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Alexander Rorke

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Deletions

- FBI - 1/8/63 Conf. re: Robert S. Bay  
# UNK (Boston)
- FBI 4/30/63 unclas. re: Rorke  
# 97-144 (New Haven)
- FBI 4/30/63 unclas re: Rorke  
# UNK (Wash., DC.)
- FBI 4/30/63 unclass. re: Rorke  
# UNK (Wash., DC.)
- FBI 4/29/63 unclas re: Rorke  
# UNK (Wash, DC)
- FBI 4/27/63 Secret re: Rorke  
# UNK (Wash, DC)
- FBI 4/27/63 ~~sec~~ unclass re: Rorke  
# UNK (Wash. DC.)
- FBI 4/29/63 unclass re: Rorke  
# UNK (Wash, DC)
- FBI 4/18/63 unclass re: Rorke  
# UNK (NY.)
- FBI 12/6/61 unclass re: Rorke, Jr, Serge R. Rojas  
# 97-4623 (Wash. DC.)
- FBI 9/20/61 unclass re: Rorke, Serge R. Rojas  
# UNK (Wash. DC)
- FBI 9/12/61 unclass re: Rorke, Serge R. Rojas
- FBI 6/28/61 Secret re: Ramiro Valdez  
Menendez, # UNK, CN14.
- FBI Incomplete, 4/24/61, class UNK, Re: UNK  
# MM 2-A2

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All deleted 3rd Agency.

- FBI May 31, 1963, UNclass re: Rorke  
# UNK (Wash. DC)
- FBI 5/27/63 Secret re: Rorke  
# 97-4623 (Wash, D.C.)
- FBI 5/31/63 Unclass re: Rorke  
# UNK, (New Haven)
- FBI 5/28/63 Unclass re: Rorke  
# UNK (Boston)
- FBI 5/27/63 Unclass re: Rorke  
# 97-4623 (Jacksonville)
- FBI 5/27/63 Unclass re: Rorke  
# UNK (Washington, D.C.)
- FBI 5/24/63 Unclass  
# 97-4263 (~~Wash.~~ Boston)
- FBI- 5/24/63 Unclass re: Rorke  
# 97-4623 (~~Wash.~~ New Haven)
- FBI 5/24/63 Unclass re: Rorke  
# 97-4623 (Norfolk, VA)
- FBI 5/22/63 Unclass re: Rorke  
# 92-4623 (Cleveland, OH)
- FBI 5/16/63 Unclass re: Rorke  
# UNK
- FBI 5/14/63 no class re: UNK # UNK  
CIA Doc iden - DBA - 41502  
" File # 201-280990
- FBI 5/1/63 Unclass re: Rorke  
# UNK Boston

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- FBI 5/13/66 Unclass re: Porke  
# UNK (Albany, NY)
- FBI 5/3/63 Unclass re: Porke  
# UNK (New Haven, Conn)
- FBI 5/6/63 Unclass re: Porke  
# UNK (Wash, D.C)
- FBI 5/9/63 Unclass re: Porke.  
# UNK (New Haven)
- FBI 5/2/63 Unclass re: Porke  
# 105-724 (Oklahoma City)
- FBI 5/2/63 Unclass re: Porke.  
# UNK (Boston)
- FBI 5/3/63 Unclass re: Porke.  
# UNK (Wash, D.C.)
- FBI 5/1/63 Unclass re: Porke  
# UNK (Wash. D.C)
- FBI 5/2/63 Unclass re: Porke  
# UNK (Wash, D.C.)
- FBI 5/2/63 Unclass re: Porke  
# 2-346 (Miami)

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Deletions Vol. III

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- Dept of State (Telegram) 6/24/64  
Conf. Re: Rorke  
# 90368
- FBI 4/30/64 unclass Re: Rorke  
# UNK Miami
- FBI 1/20/64 unclass Re: Rorke  
# UNK (NY)
- FBI 3/12/64 unclass Re: Rorke  
# UNK (Miami)
- FBI 4/14/63 unclass Re: Rorke  
# UNK Miami
- US Treas. Dept 10/21/63 unclass  
Re: Comandos L. 23-1153
- US Treas Dept 10/22/63 unclass  
Re: Rorke, Sullivan # 23-1123
- FBI 6/24/63 unclass Re: Rorke  
# 97-4623 (Miami)
- FBI 7/26/63 unclass Re: Rorke  
# UNK Miami
- FBI 8/26/63 unclass Re: Rorke  
MM 2-346 Miami
- FBI 6/4/63 unclass Re: Rorke  
# UNK (Washington, DC)
- FBI 6/4/63 unclass Re: Rorke  
# 97-4623 (NY)
- FBI 6/8/63 unclass Re: Rorke  
# 97-4623 SEOR (Miami)
- FBI 10/1/59 unclass Re: For. pol. matters  
case - # UNK

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Alexander Rorke

201-280990

VOL I -

1961-1963 (April) + '75 Doc.

- 1/17/75 review of 201 file -  
most accurately ~~fit~~ categorized as "former  
witting collaborator (relationship terminated  
(signed Bender 3/4/76
- 1/29/63 047Z IN 57853 Cable  
Info - Rorke bragged he will accompany Alpha 66  
in raid on Cuba within week. Tanks in  
Havana one of targets.  
lectures in area, to be in Texas, Virginia
- Dispatch 12/4/62 UFKA-29 100-9-14  
Info Rorke & crew of 5 arrive <sup>11/25/62</sup> on Key West  
after so-called fishing & nature-taking vacation  
to Anguilla Key & Cay Sal, B.W.I.
- Rpt 11/25/62 Blind  
Indicates M/V Violin III under tow -  
Master of vessel - Rorke  
Comments: Rorke well known in Cuban  
clandestine circles. Involved in most of  
deals of Panegue, Luis Diaz Lams (sic)  
Sergio Rojas, now alleged to be working w/ State  
Dept, studying ECO in Berlin, Germany, or Israel.

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Rorke has also had some dealings w/ Fulio Lobo, who is also alleged to have given financial assistance to Fiorini in amt of \$10,000<sup>00</sup> for (after raid in Camaguey area sometime back) Rorke alleged. purchased violin III (35 ft) o/sbent August 1962.

DOB 8/19/26 NY, NY; resides 51 Chambers St, NY 7, NY. Head of U.S. Freedom fighters. PO Box 1812, Grand Central Station, NY.

Crew on board.

- ① Remegio Arce Pereda aka Coco. DPOB 6/19/19 Regla, Havana, Cuba. Navigator.
- ② Mañon Donald Cardwell DPOB 5/31/31, Bronx, Student at Harvard Law.
- ③ William Smith DPOB 6/14/37, Canton, N.H. Student at Harvard Law
- ④ Daniel Lowry DPOB 7/17/38 Lynn, Mass; Student at Harvard.
- ⑤ Nicholas Cardwell DPOB 10/18/34 NYC, NY Part-time instructor of accounting in Hartford.

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Writer believes Rorke is the "front" for so-called U.S. Freedom fighters & that there is big money behind this operation, possibly from Fulio Lobo.

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- News article 9/15/62 Shreveport Journal, Shreveport  
Bossier City, La.  
Re: flight of <sup>Frank</sup> ~~Bob~~ Swanner, Bill Johnson,  
Fiorini - US freedom fighters.

- TFW/CI - 5874 9/13/62 Secret

Cable:

Info 8/13/62 Rorke, Sturges, & Oscar  
Mestre Mascara, "were all set to do something."

Seeking boat; had aircraft

8/15/62 Rorke said he was thinking of  
bombing Soviet ship off Camaguey.

9/8/62 Rorke said he had 3 boats;  
Cuban & American crews and an aircraft  
ready for raids against Cuba. In great  
need of \$22,000 for guns and ammo  
for raid on petroleum refinery.

9/8/62 Rorke reportedly met w/ <sup>rep of</sup> Amer. For.  
power & light Co. - Considering monetary  
assistance.

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8/29/62 info - Rorke working closely with  
L. Batista Faka of MDC. Attempting to  
get assistance or support of CIA.

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- Memo CIA to FBI - Papich 9/11/62  
Re: Michael P. Malone, VP, of Czarnikow-Rionda Co, 106 Wall St, N, NY.  
(reiterated info on Rorke, Sturgis & Mestre about to do "something".) Malone thought Rorke fishing for support to Rorke's activities.
- Memo by Rorke, undated  
"Operation 'Beach Jumper'" -  
Re: raids against Cusa. Proposal for action - broadcasts off boats to Cuba, etc. <sup>to set up "Phantom Cells" of counter-revolution in Cuba</sup>
- News article 10/22/61 - "Castro Foes drop Leaflets in Cuba" -
- "Overthrowing the Red Castro Dictatorship"  
Memo by Rorke - undated 15 pgs plus 2 page pamphlet re: "Célula Fantasma." "Fidel Fracaso" -  
dropped by Rorke in raid on Camaguey.
- "Coordinators" named for use in Rorke's proposed operations: 0003703  
Sergio Rojas Santamaria - "Cuban Coordinator"  
Frank Fiorini - "Military Coordinator"  
Fiorini & Diaz Lanz 1st 2 high  
Castro offices in RAF to defect.

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~~Admiral~~

Rex. Rorke "Intelligence Coordinator."

- Memo 2/23/61 internal  
re: Contact w/Rorke by [G.M. Hunsacker]<sup>03</sup>  
Rorke said he willing to act as liaison  
betw. FRD an "Comde Evelio Dugue"  
of 2<sup>nd</sup> Frente. Thinks Dugue was name  
of personal friend.  
Assessment: believes nothing to be gained  
from further contact w/Rorke.

- Memo 2/13/61 internal  
re: Contact w/Rorke 2/12/61 by [G.  
Maurice Hunsacker]<sup>03</sup> at Rorke's request  
Rorke advised Eduardo (Reddy)  
Whitehouse 119 Salamanca, Coral Gables,  
Fla, Highland B- 2304, formerly 1st  
of Cub. Civil Aeronautics Administration,  
had group of 70 pilots avail. & ready  
for drastic action against Fidel in Cuba.  
Whitehouse alleg. knows of 6 B-26 air  
craft in good cond. After purchase  
to be flown to Norman Cay (owned by  
Peter Bethell, Bethell Liquors, Bahamas)  
Could fly sorties to Cuba!

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R. Impressed [Hunsacker]<sup>03</sup> as "young handsome

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adventurer who has combined his spirit for adventure with radio, television, & newspaper work in order to provide himself w/an interesting life. He seemed intelligent, w/ esp. mature and seasoned, and with considerable enthusiasm to put himself into positions of danger. He did not seem highly motivated by patriotism or political principles.

Memo internal 7/12/60

re contact w/ source by J. E. King <sup>03</sup> [Elmore Haring]  
"tall, slender, personable man". "somewhat garrulous". "did not appear to be a sharp operator". Supports Diaz Lanz strongly.  
"Known to impersonate ~~as~~ <sup>federal</sup> agents."

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- memo 6/19/75 secret  
Internal

Re: Rorke & Sullivan.

attached: ① letter to CIA from Cong. Ronald  
A. Sarasin, Conn., 6/11/75

② letter from Mrs. Cara Sullivan 4/15/75

Sers. C. Sullivan inquiring as to whether Rorke  
or Sullivan worked for CIA at time of  
disappearance.

Internal CIA memo indicates neither were  
ever employed by CIA, however, Army  
may have had interest in Rorke at one  
time.

- Trace 019-006-063/04 WAVE 01667  
9/11/64

poss. contact w/ Rorke by 201-750169 in  
Cuba, missing since 9/24/63 after leaving  
Broward Intl Airport in Twin Beechcraft  
6795T.

- Memo 4/1/64 NY-12804 (OO-A(S) 3,297,303)  
Re: Rorke. 0003706

Argosy asked for info re: Rorke  
rec'd reply from Floyd Park, Alamo, TX  
1/22/64 in which he reports having seen

Rorke the day after he was reported missing  
letter from Park attached

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" I am sure I saw them and a small man probably a Cuban come into Stanley Field at Belize, B.H. on about the 25<sup>th</sup> of Sept. . . . they said they were headed for Tegucigalpa

- message 1/10/64 File# 101438Z  
101315Z IN 31290

Info from Ricardo Morales Navarrette:

① 1/9/64 indicates rumor in Miami re: Comando Libre contemplating raid on Cuba.

② 1/7/64 Batista Falla on vessel accompanied by another vessel mission unk.

Comment Batista Falla recently assoc. w/Rorke.

- letter 11/26/63 from Alexander I. Rorke, Sr. to Mitchell Krauss, Radio New York World Wide <sup>Rented plane 9/24/63 at Broward</sup> re: Rorke's appearance Plane flew to Cozumel. On Sept 25, refueled and left for Panama Canal zone Request assistance

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- Message Secret 11/9/63 WAVE 7317  
Rumor. DC-3 owned by Charles E. Bush,  
Dania, Fla, departed Broward Intl  
Airport 2 Nov with Bush & 6 other  
friends Torke. To proceed to Acrida,  
Mexico trying to find significant  
records which might give them lead  
to Torke's fate. Intended to proceed  
southward on route poss. used by  
Torke.  
Mission (Nov return) totally  
unproductive  
BPHoming member of group  
expense borne by family Torke

- 10/18/63 File # 1815222 Cable Secret  
1814402 27764  
16-13 [Tegu] unable to develop any info  
re: Torke.

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- 10/1/63 Message - Secret 10/1/63  
WAVE 5226  
Geoffrey Francis Sullivan, 86 Lexington  
Ave, Waverly Conn.  
Customs investigating Torke re:  
crack down of raids on Cuba

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Orn Palmer ②  
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Max Lesnick - 201-209258

DDO - Two Volumes

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### Volume I

Deletions - sealed envelopes

- ① St. Dept. 22 June 1949, # 486, American Embassy, Havana  
Subj: Proposed Cuban National Congress for Peace & Democracy
- ② FBI - 23 Nov. 1955 - no file #, Subj: Carlos Rafael  
Rodríguez Rodríguez
- ③ FBI - 21 Sept 1961, # 105-3492 (Miami) Subj: Max  
Edgardo Lesnick Menendez  
FBI - 30 March 1961, # 105-2124 (San Antonio) Subj: Same <sup>above</sup>
- ④ FBI - 29 Jan 1965 - # 105-6243 (Miami) Subj: SF NE
- ⑤ FBI - 18 Aug 1966 - # 105-10748 (Miami) Subj: Partido de la  
Revolución (PR)
- ⑥ FBI - 25 Sept 1969, # 2-156 (Miami) Subj: Rolando Arcadio  
Masferrer Rojas  
FBI - 15 Oct 1968 - # 105-16515 (Miami) Subj: Unknown  
Subject, AKA Committee of Cubans for the defense  
of the Unity of the Isle.
- ⑦ FBI - 26 June 1973 - # 105-2856 (Miami) Subj: Orlando Rosal Avila  
FBI - 27 April 1973 - # 105-2856 (Miami) Subj: Same as above.

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On  
Palmer (2)  
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Lesnick

⑧ FBI - 27 Sept 1973, #105-20202 (Miami) Subj: Directorio  
Revolucionario (DR)

FBI - 8 Nov. 1973 - #103-20202<sup>(sic)</sup> + Subj: DR

⑨ FBI - #105-3492 (Miami) Subject: Max Lesnick

Volume I - 22 June 1949 - December 1973

⑩ Personality (201) File Request - 29 Nov. 1957

Comments: IS (Cuban Communist Youth Organization)  
Leader of Orthodox Ortodoxo party.

⑪ Jan 28, 1952 Memo to: The Ambassador from: E.T. O'Brien  
Subj: Dr. Portell Vila warns Embassy that Ortodoxo  
left-wingers are trying to bring Communists into the  
party.

Portell says Lesnick & others trying to get communists  
to join Ortodoxo party - specifically Salvador Garcia  
Aguero whom they are encouraging to run for  
Senator

⑫ Request for Security Information: 10/4/57

Max Lesnick y Manendez - DOB Sept 8, 1960,

Mueltas, Las Villas, Cuba.

Reason for request: Visa - Security Case. Urgent: To  
attend inter-American press association, 10/12/57  
Washington, D.C. via New York.

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Dr  
Palmer 8/2/58 (4)

Leinick

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(4) Copy - [ODACID] Cable WIRO M 200, 2 Oct 1957.

Subject is Max Leinick - President of Juventud Ortodoxa & Orthodoxo party leader in opposition to Batista. Currently in hiding from police. Referred to as a Communist sympathizer. Security checks show no indications of collaboration with Communists.

(5) 3 Jan. 1959 Cable to Director from Havana W. 43772  
DA. Source Max Leinick

On 2 Jan about 2,000 SFNE troops under Major Gutierrez Menayo & Armando Aleites arrived in Havana. Headquarters in charge of Max Leinick, Chief SFNE Rear Guard. Troops well armed, uniformed & disciplined. Number of troops not confirmed - about 100 seen at Hdqtrs. SFNE attempting to counterbalance 26 of July monopoly power.



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Posada 1

1 2/21/63  
 Chief of Contact Service requests FBI approval to contact Posada  
 urgent request - deadline 2/26/63 - to be interrogated under "Cuban Refugee Program. (Brigade 25/20) reply directed to Mrs. Virginia Thorne  
 indices check NR.

2 8/9/63 - clearance for interrogation granted.

3 4/5/65  
 project JMATE  
 201-300985  
 name ck / knives request for use as a "training instructor"

4 4/1/65 PRQ Part I.  
 occ.: auto body repairman  
 750 N.W. 15th Street

5 4/6/65 search  
 A 319 235 TYPE O.

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Posada 2.

6. Attachment to PRO I

63-64 { received training in  
Santamala for invasion  
- Chief 2nd Platoon, Co. B,  
15th Battalion, 29th Inf.,  
Brigade 197.

63-64 { Chief, weapons platoon  
67-68 { Chief Instructor JURE  
Camps for 3 months  
EXPERIENCE: explosives,  
maps, metascopes,  
Boston Whalers.

7. PRO Part I.

64 Mexico 2/25/61 polit. asylum  
in Argentine Embassy.

64 2/28/61 arrives U.S.

64 4/61 - Santamala

64-65 64-65 - Santo Domingo

63-64 Military Service from 63 to 64.  
9/64 working for Pan Am  
Exterminating Co.

275 SW 6th St, Miami

3/63-3/64 U.S. Army.

64 10/61-10/63 - Firestone Rubber,  
Akron, Ohio.

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divorced Maria Concepcion  
CASTANEDA Napoles on 6/23/63  
in Chicago

POOB 1931, Cardenas, Matanzas  
Cuba.

married 1955-

address 6540 Beville St, Apt. C  
Huntington Park, Ca.

close associate: Jorge MAS  
CANOSA.

8. name ck.

9. " "

10. 4/19/65 Bio-Data.

11+12 4/15/65 name ck.

positive results from  
FBI, ONI, ACSTI, I+N.

AGO.

Army COS Intell.

ADJUTANT GENERALS OFFICE.

13. Personal Secur. dno Release

14. Cancellation of files 8/16/67.  
Secur. inves. complete.

Pos. 7

39 letter re SSC request

40. 1/26/77 memo says  
FBI has info that he  
was involved in a plot  
65 to kill Fidel in 1965.

41 4/8/77 memo + attach.  
[CIA agents in Venezuela]  
24

42 1/5/78 memo -  
combined 2 covert  
volumes @ one overt.  
2 leftover file holders  
destroyed "but no  
documents from the  
files were destroyed"

43. envelope:  
Pers. Sec. info  
1965 background & invs.  
1968 FBI ck.  
1972 ACSI report

44. envelope:  
polygraphs from:  
11/27/71, 6/7/68, 4/22/66,  
4/15/65, 6/29/73.

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Pos 4

15 2/2/68 NAME CK req. assigned Venezuela  
as a [penetration agent]<sup>24</sup>  
"sign. info. in CI/OA."

16. BIO update.

65 → assigned 3/26/65 as  
67 training instructor JMWAVE  
used as informant, JMWAVE,  
until 7/11/67.

"contacts: Miami, "Lefty"  
Rosenthal, well known  
gangster"

current occ: DIGEPOL  
employee, Minis. of  
Interior, Caracas.

17. computer printout

18. BIO.

19. 2/12/68 Sec Inves. Pending

20. PRQ I.

②64 64 - was in Domin. Rep. for  
JURE - "eriles affaire"

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POS 5

~~60~~ Frente Revolucionario Jose A.

6/26/65 Echevarria - 1960 in Cuba

⑤ 6/3-64 1963-1964 JURE

67 1967 - "Rece" Cuban Representation in Exile.

\* special skills: "Hunting (good shot)"

Friend: Augusto Val Des  
" Micanda

21 Names ck.

2/19/72 - Assignment  
Venezuela [as informant].  
24

22 request search for FBI files

33. 1/21/72 BIO DATA.

\* AKAS: Luis Clemente Carriles  
Bambi Posada ""  
Bambi ""  
Julian Posada ""  
Julian ""

\* references: Carlos <sup>90</sup>Torro,  
395 E. Tallmadge, Akron  
Antonio Garcia, 3604 SW  
26th Terr. Miami  
Segundo Ortes, 685 Carnegie  
Ave, Akron  
Dick Patterson, FBI, Akron

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Pos. 6.

Roberto Isaloso - Cuban

\* 35 # 265-72-1343

US Army # C-2312445

34 PRQ Part I (1972)

photo attached  
working for VEN. police  
MRI

signed by "Edgar B.

MARTEGANI

list of travel up to '71  
- does not include Chile.

35. 4/5/72

\* Army records

Dossier 265-72-1343

application for Army

66. reserve - approved in '66

36. name ck.

37. All "Alien Affairs"

material removed 1/31/75

by Mr. Frederick F Bucci  
would now be in DPO.

38. letter from Senate Select.  
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Pos 8  
45. ENV. FBI report 12/17/64  
Anti-Tidel Castro Act.  
109-584.

46. ENV. FBI Reports.

47. ENV - Nat. Agency chks  
1963.

PRQ Part II should be in DDO.  
End.

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