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July 3, 1978

DDO Moore J. Winston - Base Docs

Spec TSINGTAO - Incel I



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Aug - Sep 1945

Transportation facilities in Tungtao District

DDO Charles, Bernard Joseph Base Docs

July 1968 Mem for the record

July Conversation w/ [EUMENS - 1]

RETURN TO CIA  
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issue re - Bernard J. Charles was released  
on June 20 after paying a ransom of \$250,000  
(Dr. Hactan Bouit) - (handwritten in)

Signed [Wilma R. Van Slyke]

MC I

MC I - Charles, Bernard J.

US Dept of Justice - INS Miami Fla

Dec 29, 1966 - DOB 4/21/23

US address - Consulate General of Haiti, <sup>Miami</sup> Fla

July 17, 1966 - DOB - 1/13/66

US address - Haitian Consul NYC

May 3, 1967 - DOB 4/21/23

US address - Wall of Astoria NYC

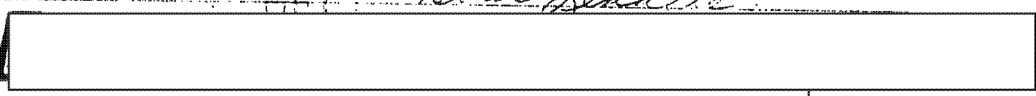
Dec 4, 1966 - DOB 4/21/32

US address - Embassy of Haiti, Wash DC

USA Intell Info Cable Dec 19, 1966

Haiti, Mid Nov. 1966 Power Jockeying Among  
Civil Leaders

Source -



Received

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Receiving into from 4 different sources of access to  
 information & pre-determined under membership [Party  
 being private meetings & acquaintance] Minister desire  
 "Within this source ultimately are 3 parties saying  
 for power after the fact & wonder they are groups  
 demand change - Minister of Justice hand of Commerce  
 & Minister of Finance - Minister of Justice & Commerce  
 Minister of Finance looks like 3 are extremely pro -  
 Chamberlain & then as no agree that they intend to  
 try and overthrow Chamberlain & Chamberlain.  
 groups & Chamberlain has the support of former  
 ministers given ministerial duties & figures & Chamberlain  
 Minister duties to Chamberlain give that by Minister  
 Chamberlain as Port on Finance

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[Private Account]

Minister Reorganizing - what can  
 [Account] - Department July 9 following  
 from a high ranking police source who  
 claims statement info from top police personally  
 that a group transfer to they to assume  
 control & payments of \$55,000 to [WOLFERT] & other  
 with keeping business information as [Wolfert] & other  
 plans for their (word "word" inside in)

#003417

1945 papers - 2/7/46

US Action - in Transit

has a trace of information 6/28/46 NYC

Classified Message June 20 1946

US War Relocation Authority, Postwar

Some War Relocation Authority private documents

Some Business Letters MS 1000000

Transfer June for the MS 1000000 to forward these  
 documents & info they are going to be used as

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US Liaison - Herman Corp. NYC

AMS - 4/11/60

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Charles' father man - in re-education  
 part of Herman's man. Murphy, in liaison with  
 various industry men. Many secrets who was the  
 most of four in year. Charles principal ~~secret~~ in  
 bringing Herman's business to US  
 operated by the Department of Commerce - west  
 Charles was also part of Herman's business Corp. very  
 close contact between 1 million worth of goods  
 which represented a great business potential - 7 million  
 Hark's testimony in a review of the contract -  
 of Herman's part wife in England for investigation of  
 to be traced to 1951 Charles was regulator on being  
 to full time activities etc in work + part time in  
 being very close to the firm - a having many access  
 under "business" management Charles was regarded as  
 [working] Charles was practically reported to as the  
 source [US national w/ 40 yrs] expert in [Charles]  
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Hark's  
 and program in the direction of buying/selling the  
 returned in TDC 513-312/0097-44 data Oct 9 1961  
 of this agency certain the following info more recent than  
 daily info obtained US on 3 Sept 1960. In case of interest the  
 Reference is made to the IOI request from common  
 but Charles  
 from: Do of Perm  
 Refer to DA 9781  
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between Dept Liaison Charles handling as reporter  
 Herman's business - considered separately through  
 was for trip to Europe

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Info report - CIA. #000-324/10631-66

Sidy. Charles

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Source [US National, sales rep for [US Tobacco] manufact.]

Through attempts to establish business connect  
ions, <sup>in Haiti</sup> source learned that a reportedly privately  
owned tobacco co known as Le Tabac Haitien SA is  
directed by CJC a benon Haitian who also happens  
be Pres. of Commercial Bank in Haiti. This cigarette  
manuf. firm is direct descendant of long defunct  
Haitian Amer. Tob. Co. Le mas ego - Le Tabac  
began ordering mod. quantities of leaf tobacco +  
providing letters of credit to pay for it. First encounter  
of Charles, ~~source~~ <sup>subject</sup> attempted to enlist source's  
principal's financial pickup. To the sum of \$300,00  
deferred the offer. Offered resume.

1946 - appt. controller General of Danana Seed  
Co. of which he became Gen Agent in 1948.

1953 - went to London as a Member of Econ Mission  
sent to Eng. by Haitian Govt + reg. in 1954 a contract of GE  
in Country.

1957. appt. member of Econ Mission to Britn's  
conf. held in Brussels.

1960 - Created Banque Commerciale d'Haiti of  
which he is Pres. + dir. Gen. Also pres. of 17 other firms  
in Haiti.

Is exclusive agent for GE Country +  
Semi-Subsidiary A.C. - Germany

Pres. of Chamber of Commerce of Haiti

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Subs - List of Cos

Salt of America - San Fran 1<sup>st</sup> Nat of Boston

Met Nat. City Bank - NY Boston

Manny Hancock Trust NY Pa. Arm - Miami

Living Trust NY SECRET France, Switz, also

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JNS 2-13-66

US address - Haitian consulate NY

JNS - 12/13/64 same -

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Classified Message - Nov. 10 1964

DeM mail intercepted announcing death of Antonio Sabonovic in Trieste

re: ref B see also [HTPA] 359 index, at least social contact between <sup>Mohammed</sup> Fayad, DeM + Polish rep Galecki

CIA Info Cable. Oct 9 1964 Inquires re possibility of buying aircraft for Haiti

Place data acquired - US, Miami Oct 7, 1964

Source - US citizen who operates bus in Haiti where he enjoys friendship of many military + govt. leaders + who is a former military officer + a trained reporter.

"On or about Oct 3 1964 the Aviation Investors Co of Fort Lauderdale, Fla, received an inquiry about the possibility of buying a C-119 Aircraft for the Colombian govt. The call was made by Raymond (not further ID) to Saunders V. Robeson, an aviation investors co employee, who agreed to investigate the proposed aircraft purchase.

On Oct 5 Robeson received a telephone call from a man who ID himself as "Clash" (phonetic). re: possible purchase of a P-51 aircraft ostensibly for the Colombian govt, but it was actually intended for Haiti. Robeson agreed to meet w/ "CLASH" at the Congress Bldg in Miami to discuss both purchases.

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Source comment: Robeson is a Caucasian born 1917 who once attempted sugar neg in Haiti, where he became known to several Haitian Govt. officials including CJC.

Field comment: Another source previously reported that Charles had unsuccessfully attempted to buy a F-28 aircraft in Arizona

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Dr. Transfer + Cross Ref.

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April 24, 1964

Charles has influence w/ Duvalier & reportedly ~~is~~ is closely allied with the deM's in their activities in Haiti.

See Transfer

May 21, 1963

Sub. has returned to Haiti & is seriously being considered as next pres.

Memo May 17, 1963

At G's request on May 14, 1963, P/S Buloy had a farewell interview w/ Haitian banker. Took place at Charles' room at Park Sheraton Hotel in NY. Charles produced a letter from Wm. Hix Wasserman (40 WASH ST NY) addressed to Humphrey. According to Charles Wasserman & HHT are good friends. It was a letter of introduction for Charles. Due to critical period of Haitian relations w/ Castro & that the Admin might begin to look for men w/ Charles' ability. Charles was unable to make another trip to DC to see HHT. He asked his friend & business partner, Joe Bryan Tampa to present ~~Wasserman's~~ letter to HHT. Offered to cooperate w/ US Cont. Thru "one of Captain's Buloy friends".

Charles' cousin Joseph & Charles was a former ambassador of Haiti to US. No promises were made concerning his offer. Signed, Jay B. Lewis

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May 10 1963 Memos

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Apr 29 1963 - Donatien Matak, Somestri Esplo  
Lern ACSI telephoned to the effect that a banker  
named Charles had left Haiti to say earlier - had  
just arrived in NY.

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Joseph Dyer had written to Gen Delmar commencing  
CJC to the US govt.

Matak decided Col Sam Kail in Miami to  
contact Dyer for > info on background of CJC

May 1 1963 Matak advised CJC staying at  
Rid Sheraton NY & had called since her name had  
been supplied to him by Dyer. CJC had appts to  
see LBJ, Sen Keating & Cong Rogers. CJC willing to  
talk to reps of Matak's office. Matak said  
Haitian desk man would go to CJC & invited CJC  
to go along. James Saloz accompanied NY office.  
Due to familiarity w/ French language.

May 2 1963 Dyer interviewed by Col Kail  
in West Palm Beach. Dyer had appt CJC as director  
of his bank in Haiti.

Charles wanted to see JFK & went to  
White House received by special appts. see.

May 3 1963 Saloz reported a 5 hour  
session w/ CJC. For obtaining background info. Copies  
of info sent to ACSI w/lt div. & Latin Amer Branch.

Meeting held w/ de M + CJC - (see prior notes)  
in course of course CJC desired to see Mr. Wise (State  
AID) to discuss US aid to Haiti. Request passed  
along to State. Mr. Razorska had called her back  
to pass along to the Haitian desk man's extreme  
displeasure that anyone in the US would be in  
official contact w/ CJC. Considered CJC shady,  
too close to de Matak. Mays Study decided if  
w/lt division and as a result of meeting w/ CJC the  
DIPP Haitian desk had ~~SECRET~~ plans to contact.

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Wayne Nelson DD/P coordinator called on May 7 to  
inquire concerning CJC. Said ACSI was concerned that  
due to set up in appts to ~~see~~ <sup>SECRET</sup> CJC, charges might be  
made that ACSI had ~~interfered~~ <sup>obstructed</sup> CJA contact w/  
Charles. Later said ACSI was satisfied with handling.

Mottack was of the opinion that US should play ball  
w/ CJC signed AF Czaykowski

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Enclosed in open envelope "Plan for the Econ + Social Dev.  
of Haiti" by CJC

Genevieve - Purdue - advisor to Banque Comm.  
x 10 Mr Charles's paternal father. Owns chocolate  
factory in P.A.P. (taken from Summary of Haitian  
Holding Co by Gde'n)

Booklet - Banque Commerciale d'Haiti w/ picture  
of CJC 1963

DOB 4/21/23

Info Report CIA May 10 1963 OOB - 3,260,765

source - US citizen former journalist

4 hour interview. CJC believes this is the  
last chance for us to save Haiti.

Loss of personal supporters -

Claude Desnoes - Sec of Commerce + Industry + a  
good friend - (in side page written - Ambrose I HARRNETT  
(201-345467) told the FBI in Nov 62 that Desnoes is  
one of 2 card carrying Communists in Govt)

Tom Peret - Former Haitian military attaché in DC  
If CJC was not made president he would accept  
Sec of Finance + Econ Affairs. Present Sec - Herme  
Boyer has leftist tendencies (written in: HARRNETT  
described Boyer as the 2<sup>nd</sup> card carrying comrade known  
to him)

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Quoted as saying "The tyrant (de Gaulle?) may  
be killed by the army" before 22, May 1963

May 9 1963 [Contact] kept. SECRET

[WUBERRY/1] said that he had encountered CJC at Wash. Nat. Airt. ~~at~~ CJC was enroute to Chicago according to Ode M although no explan. was given.

signed [Frank<sup>3</sup> Stone]

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Memo of May 22, 1963 Report from Balog  
CJC advised by [redacted]

Memo May 24 1963 from Balog re May 6 1963  
① Had private conversation w/ CJC. CJC wanted to deal w/ US officials w/out S. de M. Feared any indiscretion would result in wife's death. Had just received promise from U.P. of Chan. Manhattan NYC for \$2 million loan to be used for construction of housing in Haiti.

② Back in Port-au-Prince

U.P. LBJ suggested CJC discuss this matter w/ Edmund Wiese, AID, State Dept. For purpose of consultation w/ Wiese + a meeting of colleagues "friends of Col. Balog" Charles flew to DC on May 7

Memo May 24 63 Report NY 2147-3 For OO-A(S)

Czykowski - Balog

The situation concerning CJC activities is just as fluid as situation in Haiti. CJC advised us that his friend of Matlack (see what I mean by fluid?) had changed his travel plans to DC. Instead of Tuesday he (Czyk) now expects to be in DC Thurs or Friday. CJC indicated he would be willing to go to DC sometime this week. We asked to see him again this afternoon. Our meeting (4:30) since this week. He asked us to see him

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again this afternoon. Our meeting (the 3<sup>rd</sup> since last Thursday) is scheduled at 1930. Balog (5<sup>th</sup> Lt Capt. Balog, US Army to Charles) will get in touch w/ Study re: telecon after Balog Charles meeting.

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May 3 Memo from Balog NY-2128-3

At his request on May 3 1963 we had an additional interview w/ CJC. He informed us he had received a telephone call from (Joe) Dyer, Pa. Dyer said (C) he could not see him over the weekend but would visit him in NYC next Wed. May 8. Prior to that Dyer plans to meet in DC Jacqueline Selman 3130 P St, a friend of Matlack's to discuss things of mutual interest to Haiti. Then Met G. de M & wife.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Charles DDC

from [redacted]

[Secret Contact] NY. On May 20 1968 [redacted]

[redacted] told us that (C) is seeking help in raising the required ransom for his release from [redacted] himself [redacted] 9<sup>th</sup>

(Lieut) + Dyer [redacted] Dyer are meeting during the evening of May 20 1968 after which [redacted] will take Dyer to airport. Dyer is to fly to Haiti on May 24 1968. [redacted] said Dyer is a friend of the family of Joseph P. Kennedy.

Charles was arrested on ~~May 11 1967~~ June 23 1967

Confid. Memo May 20 1968 Charles uses pseudonym "Jacoby" in his confidential corner. 0003425

Letter from Charles to Matlack dated June 6 1967 ~~was~~ thanking her for her kindness in 1963

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requesting US assurance that the 2 forces (Castro & Balaguer) will be properly neutralized & requests for kind cooperation [redacted] hand delivered the letter.

Charles stayed in Cm 522 Albar Tower in May 1963

Secret Memo - Phone Call June 27 1967

code used by [COC + [redacted]]  
Beel & Co - "Major Balog" - DOD  
1st Nat. City Bank NY - US Govt  
DK & Co - Joseph Matlack

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Howard Corp - Col ~~the~~ Burris a former military aid to Pres Johnson

Business trans - help of US Govt to Charles

"... as far as business is concerned, I received at my home a rep of Beel & Co. I am very happy now I think we have no further worry <sup>concerning</sup> the business transaction. He accepted to sponsor the business transaction w/ D.K. & Co, the Howard Corp + other business enterprises. This is a very big success & I hope that w/ the assistance of the 1st City Nat. Bank we'll make rapid progress. After all our efforts will not have been in vain & our field of business activity will be enlarged."

Classified Message June 28 1967 from [redacted]

Charles' life in danger - relying on US govt to sanction. US flag flies over central office of Commercial Bank

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June 23 1967 Memo - Report from George Matlack  
Joseph Matlack has now been cut out of the contact between DCS & [redacted] (Resum)

[WB - 5 - Luis Briceo]

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Yellow Paper Marked Secret: ~~the date~~ June 21 1967

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Mr. Musulin do called to say that Dorothy Matlack had called to inform him that she had reached [redacted] that per instructions [redacted] [redacted] would pass info of Matlack to Zilog in NY. Mr. Musulin said that from his conversation w/ her he believed Matlack wanted to be cut in on this activity & wanted to receive copies of any disseminations.

June 15 1967

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Sensitive Memo - [redacted] Burris discusses events in Haiti. Burris who thinks highly of CJC told [redacted] he fully supports CJC's plans & he will see LBJ ASAP.

Memo for Record - June 15, 1967 Agency Contact w/ CJC

CJA contact w/ CJC <sup>in US</sup> dates back to May 1963 when he was ~~visited~~ in his suite in Hotel Willard in Wash. DC by a rep of WH. Since that time he has made every visit to the U.S. on occasion to talk to some US official. Most persistent of his approaches have been made to DC/NY where he believes leads him to DDD. CJA never offered any evidence that he has some thing going for him inside Haiti. Names he has furnished have meant little or nothing. No hard info has been produced. Fabrication in some cases is obvious. CJC is trying to coerce the US into supporting his phisid aspirations.

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JNS - 5/3/67

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US address - Waco, Astoria - NY