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9 March 61

Mexico City Station

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Jack Stewart met w/ Cubela in Mexico City, arranged by Carlos Tepedeno (Hmwhop), a long-time friend. Cubela then Stewart from Havana where he was once assigned.

Cubela and leader of D.R. are like group of leftist students signed in 1956 to fight Batista; Nestor Sanchez - case officer.

28 March 61

Both Cubela & Chik wanted to defect; according to report of Miami Station.

Ex-filtration called off a report that Cuban police aware of Cubela's desire to defect & his signature plan. (Commit)

First of 3 rumormongers within D.R.; but unknown if Cubela aware of report in Cuba. Other two links are even more nebulous

15 April 61 Hmwhop

Message from aviation station (get from) Tepedeno that Cubela going to Paris & wanted to ^{under a fund of Stewart's} talk to ~~talk to~~ ^{indication of} my meeting.

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15 Jan 62

Lucia Echevarria Bianchi told an asset (Hmwhop-1) that Cubela going to ~~Havana~~ ^{Havana} & wanted to defect.

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Would stop in Paris to see Tepeno

~~0002783~~

27 June 1962

Tepeno approached FBI in Miami on 11 June with idea that Cubela wanted to defect. FBI sent a detailed memo to CIA since they knew Tepeno to be a CIA asset.

8 July 62

Tepeno dissatisfied w/ CIA handling of Cubela's "defection" in Paris in 61 so he contacted FBI. Stated his source of info on rumors for defection were R Chivarras.

30 July - 10 August 62

[redacted] met w/ Tepeno a jeweler in NYC & both went to Helsinki: Cuba. Talked with Perry Morais "in place" & not defecting.

Cubela wanted to blow up oil refineries, kill Castro, Carlos Rodriguez, & Soviet leaders.

7-9 August 62

Meeting in Stockholm because Helsinki for meeting. Cubela stated that he told 4 of his Cuban associates that he met Tepeno in Helsinki.

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10-11 August 62

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[redacted] Tejeduro & Cubela in
Copenhagen & [redacted] used "unassisted"
& Cubela insisted on "elimination"

14-23 August 62

Cubela, Tejeduro, [redacted] &

[redacted] from Madrid: met in Paris.

Cubela given S/W training &
supplies; shown a demonstration document.
Refused to be photographed.

[redacted] cables that no physical
elimination mission be given as a
requirement but he might do it on his
own initiative. Headquarters strongly counter that
no physical elimination mission be given Cubela.

5-8 Sept 63

Brayil - met by [redacted]
Tejeduro & Nestor Sanchez who discuss
case officer.

Cubela showed 2 S/W messages but
only 1 rec'd. Official or postal censorship.

That night of Ramon Garm Diaz
AMTRUNK-10 who was lady Miguel
DIAZ Isalgue (MICE-14) who had
been sent to recruit PULP

SECRET

14 Sept 63

From Brayil Cubela flew to Paris
& was going to tell Castro after the fact

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that he was taking a vacation.

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3 Oct 63

Sandwich arrives in Paris to meet w/ Cuba who had written Tapedo on NY sheet he didn't want to continue.

CIA had to tell French Govt that contacts were for purposes of defense. French unilaterally keeping Cuba under surveillance.

11 Oct 63 Sandwich calls that Cuba insisting on meeting w/ RFK; announced Cuba going to try an attempt in Castro even w/out U.S. support.

29 Oct 63

Finally, Univ SAs, go to Paris & got approval from Helms.

Fitz states he told Cuba that U.S. would have no part in attempt in Castro's life.

Watten went from Sandy in conf.

14 Nov 63

19 Nov 63

Sandwich must state Fitz assumes that Cuba would get each of rifles w/ scopes inside Cuba, on request.

22 Nov 63

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Sandwich arrives in Paris on Nov 22 after getting seen w/ ~~Bobo~~ ~~Long~~ ~~as~~ ~~from~~

Sandwich says Cuba accepted per but stated he would not submit to

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~~0002287~~ Cribela asked for a card of
arms to be placed at Aunt RUTH's

[2 high-powered rifles w/ telescopic sights; 20 grenades; 2000
 farm. As they left museum, heard
 JFK shot.

Sandy stated he rec'd an
OP in cable from Fitzgerald that simply
is "off" but nothing in AMLHSH file.

Cubula w/ a hole 5/16 w/ 1/4 hole to Praxe

1 Dec 63

Cubella returned from Prague to Cuba
19 Feb 1964

JMWAVE to have 2 cashes in place in March.

Done on 17-21 March 64 m

AMTRUNK VIII

24 April 1964

Federico had been invited to meet Carlos Jorge RUBINIO many who has means from Cuba.

p97 3 May 64 - Robens says Cubik wanted a silencer

30 August 64

Artemie record info thru Madrid
that a group of doubtful members of Castro
regime wanted to ~~have~~ establish direct
contact. 7 Oct 64, Artemie saw
Alberto BLANCO Romariz.

13 Nov. 64. SECRET

Arforn agrees to talk to NM2057-1
if it turns out he is contact man
for internal dissent group. Arforn

Think if AM288-1 is chief of suspect
group we can forget about ops
4 Dec 64

Sanchez prepares a memo for 6570 for
Arteme to maintain contacts w/ suspect
groups re:ops in Brazil. Arteme does
6-5 Dec 64

Sanchez meets Cubela in Paris & was
told going to continue his plans
Told US. could not be involved.
10 Dec 64.

Arteme didn't know nor Cubela
that CIA in direct contact with them.
Rather SAS continued to put both
men together.

CIA didn't want to put silver
weapons in ~~the~~ Cubela's hands directly
but could do it thru Arteme.
27 Dec; 30 Dec (outline)

Cubela & Arteme meet in Madrid.
Arteme reports to Sanchez that Cubela
had requested a silver for FAT rifle
but Americans w/n gave him one.

Arteme to come up w/ silver or
different rifle in Cuba.
11 Feb 65

Cubela to receive pistol w/ silver
& Belgian FAT rifle w/ silver for
Arteme's secy. ~~SECRET~~ weapons come
from ~~the~~ U.S. & are now in Madrid.

Complot

12 Feb 65

SECRET

~~0002989~~

Artemio has never talked to Cubela in Madrid.

4 March 65 - Circulari Havana; source is friend of Tepedino's also telephone him

15 March 65

Rafael Garcia-Bango. Derivative answer in Madrid from Cuba & informed to a station officer.

Probably close friend of Cubela; & claims to be in touch w/ group of people known along to contacts Castro.

Added in July 62 for rep. Traff. as source for Pepi Krell. Traff. - ex-mayor.
[Annoy name - wife]

June 1965

Victor ESPINOSA Hernandez, a former PM trainee who was recruited as a informant on 20 March 1961, contacted FIA's new boss FBZ on 3 June 65.

ESPINOSA stated he had received letter from a friend in Paris urging him to meet w/ Albert Blomera who had a message from Cubela who wanted it delivered to CIA.

Message - Cubela in a position to help Castro & would CIA & US Govt be willing to support them. If "yes", you discuss on what he needed.

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Cubela had wanted money in Paris on 1 Feb 65. Turned down & upset.

16 Feb 65 Sandy gave him info.
0002250 Tepeduro 7:00 in NY C.

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23 June 1965 Headquarters sent cable Kennedy contact. 'Criminy proof that evidence from [redacted] group insure', [redacted] ASAP

1 March 66 - Cubela & bin arrested for activities w/ CIA

Jose Luis Gonzalez Ballarreto, Alberto Plaza Romany, Juan Alsina Navarro. Confirmed
Also appearing - Guillermo Cenhill Alvarez, Angel Hernando Vela

Gonzalez Ballarreto - attests in Spanish contact of [redacted] [redacted] official in U.S. Embassy in Madrid.

Cubela met w/ Artime in June in Feb. 1965.

Artime sent Ballego to US to get Helicop's sig. & sender. Delivered to Blanca Romany who delivered it to Gonzalez Ballarreto then to Cubela the day before he left Madrid.

Taser Sig. in Cubela's records were Helicop's sig. & FAL ref. +.
9 March 66

Castro sent personal letter that death sentence not be asked.
10 March 66

Cubela testimony:

Sender did not speak; I threw it away because it was burning my hands

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0002295 I spoke to Fidel in Jan'y. He opened
the door to me but I did not have
the courage to tell him

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(Comment)

Trial schedule changed to Sept 64 & Sept 65 to meet
w/ Artime. No mention of Medel at the
Nov 65 contacts in Agos.

No hint of prison pen Nov 63.

Speculate

If full details would have come out,
Castro would have left & occupied America,
& probably in pursuit of Castro's own in own land.

2 high-level
meeting
where Castro
announced
discovery

Special Group / August 12
State: Dean Rusk, A. J. Folsom, Edwin
Martin, Richard Goodwin, Robt Hurwicz
Walt Rusk

Maxwell Taylor, McHenry Bundy (RFK absent)
Deputy:

McNamara, Belmont, Tamm, Tamm
CIA - McCone Harry

USIA - Edward Murren, Donald Wilson
Secy - Thomas Parrot

Parrot's note & a main announcement
but Medel & Bay under McNamara
saying it & Murren's country.

No one raised except McNamara
'happy agent' SECRET

Lusk's note memo on 13 August
to Harry, Hurwicz, Tamm, & Wilson which

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9 March 61 [museology station] ⁰³ met w/ Cubela
in museology station, arranged g. [Carlos
Jepedoni] Bmuk P 1, a long time
friend. Cubela was [03] from
Havana where he was once assigned.

Cubela and leader of DR
are like group of leftist students signed in
1956 to fight Batista; [N. for Sanchez] case officer.
28 March 61

Both Cubela & Chik wanted to
defect; according to asset of Miami Station.

Ex-filtration called off as report
that Cuban police aware of Cubela's
desire to defect & his departure plans.
[Comment:]

First of 3 rumormongers within DRB; but
unknown if Cubela aware of rumormongers in Cuba.
Other two links are even more nebulous
15 Jan 62 14 Regent 61

Message from aviation station (gulf zone) to
[Jepedoni] that Cubela was going to Paris &
wanted to talk to [03] ^{under a false name} no indication of any
mixture.

~~SECRET~~

15 Jan 62

Lucia Echevarria Bianchi told
an asset [Hm contact-1] that Cubela was
to Helsinki & wanted to defect.

Central Intelligence Agency
has no objection to Release as sanitized.
Date: 2003

~~SECRET~~

Would stop in Paris to see [Depedena]

~~0002983~~

27 June 1962

[Depedena] appeared FBI in Miami on 11 June with idea that Cubela wanted to defect. FBI sent a detailed memo to CIA since they knew [Depedena] to be a CIA asset.

8 July 62

[Depedena] dissatisfied w/ CIA handling of Cubela's "defection" in Paris in 61, so he contacted FBI. Stated his source of info on rumors for defection were w/ Chivarria.

30 July - 6 August 62

[]⁰³ met w/ [Depedena] in NYC & both went to Helsinki, Cuba. Talked into being recruited in place & not defecting.

Cubela wanted to blow up oil refineries; kill Castro, Carlos Rodriguez, & Soviet Premier.

7-9 August 62

Meetings in Stockholm because Helsinki too risky. Cubela stated that he told 4 of his Cuban associates that he met [Depedena] in Helsinki.

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10-11 Sept 62

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[03] [Japadine] Cuba in
Cagendagen & [03] used to be
& Cuba in 1950s in 1950s

14-23 Sept 62

Cuba, [Japadine], [03]
[03] from Miami, met in Paris
Cuba given S/W training &
supplies; shown a 10-minute document.
Refused to be photographed.

[03] Cuba that no physical
elimination mission be given in a
refusal but he might do it on his
own initiative. Headquarters strongly oppose. Have
no physical elimination mission be given Cuba, &
5-8 Sept 63

Brayil - met by [03],
[Japadine] & Nestor Sanchez who were
case officer.

Cuba about 2 S/W messages but
only 1 rec'd. afraid of postal censorship.

That night of Ramon Guin Day
[MTRANK-10] who was lady Miguel
DIAZ Isalgua [MICE-14] who had
been sent to recruit PAVN

14 Sept 63

SECRET

From Brazil Cuba plan to Paris
& was going to tell Castro after the fact

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that he was taking a vacation.

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3 Oct 63

[Sandy] arrives in Paris to meet w/ Cuba who had written [Jepson] in NY that he didn't want to continue.

CIA had told French Govt that contacts were for purposes of defense, French unilaterally keeping Cuba under surveillance.
11 Oct 63 [Sandy] carries that Cuba insists on making up RFK; convinced Cuba going to try an attempt on Castro even without US support.

29 Oct 63

Fitzgerald, very SAs, goes to Paris & got approval from Helms.

Fitz states he told Cuba that US would have no part in attempt on Castro's life.

Written memo from [Sandy] in country

14 Nov 63

19 Nov 63

[Sandy] memo states Fitz assumes that Cuba would get cache of rifles w/ scopes inside Cuba, on request

22 Nov 63

~~SECRET~~

[Sandy] arrives in Paris on Nov 22 after getting gen w/ ~~Robert Kennedy~~ as per

[Sandy] says Cuba accepted gen but stated he would not take it to

Cuba with him. ~~SECRET~~ 11.11.135

0002287- Cubela asked for a cache of
arms to be placed at [AMTRUNK 12]
[2 high-powered rifles w/ telescopic sights; 20 grenades; 2000
amm.]. As they left meeting, heard
JFK shot.

[Sandy] stated he rec'd an
O.P. in cable from Fitzgerald that message
is "off" but nothing in AMTRUNK file.

Cubela w/ a tank S/W with him to Prague
1 Dec 63

Cubela returns from Prague to Cuba
19 Feb 1964

JMWAVE to have 2 caches in
place in March.

Done on 17-21 March 64 on
[AMTRUNK VIII]

24 April 1964

[Inpection] had been brief to
meet Carlos Jorge ROBLES many
who has message from Cubela.

097 3 May 64 - Robles says Cubela wanted a silence
30 August 64

Arturo record info thru Madrid
that a group of doubtful members of Castro
regime want to ~~to~~ establish direct
contact. 7 Oct 64, Arturo sends
Alberto BLANCO Romariz.

13 Nov. 64. ~~SECRET~~

Arturo agrees to talk to PM 157-1
it turns out he is contact man
for internal dissent group. Arturo

0002288

~~SECRET~~

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Think if AMRASH-1 is chief of demand
group we can forget about operation
4 Dec 64

[Sandy] reports a memo for 6370 for
Arteme to maintain contacts w/ demand
group's reps in Rangoon. Arteme does
6-5 Dec 64

[Sandy] meets Cubela in Paris & was
told going to continue his plans
Told US. could not be involved.

10 Dec 64.

Arteme didn't know nor Cubela
that CIA in direct contact with them.
Rather SAS continued to put both
men together.

CIA didn't want to put select
weapon in ~~Arteme's~~ Cubela's hands directly
but could do it thru Arteme.

27 Dec, 30 Dec (initial)

Cubela & Arteme meet in Madrid.
Arteme reports to [Sandy] that Cubela
had requested a submachine gun for FIA rifle
but Americans w/n gave him one.

Arteme to come up w/ submachine
different rifle in Cuba.

11 Feb 65

Cubela to receive pistol w/ submachine
& Belgian FIA rifle w/ submachine from
Arteme's secy ~~SECRET~~ weapons come
from ~~the~~ U.S. & are now in Madrid.

Conflict

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12 Feb 65

SECRET

~~0002289~~

Artemio has again called to Cuba in Madrid.

4 March 65 - Cubela in Havana; says ~~he~~ is friend of [Jepedone] also telephone him

15 March 65

Rafael Garcia-Bango Derube arrives in Madrid from Cuba & informed to a [station - officer.]

Publicly close friend of Cubela; & claims to be in touch w/ group of military leaders planning to overthrow Castro.

Back in July 62 for exp. Traff. as lawyer for Cypri Kroll. Traff. - ex manager (another name - wife)

June 1965 Victor ESPINOSA Hernandez, a former PM turned who was recruited as a militant on 20 March 1961, contacted FWS who began FBS on 3 June 65.

ESPINOSA stated he had received letter from a friend in Paris urging him to meet w/ Albert Blouin who had a message from Cubela who wanted it delivered to CIA.

Munge - Cubela in a position to help Castro & would CIA & US Govt be willing to support them. If "yes", then details on what he needed.

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Cubela had wanted money in Paris on 1 Feb 65. Turned down & upset.

16 Feb 65 [Sandy] gave him info.
0002790 [Depedine] 7,00 in NY C.

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23 June 1965. Headquarters sent case
Kenny - contact. 'knowing proof that endline
PMA (group measure) Jernito ASAP

1 March 66 - Cubela & Artime arrested for
activities w/ CIA

Jose Luis Gongala Ballarreta, Alberto Oscar Romany,
Juan Alena Navarro. Confirmed
Also appearing - Guillermo Cienfuegos
Alvarez, Heraldo Hernandez Vela

Gongala Ballarreta - attends in Spain
contacted by [03] [32] official
w/ U.S. Embassy in Madrid

Cubela met w/ Artime in Spain
in Feb. 1965.

Artime sent Ballarreta to US to get
Telencio's sight & silence. Delivered to
Blanco Romany who delivered it to
Gongala Ballarreta then to Cubela the
day before he left Madrid.

Said in Cubela's residence were
Tasco Telencio's sight, FHL report.
9 March 66

Castro sent personal letter that
death sentence not be asked.
10 March 66

Cubela testimony:

~~SECRET~~

Telencio did not break; I thought
any because it was burning my hands

0002291 I spoke to Fidel in Jan 64. He opened
the door to me ^{SECRET} but I did not have

the courage to tell him
(Communist)

11.11.139

Trial media confined to trip to
Europe in mid 64 & mid 65 to meet
w/ Arthur. No mention of Made at the
Nov 65 meeting w/ Agony.

No hint of poison pen Nov 63.

Speculation

If full details would have come out,
Custer would have left & escaped. Agency
& CIA would not expect someone in inner circle.

2 high-level
meeting
was with
mainly
islands

Special Group (August 1)
18 August 62 (probably one described by Pearson)
State: Dean Rusk, Helms, Johnson, Edwin
Martin, Richard Goodwin, Robt. Hurwicz
White House

Maxwell Taylor, McGeorge Bundy (RFK absent)
Deputy:

McNamara, Belmont, Tamm, Tamm
CIA - McCone Harry
USIA - Edward Murren, Donald Wilson
Secy - Thomas Parrot

Parrot's note & a main document
but Made & very similar McNamara ~~document~~
raising it & Munson's memory.

No one raised question of McNamara
'heartily agree' ^{SECRET}

Lamson's note memo on 13 August
to Henry, Hurwicz, Harris, & Wilson which