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| Bautzer O'Connell Maheu Edwards ✓ | /59-/65 | Castro |

OCCURRENCE:

O'Connell testified that Maheu helped CIA [redacted]

Request came to O'Connell from Edwards. (Greg Bautzer introduced)

[redacted]
CIA arranged for [redacted] to go to N.Y.C. to [redacted]
in America. CIA monitored mail thereafter between [redacted]
unbeknownst to either. (Tr. 144-151)

CIA, again through Maheu, ^{set} ~~get~~ up [redacted] in San Francisco.

SOURCE:
Testimony of James O'Connell, 5/30/75

FILE:

STAFF:

John Bayly

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CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

Cuba - PHASE I

(Card 1)

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| 8. RAY TREICHLER, Chemical Division, TSD | denies knowing of the operation at |
| 9. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Medical Services | the time.) |

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 34-35

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CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

CASTRO

~~QIDA~~ - SYNDICATE/PHASE II --
KNOWLEDGE OF PHASE II

CARD 1 of 3

OCCURRENCE:

The list of persons with knowledge of PHASE II of the CASTRO ASSASSINATION OPERATION differs from those who knew of PHASE I. Those with knowledge of PHASE II are:

1. RICHARD HELMS, DD/P
2. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, Task Force W
3. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security (He knows that Harvey took over the operation and delivered pills, arms, and equipment in April 1962. He does not know of developments after May 1962.)
4. ~~SHENFIELD~~ EDWARDS, D/Security (He knows of the fact of the turnover to HARVEY, but states he knows nothing of developments thereafter.)

5. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He stated in our interview with him that he knew that HARVEY was having meetings with members of the gambling syndicate in 1962.)

6. ~~BRUCE CHEEVER~~, HARVEY's deputy in 1962 (~~CHEEVER~~ knows that HARVEY was meeting with gansters in Reno (sic) in the winter of 1962.)

7. TED SHACKLEY, Chief, JMWAVE (He assisted HARVEY in the delivery of arms and equipment to VARONA in April 1962, but presumably did not know the identities of the recipients nor (con't.)

SOURCE:

I.G. REPORT 1967 8-55 - 56

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

(Same instruction as card 1.)

DATES:

Apr 17 '61

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SHACKLEY, cont: the purpose for which the material was to be used.)

8. RAY TREISCHLER, TSD (TREISCHLER's participation was limited to furnishing the pills to O'CONNELL on 18 April 1962.)

9. ANTONIO VARONA, the Cuban exile leader (He presumably was not aware of government sponsorship.)

10. VARONA'S SON-IN-LAW (He too was presumably not aware of government's role.)

11. MACEO, ROSELLI's "Man" (MACEO probably knew there was a government connection, but may not have identified CIA as the agency.)

(con't.)

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| Edwards ✓ King Bannerman Gomez Holcomb O'Connell | 11/62 | Castro |

OCCURRENCE:

O'Connell testified that when EDWARDS was on leave, once, KING spoke to Robert BANNERMAN (who was not witting of Castro project) and O'Connell had to tell BANNERMAN that B. was not "privy" to project. O'Connell was embarrassed. (Tr. 36, 99-100). No one but KING, not Gomez or Holcombe, knew (100)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

KING, J. C. HARVEY
IG REPORT EDWARDS ✓
BISSELL
HALPERN

DATES:

May 23, 1967

CATEGORIES:

CASTRO

OCCURRENCE:

The following sources of information were used in preparing the IG REPORT of 1967: (1) Files: Furnished for review by the Director of Security, the Deputy Director for Support, the General Counsel, the Legislative Counsel, the Chief of WH Division, and by Col. J. C. KING, former Chief of WH Division. Also, the Director of Central Reference furnished biographic files and intelligence publications. (2) Interviews: Desmond Fitzgerald, Sam Halpern, [Bruce Cheever], J. C. King, Alfonso Rodriguez, J. D. Esterline, Edward Gunn, Howard Osborn, James O'Connell, Sidney Gottlieb, Sheffield Edwards, Richard Bissell, Lawrence Houston, Ray Treichler, John Warner, Nestor Sanchez, William Harvey, Cornelius Roosevelt, Robert Bannerman, [] -Richard Ober.

SOURCE: IG REPORT, 1967

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:
WALT ELDER ✓

BRUCE CHEEVER (CIA)

DATES:
9/14/62

CATEGORIES:
MONGOOSE
Special Group Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

BRUCE CHEEVER attended the 14 September 1962 MONGOOSE meeting for the CIA. He reported (according to WALT ELDER) that no decisions were made, and no new ideas were brought up, and nothing useful emerged from the meeting.

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SOURCE:

Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting, 14 Sept 1962-

Walt Elder

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STAFF:

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| WALT ELDER, RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE, MCGEORGE BUNDY, <u>BRUCE CHEEVER</u> (CIA) | 9/14/62 | MONGOOSE Special Group Augmented |

OCCURRENCE:

CIA Headquarters and all WH stations are to be especially to alert for any shipments of arms or other subversive material from Cuba to other Latin American countries-- Chief, Task Force W says this alert has been laid on and is in force.

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Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting, 14 Sept 1962-
Walt Elder

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STAFF:
PGW

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| <u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> Walt ELDER, RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE, MCGEORGE BUNDY, <u>BRUCE CHEEVER</u> (CIA), | <u>DATES:</u> 9/14/62 | <u>CATEGORIES:</u> MONGOOSE Special Group Augmented |
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OCCURRENCE:
Possibility of sabotage of [] spare parts allegedly ready for shipment to Cuba
by [] 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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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

TREICHLER, Ray
TSD

ESTERLINE, Jake

DATES:

March-July 60

CATEGORIES:

CUBA (Misc. Schemes)

OCCURRENCE:

Aerosol attack on radio station: A scheme was discussed at CIA to "contaminate the air of the radio station where CASTRO broadcast his speeches with an aerosol spray of a chemical that produces reactions similar to those of Lysergic Acid (LSD)." (10) "Nothing came of the idea." (10) Treichler, of TSD, remembers the discussion and discouraged the scheme "because the chemical could not be relied upon to be effective." (10) Others who may be knowledgeable: 1. [redacted] (TSD) recalls general experimentation with psychic energizers.

2. Jake Esterline.

SOURCE: IG Report, 1967

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-CUBA - PHASE I

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SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 34-35

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DATE: 28.6.75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

McCONE
HELMS
BUNDY
R. KENNEDY

HOOVER

DATES:

Mar 2, 1964

CATEGORIES:

✓ Special Group
Mongoose

OCCURRENCE:

Helms states that agency officers have reported plans of Cuban exiles to assassinate selected Cuban government leaders. Agency officers told Cubans that U.S. would not condone the planned actions. Plans included: Cuban exile approach to March 2, 1964 by businessman to discuss a plan which was "still in the embryonic state to assassinate Fidel Castro." Businessman has underworld connections with Cosa Nostra. Latter group has offered to assassinate Castro for \$150,000. Proposes to use 5 men. March 3, 1964 meeting in which ~~Byron Cameron~~ says he met an unidentified group which would be willing to assassinate selected Cuban officials for cash. Specifically the Cameron group is interested in assassinating Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, and Ernesto Che Guevera." "Cameron knows that he can indicted for conspiracy"

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SOURCE: Memorandum for DCI McCone from Richard Helms re plans of Cuban exiles to assassinate selected Cuban government leaders, June 10, 1964 (03105-031110)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

MURPHY
KILPATRICK
~~McCONN~~
FITZGERALD ✓

LYMAN
CASTRO

CASTRO'S
SISTER

DATES:

4/23/63

CATEGORIES:

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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SOURCE:

Memorandum, dated 4/23/63, prepared by Lyman and Kilpatrick.

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Desmond FITZGERALD ✓
AMLASH
Nestor SANCHEZ
Robert KENNEDY
HELMS

DATES:

Oct. 29, 1963
Nov. 13, 1963

CATEGORIES:

Castro

Card 1 of 2

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(CARD 2)

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| <p><u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u></p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>TEPEDINO</p> <p>FITZGERALD ✓</p> <p>AMLASH</p> | <p><u>DATES:</u></p> <p>November 14, 1963</p> | <p><u>CATEGORIES:</u></p> <p>Castro</p> |
| <p><u>OCCURRENCE:</u></p> <p>[REDACTED] met with <u>TEPEDINO</u> who reported to him AMLASH's reaction to his meeting with FITZGERALD. <u>TEPEDINO</u> said that AMLASH dwelt constantly on the fact that "he could not understand why he was denied certain small pieces of equipment which promised a final solution to the problem, while, on the other hand, the US Government gave much equipment and money to exile groups for their ineffective excursions against Cuban coastal targets. According to <u>TEPEDINO</u>, <u>AMLASH</u> feels strongly on this point, and if he does not get advice and materials from a U.S. Government technician, he will probably become fed up again, and we will lose whatever progress we have made to date." (91)</p> | | |
| <p><u>SOURCE:</u></p> <p>IG REPORT 1967</p> <p><u>FILE:</u></p> | <p><u>STAFF:</u></p> <p>F Baron</p> <p><u>DATE:</u></p> <p>7/1/75</p> | |

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

~~SANCHEZ~~
AMLASH
FITZGERALD ✓

DATES:

Nov. 19, 1963

CATEGORIES:

Castro

OCCURRENCE:

~~Nestor SANCHEZ~~ prepared a memorandum for the Record which indicated that the CIA would give AMLASH assassination weapons: "C/SAS (FITZGERALD) approved telling ~~AMLASH~~ he would be given a cache inside Cuba. Cache could, if he requested it, include... high power rifles W/scopes....C/SAS requested written reports on AMLASH operation be kept to a minimum." (91) (Emphasis added)

Note: These are sniper/assassin weapons.

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| SANCHEZ AMLASH FITZGERALD ✓ | Nov. 22, 1963 | Castro |

OCCURRENCE:

Nester SANCHEZ met with AMLASH in Paris and gave him an assassination device (a ball-point pen rigged as a hypodermic syringe for the injection of poison). (93-93a) According to the IG REPORT, "It is likely that at the very moment President Kennedy was shot, a CIA officer was meeting with a Cuban agent in Paris and giving him an assassination device for use against CASTRO." (94)

SANCHEZ stated "that he received an OPIM cable from FITZGERALD that night or early the next morning telling him that everything was off." (94) But, the IG REPORT authors did not find such a cable in the AMLASH file. (94)

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IG REPORT 1957

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| HELMS MCCONE ✓ FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD | July 25, 1962 | SPECIAL GROUP MONGOOSE |

OCCURRENCE: Helms notes that McCone briefed the panel of the President's foreign intelligence advisory board on political action projects. He pointed out that "each project must have his approval to the circulation to the members of the Special Group". For example, reconnaissance overflights are now approved.

Helms "read to the panel a paper on the operation Mongoose which the Director had used earlier in the day for giving a briefing to the President."

SOURCE: Memorandum for the record, re meeting on CA matters with the panel of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board of Helms, dated July 25, 1962 (00870)

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| TSD FREICHLER, Raymond EDWARDS, Sheffield O'CONNELL <u>OCCURRENCE:</u> | GIANCANA ✓ Late January 1961 | CUBA (Syndicate/Phase I) |

TSD prepared poison pills (of Botulin) rather than liquid poison. (24).

~~Freichler~~ remembers meeting with EDWARDS and O'CONNELL in EDWARDS' office to discuss the requirement "(24) for poison pills, which had initially been the preference of GIANCANA.

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| Testimony of Wm. Colby, 5/23/75 <u>FILE:</u> | John Bayly <u>DATE:</u> 7/2/75 |

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~~CUBA~~ - SYNDICATE/PHASE II --
KNOWLEDGE OF PHASE II

CARD 1 of 3

OCCURRENCE: The list of persons with knowledge of PHASE II of the CASTRO ASSASSINATION OPERATION differs from those who knew of PHASE I. Those with knowledge of PHASE II are:

1. RICHARD HELMS, DD/P
2. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, Task Force W
3. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security (He knows that Harvey took over the operation and delivered pills, arms, and equipment in April 1962. He does not know of developments after May 1962.)
4. SHELFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security (He knows of the fact of the turnover to HARVEY, but states he knows nothing of developments thereafter.)

5. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He stated in our interview with him that he knew that HARVEY was having meetings with members of the gambling syndicate in 1962.)

6. ~~BRUCE CHIEVER~~ HARVEY's deputy in 1962

(~~CHIEVER~~ knows that HARVEY was meeting with gamblers in Reno (sic) in the winter of 1962.)

7. TED SHACKLEY, Chief, JMWAVE (He assisted HARVEY in the delivery of arms and equipment to VARONA in April 1962, but presumably did not know the identities of the recipients nor (con't.)

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| <u>OCCURRENCE:</u> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p>SHACKLEY, cont: the purpose for which the material was to be used.)</p> <p>3. RAY FREISCHLER TSD (FREISCHLER's participation was limited to furnishing the bills to O'CONNELL on 18 April 1962.)</p> <p>4. ANTONIO VARONA, the Cuban exile leader (He presumably was not aware of government sponsorship.)</p> <p>5. VARONA'S SON-IN-LAW (He too was presumably not aware of government's role.)</p> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p>11. MACEO, ROSELLI's "Man" (MACEO probably knew there was a government connection, but may not have identified CIA as the agency.)</p> </div> </div> | | |
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| RFK McGeorge Bundy Mr. Johnson Mr. Gilpatric ✓ Gen. Taylor Mr. McCone Mr. Wilson Dr. Charyk Dr. Scoville Col. Steakley Col. Ted Forster (CIB) Mr. Parrot | Oct 9, 1962 | Special Group (Augmented) <i>Mongoose</i> |

OCCURRENCE:

SGA discussed various possibilities of accomplishing reconnaissance of Cuba, ranging from very low level coverage by tactical aircraft to high performance aircraft and drones. Over-flights and peripheral flights were discussed.

~~It was agreed that the first priority is one high performance mission in the western part of~~ the island, to be accompanied by all out Elint support. Depending on the results of this, a number of similar searches may be mounted. First mission was later approved by higher authority, but the decision on the second proposition left open.

The entire package was to be discussed at the USIB, and by Chiefs on Wednesday, October 10th.

SOURCE:

Memorandum for the record, dated October 9, 1962, effecting a meeting of
FILE: Special Group Augmented and prepared by Thomas Parrot.

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DATE: PCW

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Gen Lansdale
Gilpatrick ✓
Don Wilson

Cheever

DATES:

Oct 31, 1961

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CUBA

OCCURRENCE:

As for psychological operations, all CIA assets
[redacted] had been turned over to USIA for operational use.

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SOURCE: Oct 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen Lansdale
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FILE:

STAFF: Wallach

DATE: July 3, 1975