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Memo for the Record

Subject: Carlos Tepedino

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1. The confusion over release of Tepedino name and relationship with Agency resulted from a failure to update guidelines after the release of his name in the IG report. The guidelines developed during the re-review of the Denied in Full documents (release Tepedino when linked to Cubela; protect in other situations) were not incorporated into the written guidelines. As a result the reviewers who came on board in the Fall 93 to review the Microfilm continued to deleted his name in all cases.

Background:

- Tepedino's name and relationship with Cubela and the Agency appeared in a 1966 Washington Star Article (attached).
- In response to an HSCA request, his Security File was made available to HSCA staffers and became part of the JFK collection.
- In August 1993, documents from his Security File were sanitized and released to NARA. This release reflected the guidelines agreed on by HRG, DO and OS for reviewing OS files:

Existence of an Agency file does not confirm an official relationship with the Agency; if the individual was of logical interest to the Agency (Tepedino is Cuban and had contacts in the Castro governments) and was involved in the assassination story, documents showing agency interest could be sanitized and released as long as they did not officially confirm agency relationship.

• In October 1993, the 1967 IG Report on Anti-Castro activities was released to NARA. Tepedino's name was inadvertently released in the section dealing with Cubela's first contact with the Agency (page attached). The IG report in effect confirmed the 1966 newspaper article and that the released OS documents reflected a "relationship" with the CIA in the same time frame addressed by the IG report.

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• During the review of the Denied in Full documents in January 1994, five documents on Tepedino were rereviewed. Given what had been previously released, these documents were no longer fully protectable under the JFK Act. All were within the JFK relevant time frame and four deal specifically with his relationship with the Agency at the time of the "Cubela operation".

NOTE:

The OS file is poorly sanitized, and clearly releases more than intended by the guidelines: Tepedino's name and alais appear on the iden aid; operational approval/use as an agent is acknowledged; references to contact outside the time frame are released; forms are not redacted according to guidelines.

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