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NOVEMBER 22, 1963 CUBANA FLIGHT

*Need better citation)*

(Book V of the Senate Intelligence Committee Report) <sup>*discusses*</sup> refers to a reported five-hour delay (6:00PM

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more a gangster  
on story*

EST to 11:00 PM EST) of a Cubana flight from Mexico <sup>*City*</sup> to Havana the evening of President Kennedy's assassination, November 22, 1963. (Senate Intelligence

Committee Report, April 23, 1976, p.30) The most intriguing aspect <sup>*SS account involved*</sup> of the report was that the alleged

<sup>*of the Cubana flight*</sup> delay ~~was~~ to await arrival at 10:30 PM EST of a private <sup>*the aircraft*</sup> twin-engined aircraft, which deposited an un-

identified passenger who boarded the Cubana aircraft without customs clearance and traveled to Havana in the pilot's cabin. (ibid ps. 60 -61) The Senate

Intelligence Committee <sup>*stated*</sup> wrote that the Central Intelligence Agency "had no information indicating that a followup investigation was conducted to determine the identity of the passenger and had no further information on the passenger, and no explanation for why a followup investigation was not conducted." (ibid p.61)

The Senate Intelligence Committee Report raises four major questions:

- a) Did the Central Intelligence Agency <sup>*inform*</sup> ~~write~~ the Senate Intelligence Committee that no investigation of the November 22, 1963 Cubana flight was conducted?

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- b) Did the Central Intelligence Agency further investigate the allegation? (after SSC report published or after event took place?)
- c) What were the results of the Central Intelligence Agency investigation?
- d) Were the results of the Central Intelligence Agency investigation forwarded to the Senate Intelligence Committee?

In an attempt to answer the questions raised by the Senate Intelligence Committee Report, the House Select Committee on Assassinations has ~~been~~ <sup>utilized</sup>

the following <sup>investigative procedure</sup>

- a) Conducted an extensive review of the Central Intelligence Agency files that pertain to the November 22, 1963 Cubana flights.
- b) Reviewed Tab B of the 1977 CIA Staff Report which <sup>was analyzed</sup> ~~included a section on~~ <sup>concerned above-cited</sup> the November 22, 1963 Cubana flights.
- c) Reviewed the February 4, 1976 Central Intelligence Agency letter to the Senate Intelligence Committee.

does not sound very impressive

to report General's report

What was this letter about - ident. by it in a more formal fashion

DID THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WRITE THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE THAT NO INVESTIGATION OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 1963 CUBANA FLIGHT WAS CONDUCTED?

After a careful review of the February 4, 1976 Central Intelligence Agency letter to the

its not just enough to say we determined something - on what basis did we make the determination?

quote pertinent language to demonstrate the trust of letter

Senate Intelligence Committee, the House Select Committee on Assassinations has determined that the Senate Intelligence's interpretation of the letter is misleading. The Central Intelligence Agency wrote the Senate Intelligence Committee that the Mexican authorities were asked about the reported flight delay, although there was no recorded response. (CIA letter to Senate Intelligence Committee, 2/4/76)

analysis?

DID THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGATION?

The Central Intelligence Agency conducted regular surveillance of Cubana flights, filing cable reports to Headquarters. (1977 CIA Staff Report, Tab B, p. 11) There was one unilateral CIA surveillance team (LIFIRE) that observed arrivals and departures of Cubana flights, reporting any unusual incidents and providing copies of flight manifests. (ibid, p.11) ~~The Mexican~~ <sup>government</sup> authorities also had <sup>its own</sup> a surveillance team of its own at the airport which provided the CIA with photographs of passports and copies of passenger lists.

(ibid p.11) <sup>In addition</sup> ~~Additionally~~, a telephone tap operation (LIENVOY) against the Cuban Embassy provided transcripts of conversations <sup>between Airlines</sup> ~~with~~ the Cubana office and the Mexican Airport Control office. (cite)

is this CIA joint operation?

Is this of persons traveling to Cuba to Cuba? If so - state it

WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
AGENCY INVESTIGATION?

What is  
so key  
about  
this  
you need  
better  
analysis

DIFFERENCE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE AND HOUSE  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS FINDINGS

*pertaining to...*

The House Select Committee on Assassinations  
findings differ from those of the Senate Intelligence  
Committee in the following manner:

- a) The Cubana flight was on the ground in Mexico  
City for a total of four hours and about ten minutes.  
It was not delayed five hours as reported in Book V.

*(cite)*

b) The Cubana flight departed at 2035 hours Mexico City time, 55 minutes ahead of the alleged arrival at 2130 of a private flight with a secret passenger.. *CIR*

c) The 2035 departure also contrasts further with the Senate Intelligence Committee Report that the Cubana flight departed at 2200. *c, IR*

No record of a November 22, 1963 twin-engine aircraft carrying a lone passenger exists. In addition, no record exists of a passenger traveling to Havana in the pilot's cabin. In view of the surveillance coverage of the ~~Cubana~~ flight, it is doubtful that the alleged activity involving the private twin-engined aircraft and passenger would have gone unnoticed or unreported had it occurred.

WERE THE RESULTS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FORWARDED TO THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

The Central Intelligence Agency gave the Senate Intelligence Committee only the informant allegations. The Senate Intelligence Committee did not review the LIFIRE or LIENVOY records. Relying solely on the informant's allegations, the Senate Intelligence Committee could not have reported the story any differently.

*(on what basis CIA would assert this)*

*Nothing at all about the informant*

*After careful review of the Lienvoy transcripts and Mexico Airport by both the CIA & Mexican government*

*(Should explain how this story came to be reported by SSC)*

*(what is this government, where above)*

*(cite)*