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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Monday, May 10, 1976

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United States Senate  
 Select Committee to Study Governmental  
 Operations with Respect to  
 Intelligence Activities  
 Washington, D. C.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:15 o'clock  
 p.m. in Room 608, the Carroll Arms Hotel, the Honorable  
 Richard S. Schweiker presiding.

Present: Senator Schweiker (presiding).

Also present: Jim Johnston and Michael Epstein,  
 Professional Staff Members.

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Senator Schweiker. Colonel, in accordance with tradition, we swear all our witnesses, so will you stand and raise your right hand, please?

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Hubbard. I do.

Senator Schweiker. Be seated.

Mr. Johnston. Would you state your full name and address for the record, please?



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1 TESTIMONY OF MILFORD PAUL HUBBARD

2 Mr. Hubbard. Milford Paul Hubbard, Rural Route 1,  
3 Liberty, Indiana. The ZIP on that is 47353.

4 Mr. Johnston. And you retired from the Army as a  
5 Lieutenant Colonel, is that right?

6 Mr. Hubbard. Right.

7 Mr. Johnston. With military intelligence?

8 Mr. Hubbard. Military intelligence.

9 Mr. Johnston. How long had you served in the Army?

10 Mr. Hubbard. At the time of my retirement I had 22 years,  
11 six months, 15 days, something like that.

12 Mr. Johnston. And when did you retire?

13 Mr. Hubbard. 31 March 1973.

14 Mr. Johnston. What branch were you in in the Army?

15 Mr. Hubbard. Military Intelligence at the time of my  
16 retirement.

17 Mr. Johnston. Were you connected with operations  
18 directed at Cuba for Army intelligence?

19 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

20 Mr. Johnston. And would you briefly describe the time  
21 period you were involved with those operations and the purpose  
22 of the operations?

23 Mr. Hubbard. All right. This is fairly approximate.  
24 August of 1962 to December of 1963, I was a member of the  
25 Puerto Rico station, a subordinate element of Detachment A

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1 out of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence at  
2 Department of the Army. I had three target countries, the  
3 Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba.

4 Senator Schweiker. That Detachment 8 --  
5 Mr. Hubbard. That's A for Alpha.

6 Senator Schweiker. What does that mean, the three  
7 countries?

8 Mr. Hubbard. We were broken down into teams. That was my  
9 geographic area of responsibility.

10 Senator Schweiker. Detachment A meant those three  
11 countries?

12 Mr. Hubbard. No. Detachment A had a worldwide mission,  
13 very small, very select group at that time, working directly  
14 for the Chief of Staff, the Assistant Chief of Staff for  
15 Intelligence.

16 Senator Schweiker. Of which, Army?

17 Mr. Hubbard. Of Army, yes, sir.

18 Senator Schweiker. Do you know offhand, did this ultimately  
19 go up the chain of command to a Lansdale in Operation MONGOOSE  
20 above you, now? I realize we are going above your staff.

21 Mr. Hubbard. I understand General Lansdale was briefed  
22 on some of my material. I personally never briefed the  
23 General. I am sure that someone out of the Pentagon, Detachment  
24 A or the ACSI staff passed this information on. I was told  
25 informally General Lansdale had seen some of the reports.

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Senator Schweiker. Was it all primarily Army?

Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

Senator Schweiker. Everything there was Army intelligence.

Mr. Hubbard. (Nods in the affirmative.) Subsequently the Miami station received Coast Guard small boat handlers, but it was an Army effort. They were just sent in for support.

Senator Schweiker. And what was Detachment A worldwide mission?

Mr. Hubbard. Sir, I don't know. It was strictly compartmented.

Senator Schweiker. Okay.

Mr. Johnston. What was your mission from the Puerto Rican station?

Mr. Hubbard. Insofar as Cuba, we responded to requirements. We never unilaterally initiated an operation. We responded to requirements. My first involvement with the Cubans was in response to a requirement that picked up intelligence rumors about a frogman operation against a Soviet sugar ship in Sago La Grande Harbor, Cuba, and which there was something unusual about this ship. This was immediately following the British commander, Crabb, as I recall it, being -- his body being found a few days after attempting to investigate a Soviet ship in London. His body was found in shreds.

I received this requirement and through the spotters I

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1 had recruited previously, established contact with the Cuban  
2 guerilla group which was known as the Second Front of the  
3 Escambray, through a period of several weeks and, you know, the  
4 dark meetings and whatever.

5 I was directed to meet one of the leaders of the Second  
6 Front in Miami. We went to a Cuban safe house. There I was  
7 introduced to a leader, Luis Guitierrez Menoyo. After some  
8 seven hours of discussion, he agreed to let me interview this  
9 frogman, but I had to agree to go by boat, blindfolded. At  
10 that time I was not permitted to leave and go back and call them  
11 and get permission. I had to make a decision whether to  
12 go or no go. So I did. I agreed. I was blindfolded. We  
13 made a black entry out of Miami, past Immigration and Customs.  
14 They kept me below deck so I couldn't see the compass.

15 We ended up on a small Island that I determined was  
16 right off of Andros Island. They had a small base camp in  
17 a former Portuguese sponge fisher village. The only thing  
18 left was the concrete tanks and roof. They used the roof to  
19 provide cover from aerial surveillance.

20 I interviewed the frogman, got the story, came back  
21 some ten days, 12 days later, as I recall. The Washington  
22 community was flapping, where is Hubbard, at this point. The  
23 report was favorably received, as I recall, and I was directed  
24 to maintain contact.

25 This Guitierrez Menoyo never spoke English in my presence.

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1 I very definitely had the feeling he could speak English. I  
2 also had a feeling he was not a man to be trusted. However, he  
3 had a second in command, and I'm not sure of the name now --  
4 I was trying to think of it -- Hueget. Ralph was his first  
5 name. He was allegedly a graduate of Georgia Tech architect-  
6 tural school, a very sharp young man, and I dealt primarily  
7 with him because of the language barrier.

8 I was sent to Puerto Rico station because of French, to  
9 work Haiti, and between French, arm and hand signals, and  
10 English, I could communicate with Cubans.

11 But working with Hueget, they wanted us to support them,  
12 us being the United States intelligence community.

13 I should regress. Although I was operating under a  
14 pseudonym, I very definitely let them know that I was military  
15 as opposed to CIA because CIA had had the flap on the Bay of  
16 Pigs. Menoyo had had many of the people the CIA had trained  
17 in the parachute school out on the Bay of Pigs thing, and they  
18 were very bitter, quite bitter. So I let them know that I  
19 was military support. Well, through negotiations, with approval  
20 at the Washington level, we agreed to supply them small  
21 arms, ammunition, rations and medical supplies in exchange for  
22 permitting me to organize an intelligence net within their  
23 unit, to send agents into Cuba to develop a net within Cuba.

24 This was progressing quite well. I had picked this  
25 Hueget as the team chief, to be the resident agent in Cuba,

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trained him, received word that there were six boxcar loads of supplies en route from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to Miami. I advised the Second Front of this. Everyone received the news quite welcome. In approximately two weeks I got the word that no, we would no longer support them, to advise them, and then I was placed in the awkward situation of saying I told them we cannot support them, but maintain our good relations.

As a sad note, the night that I advised them of it, one of the Cubans became a little excited and pulled a knife and proceeded to rip up a beautiful new sportcoat I had.

Senator Schweiker. Did you get reimbursed for that?

Mr. Hubbard. No, sir. I filed a voucher, and never heard about it.

I maintained this contact at a much lower profile. They would have nothing really to do with us since we would not support them.

Came up, and again, gentlemen, I do not know the time frame, President Kennedy decided that not only would we not support them, but he wanted them stopped, and physically stopped, because I had made two trips out there was the base camp, and the smaller islands off the coast of Cuba where we had established caches and supplies.

I drew a map and I don't know whether it was our Navy or the British Navy -- the British were involved to some degree --

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1 went out and actually picked up the people, the equipment,  
2 supplies, and carted them off. That is when my situation --  
3 well, I was burned, to use an intelligence term.

4 They evacuated my family out of Puerto Rico and I was  
5 evacuated out. I think it was either late November or early  
6 December of '63. I had this one subsequent contact in approxi-  
7 mately January or February of '64 when I was directed to go  
8 to Miami to turn over Huoget to a member of the Miami  
9 team and make a personal introduction.

10 Senator Schweiker. And who was that contact with, the new  
11 man?

12 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir, and sir, I am not sure, but I  
13 think I turned him over to a Captain Stein, David E. Stein.

14 Senator Schweiker. Did you have dealings with other  
15 groups than the Second Front of Escambray?

16 Mr. Hubbard. Not of any significance, sir. That was  
17 primarily my unit. I met the leader of Alpha 66 on a one  
18 time, personal introduction basis, Veciana. I had no dealing  
19 with Alpha 66. There was a conflict between the Second Front  
20 of the Escambray and the Alpha 66. They were both recruiting  
21 men, support and money, and there was a rivalry between the  
22 two, each accusing the other of being pro-Castro, but misleading  
23 the American public.

24 Senator Schweiker. Well, you were financing in some way  
25 the Second Front of the Escambray, in other words, paying them

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for information?

Mr. Hubbard. No, sir, I think we got off quite easily, the periodic wine and dine, take them out to dinner, pick up the tab.

Senator Schweiker. That was it?

Mr. Hubbard. That was about it.

Senator Schweiker. Well, who was doing a similar thing to Alpha 66?

Mr. Hubbard. As I recall, Alpha 66 was the bailiwick of CIA, but they let Army nibble on the edges at the Miami station. I think Miami had received words of hands off of Alpha 66. Now, I may be mistaken.

Senator Schweiker. They said it was an Army operation.

Mr. Hubbard. Well, if that is the case, it would go into the Miami station, and that was commanded by Duke Watlington, Junius, J-u-n-i-u-s, Watlington, W-a-t-l-i-n-g-t-o-n.

Senator Schweiker. What was his position at that time?

Mr. Hubbard. He was the station chief, Miami station chief for Army.

Senator Schweiker. If it wasn't the CIA, as you thought it might have been, why do you think it was the CIA station that might have had Alpha 66?

Mr. Hubbard. Well, it would have fallen under his jurisdiction, geographic responsibility, sir.

Senator Schweiker. Well, I thought, as I understand you,

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1 you covered three countries, Dominican Republic, Haiti, and  
2 Cuba.

3 Mr. Hubbard. Well, we often had dual coverage of  
4 a country.

5 Senator Schweiker. Do you remember a person who might have  
6 used the cryptonym Bishop? that might have had some dealings  
7 with Alpha 66 or Veciana, Morris Bishop?

8 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir. Most of us at that time, for  
9 security reasons, we knew each other in pseudoname. Very  
10 few of us knew each others' true name. But we had a man whose  
11 true name was Bishop, but that was subsequent, I am reasonably  
12 sure.

13 Senator Schweiker. He was an intelligence officer, you mean?

14 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

15 Senator Schweiker. What department did he work in?

16 Mr. Hubbard. Sir, I don't know. He was not a member  
17 of Detachment A, as I recall.

18 Senator Schweiker. Did he work out of Puerto Rico station?

19 Mr. Hubbard. No.

20 Senator Schweiker. Where might he have worked out of?

21 Mr. Hubbard. He might have worked out of Panama. As  
22 I recall Bishop, his name was Lynn, L-y-n-n, Major or Lieutenant  
23 Colonel Bishop. But I think he was on the intelligence staff  
24 in Panama.

25 Senator Schweiker. For the ARmy?

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1 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

2 Senator Schweiker. Do you recall what he looked like?

3 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir. He later served under me in  
4 Vietnam.

5 Senator Schweiker. He did later serve with you in Vietnam.  
6 Do you recall did he look anything like that?

7 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir, he was bald.

8 Senator Schweiker. Okay.

9 Does that ring a bell with you on any peripheral contacts  
10 you might have made during this period of time with anybody,  
11 possibly somebody in the arms business supplying arms to the  
12 exiles?

13 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir, but you mentioned arms. We had  
14 Castro's former Ambassador to London and Castro's first  
15 Minister of Finance that was my source, Burns, William Burns,  
16 carried dual citizenship, British and Cuban. He was Fabrique  
17 Nationale's arms representative in Latin and South America.

18 Senator Schweiker. They were out of Belgium, were they?

19 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir, Fabrique Nationale.

20 Senator Schweiker. Does he look anything like that?

21 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir. But periodically I know that I  
22 was going to use the cover on a trip into Haiti to interview  
23 or gain access to Duvalier, of traveling with Burns as his  
24 weapons demonstrator. Burns, periodically on his weapons sel...  
25 trips would take someone who was proficient in the weapon

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1 that he was pushing at the time; with some changes, this could  
2 be Owen Darnell. He was a beached captain representing Lykes  
3 Steamship Line, Puerto Rico.

4 Senator Schweiker. Lykes?

5 Darnell, D-a-r-n-e-l-l, a beached captain?

6 Mr. Hubbard. He was a bona fide ship's captain, but he  
7 was on the beach.

8 Mr. Epstein. Was he working for you, Darnell?

9 Mr. Hubbard. He was a source of mine. As I recall, he  
10 was born in 1908 in Colorado. He was married to a Cuban  
11 woman. I think perhaps because of health reasons, Lykes  
12 Steamship line took him from the ocean-going vessels, and made  
13 him their Puerto Rican chief. He was in charge of Lykes  
14 Steamship.

15 Senator Schweiker. How do you spell that?

16 Mr. Hubbard. Lykes, L-y-k-e-s. It is a large steamship  
17 line here in the United States.

18 Senator Schweiker. You're saying it is similar. You are  
19 not saying it is the same person.

20 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir. The jaw is too square, but  
21 across the eyes, yes, sir. I am not saying that it is, but  
22 that is the only one that I can come up with.

23 Senator Schweiker. What was his role again at the time  
24 that you met him? In other words, what was he doing there?

25 Mr. Hubbard. He was spotting and assessing for me.



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1 Senator Schweiker: So he did work with you.

2 Mr. Hubbard: Yes, sir. It was through him that I gained  
3 access to the Second Front.

4 Senator Schweiker: Might he have had some dealings with  
5 Alpha 66 or Veciana?

6 Mr. Hubbard: Sir, he very possibly did. When Veciana  
7 would come to Puerto Rico, he would definitely contact Darnell.  
8 I think that he stayed at Darnell's on occasion. That I cannot  
9 say for sure, but my belief is he did.

10 Senator Schweiker: Is he -- do you know where he is  
11 located now?

12 Mr. Hubbard: No, sir. The last I know he was in Puerto  
13 Rico, San Juan.

14 Mr. Epstein: Is there any other name he went under?

15 Mr. Hubbard: No, sir.

16 Mr. Epstein: Was there a code name that he used?

17 Mr. Hubbard: No. We did not assign pseudonyms for  
18 spotters. There was no requirement. They were not operational.

19 Senator Schweiker: Tell me what you mean by a spotter.

20 Mr. Hubbard: All right, sir.

21 The operational cycle, the people in the field get a  
22 requirement that has been generated at the national level, they  
23 want to know something about a country. It gets down to the  
24 field. Now, we take it and say, all right, who has got access,  
25 who can get it. Well, most of us have spotters. We have

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1 recruited them because of their involvement in community  
2 activities, in a specific group, Darnell because he was very  
3 pro-American, very anti-Castro, quite vocal on it, in Puerto  
4 Rico because he had a Cuban wife. I broached him cold and  
5 said, hey, look, I represent U.S. intelligence. With your  
6 connections I might have occasion to call on you, you know,  
7 he signed a secrecy agreement, the whole works, and was quite  
8 proud of his periphery involvement.

9 And he was the one that put me in contact with the Second  
10 Front, and said, hey, I have heard some rumors about a frogman  
11 action where the man was sucked up into the belly of the ship.  
12 So he is the one that put me in contact with the Second  
13 Front.

14 Senator Schweiker. And he would have had contact occasion-  
15 ally with Veciana, or he might have.

16 Mr. Hubbard. He might have.

17 Senator Schweiker. :You are not saying he did.

18 Mr. Hubbard. No.

19 Senator Schweiker. How about in terms of people you  
20 worked with in your operation?

21 Would Bill Pauley have played any role, William Pauley,  
22 former ambassador?

23 Mr. Hubbard. No.

24 Senator Schweiker. And a sugar owner from Havana who was  
25 in Miami?

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1 Mr. Hubbard. Not in my role, no.

2 Senator Schweiker. What about Julio Lobo, L-o-b-o?

3 Mr. Hubbard. I heard the name mentioned around the  
4 Miami station.

5 Senator Schweiker. But not dealings directly.

6 Mr. Hubbard. I personally had no contact.

7 S Senator Schweiker. And a Robert Brown, who I believe was  
8 working with Intelligence, might have been Army Intelligence  
9 at that time.

10 Mr. Hubbard. No. If it is his true name, I possibly did  
11 not know him.

12 Senator Schweiker. Now, there was a Samuel Kail,  
13 K-a-i-l, who I believe was an Army attache.

14 Mr. Hubbard. Havana.

15 Senator Schweiker. What can you tell us about him?

16 Mr. Hubbard. Very little. I met the man once. He was  
17 coming out when I was coming in. He had a reputation of being  
18 a real wheeler-dealer, got a lot of things accomplished, but  
19 I personally never served with him, for him, or no subsequent  
20 meeting.

21 Senator Schweiker. In terms of setting up contacts,  
22 might he have set up some contacts, say, with Alpha 66 before  
23 you arrived in August of '62?

24 Mr. Hubbard. Sir, if he was in my role, he had an obligation  
25 to organize a stay-behind net, and he very possibly did.

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Senator Schweiker. Excuse me a minute.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. Hubbard. You have a man working in the Department of Justice who was Kail's assistant at that time.

Mr. Epstein. Who was that?

Mr. Hubbard. Ralph Gowan, G-o-w-a-n.

Senator Schweiker. And his first name?

Mr. Hubbard. Ralph.

Mr. Epstein. What did he do at the Department of Justice?

Mr. Hubbard. I think he is in Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

Senator Schweiker. He was assistant to Kail?

Mr. Hubbard. He was a sergeant, but he was his right hand man.

Senator Schweiker. In?

Mr. Hubbard. In Havana.

Senator Schweiker. At the embassy.

So he was his right arm you say?

Mr. Hubbard. He was a stabilizing influence on the Colonel as I understand it.

Senator Schweiker. What kind of -- would Colonel Kail in his duties at the Havana desk or assignment there have been somewhat similar to the kinds of things you were doing?

Mr. Hubbard. Sir, I don't know. I have never been involved

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in the attache system.

Senator Schweiker. Would part of their job be to feed ---  
Mr. Hubbard. They would spot.

Senator Schweiker. For you folks?

Mr. Hubbard. And I am sure he knew, the handwriting  
was on the wall there, at that time, prior to Castro's takeover,  
and I imagine he was quite busy attempting to organize a  
stay-behind net, or at least spot people who could later be  
contacted.

Senator Schweiker. Did you ever hear of a Cuban intelli-  
gence agent by the name of Raul Diaz, D-i-a-z?

Mr. Hubbard. Sir, that is a fairly common combination.

Senator Schweiker. It doesn't ring any particular  
bells as far as any activities or work you had?

Mr. Hubbard. Sir, I heard that there was one by that  
name in the Second Front that was allegedly a double agent of  
Castro's .

Senator Schweiker. In any of your work that you were  
carrying on at that time, had you ever directly or indirectly  
come in contact with Lee Harvey Oswald to your knowledge, prior  
to the assassination, in any way?

Mr. Hubbard. No.

Senator Schweiker. Did you ever hear any of your Cuban  
friends talk of any contact they might have had with Lee  
Harvey Oswald, or sources?

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1 Mr. Hubbard. The Miami community was swarming with all  
2 kinds of characters in those days. So yes, there was Americans  
3 in contact, some of them willing to join up, and the soldier  
4 of fortune, anti-Communists. There were any number of Americans  
5 down there attempting to join these groups. No, so far as  
6 the name, no..

7 Senator Schweiker. If the photograph there is of Mr.  
8 Darnell -- I'm not saying it is, but if it is, would the  
9 kind of contacts Darnell had be more with you than with the  
10 station chief, Watlington, in Miami?

11 Mr. Hubbard. As far as I know, he would have no  
12 contact with Watlington, since he was in Puerto Rico.

13 Senator Schweiker. I see. He was stationed out of --  
14 where was he living at the time?

15 Mr. Hubbard. In San Juan.

16 Senator Schweiker. Okay. So he primarily would have been  
17 under your jurisdiction at that time.

18 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir.

19 Senator Schweiker. In fact, you recruited him initially.

20 Mr. Hubbard. (Nods in the affirmative.)

21 Senator Schweiker. Did he speak Spanish?

22 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, fluently.

23 Mr. Epstein. Do we have the name of this company on the  
24 record?

25 Senator Schweiker. Yes, Lykes Steamship Line, and they

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1 were operating out of where?

2 Mr. Hubbard. Out of Texas, Galveston, I think, Galveston  
3 or Houston. It is a large steamship line.

4 Senator Schweiker. What about his political -- not his  
5 political philosophy but his general outlook?

6 Mr. Hubbard. Quite pro-American, very American, very proud  
7 of it. He insisted on flying the flag off the balcony every  
8 day on the company grounds. He had four or five flagpoles.  
9 As I recall, he was declared essential as a ship's captain  
10 during World War II, even though he had a Naval commission, and  
11 he missed the war and he felt bad about it, even though he  
12 made the Murmansk run and things like that.

13 Senator Schweiker. Well, he was out of the Navy.

14 Mr. Hubbard. He never served. He held a commission but  
15 he never served.

16 Senator Schweiker. When you said a beach captain, I  
17 used to be in the Navy, and I forget what that means.

18 Mr. Hubbard. Well, he was no longer on a vessel. He was  
19 onshore.

20 Senator Schweiker. But he had never had an active duty  
21 assignment.

22 Mr. Hubbard. Not to my knowledge.

23 Senator Schweiker. He had a Reserve commission.

24 Mr. Hubbard. As I understand it, he held a Reserve  
25 Commission.

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1 Senator Schweiker. Do you know how he felt about President  
2 Kennedy at the time, what his feelings were?

3 Mr. Hubbard. Well, because of his close involvement with  
4 the Cuban situation, he was quite disappointed when the United  
5 States policy would not support the guerilla movements anymore,  
6 and especially when they had to police them up out of the  
7 Caribbean. I was burned on. He thought we were definitely on  
8 the wrong track.

9 Mr. Epstein. How were you burned on that? How were  
10 you personally burned on that?

11 Mr. Hubbard. Because I was the only American who had been  
12 to all of the base camps, and it had to come from me.

13 Mr. Epstein. So you were the guy that was giving the  
14 message.

15 Mr. Hubbard. I was the guy that drew the map for  
16 President Kennedy, Colonel Boydt, and I believe Mr. McCone  
17 briefed President Kennedy, or General Fitch, as I recall, with  
18 the ACSI, and they took my map in and President Kennedy was  
19 quite happy. Mr. McCone, I believe it was Mr. McCone con-  
20 gratulated the Army ACSI, said he wished it had been one of  
21 his men as opposed to Army that had that degree of involvement.

22 Mr. Epstein. I don't understand the map.

23 Mr. Hubbard. I drew the map of all of the base camps for  
24 the Second Front of the Escambray. That's the way the British  
25 Navy knew exactly where to go and pick up these people and

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destroy the base camps and the equipment.

Mr. Johnston. What month of '63 was this?

Mr. Hubbard. I have been searching --

Mr. Johnston. Summer, early fall?

Mr. Hubbard. As I recall, I returned to Puerto Rico from a trip. I returned on Thanksgiving day of 1963. That is when I knew it and so did all of the people around me that I was burned and had to get out of there.

Mr. Epstein. Excuse my ignorance on this, but what I understand you are saying is that some point a requirement was levied on you to draw a map of where all the base camps were that the Cuban exiles were operating out of.

Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

Mr. Epstein. That your understanding is that that map was supplied to the British?

Mr. Hubbard. It had to be because they knew exactly where to go from the Bahamas.

Mr. Epstein. And that thereafter the British, upon the request of the American government, destroyed all the base camps?

Mr. Hubbard. The British were involved. I don't know if the United States Navy or Coast Guard was involved. I was in the process of evacuating my family and keeping them hidden.

Mr. Epstein. And that happened in November of '63?

Mr. Hubbard. November or early December of '63.

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1 Mr. Epstein. Can you relate it in time to whether it was  
2 prior or subsequent to the President's assassination?

3 Mr. Hubbard. No.

4 Mr. Epstein. You say you left Puerto Rico on Thanksgiving  
5 eve?

6 Mr. Hubbard. No, I returned to Puerto Rico on Thanksgiving  
7 eve.

8 Mr. Epstein. From?

9 Mr. Hubbard. From making one of these tours with the  
10 Second Front out to their base camps. I spent a week or ten  
11 days out on that trip. I was the only one they had ever  
12 taken out.

13 Mr. Epstein. This was after the base camps have been  
14 destroyed?

15 Mr. Hubbard. No.

16 Mr. Epstein. This was before.

17 Mr. Hubbard. When I came back, the word was down that  
18 President Kennedy had decided not only would they not support  
19 them, he wanted the means destroyed from which they were  
20 mounting these raids.

21 Mr. Epstein. From where did you hear that? How did you  
22 learn that?

23 Mr. Hubbard. Well, that was -- everything we got,  
24 operational, come by teletype out of ACSI, so I was given a  
25 requirement, draw a map.

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1 Senator Schweiker. How many base camps were there, roughly?

2 Mr. Hubbard. The major base camp, it is a small island  
3 off of Andros on the west side that was the main camp. Then  
4 there were six subordinate, were not manned, but they had  
5 supplies and caches set up on the northern coast of Cuba.

6 Senator Schweiker. Then did our Navy destroy them? I  
7 missed part of that.

8 Mr. Hubbard. As I recall, our Navy did not. I think the  
9 United States requested the British because it was in the  
10 Bahamian area, the British Navy responsibility.

11 Senator Schweiker. Now, you presented a map, and what did  
12 McCone say? I missed that part.

13 Mr. Hubbard. Mr. McCone turned to -- I believe General  
14 Fitch was the Army ACSI. He turned to him and congratulated  
15 him on this and said that I wish that one of my men had  
16 produced this instead of the Army.

17 Senator Schweiker. For having this kind of a map kind of  
18 thing?

19 Mr. Hubbard. For having the degree of contact and estab-  
20 lishing the confidence where they would take me. Evidently his  
21 people had not received that degree of rapport after the Bay of  
22 Pigs.

23 Senator Schweiker. And you're not sure when that meeting  
24 with McCone occurred, roughly?

25 Mr. Hubbard. Well, it was in President Kennedy's office,

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1 so it was in the late fall of '63.

2 Senator Schweiker. So obviously September or October of  
3 '63 it had to be.

4 Mr. Hubbard. Well, seasons have no meanings to me in  
5 Puerto Rico. I am lost without my seasons.

6 Senator Schweiker. But you would say late fall of '63.

7 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir, I'd say later fall of '63.

8 Senator Schweiker. You were in the President's office?

9 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir, I was advised of this subsequent  
10 to the meeting.

11 Senator Schweiker. And who was there again, General Fitch?

12 Mr. Hubbard. General Fitch. Well, now, gentlemen, this  
13 has been several years, but I believe it was General Fitch,  
14 the Army ACSI, Colonel Boydt, the Commander of Detachment A,  
15 and Mr. McCone, and I was told that President Kennedy and the  
16 Attorney General Kennedy were present, the only two present  
17 when this was briefed to the President, yes, we did have our  
18 map showing these locations.

19 Senator Schweiker. And then they acted on that, and  
20 you're not sure exactly when that came off, but as I recall  
21 there was a frame, and they were raiding Cuban camps in this  
22 country.

23 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir, and also off the coast of Mexico.

24 Senator Schweiker. Wouldn't a person like Darnell have  
25 been very upset about something like that I think?

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Mr. Hubbard. Oh, he was, he was upset.

Senator Schweiker. Well, I guess the Cubans would be.

Mr. Hubbard. Well, a lot of Americans that had Cuban ties were.

Mr. Epstein. Who told you about the meeting?

Mr. Hubbard. About what meeting?

Mr. Epstein. In the President's office.

Mr. Hubbard. It would have come through Detachment A. I don't know whether Colonel Boyd told me, actually. I think I received a teletype saying congratulations. President happy. Or something like that.

Mr. Epstein. AND then you left, or had to.

Mr. Hubbard. I was, as I say, burned. They gave me a staff job back at Fort Hollabird for a year to cool off.

Mr. Epstein. Have you had any contact with any of the people you dealt with down there since leaving?

Mr. Hubbard. Well, on the American side, yes, in the intelligence community.

Mr. Epstein. But none of the Cubans.

Mr. Hubbard. None of the Cubans, no.

Mr. Johnston. Does William Burns look at all like this picture?

Mr. Hubbard. No.

Mr. Johnston. Are these men tall?

Mr. Hubbard. Darnell is.



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Mr. Johnston. How tall is he?

Mr. Hubbard. Darnell and I were approximately the same height and build.

Senator Schweiker. Your height is about what?

Mr. Hubbard. About 6'1".

Mr. Johnston. Was Darnell, would you describe him as athletic looking?

Mr. Hubbard. On the lean side, yes.

Mr. Johnston. How about Burns?

Mr. Hubbard. No. He was approximately 5'10", 180, 190 pounds, British father, Cuban mother, the better features of both. He is a very handsome man, well educated, was educated in England. As I say, I do not recall what position he held first. He was Castro's Minister of Finance, and he was also his ambassador to London, but I do not know what sequence.

Senator Schweiker. But he doesn't look anything like that.

Mr. Hubbard. No, sir.

Mr. Johnston. Did Darnell have access to Cuba before the shutdown in 1961?

Mr. Hubbard. Yes. He represented Lykes in Cuba. They moved their base of operations from Cuba to Puerto Rico when Castro took over.

Mr. Johnston. To your knowledge, did SNFE or Alpha



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1 66 have chapters around the United States?

2 Mr. Hubbard. Yes. Alpha 66 had a large chapter in  
3 Chicago. They were getting a lot of support from the Chicago  
4 area, according to them.

5 Senator Schweiker. Did they have one, do you recollect,  
6 in Dallas?

7 Mr. Hubbard. I have not heard of it, sir, or if I  
8 did --

9 Senator Schweiker. And you said you are not sure or you  
10 don't know where Mr. Darnell is now, but at the time you worked  
11 with him he was in Puerto Rico.

12 Mr. Hubbard. San Juan.

13 Senator Schweiker. The steamship company he worked for  
14 was headquartered either in Galveston or Houston.

15 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

16 Senator Schweiker. In the course of -- when Darnell worked  
17 for you, was he on some kind of salary or retainer?

18 Mr. Hubbard. No, no.

19 Senator Schweiker. A volunteer?

20 Mr. Hubbard. Take him out to dinner once in a while, buy  
21 him a drink.

22 Senator Schweiker. That was it?

23 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

24 Senator Schweiker. So he wouldn't have been passing on  
25 money to anybody in your behalf.

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1 Mr. Hubbard. No. There were no funds that transferred,  
2 to the best of my knowledge, from the Puerto Rico station.

3 Senator Schweiker. Is it possible that at some later  
4 point in time that Darnell might have been working for one  
5 of the other agencies?

6 Mr. Hubbard. Possibly. You see, we closed up the Puerto  
7 Rico station in just a matter of months after I pulled out.  
8 In early '64, the Department of the Army closed out the  
9 Puerto Rico station, and it was dormant for several years, and  
10 then they re-established it.

11 Now, all of our coded assets, coded sources would have been  
12 up for grabs to any intelligence community that wanted to  
13 register operational interest in them. Now, as late as three  
14 years ago, I passed his name on to Navy intelligence as a  
15 possible source for them to look up in Puerto Rico. Now,  
16 whether they did, maybe he was under operational interest to  
17 another agency and therefore could not gain access to him, I  
18 don't know. I recommended that they contact him.

19 Mr. Epstein. Who in Navy intelligence did you deal with  
20 three years ago, do you know?

21 Mr. Hubbard. This was the Navy rap in Defense Intelligence  
22 Agency, Commander Huling, H-u-l-i-n-g, but I don't think he  
23 took any action on it.

24 Mr. Epstein. Why do you say that?

25 Mr. Hubbard. Because I think he was getting ready to

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1 retire and didn't want to be involved.

2 Mr. Epstein. You didn't hear anything more afterwards that  
3 led you to believe --

4 Mr. Hubbard. No.

5 Mr. Johnston. Did Burns and Darnell know each other?

6 Mr. Hubbard. I would think so from a previous association  
7 in Cuba.

8 Mr. Johnston. Would you say they were close friends?

9 Mr. Hubbard. No.

10 Senator Schweiker. What would that association have been  
11 likely?

12 Mr. Hubbard. Social. As a general observation, the better  
13 educated Cubans and the professional Cubans, when they left  
14 Cuba, did not come to the United States, or did not come to  
15 Miami. They went to Spain, Puerto Rico, South America. We got  
16 the cane cutters into Miami primarily. Your educated people,  
17 those with money, we had quite a few of them come into Puerto  
18 Rico and later really take over. Within a year they were  
19 Presidents of firms and now Darnell, by virtue of being married  
20 to a Cuban, by virtue of his positions with the Lykes Line,  
21 both in Cuba and San Juan, I'm sure their paths have crossed.

22 Senator Schweiker. Anything else?

23 Mr. Johnston. Were you in contact with Menoyo  
24 in the fall of '63?

25 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

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1 Mr. Johnston. Did he tell you about a trip to Dallas he  
2 made in October of '63?

3 Mr. Hubbard. He told me of a trip, he had been on a  
4 fundraising tour, perhaps Dallas was one of them. I do not  
5 remember. It is feasible or possible.

6 Mr. Johnston. After the assassination of President Kennedy,  
7 did you have any occasion to talk with either Burns or Darnell  
8 or Menoyo about it?

9 Mr. Hubbard. I would say that I saw all three of them  
10 after that, and I imagine so because it was the topic of  
11 conversation. I remember nothing significant about the  
12 meetings.

13 Mr. Johnston. Do you know what the attitude of Burns or  
14 Darnell was toward --

15 Mr. Hubbard. Well, most of them, were, you know, shocked  
16 and in deep sympathy, wondering perhaps of newly appointed  
17 President Johnston, whether he would support the Cubans, but  
18 I remember nothing significant.

19 Senator Schweiker. In your work in that period of  
20 time, did you ever have occasion to go into Mexico City?

21 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir.

22 Senator Schweiker. On what basis would you do that?

23 Mr. Hubbard. I think this was a lead through Darnell,  
24 that a -- this is rough and off the top of my head -- I believe  
25 it was a niece of his wife, married to a native-born

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1 Polish citizen, representing Merck Chemical Corporation,  
2 pharmaceutical house, who allegedly owned property that over-  
3 looked the Soviet embassy, and I was sent down to take a look  
4 at this property to see if we could establish listening  
5 devices on their property into the Soviet embassy, and it was  
6 a complete waterhole. When I arrived in Mexico City, they  
7 didn't live within two miles of the Russian embassy.

8 Senator Schweiker. The niece of his wife, married to --  
9 Mr. Hubbard. As I recall, a Polish citizen or a native-born  
10 Pole, but now what citizenship, I don't know.

11 Senator Schweiker. Who worked for an American company?

12 Mr. Hubbard. No, Merix, as I recall, M-e-r-i-x. It was  
13 a pharmaceutical --

14 Senator Schweiker. Merck, Merck Sharp and Dome?

15 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

16 Senator Schweiker. You don't recall that name, do you?

17 Mr. Hubbard. You say all the records have been  
18 destroyed, the dossiers?

19 Mr. Johnston. The dossiers haven't but the operational  
20 records have.

21 Mr. Hubbard. Well, if you had Darnell's dossier --

22 Senator Schweiker. Who would have it?

23 Mr. Hubbard. I say if it is still maintained.

24 Senator Schweiker. Who would maintain it, Army?

25 Mr. Hubbard. Well, see, they even disbanded the old

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1 Detachment A. Now, what happened to the records when they  
2 disbanded I have no idea.

3 Mr. Epstein. What was Detachment A's mission?

4 Mr. Hubbard. To respond to national level requirements as  
5 to local commanders' requirements. We responded to Presidential,  
6 Congressional and national level decisions of the department  
7 heads, Department of the Navy, Army and Air Force.

8 Mr. Epstein. Was there an overall mission that you had  
9 in Puerto Rico?

10 Mr. Hubbard. I am sure we had a mission statement, but  
11 that has been too many years ago.

12 Mr. Epstein. Was there a specific mission that you had with  
13 respect to Cuba?

14 Mr. Hubbard. All right, specifically, yes. We had our  
15 essential elements of information that we had to respond to  
16 these requirements, the one I mentioned on the frogman, naturally  
17 anything pertaining to missiles. We had a blanket type  
18 publication, that is the Operation Treasure Hunt, and this  
19 was a publication in which items of interest from Communist  
20 Bloc in the line of hardware, anything from a small arms  
21 round to a MIG or Soviet vessels were wanted. This was one  
22 of the entres I used with the Cubans. If you can obtain  
23 this item, we are prepared, and it was specified in the  
24 Treasure Hunt book, how much we could pay. I could give you  
25 \$10,000 for this, or a million dollars for that or whatever.

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1 This was a very fine publication for those of us in the  
2 field.

3 Mr. Epstein. Okay. Now, those two missions obviously  
4 related to --

5 Mr. Hubbard. Any Communist Bloc.

6 Mr. Epstein. Intelligence collection.

7 Now, was there any counterintelligence operation that  
8 was encompassed by your operation?

9 Mr. Hubbard. No, we came up with a very elaborate  
10 assassination plan on Castro, but I understand that ran around  
11 the Pentagon for about three days, put gas in the air conditioning  
12 system, and I had a man to do that, but they didn't want to  
13 do that.

14 Mr. Epstein. Was that an assignment levied by headquarters?

15 Mr. Hubbard. No, I just had one of these Cubans that  
16 had come out long enough to be recruited, and went back in,  
17 and he worked around the headquarters building as an air  
18 conditioning repairman. The same thing on the Soviet torpedo  
19 boats. I had the opportunity to pick up one of those in  
20 response to this Treasure Hunt. I sent this in, and I said  
21 I only have really a few questions. If I can get it it would  
22 require some degree of risk, but what do I do with the Russian  
23 crew. Do I drop them overboard, kill them, do you want to make  
24 them prisoners, do I bring the boat into Miami harbor, or  
25 do I sink it or what?

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1 Mr. Epstein. With respect to the assassination issue, the  
2 air conditioning, was this a plan that was submitted to head-  
3 quarters from your station?

4 Mr. Hubbard. I submitted it. I said, look, I have this  
5 man that says he can do it. Do you want to follow through on  
6 it? And they said no.

7 Mr. Epstein. Did any more happen than that, on your  
8 submission?

9 Mr. Hubbard. No. As I recall, my return message was no,  
10 we are not in the assassination business, to forget it.

11 Mr. Epstein. And that was the last you heard of it.

12 Mr. Hubbard. Well, I did, I forgot it.

13 Mr. Epstein. What was there within your overall mission  
14 in Puerto Rico with respect to Cuba that would have led you  
15 to believe that a proposal like that might have been found  
16 acceptable?

17 Mr. Hubbard. Well, Castro is the bad guy. As I say, I  
18 took this on myself to send this in. It was not generated at  
19 this level. I said, look, I've got this guy that says he  
20 can do it if anybody is interested, and they came back, no,  
21 we are not in the assassination business, forget it.

22 Mr. Epstein. Do you know whether any other Agency  
23 ever expressed an interest in that guy?

24 Mr. Hubbard. Not that I am aware of.

25 Senator Schweiker. This niece of Mr. Darnell's wife,

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1 married to a Polish citizen who worked for Merck and Company  
2 and lived near the which embassy?

3 Mr. Hubbard. No. He reportedly lived near it. When I  
4 got there I found out they did not, therefore denied us this  
5 access that had been envisioned. The Agency expressed an  
6 interest in being able to set up a listening device.

7 Senator Schweiker. So it didn't work out,

8 Mr. Hubbard. No. It was a complete fiasco.

9 Senator Schweiker. The name there wouldn't have been  
10 Charles Pack, was it?

11 Mr. Hubbard. No, it was definitely a Polish name.

12 Mr. Epstein. Are you aware of any assassination plans  
13 involving Castro that were run by the Army?

14 Mr. Hubbard. No, personally I am not.

15 Mr. Epstein. Were you aware of any that were planned  
16 or attempted by any of the anti-Castro Cubans that you dealt  
17 with or had contact with, apart from being facilitated by the  
18 Army?

19 Mr. Hubbard. Well, that was through the second front  
20 of the Escambray that we came up with the, this guy, the  
21 air conditioning repairman. Now, they wanted to go ahead and  
22 do it. I said, well, we cannot help you.

23 Mr. Epstein. Do you know whether they went ahead and  
24 tried?

25 Mr. Hubbard. They couldn't come up with a suitable poison

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1 the last I heard.

2 Mr. Epstein. Were there any other similar plans?

3 Mr. Hubbard. Oh, the Cubans were always talking, you know,  
4 they're going to try to shoot him, blow him up with mines and  
5 so forth, but it was 99 percent talk.

6 Mr. Epstein. Was this the only occasion on which the  
7 Cubans solicited your help or support on an assassination?

8 Mr. Hubbard. On an assassination, yes.

9 Senator Schweiker. If we were to request the personnel  
10 record of Darnell, where would we best go about it, in view  
11 of the thing being discontinued?

12 What would your recommendation be?

13 Mr. Hubbard. I would start at the present Army ACSI's  
14 office and ask what happened to the old United States Army  
15 Field Activities Command? You see, the intelligence organiza-  
16 tions changed names, and the last official designation was the  
17 United States Army Field Activities Command, and they were  
18 headquartered in the Hoffman Building.

19 Senator Schweiker. The Hoffman, H-o-f-f- --

20 Mr. Hubbard. Right here in Washington.

21 Senator Schweiker. Now, in looking at that, how might  
22 it have been broken down, under what kind of a filing system?

23 I know you are just guessing.

24 Mr. Hubbard. No, because sources had numbers and  
25 alphabetical designation. Puerto Rico was DUP, the letter

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1 designation. Now, his code number I haven't the slightest.

2 Senator Schweiker. DUP?

3 Mr. Hubbard. And then some number.

4 Senator Schweiker. And then a number for his numerical  
5 designation.

6 Mr. Hubbard. And don't be surprised if somebody laughs  
7 because that has been so many years ago, they have changed  
8 coding systems, but they should have a record someplace.

9 Senator Schweiker. And the DUP was the coding system for

10 Mr. Hubbard. For the Puerto Rican station.

11 Senator Schweiker. Anything else?

12 Mr. Johnston. Yes.

13 When this one Cuban wanted to assassinate Castro and you  
14 were told not to, did you then put him in contact with Burns?

15 Mr. Hubbard. No.

16 Mr. Johnston. Did you suggest that he contact Burns?

17 Mr. Hubbard. No. I tried to keep Burns compartmented.  
18 Because of his background, he was much more intelligence. See,  
19 the average intelligence source is pretty low level, let's  
20 face it, and Burns was one of the better educated, and I kept  
21 him compartmented. I was using him more against Haiti than  
22 I was against Cuba. He had access into Haiti.

23 Senator Schweiker. What kind of job did Veciano do for  
24 you as you recollect? Was it good, bad --

25 Mr. Hubbard. Sir, I never had any dealings with him

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1 in the shipping field. Burns, Burns was the man with  
2 considerable means and was making investments. Darnell had  
3 only his income from his -- he was a common working man, really,  
4 had no outside source of income. Burns was quite a wealthy  
5 man.

6 Mr. Epstein. You were still stationed in Puerto Rico at  
7 the time of the assassination.

8 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

9 Mr. Epstein. Do you recall any requirements or assignments  
10 being levied on your operation at that time for information  
11 or investigations for intelligence relating to the assassination  
12 of President Kennedy?

13 Mr. Hubbard. No, I do not recall.

14 Mr. Epstein. What I had in mind specifically was do you  
15 recall ever being requested or instructed to contact any of  
16 your assets or sources to determine whether or not, A, they  
17 had any information bearing on Cuban Government responsibility  
18 for the assassination, or B, Cuban exile responsibility for  
19 the assassination.

20 Mr. Hubbard. I do not recall that requirement being  
21 levied. It is possible, but no, I do not recall it.

22 Mr. Epstein. Did any information ever come to your  
23 attention indicating either the Cuban Government's responsi-  
24 bility for the assassination or the responsibility of Cuban  
25 exiles, or Cuban exile groups for the assassination of President



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Kennedy?

Mr. Hubbard. No.

Senator Schweiker. I guess that is all we have.

Colonel, we thank you very much for coming, and we hope we did not disrupt your personal life too much.

Mr. Hubbard. You got me off a tractor, sir.

(Whereupon, at 3:12 o'clock p.m., the interview in the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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