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- 12/9/60 Cable to Director fr. WAVE

[Hamilton] impressed w/ man's sincerity & potential
[QDBIAS] (QDBIAS) enthusiastic over ref.

trip but wanted very careful preparation in order to avoid any poss. fail. Suggested ample advance publicity order condition host governments to granting necessary visas and landing permits.

[QD Bias] speeding up work on A/C which can be ready O/A 15 Dec. Plane can accomodate number named WAVE 2051

C/S comment: HQS approved planning Diaz-Lanz propaganda "Flight of truth" as proposed HQS by [TWICKER]

- 12/8/60 Cable to Dir fr WAVE

Carlos Oscar Echevarren Leon plans expose in leading magazine re: KUBARK ^{State Dept} (Ray) will say - KUBARK backing [AMIRON] (Ray or MRR) w/ funds & equipment. [AMIRON] leftist & Communist dominated group and "Fidelistas sin Fidel". KUBARK gives [AMIRON] half million per month cover operating costs. Reveal number plane

Central Intelligence Agency
has no objection to Release

Date: AS SANITIZED

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furnished [AMIRON] by KUBARK and location. ~~Rever~~

Various
[ANDIP I]

- will reveal training sites Guat, [PBPRITE] personnel working w/ [ANDIP I] and [AMIRON] plans for invasion Cuba.

- Expose [ANDIP I] for buying off KUBARK personnel wash.

- claims discussed above & 5 NOV 62 invasion plans [AMIRON] from Guat. w/ Jounine, late OCT 62.

Two men from KUBARK assured Echegoyen funds would be w/held from support [AMIRON]. Capable carrying out threat

~~once~~ close Diaz Lanz, but now distrusts him.

could attempt discredit Echegoyen

- 6 Dec 60 cable To Dir from [GOLD] recommend candidates for certain fields -
Lawyer - Enrique Uaca
Student - Jose Ignacio Rasco
Soldier - Manuel Artime
Professor - Oscar de la Liza
Cathol. actr: Enrique Ros.

[GOLD] sounding out opinion / desirability of including Diaz Lanz specifically

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- 6 Dec 60 Cable to [JMGOLD] Havana to Dir.

Rodriguez Tamayo "El Mexicano" offering G-2 info re Diaz Lanz group. Report would put subjects ↑ in prison, claims Tamayo claims female friend Diaz Lanz working Miami airport also G-2 agent

- Suggest Diaz Lanz be cautioned re our doubts loyalty his immed. friends.

- Dispatch 29 NOV 60 to Chief WH div fr Chief OS, Havana.

excerpts

- Conversation betw. Varona & State 29 Nov 60
Varona says of Lanz - "a young man, somewhat impetuous, who is now working with us."

- 28 NOV 60 Cable to [JMASH] From DIR.

"1. Disapprove para 3 & 7 ref. HQS does not desire additional Cuban pilots & does not wish give Diaz Lanz and Company false impression by instituting even limited training program.

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1. [AMVANG-2] advised HQS he passed

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US \$5000 obtained from private sources to ^{Lanz} repair B-25. Further states aircraft repd & Lanz intends make leaflet drop on or about 30 Nov. Possible KUBARK funds passed [AMVANG-2] for prop use now being diverted repair aircraft.

3. HQS policy re no ^{US} [ODYKES] ^{US GOV'T} sponsored overflight from [BPPRIME] SHU stands. MASH requested take immed. steps to stop flight. If cannot accomplish this by persuasion notify local auth. poss. such a flt to enable them impound aircraft. Essential avoid poss. such indep. air ops jeopardize own air ops including use Opa Locha.

4. Realize Lanz may be polit. asset. If so can best be used that purpose w/in [AMRASP].

WH comment: [Tricker] states Lanz requests funds to repair personally owned B-25 at cost of US \$5,000. Also wants US \$2,240 to give Link training to 9 pilots for 3 mos.

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- Cable 24 NOV 60 to Dir fr [J MASH]

1- Diaz Lanza joined [AMRASP] bringing pilots: Abel Hera Corton, Frank Fiorini; Francisco Llano, Evangelista Mursuli, Ramon P. Fuentes, Nestor Alvarez, Fernando Garcia. Marcos Diaz Lanza also joined.

2. Shortly after joining [AMRASP], Diaz suggested to [AMHAWK] est. of spec. mission group comprising above personnel, all of whom, according to Diaz are qualified as A/C mechanics. The group would drop [AMRASP] leaflets on cities, small towns & cooperatives & could fly cargo missions when required.

3. To prepare themselves for standby readiness Diaz has requested [AMHAWK] (& AMHAWK) has queried [TWICKER] for funds to: (A) rehab. the personally owned B-25 A/C of Diaz at cost of approx. DL\$5000 (B) Provide pilots w/ Link trainer time (8 pilots at 10hrs monthly, at cost of DL\$8 per hour) and (C) consider purchase

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at Hoar equipped Cessna 180 &/or 210 for infil/exfil ops.

4. Diaz is proceeding w/ B-25 rehab. via loan \$2,500 from Miguel Angel Quevedo, for which, according to [AMCHIRP-1], he will air drop Bohemia over Cuba.

5. While realize present policy precludes US.-based flights, desire at minimum maintain flight proficiency this integrated group whose current & future activities could be monitored & directed by the newly-established joint Cuban/Amer. ops section of the mil. commission. Beyond being a pilot, Diaz Lanz exudes a certain mystique which the press has been quick to recog. Thus he is a current propaganda & polit. asset as well as a potential milit. asset.

6. [AMHAWK] commented somewhat cynically that Diaz Lanz joined [AMRASP] primarily to solve his econ. probs. However [TWICKER] believes Diaz highly motivated & recognizes

AMRASP as mainstream anti-Castro org.
Temp. solution has been to assign Diaz group to transport commission, which now functions under MIL Commission, but funds are not currently budgeted for link trainer time.

7. Request HQs approve initial link trainer refresher of DLS 960, 15 hrs. each pilot, then monthly cost of DLS 640. Not likely training to extend beyond 3 mos.
8. Feel political advantages keeping Diaz satisfied and cooperative well worth above relatively minor expenditure.

- Document transfer & cross-ref. 27 Sep-60
Diaz Lanz made offer of assist by Subj. of 201-829376

- 12 Oct 60 cable to Dir fr. **[London]**
Re: developments in **FRD**

- Dr. Sanchez Arango has left FRD following a disagreement w/ other leaders. He is now joining forces w/ groups led by Diaz Lanz, Conte Aguero & others.

- Varona apptd coord. of FRD - in spite opp.

Fueto Carillo.

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- Developments re: fighting in Cuba -

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- memo for record re: Rept Meeting w/ Sergio

Rojas. ~~Re: 27 Sept 60~~
By: Bernhard E. Reichhardt.

in trash 27 Sept.

Spoke to Rojas before planned to departure to Miami to see Ricardo Lorie, in an effort to give other side than Anti-FRD. Rojas relatively objective but on balance favored view of young revolutionaries of Alianza de liberacion. Analyzed situation of MRR accurately. [AMBIDDY-1]

became rep. in FRD for MRR, then represented only own views to exclusion of MRR interests. Lamented that number of young men i.e. Chirica, Diaz Lanz, Rino Diaz (Presum., Rojas unaware Rino Diaz's mission) wasted by not being put to use. ~~by~~ as result of differences betw. young revol. & FRD "Los Viejos". Politicos in FRD too far to right. Asked if US might lend support to more than one group. Was told U.S. not supporting any group.

Asked if military types & perhaps Alianza could be given support.

Rojas ^{strong feeling} said unity w/ FRD and young revol. not poss. This time - Too ^{much} anti-FRD sentiment. Felt politicians of FRD self-seeking. Young revol. suffering bitterness,

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disillusionment.

R. suggested ~~meeting~~ meeting with FRD - Members but not 5 principals. Counter suggestion made Rojas suggest friends, eg. Conte Agüero, Lorie to approach FRD again

- Memo 19 Sept 60 for: C/WH /4 /CI from Gerard Drouot.
Re: Request for FBI check

(NOTE: Ans. to check on Moya in Panegue's file)

Adianza people rept'd in town - ^{Wadi.} Diaz Lanz, Conte Agüero, Panegue ("Diego"), Higinio "Nino" Diaz. - could be reached at address of Mrs. Anna Moya. Indicates. Rcvd info that Panegue may be Castro plant. Suggest Buero check on house and Mrs. Moya, as well as furnish info on Panegue and/or ^{his} activities in U.S.

Panegue's NY address: San Rafael Hotel, 65 W. 45th St, Rm 1E Tel. JA 7-4800

- Memo for: C/WH /4 /PA 12 SEPT 60

fr: WH/4/EO - [John F. Hallard]

Re: Cubans desirous of meeting w/ State Dept Reps.

Senor Chinea, Panegue, Diaz Lanz, Conte Agüero desire meeting. Indicates St. Dept personnel have no desire to see Cubans. Author indicates desire since Cubans cold should

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no encouragement - cannot operate independently w/ any type of US support or assistance.

- cable 6 SEP 60 to Dir from MASH. . . Mexi Cit indicates "crisis" in military staff - relations [AMEER] & balance [AMCIGAR] lines of auth. & resp. MASH committees badly snarled view recent insistence [AMEER] his prerogative as [AMCIGAR] member

General ill feeling & distrust senior [AMRASPERS] toward [AMEER] also applies "his boys". In military field these include Oscar Diaz (ground), Orlando Garcia (recruiting), and Felipe Vidal Santiago (naval).

Most immed. issue - Pedro Diaz Lanz who walked in recruiting ofc last wk August & volunteered to join [AMRASP] pilot group as an individual. Milit. agreed Diaz Lanz fine pilot, joining [AMRASP] "political plum".

Since he founding member competing "Ariaca". Nobregas and Villafana only lukewarm.

At juncture [AMEER] stepped in, ordered Milcom accept Diaz Lanz, succeeded putting all senior mil. staff members in oppos. Issue still unresolved. Sr ^{military} ~~personnel~~

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[AMRASPERS] agree meeting absolute necessity to revalidate their positions vis à vis [AMICIBAN] body & particularly their positions in respect individual [AMICIGAR] members [AMICER &] [AMHAWK]

- Cable Aug 26, 60 to Dir from Havana.

Partially Re: Armando Lora Hernandez - Piro man.

He was close to Raul Chibao; maintains contact with Diaz Lanz. Org. resistance in Cuba. Reges assistance.

- Cable Aug 17 60 to Dir from Havana.

Dissension in [AMVUM-1] group more extensive than financial troubles. Lorie [AMPEDDY] split caused serious internal repercussions in terms [AMVUM-1] group receiving via their channels from MASH that [ODVOKE] US GOV now supporting Lorie, Nino Diaz, Diaz Lanz.

- PRD Form - Control de Personal - Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz

- Memo for Chief WHD Re Alex Roarke (Bic), Jr
6 Jul 60. Fr. J.D. Esterline

In interview of Roarke w/ rep. of OO/C in NYC, Roarke said Diaz Lanz most deserving of U.S. support. Knows Diaz Lanz; planning to

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appear on T.V. program NYC 5 July.
 Said Somera have agreed to give Diaz Lanz
 mil. base in Nizara. Will call it Committee
 to Rescue L. Amer. from Communism or
 similar. Rorke claims Spruille
 Braden tentatively agreed to support
 committee.

- Cable 28 June 1960 to ~~WASH~~ fr. Dir.

Pedro Diaz Lanz not connected FRD in any
 way [Kastley] wills brief. WH Comment: concerned
 surfacing in Costa Rica of org. headed by PDL

- Office Memo - 24 Feb 60 to Chief WH/FI Division
 ATTN. [Bob Reynolds] From: Chief Contact
 Division, OO (L/A Branch)

Re: Pedro Diaz Lanz.

From E. M. Ashcraft - signed by [Harry &
 A. ~~McCraw~~ McCraw.]

In interview, requested by Lanz to ask "what
 people think I should do"; expressed desire to
 work to overthrow Castro. Not very enthusiastic
 about anti-Castro Frente of. in Mexico City.
 Reservations about trustworthiness of Artime

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Message to the People of Cuba & Brothers of
 America of the Cuban Constitutional
 Crusade. Signed 6/16/60 by PDL,

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Cmdr Abel Hera Corton, Capt Nabel J.M. Gonzalez.

- Cable 18 June 60 to Div fr: MASH
18 June Diario Las Americas carries
ad surfacing group called Cruzada
Cubana Constitucional signed by PDL,
Corton, Gonzalez.

Cable indicates concern for need of controlled
& coordinated propaganda effort.
Avoid premature releases

- Dispatch 12-Jan-60

Chief WH Div, from [Miami] WHD Rep.

Re: Contact w/ [QD Bias] 10 JAN 60

by [Patrick I. Karney]

Indicates bitter feud betw. [QD BIAS] & [QDCOVE]

Also [QDCOVE] assaulted [QDCHAR].

Discussed [QDCHAR's] recent trip to Guat [QDBIAS]
aware but personally opposed ~~that~~ since

[QDCHAR] took along Sergio Brunell and
Florini. INS took Florini's passport when
he re-entered the US. Apparently
they are "prepared to throw the book at
Florini." Florini in real danger of losing

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his citizenship
(notes INS also taking action ag. hasterers)

Indicates [QDCHAR] has ideas of his own,
and [QDBIAS] does not try to stand in
his way.

- 7 Jul 60 to Dir fr. MASH - Cable
PDL about to initiate fund-raising
campaign for group.

Suggests raise w/ [YDIGORAS]
obvious probs arising out of premature
support anti Castro movement generally,
PDL specifically

WH Comment. Ref indicates Diaz-Lara
preparing launch offensive against Castro
from Guatemala

- 13 May 60 Cable to Dir from ~~MASH~~ Havana.
Repts - PDL plans to land well-prepared
force 70-100 Cubans. ASAP - poss. end of May
 - 13 May 60 Cable to Dir: fr. Havana
Rept MRR broke contact w/ MAR
due discovering it heavily penetrated.
- SECRET Note: ref: cable stated Dr. Santiago Rey
Perna rephd 6 May group of Cubans

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undergoing guerilla warfare training
Miami area under command Diaz Lanz.

- Cable May 12 60 to Dir from ~~[Miami]~~
Action: WHS (Mr. Phillips, WH Div
notified 2035, 11 May 60)

Summary activities PDL indicating action
imminent.

Rept - Meeting - discussion betw. Alliegro,
Piedro, Paget re: support for PDL -
US \$50,000 mentioned as goal. Not
known whether funds handed over to
PDL tho. Reptd funds obtained.

Repts - force - perhaps 100 men, formed by
PDL, under supervision Fiorini - PDL in poss-
ession considerable funds -
some portion \$50 grand? since

much equipment issued to men being
given field training outskirts Miami by
Fiorini - men vaccinated. Have 2
boats, 2 aircraft at their disposal.

Believed DL contemplating move
directly from FLA to Cuba. Guat.

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mentioned - staging base for expedition

contacted FBI, Border Patrol re: developments
They will contact ~~Fiorini~~ PDL. Under

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circumstances do not intend to contact PDL myself

suggests close attention both psychol. & polit. implications of such exped. move~~max~~ by PDL. Question raised whether some action should be taken to "submarine"

D.L's plans. - on premise "well-established" D.L. thoroughly discredited both in Cuba & w/ more resp. exile elements & has consistently provided "effective peg from Castro govt propaganda." & effect move by DL at this time might have on [JHARC] planning & timing. Also, implications of poss. accomodation w/ ouat. Govt in PDL need careful consideration.

"In light of poss. harmful results of PDL venture, may wish consider proposing coordinated action by U.S. Govt to frustrate this before it gets off the ground."

- News article Miami Herald 10 April 1960
"18 Castro's Time Run Out?"

- Memo for DCI via DDP 30 March 60
SECRET Re: CIA involvement in case of ^{from JC. King} ~~Lance~~ ^{Lanz}, former Deputy Director of

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Cuban Revol. Air Force and Applicant for U.S.
Permanent Resident Visa.

June 59

PDL resigned - as Chief of Cub. Rev. AF, fled to
US. ~~Manos~~ went into hiding. ^{Havana} Asked for help
to U.S. Exfiltrated him via shipping line.
Arr. Tampa, Fla 27 July 59. Deported
in Tampa & Miami. Presented himself at
INS off., Miami, requesting asylum which
was granted.

Wife & children left Cuba ^{w/assist.} Aug 59 for
Mexico, then joined MDL on 24 Sept
59.

MDL left US via New Orleans for Mex City
to obtain US resident visa to
permit him to go into business in
order to earn living. INS wouldn't
allow him to return. ~~that~~

~~from Ben~~ ^{for} Indicate rebuttal ~~that~~ comment
that CIA said MDL intends to
continue warlike tactics if he is able to
return to the U.S."

- Cable 26 March 60 to: Dir from ~~[Miami]~~
See PDL as forlorn, Bewildered, Outcast.

Re: HAVA 3740

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Excommunicated by ~~[ODCOVE]~~ ^{Di} for involving
self w/ Batistianos. ~~would~~ sign Cajigas/
Pedraza "unity" pledges but was clearly

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in middle that circus, finally kissed off by Pedraza as little boy playing man's game. [ODCOVE] feeling sorry for old friend Has told PDL he could still be of use to them if willing take orders, avoid publicity. Believe PDL constitutionally incapable of latter. Believe inclusion of PDL, would be somewhat menace.

3/9/70

- Memo for the record 21 Feb 60

Re: Telephone report from Miami on Activities of Francisco Cajigas

Indicates PDL conferring w/ Cajigas, who is planning meeting in ^{Managua} Nicaragua w/ ~~Francisco~~ Somera

- Dispatch to Chief WH Div fr: [REDACTED] WHD Rep. 17 Feb 60. Re: Summary of current [QDBIAS] activities. Written by [Patrick Karnley]

meeting 18 Jan 60 [QDBIAS] visited Nicaraguan Emb w/ Larguez-Sterling in Wash re: assistance of Nicaragua for military expedition against Castro

[SECRET] Having difficulty w/ INS re passport. Distressed by attitude of [ODENVY] who reminded him they could arrest him at any time

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Author talked to [ODENVY] re: This matter

[QDBIAS] ~~and~~ rejecting scheme to meet Somoza as arranged by Luis Arenas.

Discussion w/ [QDBIAS] re: Cruzada Constitucional Cubana (CCC), [QDBIAS] one-man crusade - NOT intended to be organization

[Karnley] characterizing PDL as very naive, "a babe in the woods" in these matters - ~~Publicly~~ hurting him; but "by no means a total loss".

- Dispatch 2 Feb 60

TO WHD Rep [Karnley] Havana [redacted]
fr: Chief WHD signed [Oliver G. Galbraith]
re: Meeting of F. Castro w/ Gustavo Machado
in Caracas as rptd by PDL.

Requests interview of PDL by [Karnley]
"in most minute detail" concerning
his knowledge of contacts ^{set up} by Machado
and Castro as rptd in Parade,
Wash Post 3 Jan 60.

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- Dispatch 18 Jan 60

TO: Chief WH Div

FROM: [Miami] WHD Rep.

Re: rept of contact w/ [QDBIAS] 18 Jan 60

Author - [Patrick Karnley]

Info re: meetings betw Nunez Portuondo and PDL re: whether or not Portuondo willing to lend support to military operation led by [QDBIAS] w/out political commitment to Nunez Portuondo for future.

PDL discussions re: est. non-profit org to raise funds for activities.

Note: Celorio, who who would be involved, told [AMBOAR] about scheme, but used name Kleburg, suggesting combine of KLEBURG - LYKES - STANDARD OIL was somehow getting read into this group.

- Dispatch 12 Jan 60

To Chief WH Div

Fr [Miami] WH Rep - signed [Karnley]

Re: contact w/ [QDBIAS] 10 Jan 60.

[Amway] item:

- PDL considering forming military unit to infiltrate [REDACTED] for action of Govt.

- Dispute betw PDL, [QDCOVE], [QDCHAR] grua

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bad.

PDL had protected [CD CHABO] recent trip to
Guatemala w/ Sergio Brull and
Florini. Florini - question whether he will
be admitted back to U.S. [ODENVY]
ready to "throw the book" at him. **SECRET** FBI

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Political Action File
(Jan 1961—)

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- Memo for Ofc Legis. Counsel ¹¹¹¹⁰⁶³⁹ 11 NOV 77
Fr: Raymond A. Warren, Chief L.A. Div
Re: Allegation by Senior Cuban Diplomat
concerning role of Cuban exiles in the
assass. of Pres. Kennedy.
- no further info to supplement this info.
May have been referring to either
Pedro or Marcos -
Notes Assoc. w/ Sturgis; article of
20 Sept. 77 re: Lorenz Allegations.
- Memo for Ofc LC 3 NOV 77
From Chief L.A. Div
Re: same as above.
Repts - fairly reliable ~~SECRET~~ said senior

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Cuban diplomat stationed abroad made charges in late Sep 77 to his colleagues that Cuban exiles such as former Cud. Air Force officer Diaz Law (fmr) & others had been involved in assass

Division believes basis for statement presumably article of 20 Sep 77 in N.Y. - Lorenz allegations

- DO Document extract - 63 8 Nov 77

June 63 Marcos DL invited Frank Porini to join raid against Cuba 15 Jun using moppy owned by him & susj. Others on raid Carlos Garcia, Salvador Garcia O/kr of UR.

- INS form Dept of Justice - 9/8/71

DOB 11/8/26 Alien Reg. # A 10 176 -250

SS# 261-54-2581, Havana Cuba.

SPOUSE: Carnet Izaguirre, Tania. DOM 1-22-59.

- Doc. transfer - X ref - 17 JAN 69

Former head Cuban revol. AF interested making trip Cuba to **SECRET** Russian ship.

- Doc Xfer - X ref 26 Jan 64

Reptly working w/ Felipe Hda Santiago

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on projected raid on Cuba which was to originate from Miami area.

- Memo to Dir. FBI ATTN S.J. Papich 17 JAN 64
FR: DD P.
RE: Accusations made by PDL.

- Rep from this agency rec'd info 11 NOV 63 from untested source concerning meeting of FORDC in NYC on 3 Nov. 63 during which PDL made following impromptu remarks:

- Claimed state Dept asked him to work w/them on condition he make no pub. statements accusing Castro of being communist.

- Offered post of Chief of AF in Guat. by Frank Bender, but refused.

- Bender then offered mayorship of Maricao

- Accused Kennedy of being Communist
Artime of being Communist.

- Said Cubans had fight alone - JFK admin would not help. Said if the US govt were to give one rifle to the exiles, the exiles would be

SECRET to make sure it did not fire back thru the stock instead of thru the barrel.

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- Original dispatch of above -
with crypts -
to Chief-Spec. Affairs Staff
Fr COS JMWAVE

[has handwritten note - For the record
Blender never met Lanz, who was
handled by the PH. section of the
project at that time -

10/1/64

Signed ~~✱~~

(Droller? WH Div)
same mark

- Doc X Per & X Ref - 31 Jul 63
PDL involved in abortive attempt in air
strike & ballet raid on Habana, Cuba
squashed by [ODENVY] FBI
- Doc X Per & X Ref 12 June 63
June 9, 63 Marcos DL. invited Borini to
join raid ag. Cuba to take place weekend 15
June, using kappy owned by Pedro &
Marcos. Others join: Carlos Garcia &
Salvador Garcia Oler-, a OR officer.
- Trace Request 15 Apr. 63 Fr PDL
A. "Subject ~~SECRET~~ dropped w/out prejudice.



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- Doc X fer & X Ref 25 Mar 63

Diaz owns 2 P.T. boats in Miami area -
Re: letter by subj. of 35 ft speed
boat to anti-Castro grp.

- Doc X fer & X Ref . 23 Feb 62

Subject: Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionaria
de Cuba. MRRC.

Diaz Ranz Came to Miami office w/ 2
companions, Reinaldo Cruz y Blanca -
"SIMON" - Mbr of MRRC

Recently acquired 4 boats from Hampton
Roads Salvage Co. of Tallahassee.

[Other companion not id'd.]

- Cable 11 Feb 61

to: BEN

From: WAVE

note:
not clear

Re: info that Lt Col "Oscar Diaz, Chief
Pers of MILCOM conspired to slow up
recruiting - discredit recruiting team.

Found Diaz manipulating records &
was sabotaging behind MILCOM and
[PBPRIMERS] back.

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WAVE comment:

Evidence turned up confirmed intrigue by
Diaz

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- Doc X Per & X ref 05 OCT 62

Re: Anti-Castro Activities.

Info:

PDL spoke at meeting held at Bayfront Park 9/29/62 - told Cubans idea of recruiting Cubans "dreamed up" by U.S. to keep fooling the Cubans. Claimed Cubans had been tricked because they did not understand what was going on.

- Trace request 30 Apr. 62

After discussion betw. a rep. of this Agency & the Dept of Army on 28 May 62, the Dept of Army has agreed, in view of info contained in our Agency files, to drop interest in Subj.

- Biography PDL.

Revol. activities begun in 52 when he started running rifles into Cuba for Prio. '53 exiled in Miami until '55, and started ferrying arms to Castro. 58 apptd chief of 26 July AF, held until defection to 59. Leaflet drop Oct 59.

Not known **SECRET** belong to any polit. party. Formed own movement - CCC but was unsuccessful in obtaining support; considered by FRD

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& other moderately liberal groups as including some ex-Batista army officers. Reptd in April 1960 Diaz had committed CCC & self to group headed by Marquez Sterling. However, subsequently CCC merged w/ Aviaza de Liberacion - amalgamation of several younger groups of Cuban exiles. Although considered somewhat of a "hothead", does have considerable stature as former Chief of AF and recently he & some of his followers accepted into FRD -

Currently - Member FRD.

Endorsed by - Mr. Braden, Mr. Colligan of Freeport Sulphur.

- Memo for: WH /4/ Finance 5 Jan. 62
Re: Overdue Accts.

Pedro Diaz Lanz - \$400 passed on 19 Jan 61 as expense money for a prop tour taken w/ Luis Conte Agüero & others. Plan called for use of Diaz Lanz's plane piloted by him. Plan changed found too difficult to get necessary permits for plane - Finally Conte went alone when PDL balked at being Conte's shadow. ~~Meanwhile~~ ^{CREW} Diaz Lanz dabbling in politics, appeared before Senate Committee and succeeded in making himself useless as a

Conf. 49623
Kofke (501) 278-400 ex. 617
Bloom - need the suits
Alders
647-8950
Call 11/6/60
San Mateo
etc 704 377 200
537 0261
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check in subject's office -

propaganda asset.

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signed - Stannard Short

- Cable to JMWAVE from Dir. 6 July 61.
request JMWAVE review requirements for use
Pedro Diaz Lanz in boat ops. Feeling here
he indiscreet and would compromise
mission. DOA not initiated.

- Aldo Vera note - idem w/ Mjr Aldo Serafin Vera.
former underground leader against Batista -
Held following positions w/ Castro govt.

- Head of Dept of Invest. of Cuban Rev. Police
- Cuban Army G-3 Section
- Chief of G-5 of Cuban Army
- 29 Apr 60 repto as one of officers in
charge of caching arms in various
interviewed houses in Havana.
- 2 Jun 60 repto replaced as Shop.
General of Cuban Revolv. Army;
not named to another post.
- 21 Sep 60 repto trying to est. contact
w/ oppos. grps, but in reality a
govt agent

- Dispatch - TO Chief WHD PR - Chief of Base,
JMWAVE

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Re: "17th of April" Movement

Organization to be presided over by

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"military junta" - not one leader only, w/ both members of Rebel army and Batista Army

Diaz Lanz does not hold a steady position because he considers himself a "leader" rather than a "soldier"

Believe info on secret meeting of group leaked to Cuban govt by Aldo Vera.

- Intell. Rept 14 Jul 61 Re: Cuban counter-revol. Base

Rept - 250 free Cuban troops & 7 aircraft based on Isla de Mujeres off shore of Quintana Roo Province, Mexico. Plan military exped. - included:

PDL

Felipe Vidal

Teniente (FNU) Chinea

- Dispatch 31 May 61 TO Chief WHD from Chief of Base JMWAVE

Re: FRENZAS Aereos de Liberacion (FAL)

All pilots & members of Air Force who were in camps had a meeting during which [AMICLATE 5] spoke & said they had to hold an election to appoint chief of AF & later

SECRET present it to [AMBUD-1]. (Hiro)

Arguments ensued. Capt Perez did

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not agree w/ this type election. Left meeting w/ grp of men.

Villafana, Tenner also spoke. More than half persons left.

[AMCLATTER-5] elected as Chief.

[First election had given votes to Diaz Lanz, [AMCLATTER-5] and others. PDL reptdly tried to take over. Caused resistance. Grp felt they shouldn't have allowed PDL pilots to vote in 1st place - Called for 2nd election. Held May 24]

FAL members loyal to [AMBOD].

- Cable 23 May 61 to BEU from [JMTIDE]
Info - author met numerous Cubans in Miami - apparently pilots. Expressed interest in returning w/ author to [JMTIDE] to "stay proficient in flying". PDL apparently creating disturbance "by trying to take over." Good stable group of men.
"The hard core will remain together as the same unit and will be and are ready if needed."

Zuniga, Garcia,
Herrera, Soto,
Perron, Alberto.

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- Dispatch 18 May 61 to Chief WHD from Chief of Base JMWAVE

Meeting of Cubans in Bayfront Park, Miami.
Author - [Stanley R. Zarka]

- 8 May 61 - Meeting in Bayfront Park organized by PDL et al. ^{involved w/ Cuban affair} to attack North Americans, Manuel Artime

- Cable 1 May 61
TO Bell from JMWAVE -

7 individuals of Diaz Lanz grp being paid total of \$1500 mo. by [AMIRON]

Grp not active & some have not picked up April paychecks.

Request authority drop group from [AMIRON] rolls effective 1 May 61 at discretion WAVE

- Memo for [AMIDIP/A] 28 April 61
Re conversation w/ Mr Joseph Newman, NY Herald Tribune
Rept'd 27 April 61
Author: Howard Hunt

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Discussed [THATE] matters -

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" To separate fact from fiction on an off the record basis."
 Discussed several areas:

Ricardo Lorie - PDL -

These men alleged CIA had given insufficient support to Lorie's boat ops, ^{& demanded details of ops} but each time CIA chosen course was followed. Their boat was interfered with by Castro gunboats.

Hunt explained reasons for CIA procedures - ^{avoid} ~~eliminate~~ duplication & compromise of effort; avoid hostile monitoring of communications; Coast Guard interference; provide rescue in emergencies.

Arrime.

Lorie & Diaz denounced Arrime as Castro penetration agent. - Bolstered by Newman's recollection that Juan ORTA was believed to have said Castro once claimed an agent high in counter-revol. circles.

Hunt explained Lorie lost out in MRR power struggle; PDL felt personal resentment, political vindictiveness. Arrime's father was a communist, but ^{suspected} Arrime's more

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formative years spent w/ Scouts.

Aureliano Sanchez Arango -

re: attacks of ~~ARC~~ by Sanchez and
Jose Figueres -

Afino Diaz

re: story that CIA had not kept its
agreements w/ Diaz, making it
imposs. for Diaz to land his
force in Cuba.

Hunt. "I explained what really
happened.

Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo -

re: allegations that ^{Gutierrez} Menoyo & grp were
detained at McAllen, TX to appease
Barrera & Trujillo Partisans.

Hunt explained above ~~to~~ TX decided
on by INS to insure safety
of Gutierrez; assess grp's conflicting
tells. Grp arrived too late for
inclusion in military program.

Revol. Council complaints!

re: gen. theme that U.S. had not
lived up to its commitments to
provide air cover for landings
despite pre-invasion promise by Pres.
Kennedy to provide this umbrella.
Hunt explained RC looking for
scapegoat. Said Pres. had made

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no such positive commitment to RC before the invasion... Pres. dispatched Messrs Bene & Schlesinger to MRO in NY prior to invasion to say Pres. had said quite the contrary. Said. personal interviews betw. Pres & RC had taken place on 19 & 20 April, in fact.

As to lack lack of protective air cover, HH cited failure of RC's B-26s to eliminate Castro air forces during 15 Apr. Strike. HH "mute" as to fault for lack of second mop-up strike. Said bases in Guatemala becoming untenable - open for oppos. congress. inspection by 18 Apr. - Newman - declared - realization that it wasn't sabotage by Communist agents - "we sabotaged ourselves!" -

Newman expressed interest in HH identity. Conceded he had never heard "Eduardo":

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- Dispatch 25 March 61 - TO Chief WH Div from
Chief of base ~~[Havana]~~
re: Anti-PRD activities of Carlos PRIO
Socarras-

Prio held meeting 7 Mar 61 at Everglades
Hotel, Miami, Fla. made anti-PRD
statements to press.

Men who had been planning action w/
PDL, left him, joined Prio, since PDL
lacked resources.

- Dispatch 3 Mar 61 to Chief of Base, JMWAVE,
fr. Chief, WHD

Marcos D.L., anticipating arrest for anti-Com.
activities, made advance preparations to
have one of his ^{reps} ~~representatives~~ contact [ODIBEX]
ofc. Lt. Douglas ~~Atter~~ Lethbridge Aguilera,
FAR ofc, of one of these reps.

marcos

marcos stated that Lethbridge trying to
get names of Russian NKVD agents in Cuba
& when he has penetrated Com. orgs. in Cuba
he will disclose their plans to ~~see~~ me.

- Doc x fer & cross-ref - 28 Jul. 63

involved in poss. ~~aircraft~~ bomb and
leaflet raid on Habana Cuba to take
place on 28 July 63.

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- Memo of meeting held at home of Juan Carlos [Nemesto Rodriguez] 2-26-61

PDL, Juan Carlos, Com. Gonzalez met, decided Diaz Lanz start out for Cuba. Believe PDL good name will help get Amer. assistance.

PDL expressed bitterness toward FRD and Artime.

- Cable - 17 Feb 61

to BELL fr WAVE

Neither PDL nor [AMNORM-1] recollect knowing Enrique Molina Rivera AKA Arturo Morales Y Rodriguez

- Cable 10 Feb 61

TO JMWAVE fr: BELL

PDL passed \$460 advance by HQS during trip [ZRMETAL] WAVE should obtain accounting.

- Cable 3 Feb 61

TO: JMWAVE

FR: BELL

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[AMCORE 2 & QDBIAS] returning Miami 4 Feb. As result inability obtain visas

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w/permission for plane, tour to be made w/one or both via commercial flights. Firm plans contingent alleged [AM DIP-1] offer to [QDBIAS] make him replacement for [LITANT-1] in [AMIRON] ORG. [AM CORE 2] reports tentatively offered post as prime minister prov. gov. by [AM DIP 1] but would make tour regardless.

Subjs will call [Choaden] for contact instructions WAVE Co when assistance needed.

- Routing & Record Sheet - 1 Feb 61.

Notes: Re: PDL.

"Diaz Lanz would cause increased morale problems at MADD.

Possibly could use unilaterally "
"No interest to PMODS".

- Memo 1 Feb 61 for WH/4/PM/AM

Re: PDL.

Met w/

[REDACTED] (WH/4/PROP)

to ask if he could be pilot in FRD Air Force.

Author recommends PDL would aid greatly in creating esprit de corps and discipline

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- Dispatch 20 Jan 61

TO Chief WHD from Chief of Base JMWAVE
Re: Frank Fiorini - comments re: alleged
Plans of KUBARK.

On 4 Jan 61 Mr. Joseph A. Fortner,
Supervising Customs Agent in Miami, sent
attachment A to local Chief of [KUTUMP]
who in turn sent it to JMWAVE.

Inasmuch as the content of Attach.
A appears to implicate PDL in an
unfavorable manner, []
investigated the case & submitted a
memo dated 9 Jan 61, Attach B.
Chief of Base agrees w/ conclusion
in Para 7 of Attach B.

- 'Attachment A -

Edward D. Fickie, Customs Agent
writer and Cust. Agent Steve Pinos
interviewed Sturges on Dec 30, 1960 at
his residence 2080 SW 60th Court,
Miami, Fla.

Alan McDonald, close assoc of
Sturges, also present. Fiorini said B-25
seized by Customs, used for leaflet drop
on Havana, ^{was} returned to him after
payment of charges - \$2,800.00. Money
was furnished by KUBARK & ~~the~~

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he had turned over the airplane for use by PDL. PDL was at aircraft almost every day - preparing plan for "good will tour" of Central Amer. countries, to be sanctioned by KUBARK.

Writer told Fiorini he was prob. being duped - ~~being~~ open talk that U.S. supporting group - always w/out foundation.

^{On question of} Fiorini said he spoke to KUBARK agent ^{by} The name of "Barker" of 4420 N.W. 8th St.

Office contacted PDL for cooperation. PDL was advised Fiorini was interviewed earlier that day - PDL expressed concern that Fiorini might get involved in way that would impair plans of anti-Castro groups.

Office making report because "loose talk" by Fiorini might have adverse effects.

FBI had earlier interviewed Fiorini, presumably re: "similar 'loose talk'"

- Attachment B - 9 Jan 61.

- Alleged \$2,800 payment is presumed to be part of money given to PDL by Saralegui as personal loan

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2. PDL, preparing his aircraft for the vuelo de verdad and instructions given by him to aircraft technicians including poss. use of nat'l flag on nose of aircraft would confirm Diaz intends to visit # of countries.

3. Barker says he met Fiorini on only one occasion w/ a group of people & has never seen him before or since. Alleged address of Barker provided by Fiorini not correct.

4. Fiorini has lost confidence of PDL & has been treating w/ such people as Rasco in an attempt to involve himself in anti-Castro activity. Note PDL expressed concern Fiorini "might get involved"

5. PDL alleges he & his people hounded by federal agents whose interest in plans has been piqued by plane overhauling activities & that these federal officials asked leading & provocative questions.

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6. entire Exec. Comte of FRD, as well as

propaganda commission, fully acquainted w/ preparatory plans for flight and it is, therefore, not strange plans have become known outside that immed. grp.

7. However, a review of Customs rpt, together w/ above, would indicate that "the essential element of plausible denial still remains."

- ~~SECRET~~ Cable 10 Jan 61 To Bell from WAVE
Following Chron. applies to preparatory actions for PDL trip -
select flight ~~trip~~ party; obtain visas & landing permits; establish flight routing; lift govt agency restrictions on PDL and aircraft. FRD send letter of instruction to FRD delegations in host countries outlining advance preparations necessary - special equipment for plane - PDL suggest tape recordings be made at local stops for mailing back and use on Swan. Expect concrete team during wk of 9 Jan. PDL will handcarry passports and flight documents to Washington; obtain visas & landing permits & submit results to

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[] who to finalize flight route.
Have told [PDB/AS] aim a 15 Jan takeoff
tho realize this prob. optimistic.

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