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File Review - RICARDO MORALES NAVARETTE
DDP Division
Two volumes

Reviewed on July 12, 1978 by Betsy Palmer

Volume I

- 1. #201/285 923 - Personality File Action Request - 26 July 1962
DOB: June 14, 1939

To: RID/201 Section, From: TFW/CI [redacted]

Morales was a former Cuban Secret Service Official. Source document: IN 13576 dated 15 September 1960

- 2. Cable to Director
From: Rio De Janeiro
Date: 9/16/60

Rio press says six Cubans, including RICARDO ANIBAL MORALES y NAVARRETE, granted asylum Brazilian Embassy, Havana.

- 3. Cable to JMWAVE
From: Bell
Dated 11 January 1961

Díaz Tamayo reported 24 December to [Pawley] that Morales has recently joined [AMIRON] and is a Castro G-2 agent. Suggest every effort be made to determine whether this is a penetration attempt.

- 4. Name check request form from Navy Department, circa 12 September 1961.
- 5. Morales given polygraph and results forwarded to Chief, Special Affairs Staff from Chief of Station, JMWAVE, in February 1964. Was being recruited by CIA for paramilitary activities. Has had no contact with Cuban security or intelligence since September 1960 and has given FBI complete account of his activities since that time. His wife and in-laws know he will be working for CIA.
- 6. PRQ Part 1 dated 5 January 1964

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7. Dispatch dated 6 February 1964 indicates Morales joined Commandos L on July 25, 1963. Wave traces listed from 21 March 1961 - October 1963 (17 citings)
8. Request for Green List Name Check #148535 Dated 27 February 1964, for operational clearance. To be used as radio operator and leader for PM infiltration team. Case officer: Calvin Hicks. Branch Chief: Desmond FitzGerald.
9. PRQ - Part II
27 April 1964
Spotted and recommended for recruitment by [AMOT/132] leader of [AMHOUSE] organization. Interviewed and recruited by [Kenneth R. Sakovich] in January 1964 to be a member of [AMDESK] PM (paramilitary) team. To receive [\$200 per month.]

Case officers known to Morales:

Clarence E. Smeryage	--	Glen
Kenneth R. Sakovich	--	Pat
Charles F. Masengill	--	Frank
Anton T. Pirnack	--	Larry

Cryptonym was [AMDESK/1]

10. Dispatch to Deputy Chief/WH/SA
From: Chief of Station
Dated: 1 September 1964

Morales terminated by [Alexander D. Ratwick] because of a security violation -- made several attempts to find out about a JMVAVE/PM Operation, going as far as contacting wives of agents committed on Operations. Not recommended for re-use.

11. Memo for Chief/CI/OA
Attn: Mr. []
Subject: Operational Approvals

Approval requested for Morales to include Special Operations Division (in the Congo) under Project [WIPEGASUS.]

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- 12. On 12/15/64, Morales signed agreement that he would not divulge, publish or reveal by work, conduct or other means, any intelligence information -----.
- 13. (While in the Congo,) Morales to receive (\$370 per month,) while in the U.S., (\$270 per month.)
- 14. Memo for Chief, CI/OA
From: (Bruce B. Cheever) DC/WH/SA
Dated: 2 October 1964

Advises CI/OA to disregard previous cancellation on Morales and (AMDESK/2) (201-744 305) as they are being utilized by Special Operations Division.

- 15. December 1964 fitness report on Morales by [redacted]
(Robertson) says Morales was selected partly for his ability to speak French, English and Spanish. He performed well during preparatory and holding phase as well as during phase when he was left behind to accompany Alberto Perez home. Morales showed surprising leadership capability. He is definitely recommended for special ops in a leadership capacity.

- 16. 10 June 1965
Memo for Chief, CI/OA
Attention: [redacted]

Request that Morales' existing Operational Approval be amended to include use by SOD (in the Congo) under Project (WITHRUSH) POA reinstated until November 18, 1965, although headquarters cable to JMWAVE said they preferred he be discontinued as they wanted to make general practice to avoid recruiting pilots who had any former intelligence connection or whose history reflects derogatory information even if not substantiated after polygraph exam.

- 17. Approval cancelled as of 5 January 1966
- 18. Cable to Director
13 February 1968

States that local FBI had identified Morales' fingerprints

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at one of Cuban Power bombing locations. FBI informed
JMWAVE before passing information to local police.

19. 14 February 1968
Cable to Director from JMWAVE

Advises Miami police arrested Morales this date.

20. 9 June 1972
Dispatch to Chief of Station; WH/Miami
From: Chief of Station, [redacted]

Morales, in March 1972, tells (CIFENCE-4) he is employed
by FBI at a salary of \$700 per month and going to Columbia
on a drug case. Admitted responsibility for a killing in
Florida. Source says Morales has extremely poor reputation
in Cuban community and tells everyone about his affiliation
with the FBI.

21. 2 October 1972
(UFAA) 4436
200-11-11/7

Document lists names of 7 BNDD (Bureau of Narcotics and
Dangerous Drugs) sources. Morales is considered in a
category "exempt" "CI" by BNDD which is highly sensitive in
their organization. His name is known only to highest
echelons.

22. 8 November 1972
Cable to Chief/WH from Chief of Station/Miami

Indicates Morales of interest to FBI, BNDD and CIA
simultaneously. Morales said he was recently in contact
with the "Chief of the Latin American Desk" at the CIA and
his last name was the (same as Morales').

23. 17 November 1972
Cable

(CIA denies contact with Morales. Latin American Desk
Chief denies he was in Congo with Morales as Morales
had claimed)

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- 24. February 1976
Cable from: DEA, Miami
To: DEA, Headquarters, Washington
Subject: Venezuela

Biographical information on Morales:
Morales was an exempt CI for Miami/RO originally established by Octavio Gonzalez, presently SAIC Bogata/DO. Morales was exempted due to fact he was active Confidential Informant for Miami FBI working on Cuban terrorists. Has moved to Caracas to take up official position within GOV (government of Venezuela), working for a sensitive GOV counter-intelligence agency. In charge of airport in Caracas and plans to acquire Venezuelan citizenship. Working primarily for GOV on Cubans residing in Caracas.

- 25. 19 March 1976
Memo: to John Warner, DEA
From: CIA
Subject: Cuban Exiles Involved with DEA

Memo states -- "Although Morales was of interest to this Agency in 1964, he was not used operationally." (See Items 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16 and 17 of these notes for indication of operational interest until January 1966.)

- 26. 15 October 1976
Cable to 929165

References arrest of Luis Posada Carriles, Orlando Bosch Avila, Oleg Gueton Rodriguez, Celsa Toledo and Francisco Nunez, in regard to bombing of Cubana Airlines plane.
Indicates one of those arrested is WKSCARLET/3. Further indicates that much of the Caracas end of investigation of bombing and reporting is controlled by group -- (note: Orlando Garcia Vazques, a Venezuelan official of a special investigating unit, for whom Morales serves as Deputy).

- 27. 19 October 1976
Cable to: Priority Director, IN 074149

Item 5. (Station) files contain no traces to Oleg Gueton Rodriguez or Celsa Toledo. Has one trace to Francisco Nunez.

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Item 1. We share headquarters concern re: (arrest of
WKSCARLET/3) and possibility of suspicion/additional charges
CIA connected with bombing. (Note: (WKSCARLET/3 has wife
and one child, born in the U.S.))

28. Cable dated ??
#933153
To: Immediate [redacted]

Item 4. (Luis Posada) began employment with CIA in April
1965 and initially served as an instructor in maritime
training branch of JMWAVE. On 1 August 1966, he was
transferred to CI branch where he was to report on the
activities of Cuban Representation in Exile (RECE)
until his resignation in early June 1967. Terminated
effective 11 July 1967. Went to Caracas to seek employment
(and subsequently picked up by [redacted] in circa
October 1967.)

Item 5: Ricardo Morales Navarette was recruited in January
1964 and terminated on 26 August 1964 and never used on a
CIA sponsored mission. Received training toward (the Congo)
but never served. (Note: this is not corroborated by
Office of Security information. See also item 15 - fitness
report, this file).

29. 20 December 1976
Cable #960493 To: FBI

Admits: there is conflicting information in Morales' file
about the nature and term of his CIA employment. Still
says he was terminated in December 1964. (Note: Office
of Security Files give January 1966.)

Volume II

1. 24 January 1977
Dispatch # (HVCW) 10659 [redacted]
To: Chief of Station [redacted]
From: Chief, Latin American Division

According to testimony of Antonio Gonzales at trial of
Rolando Otero in Jacksonville, Florida in August 1976,
Morales is a Castro agent. His declarations corroborated
by Ciro Ortondo and Manuel Revuelta, former comrades of Otero.

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2. 4 February 1977
Cable # IN 177816

To: Priority Director Info Priority [redacted]

Source, whose reliability has not been established, says Morales planning to get Bosch out of prison by force. Another source (same status as above) says Morales has recently rented an expensive apartment in Caracas, the rent of which is almost equal to his DISIP (Venezuelan intelligence) salary.

3. 29 April 1977
Cable # IN 266922
To: Director [redacted]

[WKDIET/5] reported Morales rumored to have killed Roberto Parsons in Miami. Roberto Parsons Ramirez was a [CIA "agent"] from 1965-1967.

4. 2 May 1977
Cable # IN 268419
To: Director

Eugene Propper, AUSAG* investigating the Letelier murder, has summoned Morales to appear as a witness. Morales concerned that once within the jurisdiction of U. S. Courts, he could be charged with unspecified violations and had therefore gone into hiding.

* Assistant United States Attorney General

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- 1. Morales had been employed by CIA per Memo for Record, dated 3 January 1969 by John K. Greaney, Assistant General Counsel.
- 2. 17 October 1968
Cable to Director
Ref: A. {JMCOBRA}1253
B. Director 39974

FBI [LNERGO] plans to use Morales as prosecution witness against Bosch, et al.

FBI [LNERGO] also has following on list for possible pick-up.
Julio Aton Constanza Palau
Puli Tamayo
Hector Cornillot
Juan Garcia Cardenas
Omar Soto

- 3. Morales -- additional information may be found in U.S. Army's Monthly Intelligence Summary dated 1 September 1968, page 30. (HQS - First U.S. Army, Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland).
- 4. 27 August 1965
Memo to File from Laurence G. Parr
From: Alien Affairs Staff
Subject: Ricardo Anibal Morales (Navarrete) #380858

On 8/26/65, Morales had returned to U.S. having completed his assigned duties for SOD, debriefed and is no longer of interest to SOD. Hence, no I-512 to be issued for him to replace one which expires 9/25/65.

- 5. 10 December 1964
Memo to file from W. M. Knott

Morales (AAC-1142) - #380858(C) and Alberto Perez Martinez (AAC-1143) - #223124(C) returning to United States on PAA flight into Kennedy International on 11 Dec. 1964.
[Braden, I & NS advised and requested to have his N.Y. Office keep the I-94's from showing a New York entry and]

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instead use following: Paroled Section 212(d) (5)
December 11, 1964 - Indefinitely.

(Note: regarding assignment in Congo which began circa
9/25/64. Morales stayed behind to escort Perez -- rest
of group arrived at Andrews AFB on 5 Dec. 1964 on Air Force
plane.)

6. 27 February 1964
Memo to Chief CI/OA
From: Desmond Fitzgerald

Morales given lie detector test because he had,
according to the FBI, made derogatory remarks
about the CIA.

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