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Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE)
DDO files

- Three volumes DDO
- One pkg DCD documents
- One pkg Loose documents
- Project files

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Volume I: Oct 1960 - March 1962

Deletions - one sealed envelope FBI documents

① Draft - Toomey (name ^{only} pencilled on paper)

Subject: Letter from Alberto Muller to President Kennedy

P 1. Muller gained prominence in 1960 when he led demonstration of protest in laying of a wreath by Mikoyan on statue of Martí. He now heads DRE, a Miami-based exile organization created by CIA. Muller was infiltrated into Cuba on 19 Nov 1960 to carry on clandestine propaganda & political action among students. Work includes broadcasting, publication of student newspapers, ^(both clandestine) bombing for psychological effects & organization of student resistance. Most important accomplishment has been organization of a student strike which has caused GOC to take violent countermeasures.

A letter to Pres. Kennedy arrived in U.S. 7 Feb. to be delivered personally by 3 DRE members.

Similar letter also going to President Quadros of Brazil. Letter expresses aspirations of Cuban students for a truly democratic, social, economic & political betterment of Cuba. Letter appeals for understanding of DRE's revolutionary aims, for

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reorientation of Panamericanism toward a policy of deeds in defense of liberty & justice.

② 22 June 1961 Cable OUT 68995 To:
from: Director

DRE now maintains a pool of capable & qualified students available for 3-6 month assignments in any given area. They are experienced clandestine agents in Cuban struggle. Capabilities include:

- act as authentic representatives of Cuban struggle for progress but against Communist tyranny;
- Establish local press, TV, Radio, student, intellectual, professional contacts;
- Plan, organize & participate in anti-Communist activities as CIA stations might direct;
- Counteract influence of Cuban diplomatic establishment on host populations.

Request stations indicate interest & understand cover mechanisms (i.e.) available - also what desire for contact, control or guidance.

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③ Dec. 5, 1961 Cable # UFGA-2783 to Chief - WH Division
From: COS/WAVE

Report of interview with Elias Mas of DRE

Mas said DRE entered CRC with aim of waging war against Castro but discovered Council members were more concerned with politics and quarreling among themselves, even to the point of creating internal problems within their own organizations.

④ 1-31 March 1962

Notes from WAVE monthly report

DRE withdrew from CRC on 13 March 1962 because they felt Council was not carrying the war to Cuba.

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Volume II April - July 1962

Deletions - 2 sealed envelopes FBI documents

No. notes

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Volume III Aug 1962 - Dec. 1962

Deletions - on sealed envelope

FBI - 27 Aug 1962 #105-1360 S: DRE

29 Aug 1962 - #105-17934 S: Vicente Jose Santiago

Blanco Capote

① Dispatch 14 Aug 1962 UFGA-5219 to Chief: Fair Force W

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From: COS/^{JM}WAVE

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Amepell Progress Report - July 1962

[Note: Amepell divided in two groups - Ambarbe ^{Muller's} (?)
and Ambuta (DRE)]

Attachment A: ^{Soon after} ~~At the time of~~ Alberto Muller's arrest in Cuba, the DRE continued to be guided by CIA but resented its absolute control over them. CIA's inability to help Muller caused bitter criticism among DRE members. Control over DRE became superficial & material until late 1961 when time had worn away some of the shock & other activities were intensified. This resulted in higher morale & confidence in future support. Propaganda campaigns in support of Muller & Miguel Garcia saved them twice from the firing squad.

② Cable 25 Aug 1962 to Director from JMWAVE

Juan Salvat & other DRE members left Marathon Key on 24 August ~~at~~ in two vessels & fired on Hotel Rosita Hornos & ^{Blanquita (correction cable)} Chaplin Theatre. Operation without knowledge or consent of CIA.

③ Dispatch 14 Sept 1962: UFGA-5728 to Chief Task Force W

From: JMWAVE.

Amepell Progress report for Aug 1962 indicates total monetary outlay by CIA for month was \$50,053.00 (Included Ambarbe & Ambuta Sections)

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DCD documents - no notes

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Loose Documents

Deletions - one sealed envelope. FBI, 28 Aug 1957
105-1360 (Miami) S: Directorio Revolucionario (DR,
No notes

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Volume II Sept 62 - Dec 62

Deletions - four sealed envelopes. FBI - State
(State document ^{29 OCT 1962} included in one FBI folder) Bufile # 97-3400 ^{DRE}

① 8 Nov. 1962 Cable to Director from MWAVE

DRE experiencing friction with CIA & displays contempt for CIA & U.S. govt. Feels U.S. is a weak, vacillating nation which does not understand power or action. ~~Cable~~ Cable expresses opinion that real potential of DRE is in psychological field, which activity is least appealing to the group. WAVE feels relationship with DRE disintegrating & recommends early termination of AMSPELL project.

② 8 Dec. 1962. Memo. for - McGeorge Bundy from
Richard Helms, DDP

[redacted] in DRE says this group preparing a letter for Pres. Kennedy that they still expect him to "fulfill his promise to liberate Cuba." Further will state that if steps are

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not taken by U.S. govt, the DRE "will act."
Assume this statement means DRE would
resume commando raids against Cuba.

[Redacted]

+ Helms says [Redacted] will

try to dissuade DRE from sending letter.

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③ Volume ^I~~II~~ - Operations. Feb. 1960 - Aug 62.
Deletions - sealed envelopes.

Dept of State - one

FBI - one

④ 20 July 1962 Dispatch to Chief Task Force W. from
COS/SMWAVE. UFGA-4840
Progress report of ^{AMSPELL (DRE TAMBARGS)} DRE activities June 1962 -
Activities focused on International Student
Conference at Quebec + the infiltration from
Cuba of AMHINT-53 who had infiltrated Cuba
on 20 May 1962.

⑤ Undated statement. Subject: DRE

Item 7 - The DRE is perhaps the most militant and
most deeply motivated of all the Cuban exile groups.
Is prone to undertake independent operations
without warning or permission of CIA. Control over
this organization does not exist. Monthly support
amounts to about \$22,000 for student operations in LA
and \$25,000 for salaries, office expenses, propaganda & training.

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Vol. III AMSPELL Production . no. notes

Vol. IV DRE AMSPELL Support

6 ^{28 Jan 1966}
~~Feb 2, 1966~~ Dispatch to Chief WH from COS/JMWAVE
UFGA 24433.

JMWAVE conducting review of AMSPELL project
to analyze its short & long term potential
Decision made to sharply reduce station support
Many members have resigned. Station plans
now to give maximum \$1,000.00 monthly
support beginning Feb. 1966 mainly to finance
printing.

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JURE continued.

Volumes I and II not applicable - DDO
checking - not delivered to HSCA researcher.

Volume III

Deletions - sealed envelopes - Ten envelopes - all
FBI documents. FBI #105-1625 (Dallas) 4/5/66,
#105-114543 (BuFile) - Re: JURE.

Volume VIII

Deletions - Seven sealed envelopes all FBI documents.
① Intelligence Info. Cable 28 July 1965 #TDCSDB-315/02535-65
Source: [redacted] former [redacted] JURE
[redacted] says Ray & JURE are receiving money from
an unnamed U.S. govt agency, but not CIA. Ray
again planning to enter Cuba. If he succeeds, he will
start a campaign to discredit the CIA, accusing it
of being responsible for delay in freeing Cuba.

② Field Information Report, 10 June 1966,

Subject: Alleged Plan of Members of JURE to
Assassinate Fidel Castro Ruz.

Source: Trained in collection of information, a friend
of Ricardo Morales Navarette.

Morales received a letter on 31 May 1966 from
an unnamed person in Puerto Rico who is
closely associated with JURE. Morales asked
to buy 2 machine guns of type used by personal
escort of Fidel Castro.

③ JURE file closed on 9 April 1968

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Jose Manuel Aleman
DDO - One pkg. DCD Documents

1. 2 June 1961 Cable to Miami

FBI has requested permission to contact Aleman in Miami.

2. 15 Dec. 1960

To: Chief, Contact Division

From: Chief, Miami Field Office signed Justin J. Gleichauf

Subject: Memorandum of Visit to: Jose M. Aleman

3300 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, Fla.

1. Aleman recently arrived from Cuba & had a list of war materials allegedly purchased by Castro from Soviet Bloc Countries. On 13 Dec 1960, Luis C. Rodriguez visited Aleman about this information.

2. Subject gave DPOB as 12/28/31, Havana, Cuba.

3. Is in Miami looking over property inherited from his father who was Minister of Education in Administration of Ramon Grau San Martin.

4. Aleman's father allegedly misappropriated about 60 million from Public Treasury which he invested or deposited in Miami. Subject inherited father's fortune & spent a large amount supplying Castro with weapons & equipment. After Castro assumed power, he confiscated Aleman's estate in Cuba & his homes there have been

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repeatedly searched.

Aleman stated he has been furnishing local FBI with information concerning Cuban intelligence agents in this area.

Also supplied info to CIA about cases 34090 and 34196.

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