

MEMORANDUM

To: Jeremy Gunn
File No 4.0.1.4
From: Dennis Quinn
Date: May 1, 1995

RE: 4.0.2 (AMLASH)

Testimony relating to AMLASH and the Cuban Operation, 8/01/75; Box 26, File 1; 94 pages.

This testimony was given by a CIA officer, testifying under an alias. The alias, as well as large portions of his testimony, is redacted. The individual was one of the case officers assigned to AMLASH. He provides some organizational structure of the CIA, although not anything already known. For example, he was assigned to Task Force (W), originally under the direction of William Harvey, then Desmond FitzGerald. Specifically, he worked for Third Country Operations, which was responsible for operations against Cuba from countries other than Cuba and the U.S. His immediate supervisor was Edward Maurelius.

The case officer explains how his original assignment was to oversee the planned defection of AMLASH, monitor him through northern Europe, and help him prepare his defection speech. He testified that his first meeting with him was in Helsinki. At this and later meetings AMLASH apparently could not decide to defect or stay in Cuba. According to the case officer, the CIA determined he was of more value if he stayed where he was and continued providing information. The case officer's job was to convince him to do just that.

AMLASH reportedly spoke of a need to "eliminate" Castro, but never used the word "assassinate." Apparently (according to the case officer), AMLASH was thinking of removing him from power, perhaps sending him into exile, as opposed to killing him.

Eventually this case officer was joined by a Spanish-speaking case officer. Together, they supplied AMLASH with "secret writing training and supplies." The testimony provides no additional explanation about this topic.

The case officer denied any knowledge of any CIA relationship with the Mafia.