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The Chairman.

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Mr. Smothers. Mr. Secretary, we see there a series of lettered subparagraphs setting out alternatives that the CIA has offered up as potential areas to be pursued, and then some handwritten notes opposite each paragraph apparently indicating approval or disapproval of the proposed faction.

Is this memorandum a CIA memorandum? Mr. Smothers. It is for the Chief of the Western Hemisphere Division.

The author of this working paper is

Senator Tower. But who signed off on it? That signature is obscured.

unknown. It appears to be -- we have an acting chief --Mr. Dennin. The chief at that time was though it is not established, people have said that they believed that it was Mr. Esterline who was the acting chief

Mr. Smothers. Looking at that memorandum and coming down to subparagraph C under paragraph 1 of the memorandum, we see the statement:

"To what extent will the U.S. Government participate in the overthrow of Trujillo".

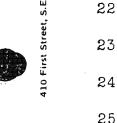
And then in subparagraph C:

"Would lit provide a small number of sniper rifles or other devices for the removal of key Trujillo people from the scene?"

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Mr. Schwarz. Now if I might put this document in
chronological context for the Committee, the persons in Santo
Domingo are at this point seeking permission to pass machine
guns to the dissidents who they know are seeking those machine
guns in order to assassinate Trujillo, and there is a block
put on this shipment rather, to the passage of them; they
had already been shipped to the Dominican Republic and a
draft cable was prepared authorizing the passage and then it
was said, no, we've got to go check with State to determine
whether the machine guns should be passed.

And this memorandum reflects the checking with State, he apparently came to see Mr. Berle..

Further, as a matter of information, the Mass was referred to in here, did know that other assassination weapons had been passed to the dissidents.

Now given that background, I will read the memorandum into the record and I will have one question for the witness.

of CIA came in. A local group in the Dominican government wishes to overthrow Trujillo; wishes arms for that purpose.

"On cross-examination it developed that the real plan was to assassinate Trujillo and they wanted guns for that purpose.

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"I told him I could not care less for Trujillo and that this was the general sentiment. But we did not wish to have

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anything to do with any assassination plots, anywhere, anytime. said he felt the same way."

Now, Mr. Secretary, in the way which your understanding was of the expected degree of candor between CIA and the State Department, would it be your expectation that if Mro had known that other weapons had been passed to the same dissidents and they had stated that they intended to use those other weapons to assassinate Mr. Trujillo, that Mr. should have passed that information on to Mr. Berle?

Mr. Rusk. Under those circumstances, I would think the answer is yes.

I mean, one thing I'm sure of, Mr. Schwarz, and that is Mr. Berle did not write this memorandum on May 3rd, 1961 in preparation for a Senate investigation in 1975.

Mr. Schwarz. You believe it to reflect accurately what transpired?

I have no doubt. It was sent to Mr. Coerr, Mr. Owen, Mr. Devine, in the Department of State, and I've known Mr. Berle for quite a long time and I would have predicted this would have been his reaction.

Senator Mathias. Mr. Chairman, just at this point --The Chairman. Senator Mathias.

Senator Mathias. It would be interesting to get the Secretary s reflection that if that is the case, as Mr. Berle's memorandum indicates and as the Secretary said, how do you in

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Record and Related Policy Decisions on Passing Arms to Dominican Dissidents

1. The following is taken from a Memorandum dated 11 May 1960, Subject: Debricking of Ambassador Farland:

"The Ambassador began by saying that according to "Mr. Number Che", the leader of the Dominican Dissident princes, (whom he did not identify), the dissidents need guns and arounition from the United States. In particular they need a shall number of high-powered ribles with telescopic sights. The Ambassador said that he saw no problem in the purchase and delivery claudestinely of the arms to the dissidents. But he said, of course, this reases the question of whether the United States Government wants to engage in this activity."

- 2. On 21 June 1980 Ambassador Farland told that (1)(4) he thought that an air drop would be the best my to colliver the arms to the Dominican dissidents. Ambassador Farland shevehed for the location of three possible sites for landing a light aircraft near Giudad Trujillo.
- 3. In a mosting on 28 June 1960 Assistance Secretary Rubettom told Col. J. C. Wing that the Government of the United States was prepared to provide the Sominican dissidents with a small number of eniper milles or other devices for the removal of key Trujillo people from the scene.
- 4. On 29 Procenter 1960 the Special Croup approved a plan of covert action, to be largely effected through former President of Costa Rica, Jose PROUNTED, and prividing for increased propaganda directed assinct Generalkonian Tallottalo, and for the financial support of selected online groups. Additionally this approval included authorization for the CIA to have available to selected online groups commications equipment and support necessary for them to sevelop a capability of infiltrating personnel and equipment into the pominican hamblic.

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- 5. At 12 January 1961 meeting of this Special Group, Mr. Livingston Merchant stated that the Department of State felt that a limited number of small arms end other materials , should be made available for the dissidents inside the Dominican Republic. Mr. Thomas Parrott of the CIA said that he believed that this could be accomplished securely by the OIA and that the plan would stipulate that the actual introduction of the enterials into the Dominican Republic would be the responsibility of the Deminiona dissidents themselves. The decision of the Special Group was communicated to Consul Dearborn in Ciudad Trujillo, and in a letter dated 31 January 1961 to Mr. Frank Pevine of the State Department, Consul Dearborn unde the following remark: "With regard to the delivery of the exotic equipment, my friends were of course delighted that such a decision has been made. hope that it will not be necessary to play down too long the question of actual delivery since they are earer and expectant and a too great tardiness on our part would only lead them to question our sincerity."
- made the following request: "I. For issue to several dissident people Consul Dearborn requests three thirty-eight culiber Strith & Wessen special pistols or similar and three small boxes cartridges. If sending ammunition complicates problems, advice and we will try to get at from the farines."

 The Deputy Director of Flans on 23 March 1961 approved this request and the CIA immediately provided the requested material to the Station. One of these weapons was given to Jordi BROSA, a dissident leader, by Consul Dearborn, and the other two were passed as the Station to Literal Land Consultation.

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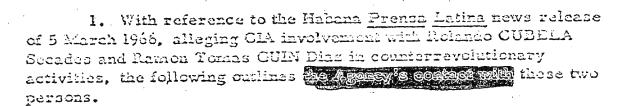
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: ClA Involvement in Cuban Counter revolutionary Activities -- Arrest of Relando CUBELA Sucades and Ramor Tomas GUIN Diaz



- 2. Guin fines recruited by a Cill begind in 4 Culpa as historicabely Argene be recontrating in level military, leaders He has had no contact with CIA staff personnel.
- 3. CUBELA, the more important of the two men, has been in contact with this Agency during the period 1961-1965. The last Agency contact with CUBELA was in February 1965. He has had direct contact with several Agency officials and, in addition, is known to have been in contact with Cuban exiles, including Manuel ARTIME. Girls secontect and neutropenin with both CUHELA and GUIN was for the capsess perpede of using them to collect intelligence on the light of the Agency was not involved with either of these two men in a plot to assassinate Fidel Captro, as claimed in the Prenua Latina news release, nor did it ever encourage either of these two persons to attempt such an act.
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CONZALEZ Gallarretta, as noted in the press release.

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/s/ Richard Holas

Richard Helms
Deputy Director.

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/s/ Thomas W. Karamessines ? - 1900 1955

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