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# BUNNY - EXEC ACTION

WILLIAM HARVEY  
Short Chronology\*

- ① Did you know @ this?
- ② Authorize? Know of authorization?
- ③ Any reason to think that assess. was not an acceptable tool in context of SG(A)?
- ④ Out of control?
- ⑤ Great liabilities for foreign policy? What controls? What

Biographical

1940-47 Counterespionage work as FBI agent

1947 Joined CIA as head of Soviet Intelligence Branch

1948 Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Special Operations (which became DDP)

1952 Chief of Station, Berlin (Berlin Tunnel operation)

1959 Became Chief of Foreign Intelligence staff Division D (FI/D) which handles communications intelligence and sensitive methods of obtaining it (e.g., unreputitious entries)

1960

August 16 DR. EDWARD GUNN (Office of Medical Services) receives box of Cuban cigars to be treated with lethal poison. (21)

Aug 1961 BISSELL → EDWARDS → Bambling Syndicate Contacts

Late January (approx.)

EDWARDS and O'CONNELL ask for development of POISON PILLS. (24)

February (approx.)

BISSELL (DDP) asks HARVEY to establish an EXECUTIVE ACTION capability under project ZRRIFLE. Harvey's notes are quoted as saying that Bissell said he had been "twice urged by the White House" to establish such a capability. (37) Harvey is briefed, probably by both BISSELL and EDWARDS, on the Phase I assassination plot run by Sheffield EDWARDS and James O'CONNELL (Office of Security) which involved criminal syndicate connections. (37)

Jan 25-26

BISSELL testified: Rostow + <sup>possibly</sup> BUNNY talked w him @ capability. Probably mentioned ASTRO, LUMUMBA, & TRUJILLO as examples of targets.

HARVEY uses agent QJWIN (recruited earlier by ARNOLD SILVER) for use in an assassination operation against LUMUMBA) as the principle asset for ZRRIFLE. (38)

Edwards has the POISON PILLS tested. (25)

\* Page references in parentheses are from the 1967 Report of the Inspector General of the CIA.

"two urgings" probably came at successive weekly luncheon meetings at STATE attended by BISSELL, Amory, BUNNY,