

Palmer

8/10/78

①

Box 23  
Folder 2  
#2

Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE)  
DDO files

- Three volumes DDO
- One pkg DCD documents
- One pkg loose documents
- Project files

**THIS COPY IS NOT FOR RELEASE.**

Volume I: Oct 1960 - March 1962

Deletions - one sealed envelope FBI documents

① Draft - Toomey (name <sup>only</sup> pencilled on paper)

Subject: Letter from Alberto Muller to President Kennedy

P 1. Muller gained prominence in 1960 when he led demonstration of protest in laying of a wreath by Mikoyan on statue of Martí. He now heads DRE, a Miami-based exile organization created by CIA. Muller was infiltrated into Cuba on 19 Nov 1960 to carry on clandestine propaganda & political action among students. Work includes broadcasting, publication of student newspapers, <sup>(both clandestine)</sup> bombing for psychological effects & organization of student resistance. Most important accomplishment has been organization of a student strike which has caused GOC to take violent countermeasures.

A letter to Pres. Kennedy arrived in U.S. 7 Feb. to be delivered personally by 3 DRE members. Similar letter also going to President Quadros of Brazil. Letter expresses aspirations of Cuban students for a truly democratic, social, economic & political betterment of Cuba. Letter appeals for understanding of DRE's revolutionary aims, for

Palmer

8/10/78 (2)

DRE

reorientation of Panamericanism toward a policy of deeds in defense of liberty & justice.

② 22 June 1961 Cable OUT 68995 To: LA countries from: Director

DRE now maintains a pool of capable & qualified students available for 3-6 month assignments in any given area. They are experienced clandestine agents in Cuban struggle. Capabilities include:

- act as authentic representatives of Cuban struggle for progress but against Communist tyranny;
- Establish local press, TV, Radio, student, intellectual, professional contacts;
- Plan, organize & participate in anti-Communist activities as CIA stations might direct;
- Counteract influence of Cuban diplomatic establishment on host populace.

Request stations indicate interest & inform what cover mechanisms (i.e. invitations, scholarships) available - also what desire for contact, control or guidance.

Palmer ③  
8/10/78

DRE

③ Dec. 5, 1961 Cable # UFGA-2783 to Chief - WH Division  
From: COS/WAVE

Report of interview with Elias Mas of DRE

Mas said DRE entered CRC with aim of waging war against Castro but discovered Council members were more concerned with politics and quarreling among themselves, even to the point of creating internal problems within their own organizations.

④ 1-31 March 1962

Notes from WAVE monthly report

DRE withdrew from CRC on 13 March 1962 because they felt Council was not carrying the war to Cuba.

f

Volume II April - July 1962

Deletions - 2 sealed envelopes FBI documents

No. Notes

f

Volume III Aug 1962 - Dec. 1962

Deletions - on sealed envelope

FBI - 27 Aug 1962 #105-1360 S: DRE

29 Aug 1962 - #105-112934 S: Vicente Jose Santiago

Blanco Capote

① Dispatch 14 Aug 1962 UFGA-5219 to Chief: Task Force W

Palmer (P)  
8/10/78

From: COS/<sup>JM</sup>WAVE

DRE

Amepell Progress Report - July 1962  
[Note: Amepell divided in two groups - Ambarbe <sup>Muller's</sup> (?)  
and Ambunta (DRE)]

Attachment A: <sup>Soon after</sup> ~~at the time of~~ Alberto Muller's arrest in Cuba, the DRE continued to be guided by CIA but resented its absolute control over them. CIA's inability to help Muller caused bitter criticism among DRE members. Control over DRE became superficial & material until late 1961 when time had worn away some of the shock & other activities were intensified. This resulted in higher morale & confidence in future support. Propaganda campaigns in support of Muller & Miguel Garcia saved them twice from the firing squad.

- ② Cable 25 Aug 1962 to Director from JM WAVE  
Juan Salvat & other DRE members left Marathon Key on 24 August ~~at~~ in two vessels & fired on Hotel Rosita Hornedo & <sup>Blanquita (correction cable)</sup> Chaplin Theatre.  
Operation without knowledge or consent of CIA.
- ③ Dispatch 14 Sept 1962 UFGA-5728 to Chief Task Force W  
From: JM WAVE.  
Amepell Progress report for Aug 1962 indicates total monetary outlay by CIA for month was \$50,053.00  
(Included Ambarbe & Ambunt Sections)

H

Palmer ⑤  
8/10/78

DCD documents - no notes  
H

DRE

Loose Documents

Deletions - one sealed envelope. FBI, 29 Aug 1957  
# 105-1360 (Miami) S: Directorio Revolucionario (DR,  
No. notes

H

Operations Files

Volume II Sept 62 - Dec 62

Deletions - Four sealed envelopes. FBI - State  
(State document <sup>29 Oct 1962</sup> included in one FBI folder) Bufile # 97-3400 <sup>DRE</sup>

① 8 Nov. 1962 Cable to Director from MWAVE  
DRE experiencing friction with CIA & display  
contempt for CIA & U.S. govt. Feel U.S. is a  
weak, vacillating nation which does not understand  
power or action. ~~etc~~ Cable expresses opinion  
that real potential of DRE is in psychological field,  
which activity is least appealing to the group.  
WAVE feels relationship with DRE disintegrating  
& recommends early termination of AMSPELL project.

② 8 Dec. 1962. Memo. for - McGeorge Bundy from  
Richard Helms, DDP

A reliable penetration source in DRE says this  
group preparing a letter for Pres. Kennedy that  
they still expect him to "fulfill his promise to  
liberate Cuba." Further will state that if steps are

Palmer ②  
8/10/78

not taken by U.S. govt, the DRE "will act."  
Assume this statement means DRE would  
resume commando raids against Cuba.  
Source has been asked to head the projected  
political movement & Helms says source will  
try to dissuade DRE from sending letter.

reverse  
\*

- ⑤ Volume ~~II~~ <sup>I</sup> - Operations. Feb. 1960 - Aug 62.  
Deletions - sealed envelopes.  
Dept of State - one  
FBI - one

① 20 July 1962 Dispatch to Chief Task Force W. from  
COS/SMWAVE. UFGA-4840  
Progress report of <sup>ANSPELL (DRE TAMBARBS)</sup> DRE activities June 1962 -  
Activities focused on International Student  
Conference at Quebec & the infiltration from  
Cuba of AMHINT-53 who had infiltrated Cuba  
on 20 May 1962.

② Undated statement. Subject: DRE  
Stem 7 - The DRE is perhaps the most militant and  
most deeply motivated of all the Cuban exile groups.  
Is prone to undertake independent operations  
without warning or permission of CIA. Control over  
this organization does not exist. Monthly support  
amounts to about \$22,000 for student operations in LA  
and \$25,000 for salaries, office expenses, propaganda & training.

Palmer ⑦  
8/10/78

Vol. III AMSPELL Production . no. notes DRE

Vol. IV DRE AMSPELL Support  
28 Jan 1966  
6 Feb 2, 1966. Dispatch to Chief WH from COS/JMWAVE  
UF 6A 24433.

JMWAVE conducting review of AMSPELL project  
to analyze its short & long term potential.  
Decision made to sharply reduce station support.  
Many members have resigned. Station plans  
now to give maximum \$1,000.00 monthly  
support beginning Feb. 1966 mainly to finance  
printing.

H

Palmer ①  
8/10/78

JURE continued

Volumes I and II not applicable - DDO  
checking - not delivered to HSCA researchers.

Volume III

Deletions - sealed envelopes - Ten envelopes - all  
FBI documents. FBI #105-1625 (Dallas) 4/5/66,  
#105-114543 (BuFile) - Re: JURE.

Volume VIII

Deletions - Seven sealed envelopes all FBI documents.  
① Intelligence Info. Cable 28 July 1965 #TDCSDB-315/025-35-65  
Source: Antonio Arias Gonzalez, former Propaganda Chief, JURE  
Arias says Ray & JURE are receiving money from  
an unnamed U.S. govt agency, but not CIA. Ray  
again planning to enter Cuba. If he succeeds, he will  
start a campaign to discredit the CIA, accusing it  
of being responsible for delay in freeing Cuba.

② Field Information Report, 10 June 1966,

Subject: Alleged Plan of Members of JURE to  
Assassinate Fidel Castro Rey.

Source: Trained in collection of information, a friend  
of Ricardo Morales Navarette.

Morales received a letter on 31 May 1966 from  
an unnamed person in Puerto Rico who is  
closely associated with JURE. Morales asked  
to buy 2 machine guns of type used by personal  
escort of Fidel Castro.

③ JURE file closed on 9 April 1968

HP



Palmer  
9/21/78

Jose Manuel Aleman  
DDO - One pkg. DCD Documents

1. 2 June 1961 Cable to Miami  
FBI has requested permission to contact  
Aleman in Miami.

2. 15 Dec. 1960

To: Chief, Contact Division  
From: Chief, Miami Field Office signed Justin J. Gleichauf  
Subject: Memorandum of Visit to: Jose M. Aleman

3308 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, Fla.

1. Aleman recently arrived from Cuba & had a list  
of war materials allegedly purchased by Castro  
from Soviet Bloc Countries. On 13 Dec 1960, Luis C.  
Rodriguez visited Aleman about this information.

2. Subject gave DPOB as 12/28/31, Havana, Cuba.

3. Is in Miami looking over property inherited  
from his father who was Minister of Education in  
Administration of Ramon Grau San Martin.

4. Aleman's father allegedly misappropriated about 60 million  
from Public Treasury which he invested or deposited  
in Miami. Subject inherited father's fortune & spent  
a large amount supplying Castro with weapons &  
equipment. After Castro assumed power, he confiscated  
Aleman's estate in Cuba & his homes there have been

Box 23  
FOLDER 25  
#11

Palmer  
9/21/78 (2)

Aleman

repeatedly searched.

Aleman stated he has been furnishing local FBI with information concerning Cuban intelligence agents in this area.

Also supplied info to CIA about cases 34090 and 34196.

**THIS COPY IS NOT  
FOR RELEASE.**