents - handled
 one personally in radio TV loop. - I would
 meet other but not handle them -
 - at least one case officer on outside
 [in deep cover; someone down in Ted's
 (Was all assets in Mex City area) So had as I recall.
- > Propaganda assets outside Mexico City
- One assets developed prior to transfer to Mex? Yes
 [Jayas] - newspaperman - had met in Cuba - went
 to Mex.
- > Ch. B of P. use assets developed in Havana? Yes
- > How often a Mission - Every 6 weeks, 3 weeks, 5 weeks
 "fairly frequently"
- How divide responsibility? Next reported to
 my loop in Wash. He had day-by-day contact?
- And people involved in Radio Swan -

2) I would go down & see some people -

I knew a Hanna - had a contact

with Agent who ran Radio Swan -

Trunk's shooting; remember especially
commence
radio station set up & capable that

it was setting too right way home -

Who would go if [Bull Kent] got to point
if he felt he would like a little weight.

Remember one especially - finding
of a magazine - I was passing the
finding especially -

Rodriguez Swan run out of Miami - but
the mechanism of it to me was the [Gibraltar] -

> [Kent] called about a month ago - told me
he was going into executive placement
business - no discussion of any of this -

John Lee ^{et al} - worked closely with Plummer
in propaganda after taking over her station

Re Cuba shop - Took over from [redacted]

Who took over covering the Cuban Embassy - special

group covered airport; looking for opportunities to

to recruit Cubans who come to Mexico City -;

show volumes in propaganda [unreadable]

a Mexican broadcaster whose radio st. could be ^{for Cuba} used

- a debriefing center; etc.

Mr. I was supervisor reporting directly
to Wm Scott. (rel. "quite good".)

Core officer for [photo of] young man whose name
I don't remember who covered briefing -

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- that Bill Shaw was in charge of [Shaw's]

> [2 penetration agents] in Cuban Embassy

Why name would come up? It usually came up on any formal project, but I did like to delegate work; But my name must be on many papers

re: Was there a CI rep. in Cuban section - I don't always watch out for it, but no formal program strong on CI - I never really understood what CI was - I think it was characterized as "average" in Cuban section? Probably less than average

America's Special Affairs Staff in London that dealt with Cuban matters - Yes - and a special CI section of that staff? Yes. [redacted]

- He probably did visit him in New City. "routine things or a 'special case'" - don't recall - Legat ff? - Don't remember how large but large. ¹¹⁻²⁰

Relationship between station & Legat ff - Yes quite close. Got drop copies of most reports.

Yes, they were interested in Americans in contact with foreign Embassy -

> Don't know if there were routine contact reports forwarded to FBI - To

- only in "interesting cases" it was routine to advise them - such as on Bureau reporting to a foreign embassy

(9) The reason for CIA's report by DHO: just what was that it was supposed to be

"field traces" would include FBI as well & it would have been routine for the Agency to report who came to the attention - would it have been routine to do more than report?

Yes, if it looked like a recruiting potential -

> Yes, recall delivery action - re story of a helpline who reported getting \$20 to take message to Cuban embassy by a Mexican military man.

> Back in June or July '63, info re [all top] in American by contact with Cuban embassy who wanted to defect -

Did not need request from another agency to take action on an ^{American} contact with embassy? - No. Yes, could take action without a specific request.

> Did CIA share assets and informant with FBI?

I don't know if there were such case

But there was coordination or surveillance ops who in station resp. for American Comms in Mexico. Maybe Anne (Cassidy)

Viola June Cobb - blonde, flew on airplane, track record for getting a lot of beds in Cuba. Had a known sister who had a accident - remembers message about her out of her country [feels she was run out of Wash or Miami. someone would come down to run her]

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Core open with hair lip or spoke with lip? don't recall?

[Robt] also on FBI inf.?? Don't know.

[Manual Cavella]

Fight home die "woman a key is?"

Le Huff:

> Warren Comm - 3 or 4 men spent part
of the time with Le Huff a day.

Chief of station

Julia Duran: - about the time of
arrived a letter. As soon as I started
seeing tel. logs. Her name appeared
there & she again.

We had no interest when she came to
friendly with anyone.

Re Slawson's report: re Duran's affair
with Fuchuga - "no one was let me
in on this operation"

> At one time we pitched everyone
at that Celia Amberson - she must have
been considered -

- Her FBI file would be "very thick"

- Only 3 docs: "that would be very surprising."

o But a trace run would come up with a lot.

I saw Fuchuga 3 times after I left Cuba -

1) Once on our plane up from Miami - we just roared -

2) in photograph of Dirty O'Leary in '64

3) when he was Larry Bush at a party rest.
also from Embassy

re Deacon: "Don't think there was any vulnerability, there."

- Not aware of any pitch -
when she was arrested, interviewed by any Americans? Don't know.

re H. adds. re did any American talk to her.

"Can it tell you why they did that. Can it guess why."

> Wasn't aware that Warren Com wanted to talk to Deacon

Corroto - knew him well - somewhere

in Fla. - later Deacon was in

- worked Lewis Co - near Fla.

> Wm Scott safe in off? Don't remember but vaguely did remember he had a safe.

'71 - [cos] - did not go to Scott's funeral?

Access to W. Scott's safe? Wm & his sec.

Secretary? knew then one ~~only~~ few. Dotty something.

I kept "very sensitive" material in my safe (in ^{prohibited} sec)

"but it would have been stuff generated himself -

[L. T. Brown] - no - not familiar with Cryobrown -

> Heard a vague story that someone went out & found a lot of documents after he died -

Herb. O. 130-132 > chief of center for DCI -

- believe his name was LUNA -

> Yes, did monitor DCI activities there -

re 134 - antique jewelry story - "cultural officer in Cuban Embassy." - don't remember name -

& don't specifically recall he was really DCI -
Thank God my next book is fiction -

> Director Cuallera - Perez Ruiz - vaguely familiar

> Rodri. Lopez - yes

Mamul Vega - could be chief DGI

Juana Calderon familiar

Teresa Ocaña - definitely familiar

- Muraldo - familiar

> Roque - the Council - to my knowledge
he was not Colon intelligence.

Prisca CIA - name familiar but I don't
recall in what context

Calderon CIA? - don't know - I don't
remember true names of our agents -
never saw them or dealt with them!

Did CIA ever get on Ruiz? Don't remember
There were several attempts to get
intelligence types?

Re JAT report of 28 June '63 -

Yes, probably did see it -

memo from Carlos Blanco - a name made up for the purpose - don't

know what the document is -

- re [Juana Calderon] "Yes, I remember" She
might have been the agent who worked for the
agency but I don't remember true name.

- description "could be" her. further report
not necessarily have gone back to headquarters.

Dispatch # 3715 - re 1 Sept '63

re Jussa Calderon's recall - Don't know if she was ever identified - never heard term "domestic exploitation."

Benny Hildalgo - don't recall from when he was in Mexico but must have been - yes, worked with him. He didn't have executive talents, but always ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{speaking of} had problems.

- I don't want to say he was crazy, but

it was always uncomfortable around him -

A.M.V. 6. I - provide just departure for D.C. 2

Doc # 3665 - re [Calderon] - I think she was not a CIA agent because she went back to Cuba -

3662 - don't help any more recall re [Calderon]

re assassination - wasn't aware of Ten Manna's interest in ~~assassination~~ ^{custody} of assassin

- wasn't aware of his coming for arrest of [Calderon]

3290 - Think I've seen this document before - when we were reviewing thing after the assassination.

(What did Mex City Station do to follow up on that?)

I don't know, only presumption is that was included in info sent back to Washington.

> No, don't recall any specific follow-up re [Calderon]

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Don't know why [Colonna] was not
arrested - don't recall any specific
thing done to follow up -

3717 - Teresa Proenza - that's the
guy I remember - the guy who called
everybody a Communist + dangerous -
I know of no reason why she she could
be termed "dangerous"

3714 - re. friend of Teresa Proenza -
- don't know why she was fired -
[AMRAD] operation - a disinformation
operation, might have been aimed
at [Teresa Proenza]

- but still thinks the person with a
 penchant for antique jewelry was a man.

- Don't recall that Rep. City St. developed
any info that LHO was in contact with
anyone else at Colon Edler's. Then Roque + Duran

re. FBI doc. on Teresa Proenza's brother's
comments - "Don't strike any bells."

Don't recall any such document.

- Somewhere its coming back that
Proenza was a lesbian - don't recall if that
was fact or disinformation.

- It would have been possible for an agent in the city
to be run out of JFK area station
without my knowledge - but I would
have been furious.

> but it could have been possible, and probable, in a "sensitive operator" - ^{but even less so if etc} his name was Stan Dulles

#3662 - not aware of it - it's the kind of thing they might have asked Barney Hidalgo to do.

#3665 again - agrees that does indicate a job to be made for someone outside of Mexico.

if it was someone from the CIA, there would be something in her 201 file - but possibly, it could be run out of a soft file -

> Her no explanation of why Calderon transcript was found in Oswald file and not in her 201 file -

> Re cameras at Cuban Embassy: Still remembers that [Bob Shaw] & I went over ^{contract} strips of positives of photos at Cuban consulate -

> "stink bomb" operations - There were, I'm sorry to say, some stink bomb operations, but don't recall.

> Re 27 Sept. 63 installation of impulse camera - file review indicates camera functioned for 5 days (2 Sept to 1 Oct.) before malfunctioning -

(He wasn't there ~~on 27th~~ during that time)

NO recollection of what happened to photos from impulse camera -

Onnie Greenwood - don't recall of the
 recommended the service modal -
 re Oct 8th + 11th response re Oswald's having
 been to Cuban embassy -
 > why no documents.

Was prior to assassination, another cable ^{sent to HQ}
 about OSWALD:
 if so, I do not recall it. - (Could
 it have been done & not be in file)

It's technically possible & has been done
 on occasion - by persuading telephone
 communicators to use tel com system (a Q+A
 system) - but don't recall it
 happened in Mexico - also by telephone

- Jo Agency reviewed book - but no
 substantial changes regarding Oswald -

> re CIA manipulation of FBI files with
 its cooperation - concerns his arrest in Florida -
 - not aware that his request caused such an
 Agency flap. >

> re Angleton: He didn't tell me anything ^{about his} ^{operation}
 he kept promising to tell me - he kept
 his operations very tightly to his vest -
 - J.C. King - (any outside operations) - he might
 have -

There's no way he could fund them without
 someone knowing about it -

don't know of
~~there's~~ such a discretionary
Director's fund -

- There's a project called "developmental"
& a lot of money in there but eventually
had to account for that

> Can't remember having such a
fund that I don't have to
account for through DDP

I did not participate in any campaign
to spread disinformation after the
campaign -

> Don't know of any hard evidence in 1963
pointing to Castro.

> Went to Cuba in summer of '58 returned
but went on contract - not staff status -
- propaganda for John Deere & not for
Cuba - after that it was ad hoc
stuff - see that ad hoc type
stuff sent out to provincial newspapers -

> meetings of anti-Castro people - but
there was no reprint in group -

> remember one meeting with Julio
Jobo - don't recall - no substantial
dealings -

>

and James French Thomas

[Duck Cuckys - Bethel's] boss -

> no further recollection re [Cassius]]

- Nova Bay Mining Co - As

P.R. Clients: >

- Amstar Motors cars & El Mundo,

free French lessons for Beauty School;

& an American artist who invented legend
to clean out sugar papers

> [Freeport] Jelfer Co] must have had -
el was fairly active - name very
familiar -

Dannell not that el recall -

> Wayne Smith - we were in

a play together -

very friendly with her -

> [Roberto Vale] - don't know her -

> [Tranell] - true name

unless very sensitive -

- don't recall traveling under

> never had a false passport -

capable & intelligent - don't know how Law) e

that mechanism worked

> thought first el knew her in Sept '76 -

but after book came back -

- no on

- Catherwood Foundation - no -

> no Civil Aid Relief -

> debriefing center - we get the product from it -

- could have been run by Army -

> no on E. W. L. Storer -

> John Amman Bull Kid