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Jan 53 - 63 intell directed in Wash

63 - detailed to DDC for indef detail

Special activities staff

been here since

worked with Cuban area for 9 1/2 yrs

known as Special Activities Staff the Cuban Op's Group

Special Asst to Division Chief

assassination efforts - Anderson & Bonelli - organized since  
no knowledge whatsoever about this until  
middle of week - asked to comment - IC asked  
for comment before it hit press.

when joined DDP was working w/ Desmond Fitzgerald -  
making an econ sanctions v. Castro - close off sources of  
supply

< existed aid of Amer Co's & overseas subsidiaries >

< used Miami base for propaganda >

art treasure he stole & was trying to auction - needed  
\$ very badly - auctioned in Toronto - Cuban elite who  
owned would file lawsuits - knows.

attempts to deny him imported oil & other supplies from  
companies abroad.

preemptive purchasing & get majors to recall -

very large group of Cuban elites -

had on keep - training - used principally  
for infiltration & exploitation

bases

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number of operations run out of Miami & Keys - hit & run in  
Texas refinery - fire - damage minor  
Squad

concentrated on infiltration for cashing & infiltration of agents

training of para -

had 3rd largest navy in Caribbean

underwater demo teams

conducted training in remote places in Keys

Martinez was a boat captain

Williamburg training camp - all sorts of

training - tradecraft

paranormality

jump (at Bragg)

post Bay Pigs

those engaged in maritime activities given the para training

motherhips would stand off & men would go

in w/ arms in small boats

all w/ 40 Committee approval

every single trip or action had to

be approved by the 40 committee

did everything possible to screw him

in banks

no credit

price of sugar

his markets

Base was under commercial cover - over 100 diff commercial firms  
largest base in the world

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small  
arms & other  
supplies

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started Cuban intell org in exile - got up to 150 + 200  
used as researchers to compile his data from exiled  
sources like publications (many from places friendly to Cuba)  
had select few who when freedom flights began  
would interview some people coming out - would  
single people out on basis of biographical forms.  
Interrog for CI leads - turned over to Cuban  
squad of Miami FBI.  
Will be phased out in June.

Was under a commercial cover - called AMOTS.  
in 1963 (begin) - Ted Shesley (now chief EA)  
began when he was CO5  
was full time  
eyes & ears into Cuban community  
can't recall much about what they did

[ written history of AMOTS - by how  
started what they did - Cuban was  
tutored head - ]  
also had cover offices in  
the Bldg.

much they did was w/ the  
knowledge of CIA

Ran radio station directed to Cuba - located on  
Swamp Island

after defected Castro's sister - CIA set her up -  
gave her lump sum each month to salary &  
expenses - taped radio broadcasts & bought  
time from stations in W. I. thru

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CIA just term'd her - she became uncontrolled

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tried to locate the militant Cubans whose actions could be an embarrassment

other portions of AMOT

some skilled people - set up intercept operation  
Outpost of domestic NSA couldn't follow  
24 hrs a day - 40 people - got complete coverage  
of the island - reg + maritime nets, boarder  
defenses + internal military nets -

No domestic intercepts - directed entirely at Cuban  
comm - run by CIA + w/ CIA funds but WSA  
did the targeting - gave the frequencies they  
wanted targeted -

Agents were full time employees + CIA cover officers there  
at all times + before an action, an act cover officer supposed  
to approve -

picketers in NY + Miami

no record of checks w/ cover officer before done

Tommy Spangola was cover officer

[ ] Station still targeting against Cuban comm  
had to report anything suspicious of militant activities,  
Alpha 66, or anything of fer intel value.

Some of the comm had become US-  
citizens by then -

All Cuban ops now moved back to beach + 127  
now does only cover ops -

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David Atlee Phillips (303701 - 1435103)

1950 - Santiago Chile - Eng lang newspaper  
contacted by CIA - 50/mo - part time

1950 - 4 Mar 1951 - part time Chile

1951 - Substantive op 1951

then asked to become full time

1955 - full time - to Cuba as NOC - non official cover

late 56 or early 57 - head of the Section -

left 14 Mar 58

+ resigned

returned to Cuba to make million - pub relations

+ control agent of parties

left March 1960

+ Member of Budget Element of Dir of Prog Operation within  
DDP

Sept 61 - Mexico City as sec officer for covert operation  
+ then to Cuban Operation - Mexico City

April 1965 - assigned as COS in [redacted]  
until Aug '67

Head of [redacted] as Chief of Cuban Ops of WH div until Jan '70  
then he as Chief of Station

+ then to [redacted] until mid '72

mid '72 - Casaca until [redacted] COS

mid '73 - chief of WH division to become L.A. Div

(72-73)

predecessors - Ted Shackley - now chief of EA div at  
Langley

William Broc (says - fall '67 → '72)  
retired to New England)

Desmond Fitzgerald - deceased

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never knew of Trubler matter.

Carter - # of things done to prevent his getting  
not aware of org'd crime involve

Hart - absolute surprise

knew OB in touch w/ to ground subject.

during Bay of Pigs - groups going in

only in aware that training Cubans who wanted to kill  
Carter - no other specifics

except one Alan who was captured & went on TV

lived in Havana - saw Meyer Lansky but never  
knew anything of other attempts

deputies - Raymond Warren - Dep Dir Chief

James F. Hammer - retired summer '74

was DDC for 2 years (in town)

John Horton - retired last summer as

chief of Secret - Langley

Chief of Op's for Dir

Herbert Noythke - position created

by Chakler

[chart]

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Clayton Munnack - son for Carl Meyer - now Chief of St  
in London  
he was ADDP (now AODD)

(Ponchay) - Esterline - was with LA Div headqts  
staff - went briefly to various personal jobs -  
now lives in Virgin Islands -  
Was Miam. Chief of J from 1968-73

Joel Decker - pseud for Larry Steinfield - in Wash  
had taken over for Esterline as COV   
now job on CIA staff

Hand - first seen in Kuwait operations in 1951 - was runner  
lightweight  
Dad of Prop '61

[ checking cover file of Chackley + Bros ]

Bill Steinbraten - has or knows where to get the  
cover office file

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Station - after Eisenhower took the cap. opened under common cover - later a large estate was bought. Enterprises on land belong to Univ of Miami

in 1968 office closed + new set under new cover opened in Miami - all new personnel - remains

Sturletts is out on Miami  
have no phase out of all cub assets  
+ now only on Cuba are intel  
gather - no cover ops.

case officer  
Martinez - Spies, Bayles, Ramon Bayles  
most of time - Bayles at head  
another - Bob Retcher - successor  
+ in Washington

training for Bay of Pigs: months in Cuba - secretary in Miami

~~training~~  
the present training took place in Florida  
for infiltration + infiltration

400,000 Cubans - 99% were Cuban exiles  
who were being trained

Bay of P's didn't stop work - stopped in '55-66  
put in teams

ran propaganda for Cuba  
radio broadcast - Radio Swan  
broadcast to Cuba - off air in '68

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began steadily facilities for tapes to be run into Cuba directed at Cuban youth - low keyed. Idea was build up mech which could be used if neces - tape made for sending to Deming.

40 Committee App of the acter + its term.

epile newspaper  
supported Cuban youth + doctors  
radio broadcasting

①  
Museum of Epiles - tapped the comm during press conventions for info for FBI + secret review for name traces, re possible assets + demonstr

② Propagating newspapers et - when general then demonstrated etc elsewhere in U.S. - charge that CIA involved -  
Anti - Castles 1968-70  
Cuban epiles running businesses in part supported by CIA

most from  
Pittsburgh

Students will know who ~~is~~ asked for info at both conventions  
any request from Republicans

CIA put people down to put as known with exp Cuban - reporting on Cuban only - Done thru groups of Cuban epiles

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~~Contact Branch~~  
~~Contact Division~~  
~~Domestic Contact Service~~  
~~Domestic Collection Division (1973)~~

~~Special Agent~~  
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[ Any req's from Kbl/Hare ]

used Cubans in operations to acquire info around world - try to recruit other Cubans around world.

intell gathering

not aware any checks a pressure -

CIA training course in 1946 - Becker attended

Phillips in 1951

clandestine training - surveillance

Becker got 2<sup>nd</sup> place routine

Office of Training conducted the training

# of Cubans sent there - minimum  
#

Becker was full time agent

[ personal files on Becker & Martynov ]

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All redacted H14 a dangerous person. Jack Est was leader of Boff - took care - H14 forested off on him. When he showed up in Miami - he was concerned - is ready to summarize operations on him.

[ Breckenridge 7<sup>13</sup> floor : 2E24 FG still 5527 ]

Only active in Miami - is security from Carl  
 Carl will not know  
 red team  
 all comp for lab activity is at ready to

NSA cover inter phone calls out of Harte -  
 phone calls to US citizens

~~have room~~  
 primarily kept by Div "D" concerned  
 w/ covert intercepts

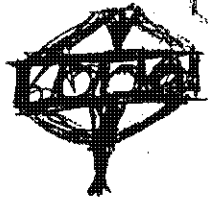
[ who at Div D does this? ]

[ Skeeter file ]

[ response to Acklesman ]

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memo to  
Widmer re  
Hammer

~~Conson~~

- Pritchard's file
- Nelson interview
- con + inter spec
- Helms
- office assist at Rostrom

Clayton P. Furness  
 maybe Chief of WH  
 dir at the time  
 involved in the Coolidge letter  
 operations have to expellide  
 from Cuba? other activities -  
 extent use U.S. as base for operations

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now to Ann Dow Dave Philips  
 WH people  
 3rd  
 3D3167

Wstegals

recruitment of Cubans

Nebeker Joel Nebeker

station

Was the same office or chief  
station in Mexico

Ponchay (producer?) (Esterlin)  
 March 1972 he met Martinyan  
 who usually met w/ Case Officer  
 Had criticism on press report  
 re Costa Rican activities - Martinyan  
 raised potentially sensitive matter  
 re Howard Hunt's activities -  
 what did he tell him

See Esterlin's transcript

4/22/70

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to Buchanan

1. Non Official file on Bernard L. Barber
2. " " " " " "
3. Official file on Bern - Barber (AMCLATTER-11) Vol I I
4. " " " " " " Vol II
5. " " " " " " Vol III  
201-251689
6. Non Off file on Eugeneas Polanco Martinez
7. " " " " " " (AMSWAP-3)
8. AMSWAP-3 Contact Reports, 8 June 1971 - 6 June 1972
9. PLJMSRUR - AMSWAP Case - Watergate
10. Non - Official. AMSWAP-3 - MARTINEZ Careaga, Eugeneas file  
 State file.
11. Official file on ER Martinez (201-289837)
12. E Howard HURT - State file - Watergate
13. Robert MAHEU file - non official
14. PL trophies on Martinez & Barber - non official

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See in his file except material provided  
to IG

incident w/ 2<sup>nd</sup> man

Miss file - very complete

ag student campaign w. USSR

look at organized crime in Bahamas & elsewhere

demographic info on U.S. citizens  
like USSR

Conventions

Rob Roy Rathle

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