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[GENE COY]

Interview of [redacted]
3/28/78, by Sam Birdway
[GENE COY]

[redacted] stated that
she had been in Mexico from
[redacted] and from 1965-1968.
She said she was in
[redacted] in 1963.

She stated that she was
replaced by [redacted]
in [redacted] [TED WALSH]

employee

She said that [redacted]
[redacted] had originally
gone to Mexico as a CI
staffer but had ended
up working personally

branch chief

for [redacted] on operations
such as the [redacted] [top]

[GENE COY]

[redacted] said that
she had seen the release
letter and understood it.

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INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Identifying Information:

Name [Robert F. Krandle]

Date 3/27/78

Address _____

Place Langley

City/State _____

Telephone _____

Date of Birth _____

M or S _____

Social Security _____

Spouse _____

Children _____

Physical Description:

Height _____

Color Eyes _____ Hair _____

Weight _____

Special Characteristics _____

Ethnic Group _____

Personal History:

a. Present Employment: _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

b. Criminal Record

1. Arrests _____

2. Convictions _____

Additional Personal Information:

a. Relative(s): Name _____

Address _____

b. Area frequented: _____

c. Remarks: _____

Investigator Hardway

Date 3/27/78

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Interview of [Robert F. Krandle]
3/27/78 by Dan Hardway

Mr. [Krandle] said that he understood the release letter and had no questions about it.

Mr. [Krandle] said that he had been assigned to Mexico City from [mid 1963] to mid 1965. He could not remember the precise dates but thinks that he was in Mexico prior to [September 1963]

employee

[redacted] says he arrived in [September 1963;] see summary of C.I. Soft File

Mr. [Krandle] was assigned to Mexico specifically to work on the Cuban Operations or, as he called it, "task force." There were 3 people on this task force and this was unusual in that normally there was only one person in a station working on a particular target. The reason for the extra people was

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that they ^{THERE WAS} ~~wanted~~ heavy coverage on Cuban targets on a priority basis.

Mr [Krandle] was the junior officer on the Cuban task force. His primary duty involved what he called "third country operations". This mainly consisted of recruiting, training and debriefing people from 3rd countries [travelling] [to Cuba]. [Krandle] also handled three exte agents: one who helped him in propoganda placement; one who had access to [Cubana Airlines] [personnel]; and one who had access to Cuban Embassy personnel.

Mr [Krandle] said that he was aware of the Cuban Embassy surveillance operation but knows no details. He said that he thought

ran the photo operation [and said that he does not know]

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[who saw the telephone operation. At this point Mr Krandle commented that the Mexican station was a remarkably compartmentalized station and that

station chief

[redacted] was fanatic about it

Mr [Krandle] said that he had never heard of Lee Harvey Oswald before the assassination.

Mr [Krandle] stated that he does remember seeing

[redacted] from the Cuban Embassy telephone operation. They would be routed to

employees

him from [redacted] VIA [redacted]. He does not know who Phillips got them from.

Mr [Krandle] said that he was Deputy Mexican Branch Chief in [redacted]. He

said that after [redacted] station chief retired as Headquarters team "blended and melted down"

station chief's

[redacted] files. The material retained was put on microfiche.

Station chief [redacted] Mr. [Krandle] said that [redacted] was a "very unusual character... he exuded power. When you were in his presence you knew who was boss"

Station chief [Krandle] said that [redacted] used the "brute force approach" in his filing system, everything was collected. The system was bulky but [Krandle] said, "foolproof." [Krandle]

Station chief said that [redacted] would brag about the quick retrieval that his system allowed him. [Krandle] said that

Station chief legend has it that [redacted] did not design to communicate with his division chief but went straight to the top level of agency officials.

Mr. [Krandle] said that he had been very impressed with [redacted]. [redacted] He said she was bright, sharp, competent, and had a reputation in the station for thoroughness.

[redacted] was the chief of Cuban Operations when [Krandall] arrived in Mexico. ~~After~~ About one month after his arrival

employee

[redacted] took over as chief of Cuban Operations.

employee

[Krandall] said that [redacted] had nothing to do with the surveillance operations.

[Krandall] said that he believed that the support people ran the Cuban surveillance operation. He said that [redacted] was the support chief.

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