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## Introduction

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STAFF REPORTS REGARDING ANTI-  
CASTRO ~~ORGANIZATIONS~~ CUBANS AND ORGANIZATIONS  
AND LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S ACTIVITIES IN  
New Orleans.

(1) Two primary reasons prompted the Committee to investigate anti-Castro activists and organizations. First, the Committee ascertained that as a consequence of the failure and eventual unwillingness of the Kennedy Administration to liberate Cuba from Castro, these persons and organizations, ~~being~~ <sup>were</sup> located primarily in the United States, ~~and~~ <sup>were</sup> highly militaristic in nature, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> possessed the means, motive, and opportunity to assassinate the President. Second, the Committee felt that Lee Harvey Oswald's verified association with anti-Castro Cubans while living in New Orleans during 1963, together with his possible contacts with other anti-Castro ~~activists~~ <sup>activists</sup>, further enhanced the ~~probability~~ <sup>possibility</sup> of the involvement of anti-Castro elements in the assassination. For these reasons, the Committee thoroughly investigated numerous anti-Castro organizations and operatives and Oswald's activi~~ties~~ <sup>ties</sup> while living in New Orleans to determine their connection, if any, to the assassination.

(2) The Committee initiated its investigation by selecting the most active anti-Castro groups and their key leaders from among the more than 100 anti-Castro organizations in existence in November 1963. These groups included Alpha 66, JURE, Commandos L, the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantial (DRE), the Cuban Revolutionary Council (CRC), which includes the Frente Revolucionario Democrático (FRD), the Junta Gobierno de Cuba in Exilo (JGCE), the 30th of November, the International Penetration Forces (InterPen), Revolutionary Recovery Movement (MRR), and EIC.

Their selection evolved both from the Committee's independent field investigation and the examination of the files and records maintained by the federal and local agencies then monitoring Cuban exile activity. These agencies included local police departments, the FBI, the CIA, the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (now the DEA), the Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Department of Defense.

(3) These groups can be described as "action groups." These were the movements most active on both the military and propaganda fronts, the ~~ones~~ <sup>groups that</sup> which not only talked about anti-Castro operations, but actually carried out infiltrations and raids into Cuba, conducted Castro assassination attempts, participated in a multiplicity of arms dealings and possessed the most vociferous and aggressive leaders. These were the groups and individuals who received the crux of the Kennedy Administration's crackdown on anti-Castro operations following the Cuban missile crisis. These were also the ones who, in the end, were the most bitter at President Kennedy and felt the most betrayed.

(4) ~~In his investigation~~ <sup>AFTER SELECTING THESE groups</sup> the Committee focused on <sup>investigating</sup> the key members in each group and concentrated on uncovering links to Lee Harvey Oswald. The Committee found evidence of ~~contact~~ <sup>contact</sup> between Oswald and ~~four~~ <sup>four</sup> individuals <sup>who were</sup> associated with ~~four~~ anti-Castro groups. These persons were JURE member Silvia Odio, Alpha 66 leader Antonio Veciana, CRC designate Frank Bartes, and DRE member Carlos Bringuier. Oswald encountered both Bartes and Bringuier in New Orleans during the summer of 1963.

(5) The committee also focused its investigation on Oswald's activities while living in New Orleans from April to August, 1963. It appears that Oswald established associations with non-Cubans of anti-Castro sentiments who were not aligned with any group. DAVID FERRIE is an example.

(6) The following material are staff reports ~~resulting from the committee investigation~~ <sup>resulting from the</sup> ~~to the anti-Castro~~ <sup>Some</sup> ~~area and New Orleans area.~~ <sup>of these reports do not state conclusions but</sup> ~~only~~ <sup>only</sup> relate the facts or suspicions in a given area ~~if they do, they do not contain the conclusions as contained in the final report.~~ <sup>and do not offer any</sup> ~~conclusions.~~ <sup>sure they are</sup> ~~the conclusions contained in the final report (7) P~~ <sup>the following</sup> the staff reports ~~are~~ <sup>comprise</sup> ~~the following~~ ~~sections:~~

Section One: The Ingredients of an Anti-Castro Cuban Conspiracy;

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de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR);  
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DE CUBA EN EL EXILIO;

