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NOTES.

HSCA Interview of [Harold] Isaacson, by Alan Hardway + Charles Berk at HSCA offices on 8/21/78, 10.15 A.M.

letter ✓

period photo: White hair — glasses

[ ]

[Director of Security for Greenshoe farms (?)]

~~[illegible]~~ N.Y. was a VP for [Intertel]]

~~[illegible]~~

1/5/55 joined CIA till 8/68.

1963 - two roles.
special assistant to C/SAS
another C/SAS/CI.

~~HARVEY?~~

worked with Harvey & D.F.

Central Intelligence Agency
has no Objection to Release
~~Date:~~ AS SANITIZED
2003

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PICR?

subsequent, senior rep for Latin affairs in Western Europe — trouble shooter also in Mid-East

primary concern was CUIS

did work in liaison @ friendly services

function SAS: meaningless except in context of name

CI — heading it for a microcosm of agency liaison @ FBI.

knew Harvey in FBI + had common understand @ H. re: his (S's) role.

protect against foreign penetration, esp Cuba. mount ops to penetrate ~~Cuba~~ CUIS.

SAS can be SA.

EPIC CA.

OLGA?

MCA BAY?

first in-depth knowledge of CUIS functions from
[AMNIP]
while still exploiting info got AMMUG.

5 brought him back to US
[redacted] hesitant.
A/1 brought operational files — tremendously valuable in debriefing.
[NIP+] AMUG best sources. tried to exploit their info on other CUIS officers

[NIP−] late 62 or 63.

before to defectors CIA info manager / sketchy

unreliable — "They were goldmines!"

CUIS (G-2) changing over 62 + 63.

by '64 was DGI — in interim great deal of training and progress

[NIP — Inception
MUG — up to date

also received info from all sources — other stations, etc.

2 computer systems — seperate from other computer indexing doesn't remember specific names — still in existence when he left — coordinated but seperate

Phillips

[CIS] wouldn't have access 'cept through [S.]

minimal contact w/ CIS - "pretty much independent"

Mexi reports extracted & included.

~~SILVIA~~ [S] would go to Mexi for certain CI things.

because C/SAS/CI can't remember exact dates — gradual movement after 2 tours overseas — Harvey's special assist to C/SI.

~~TRAVEL~~ close friendship w/ Harvey back to FBI days first compartmentized.

[S] was in Marines & spoke Spanish.

~~??~~ at time of missiles unofficial CI. Almost simul w/ [D.F] arrival official.

MUG valuable coz desk off. respon. for Mexi & Central Am.

[I was able to go to various countries to work on this info.

assin attempts by CUIS
can't recall any.
thinks it unlikely —
met a number of them — recruitment & elicitation
medicore officers. in terms of professionalism
most didn't have the stomach.
never found any indication except in encouraging revolutionary actions.

as organization? capable?
"iffy"
conceivable but doubtful
too leaky & careless
& — that zealous.

mediocre but improving rapidly.

recruitment attempts.
[MEXI?] 60-63?
he did / ~ successful
but partially - individu
well known to [NIP —]
got him to hotel room -
at time Castro's sister
defected. faked him out -
thought meeting C's
sister - guy was
wavering - considered
working for CIA but
changed mind. - C's sister
defected at time of meeting
- problems - and he
decided ~ to do it.
can't remember name
wasn't [Ruiz]

TALL SKINNY guy
Light brown
complexion
dissatisfied
~~DISATISFIED~~

Chief of
CUIS IN
EMBASSY.
AT that time

position
IN
EMBASSY?

[Roiz]] no successful recruitment
in Mexi that he recalls.

[~~Belgian~~] QJ/WIN - ZRRIFLE -
means nothing to him

MUG -

first indication that "DGI" even existed.

MUG - was aware of people in all C.A. + Mexi. DGI activities.

bona fides firmly established he was completely dissatisfied

files - none that dealt w/ LHO or JFK ass'n.

11/22/63 - immediately caused search of files w/ no response.

MUG - was reliable + held confidence of CIA.

[S got him coz he was most knowledgeable of CUS - went to Com. sebb to ✓ out bonafides.

once brought A/1 back various people delegated

to babysit & etc.
Hidalgo, [Flores,] [Vivian Berry,]
Joe Piccalo.

H was a case officer —
"did whatever I told him
to" great Spanish-Cuban
dialect — enthusiastic
unagotiating - great
babysitter — lots of
physical defects

no recall of op use in
Mexi — but he did have
a host of info - not
close enough to people in
Mexi as [NIP] was.
[Miguel Roche]

[NIP] very effective —
[star basketball player]

no recollection of
penetrations at Cubemb
but did have observa-
tion posts.

sez Bishop sketch could be a
lot of people

~~CIA~~ ~~FBI~~

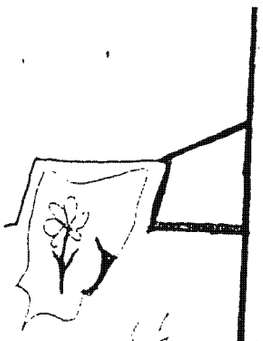
should have known of
penetrations but doesn't
mean he would have
penetrations should
have had a CI check

CUTTING OUT CLIPS

no knowledge of Cuban
penetration of us.
[Will Kirby -] retired
Piccolo
[Austin Horn] - deceased
could have had knowledge
but would have called
to his attention.

doesn't think Whitten]
had to do w/ Mex.
[redacted] adding 2 and 2.
May have often gotten
more than 4"
Jealous & ambitious

jump & overestimate valu
2 completely objective
but very bright
tendency to subjective
coloring.



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aware of W. respon.
- can not recall.
did not assist

Phillips + prep. of.

Documents

CIA # 3709 shown.

[5] urate cable - initial assessment.
"speaks for itself

3710
para. E.
commercial attache - doesn't recall who it was now.
others - mentioned? can't at time.

man he talked to was, he thinks, the commercial attache.

3711
para. H
heis Kangosh (p.)

[redacted] debriefing approx. 10 days.

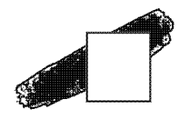
tried to give HQ idea of how valuable he was so get State to pressure to give him to us.
notes in head - did not tape the debriefings [redacted] must have been [redacted]
[5.] was circumspect coz suspected [redacted] of taping.

most debriefings in U.S. - taped but took notes - wrote up detailed report for indexing + distribution
Meetings for interest desks - asked for questions

reports would have been kept in SAS/CI + dissem. to interest desks on need to know basis.

has never heard of debriefing report #40.

"SI" - obvious thing was Special intelligence/DD



but honestly doesn't know what it would stand for.

DD required a special clearance staff D sources very sensitive. ∴ did ~ want to compromise by taking actions that would reveal that we had broken code.]

[redacted]

Cannot remember anything done on LHO case.

if report 40 originated outside of DD would ~ have included their material

retention would have meant they were working on it.

CIA 3670 shown
[5] "one I obviously prepared but I don't remember it." probably was a debriefing report.
D.D. wouldn't have retained many have tried [to break case code]

[redacted]

WH/PO/A – doesn't know what that would have been.

Sturgis – no recollection of MUG mention
reviewed JMWAVE personnel for penetrations by CUIS or as contacts into Cuba.
assumes Hunt knew Sturgis from Bay of Pigs.

3691 shown.

[S] thinks probably did write.
para 1 –
cannot recall what kinda contacts but would have been what MUG told him.

Louisa – no recollection.
name came up coz MUG told him that.

follow-up?

[S] had no connection @ WC but would have sent memo to CIS

talks about questioning tech. to avoid letting interviewee know what point was significant + spurious name + Mongolian ponies as example.

No knowing deception on MUG's part.

had there been more detail would have been in memo

no knowledge of LC/CIA relationship

3695 shown

no recollection
accurate quote
normal O.P.
doesn't remember seeing or talking.
how reconcile? op + w.c.?

?? Angleton ran some ops out of vest pocket

[5.] wanted opportunity to exploit MUG infor/contacts + milk him dry. from MUG
terrorist transit example
foreign minister's meeting +
visits to chiefs of state.

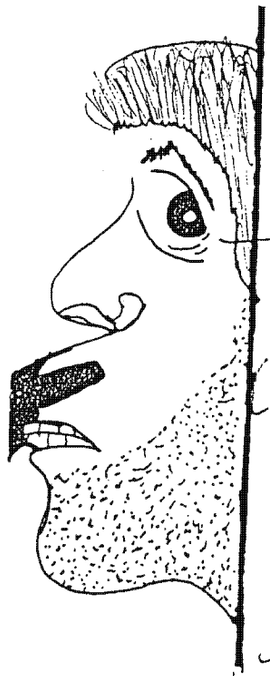
no knowledge that MUG ever talked to W.C.

3699 shown.
[5] wrote it.
don't recall specifics but would be way handled.

L.C. - still no recall of particulars — she would have been of interest + in machine run - contacts etc [5.] would have written a memo for 201.

no recall of crypt for machine runs.

Contacted? possible but no specific memory
CALDERON
RODRIGUEZ
VEGA.



female assets - Cuban - Mexi
no particular recall.

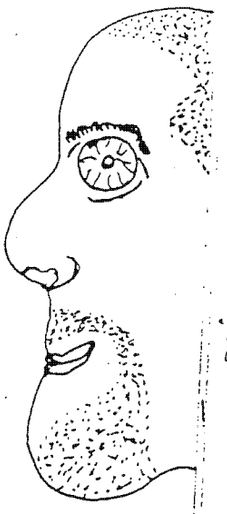
3703 shown.
5 did write
second hand info.
never determine Americans I.D
did - know L.C. as CIA agent
visa section accurate.
doesn't think R. ever
spoke to A/1 but doesn't
know.
polygraph - recollection
is that he was clean all the
way

3682 shown.

L.C. -
if he had dealt w/ WC he would
have given him earlier memo.

doesn't know Rocca that well

CIA 1950-54 shown.



three pieces of info signi

if he had been in Mexi would have explored in greater detail. but this part of problem in that everything compartmentized.

thinks W.S. would have done more — would have tried to interrogate the 3 people — polygraph — enticement.

at time would have been sig. enough to have called for a more stringent inves but at that time Mexi not strong on CI

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suggests exploring w/ Phillips

doesn't recall seeing any of the transcripts — racks it up to overzealous compartmentation.

[S.] would have thought that Scott would have jumped on this.

knows of no instance of recruitment w/o clearance.

3675

~~R~~

[Nico Garcia] is guy pitched w/[N/P] help (earlier)

doesn't remember much about Ruiz.

Viciana + crypt ~~remembers~~ rings no bells.

3717

doesn't remember seeing T.P. remembers name vaguely as dedicated commie
no knowledge of attempted recruitment or of membership in DGI.

3715.
would have done jointly
w/ Bureau - talked to Papich
excellent cooperation.

D.E.S. - was known Domestic
Operations Division

OO innocuous & open - later
became DCD.

DOD engaged in clandestine
exploitation in U.S. - not
good rapport & cooperation
w/ FBI.

Info on sister should be
available from DOD or JMWAVE

never heard of black tape

[AMROD -] no bells.

3714 - paragraph 2. - still no
bells.

36666

Senate didn't have copy.
FBI called him.

~~Slt~~ AMLASH insecure.
opposed ass'n on practical
[LESPINOZA? ACCOMPANIED?] grounds.

group was untrustworthy
& leaky.

risks unacceptably high.

C. knew
group plotting ass'n in 62
& good possibility that
AMLASH was turned.

doesn't know how much
C knew – suspects C suspected
agency complicity. "high
probability" coz nature of
group & leaks.

never knew as fact ~~of~~ that
any in group were C agents.

[ ] security problem. meeting places known as far back as '63

"did not think security, generally, was very good."

HUNT?

probability that C knew of agency backing AMLASH very high in light of all factors.

people at SAS certainly knew AMLASH was an ass'n plot.

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CI, EO, JMWAVE certainly aware. despite compartmentation at least on basis of gossip.

discussed @ D.F. – knew how he felt – @ Helms – he went through channels. It was up to [D.F.] to bring it up @ Helms.

didn't know of Hunt's trip to Spain.

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CI/SIG - no bells.

[Show-] would probably have been CI person in MEXI
* Phillips should be most knowledgable about these things due to delegation from Scott

and 2:40 p.m.

A/1

Piccolo – good intel motives
[redacted] + admin asst, good
at research –
w/ A/1 had [redacted]
set in + then look
for collateral info to
substantiate + refute
A/1 knowledge –

A/1 provided accurate + reliable –
didn't build hypothesis – gave
hard information –
above-average intel – good
memory – very shrewd –

assume in Florida –
last contact in 1965 –

under direction – did operations for CIA
[A.5] took A/1 to El Salvador
to try + arrange meetings w/
CVIS people

My Cy Cuban observation post –
significant photos would have
gone to Mexican desk –
wouldn't have sent photos of unid
A/1 photos to HQ unless knew significance
of photos

[HS] assumes CIA + FBI had agreement to identify Unid Americans who had contact w/ Bloc Country embassies

never heard of [TUMBLEWEED]

knew WIN SCOTT quite well

* { never saw LHO photos in front of Cuban Embassy - doesn't know were found

doesn't know [redacted]
does know [Charlotte Bustos] quite well - never heard that she had found photos of LHO - good memory - very astute, meticulous
{ wouldn't have made mistake in descrips in dissem cables -

[H.S.] resp. for determining if Anti-Castro groups had been penetrated by CUIS - including in Miami -

doesn't specifically recall DRIA
does remember ALPHA-66

Manolo Rajé group - any penetration recalls that was run loosely - could have been better screened

Dave Phillips - PP ops - not well round as far as CI work - too trusting - inexperienced

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3670 - doesn't recall

3713 - A/1 never said anything about Stingis -

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no one went w/ H.S when went to see [Espinosa] but FBI agent went - head of Cuban Operat Frank LNU -

never heard of [Espinosa] before that - did recall seeing or spoke w/ him

never " of [redacted]]

Had little to do w/ Angleton

doesn't know what operations he ran

J. A & W in Scott knew each other well

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doesn't know of Dave Phillips ever initiate propaganda - post JFK assass.

never heard of CI/SIG

HSR

20/3659 Ruiz - refresh recollection

21/3670 — ① ~~why cons~~ Did you write
② was it coded [did you] [break it]
③ what is the reference

Oswald Report No. 40
What is SI

Black Tape 201 —
What is [AMROD-] see 3714 # 3
what about Proenza

22/3666 — 1) who was [Espinosa] connection to Hoover & what were his allegations
2) # 2 a who was "Tota"

when was memo written

report

see 110 3669 # C [QUSUIFTM]

See 3667 3 A (2) - what does this mean

3668 — top # — you considered it an assassination by U.S. govt & CIA

[Swenson] Interview

1. Release Letter
2. Mandate + Purpose
3. name, address, age, occupation
4. CIA position in 1963
5. other CIA positions until retirement (Any time in Mx -)
6. what is WH/SAS/CI - its function - your function

a) Is WH/SA/CI same as WH/SAS/CI

7. How much was known (in 1963 - 1964) about CUIS by CIA - how was info gained
   a) any knowledge of pol. assas. carried out by CUIS
   b) what was DGI - how was it organized (Any DGI - CIA agents)

any successful recruitments

8. Familiarity w/ crypt Ammug-1
   a) who was he
   b) when did he defect
   c) w/ what info
   d) how significant
   e) where is he now
   f) who handled him + in what order
   g) what was your responsibility vis a vis AMMUG-1 - for how long
   h) what was his operational use

why did you handle him

h) 1) - was he used to attempt penetration of DGI
2) did he succeed - against whom
3) did CIA have penetration agents at MXCYSTA at time LHO visited - who - what were crypts + names

i) where is A/1 now

9. [redacted] Did WH/SAS have a "domestic exploitation section" - what purpose

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Docs 10

① Is this accurate
[OTTA 1602]
3709
Did you ever [illegible] concerning A-1

② 3710 # E - Accurate
a) who was comm'l attache
b) any other DGI

③ 3711 # G - ~~what docs did A/1 bring out - did any pertain to LHO~~

④ 3711 # H - indicates LANGOSCH - was that you
b) how long did you debrief [A/1 in [redacted]
c) where + w/ whom
d) how did you record info - how was it seen to CIA HQ

3712 ⑤ see 3713 # 5 - did A/1 know F. Sturgis
a) Did Sturgis work for you

b) 3713 - #7 - who was [AMNIP/1 -]
what kind of info did he provide
did [Amnip] know Sturgis - was
[Amnip] Sturgis

5 May memo 11

① 3691 - Did you write this
② #1 How many times did LHO visit
embassy
③ Did you see the MXCY photo surveillance
photos of LHO - when
④ Who was Luisa Calderon - what is
her significance
(should ask you about her)
⑤ Did A/1 ever indicate that LHO had
actual contact w/ DGI
⑥ Do you believe in light of memo
that LHO had contact w/ DGI in MxCy

11 May 64 3695 - ~~did you ever~~ Did you ever
see this memo -

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① Is this memo accurate
3696 ② top of page (bottom of 3695) - how was
operat'l exploitation of A/1
+ responsibilities to WC
satisfied
③

7 May 64 13 ① Did you write this
3699 ② Why (Again) the interest in Luisa Calderon
③ was she CIA agent
3700 ④ was access obtained to referenced people

(5) Do you know what was told about A/1 and knowledge of LHO

5 May 64 14/3703 (1) any special reason for not giving report in Q+A form

(2) was this verbatim from a tape recording - what would happen to tape recordings

3704 (3) top - Did Vega see LHO

(4) Is it accurate vis a vis granting of visas - see p 3707

(5) Rogelio Rodriguez - what were his DGI responsibilities (sabotage or assas?)

(6) 3705 - was it ever determined if Luisa was contacted by referenced American - who is the American

(7) Silvia Duran - was she DGI - was she CIA - Did CIA contact her

(8) 3706 - Did Rocca speak to A/1

(9) LCFLUTTER - [redacted] Was A/1 asked about LHO - what was the response

19 June 64 15/3682 - (1) Have you ever seen this

3684 - ever see this - is it accurate

(2) Do you know why Willens didn't see memo of 7 + 8 May

3687 (3) why was so little info on Luisa given

Did anyone at CIA ever indicate to you that Luisa had significance

(4) Why not told about rumor of CIA assoc

16/3679 (1) Did you write this
(2) What does ZR by the names mean
How was it filed
(3)

17/3675 Ruiz (1) Did you know he was Veciana's cousin —
(2) Was he DGI —
(3) Discover any connection — ever asked to investigate

CALDERON — remember to ask pp 1950-1954 ← saw conversat.

18/3717 (1) ever seen it
(2) who is Carlos Blanco
(3) Teresa Proenza — who is she — was she CIA agent Did you know Dave Phillips Did he run Dirty Tricks on her

3719 (4) Did you get a report on her —

19/3715 — Did you know [H/9 -]
(1) What about sister
(2) What is dom. expl. $
(3) Was sister contacted