

Memorandum

TO: Jeremy Gunn
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RE: Church Committee Testimony of William Harvey on 6/25/75
FILE NO.: 4.0.2 (Harvey)

While this round of Harvey testimony contained some interesting facts on QJWIN and ZRRIFLE, the information in this file was not especially compelling, given what is already known.

The testimony begins with a discussion of Harvey's background, starting from his FBI days. Some of the information on Division D is redacted. Harvey acknowledged that he became Chief of the Foreign Intelligence Staff Division D in 1959 (pages 8-9). Shortly afterward, Harvey gave, in response to a question from committee counsel, his definition of Executive Action (page 10). Harvey defined it as "meaning any direct action taken against any target to eliminate, and by target, I mean target personally, to eliminate or destroy the effectiveness of that target. And this is generally considered to cover a rather wide gamut of possible techniques and possible actions, but in a somewhat less precise sense, it is generally considered a synonym for assassination."

In talking about Harvey's inheriting of the operation against Castro, (page 31) Harvey said he was "completely convinced during this entire period, that this operation had the full authority of every pertinent echelon of CIA and had full authority of the White House, either from the President or from someone authorized and known to be authorized to speak for the President...[he went on to say] that I have no personal knowledge whatever of the individual's identities, times, exact words or channels through which such authority may have been passed." Harvey said he was told the Castro assassination case was as Senator Church put it in asking the question of Harvey (page 32) "properly authorized from the highest level."

The recollections of Harvey's meetings with Bissell to discuss Executive Action do not provide any new information from what is already known. What is interesting is when the testimony refers to notes about the project outline of ZRRIFLE and some "thinking notes." Harvey was asked by committee counsel (page 50) if QJWIN was an agent who he held in reserve for possible use in connection with the Executive Action program. Harvey replied in the negative saying that QJWIN is an agent he considered for possible use and used for a limited time through [redacted] for the spotting of individuals with criminal and underworld connections in Europe for "possible multi-purpose use." When Harvey was asked if the multi-purpose use included as one purpose the possible use in assassination, Harvey replied "only in the sense that had we ever been saddled with a flat, if you will, command performance on assassination. I might have considered the people spotted by WIN as possibilities." Harvey goes on to say that he knew of only one use made by QJWIN until "we"

terminated him some months later. He said "it was in connection with an operation in the Congo that wasn't an assassination operation, and had, as far as I know...nothing to do with assassination."

Later in the testimony, Harvey discusses the Technical Services Division and his work with Sid Gottlieb. On page 55, the title of a memorandum that I believe concerns Mr. Gottlieb's job is redacted as is the name of an officer who worked for Harvey in Division D.

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