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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> Walt ELDER, RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE, MCGEORGE BUNDY, BRUCE CHEEVER (CIA),	<u>DATES:</u> 9/14/62	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> MONGOOSE Special Group Augmented ✓
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OCCURRENCE: ?  
Possibility of sabotage of [redacted] spare parts allegedly ready for shipment to Cuba  
by [redacted] is being looked into--Chief, Task Force W says this activity is underway.

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<u>SOURCE:</u> Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting, 14 Sept 1962- Walt Eler <u>FILE:</u> Cage 00049	<u>STAFF:</u> PGW <u>DATE:</u> June 30, 1975
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JFK Maxwell Taylor	<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u> 27 Sept 62	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> Special Group Aug- mented ✓ MOONGOOSE Dien/
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OCCURRENCE:

Taylor states that the Special Group and the Sepcial Group Augmented considered a proposal by CIA for covert activities designed to harass the Democratic REnublic of Vietnam. This had been prepared in response to a request by the Sec.'s of State and Defense. ✓

~~Taylor added that the Special Group asked that a more detailed operation plan be prepared. It was agreed that Defense make certain equipment and personnel available to CIA in support of this program.~~

[Redacted]

SOURCE: Maxwell Taylor's memorandum for the President, dated Sept 27, 1962. (00050)

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Carter	16 Oct 1962	Mongoose Special Group (Augmented) ✓

OCCURRENCE:

DCI Carter proposes that CIA undertake as soon as possible a [redacted] attack on the [redacted] in Havana, to be carried out by recruited agent who has access to a roof overlooking the [redacted] garden and has volunteered for this mission.

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SOURCE:

Memorandum from Marshall Carter to Special Group (Augmented), date  
Oct 16, 1962 (00725)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Parrot	26 Oct 1962	Mongoose Special Group (Augmented) ✓ Cuba

OCCURRENCE:

Parrot states that the CIA has [redacted] Cuban owned ships. Action orders (i.e. sinking in Cuban or bloc ports or high seas - sabotaging cargos - making crews inoperative) have gone to [redacted] for action. Other action pending.

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SOURCE:

Memorandum prepared by Parrot titled "Operation Mongoose - Main Points to Consider," dated Oct 26, 1962.

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Gen Lansdale  
Gilpatrick  
Don Wilson

*Cheever*

DATES:

Oct 31, 1961

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE  
SGA ✓  
CUBA

OCCURRENCE:

As for psychological operations, all CIA assets (including )  
 had been turned over to USIA for operational use.

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SOURCE: Oct 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen Lansdale  
(00744)

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<u>William Harvey</u> DDP <u>Gen. Lansdale</u> <u>Walter Elder</u> DCI <u>KIRKPATRICK</u> Mr. Halpern <u>CHEEVER</u>	11 114 / 62 Nov. 21, 1962 10 / 30 / 65	Special Group Augmented Operation Mongoose Cuba

OCCURRENCE:

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SOURCE: would logically have led to the discussions at the time of the Matahambre operation."

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Memorandum dated Nov. 21, 1962 (01151)

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CARD #1

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Special Group (Augmented);  
MONGOOSE; Lansdale; Taylor; Johnson  
Gilpatrick; McCone, R. Kennedy,  
Limnetzer

DATES:

4/9/63

CATEGORIES:

Special Group Augmented; ✓  
MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Memo from the Special Group (Augmented) from Lansdale re: Operation MONGOOSE progress, dated 31 May 1962. CIA attempting to recruit a Cuban diplomat in place and an official in an airlines office in Havana. The CIA team in Pinar del Rio province was successfully resupplied by maritime means on 24 May. "Fracturing the regime has been given priority attention by CIA. A senior case officer has been assigned full time to the specific action, and has preferential use of CIA assets. Of twenty-four desirable defection targets, CIA has found several who seem vulnerable (including the [redacted])

[redacted] " CIA awaits approval for "Voice of Free Cuba" which it can now put into operation immediately: CIA is prepared to disseminate leaflets on Castro's failure to Cuban population via balloons; CIA requests group approval for defense support in training of twenty-man teams for possible use in beefing up resistance groups in Cuba; and CIA asked the group for approval before

SOURCE: proceeding with the counterfeit currency program under Task 23, continued on Card 2

Memo for the Special Group (A); Lansdale, re Operation

FILE: Mongoose progress, 31 May, 1962 (00335-37)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MURPHY KILPATRICK <del>MCCONN</del> FITZGERALD  LYMAN <del>CASTRO</del> <del>CASTRO'S</del> <del>SISTER</del>	4/23/63	CUBA  SPECIAL GROUP ✓

OCCURRENCE: Murphy asked Fitzgerald whether Castro's immediate entourage had been penetrated. Fitzgerald replied that ~~Castro's sister worked for us;~~ but ~~that she~~ didn't always have inside information.

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<u>SOURCE:</u> Memorandum, dated 4/23/63, prepared by Lyman and Kilpatrick. <u>FILE:</u>	<u>STAFF:</u> WALLACH <u>DATE:</u> 7/2/75
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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
JOHNSON KILPATRICK MCCONE	Sept.16,1963	MONGOOSE SPECIAL GROUP ✓

OCCURRENCE:

On September 16, 1963 a memorandum reported that "all members of the special group have approved project [redacted] (having to do with certain [redacted] activities in the area of Cuba.)"

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<p><u>SOURCE:</u> Memorandum dated 16 September 1963 for members of the Special Group from Mr. Parrott</p> <p><u>FILE:</u></p>	<p><u>STAFF:</u> Kelley</p> <p><u>DATE:</u> 6/28/75</p>
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BUNDY	PAPICH	7/30/64	MONGOOSE
JESSUP	RFK	6/10/64	CASTRO
STEAKLEY	JMWAVE		
JMWAVE	VANCE		

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OCCURRENCE: According to the minutes of the 303 Committee on 7/30/64, "It was agreed that MR. FITZGERALD would contact SAM PAPICH of the FBI in regard to the earlier report of an alleged plot with Mafia overtones to assassinate Castro and which the AG agreed to handle as a matter of law enforcement." (116) "The reference is clearly to a 6/10/64 memorandum information report from the DDP to the Director," (116) which was disseminated to the Spec. Asst. to the Pres. for Natl. Security Affrs.; ASst. Sect. for Inter-American Affairs, Dept. of State; Dir. of Intell. and Research, State Dept.; Director, DIA; The AG; the Director, FBI; DDCI and the DCI. The 6/10/74 report "related a proposal for the assassination of Castro that was made to prominent Cuban exiles. The Mafia appeared to be involved in the scheme." The asking price was \$150,000. - ~~JOSE MARIO PERIN BOSCH, Preso of Bacardi Rum would contribute \$50,000.~~ BOSCH approached the Chief of Station, JMWAVE, and suggested the U.S. government also contribute. This was rejected. The record indicates CIA's only involvement was to report information of its existence."

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	<del>BOSCH, JOSE</del>		

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OCCURRENCE:

As reflected in the 14 Sept. 1962 minutes of the meeting of the SGA on Operation Mongoose, General LANSDALE "reported that the NSA collection program is being stepped up considerably and should be in full swing by 1 November".

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<u>SOURCE:</u> Minutes of meeting of SGA on Operation Mongoose 9/14/62 (00048)	<u>STAFF:</u> PGW
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HARVEY, WILLIAM ~~COMINT~~  
MCCONE  
HELMS  
MATAHAMBRE COPPER MINES

DATES:

~~11/14/62~~  
11/3/62

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE  
SGA ✓

OCCURRENCE: Harvey states,

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SOURCE: 11/14/62, Memorandum of William Harvey, (00757)

STAFF: PGW

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