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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 exec for 9 1/2 yrs

known as Special Activities Staff the Cuban Op's Group

Special Asst to Director Chief

assassination efforts - Anderson & Bonelli - organized since
no knowledge whatsoever about this until
middle of week - asked to comment - I'd 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 exec who
owned would file lawsuits - knows.

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

preemptive purchasing & get majors to resell -

very large groups of Cuban execs -

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

paranormal

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 Shokley (now chief EA)
began when he was CO
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
tutelage 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 - 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 case officers there
at all times + before an action, an act case officer supposed
to approve -

substation in NY + Miami

no record of checks w/ case officer before done

Tommy O'Connell was case officer

Miami 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 must look to be safe + 197
now does only cover ops -

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David Atlee Phillips (303701 - 7435103)

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 w/ partner

left March 1960

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

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

April 1965 - assigned as COS in Porto Domingo
until Aug '67

Head of & as Chief of Cuban Ops of WH div until Jan '70
then sec as Chief of Station

+ then to Brazil until mid 72

mid 72 - Caracas until (12) 60s

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 ~~Thomas~~ Kubans who wanted to kill
Carter - no other specifics

except one Alan who was captured & went on TV

lived in Havana - saw Meyer Rosenberg 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 Noytko - 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)

(Ponchey) - Esterline - was with LA Div headqts
staff - went briefly to various personal jobs -
now lives in Virgin Islands -
Was Miami Chief of S from 1968-73

Jack DeBakey - friend for Larry Sternfeld - in Wash
had taken over for Esterline as COS Miami
now job on CIA staff

Hand - first seen in Kuwait operation in 1954 - was runner
lightweight
Over of Prop '61

[checking cover file of Chackley + Bess]

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

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Miami Station - after Eisenhower came in the op. opened
under common cover - later a large estate was
Zemuth Enterprises on land belong to Univ of Miami

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

Sturletts is out on Miami
have no phoned out of all cub assets
+ now only on Cuba case - intel
gath - no cover ops.

case office
Martinez - Speedy Gonzales - Ramon Gonzales
most of time - Gonzales at headq
another - Bob Retcher - successor
+ in Washington

training for Bay of Pigs: months in Cuba - recruitment 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 standing 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 Venice.

40 Committee App of the act & its terms

epile newspaper
supported Cuban youth + doctors
radio broadcasting

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

② Propaganda newspaper etc - when general then demonstrated its elsewhere in U.S. - charge that CIA involved -
Anti - Castro 1968-70
Cuban spies running businesses in part supported by CIA

most from
Pittsburgh

Sturdivant 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 spies

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All redacted H14 a dangerous person. Jack Est was leader of Boffi task force - H14 focused off on him when he showed up in Miami - he was concerned - is headqts running operations on him.

[Beckenridge 713 floor : 2E24 IG still 5527]

Only active in Miami - is very intel from Carl
 Carl will not know &
 red team &
 all comp for lab activity is at headqts -

NSA covert inter phone calls out of Hawk -
 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 Beckenridge]

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memo to
Widmer re
Hammer

~~Amos~~

- 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 explicate
 from Cuba? other activities -
 extent use U.S. as base for operations

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now to Amos Dew Dave Phillips
 WH people
 3rd
 3D3167

W. Sturgis

recruitment of Cubans

Nebeker Joel Nebeker

Miami station

Was the same office or chief
station in Miami

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

See Esterline's transcript

4/17/70

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Receipt

to DeChauvigny

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)
Contact Agent - MOC Miami
8. AMSWAP-3 Contact Reports, 8 June 1971 - 6 June 1972
9. PLJMSR - AMSWAP Case - Watergate
10. Non - Official. AMSWAP-3 - MARTINEZ Careaga, Eugeneas file
Miami State file.
11. Official file on ER Martinez (201-289837)
12. E Howard HURT - Shadow file - Watergate
13. Robert MAHEU file - non official
14. PL trooper on Martinez & Barber - non official

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See in his file except material provided
to IG

incident w/ 2nd man

Miss file - very complete

ag student campaign v. USSR

look at organized crime in Bahamas & check

demographic info on U.S. citizens
like USSR

Conventions

Rob Roy Rathle

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