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IGR 1967

1. 4/25/67 Memorandum on: plans to assess costs of "Because of extreme sensitivity of operation," as a matter of principle no official records were kept of planning, of approvals, or of implementation.

W. Harvey retained sketched notes of his activities during year in? - these are the best source of data

most info given has come orally

2. everyone deemed knowledgeable interviewed except Dulles and Cabell

"If there are significant inaccuracies in the report, they are more likely to occur in faulty ordering of the sequence of events."

5 separate phases in Agency assess. planning the transition from one to another

(b) source of information

b.c.

by influencing his behavior & altering his appearance

b) 8/60 - 4) 61; <sup>the plots</sup> involved by <sup>participants</sup> some and mainly in aspect of overall active effort to overthrow Castro regime - culminated in Bay of Pigs

c) 4/61 - late/61; major scheme begun in 8/60 called off after Bay of Pigs - ~~was~~ dormant for several months as was most other operational activities related to Cuba

d) late/61 - late/62; scheme in c) reactivated in ~~late~~ early '62, pushed vigorously in era of Project MONSIEUR and in climate of intense admin. pressure on CIA to do something about CASTRO and his regime

e) late/62 until well into 1963; post-Cuba missile crisis, 10/62 and collapse of Project MONSIEUR,

4 aggressive scheme begun in 8/60, revised in 4/62, terminated in early '63. 2 other plots originated in 1963 but both were not reportable on 10/62

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2 points of importance: 1) eliminating a leader will not  
 2) bringing about downfall of govt requires removal  
 of leaders from positions of power always  
 ask the participants will want to assess to Gen'l M. Taylor  
 desire for contingency plan

A third point: frequent resort to signed doc  
 is a reference to a particular the whole  
 is to be understood sig. use of  
 phrase disposing of CASTRO which read  
 narrowly & literally means to assassinate  
 him but which is intended to be read in  
 broader, figurative sense of deposing  
 CASTRO regime

Can also be read from the side of CIA -  
 a derogatory term about CASTRO meaning  
 killing CASTRO

TOP concluded that no reason to believe

1964

6) ISK concludes after Oswald in jail for Pearson's reporters

a) CIA officer passed assassin weapon to Agency Cuban asset at Paris meeting on 11/22/63. The weapon was a ballpoint pen rigged w/ hypodermic syringe. Poison suggested by Oswald  
Black Leaf 40

b) Aug 10, 1962 meeting of SS (augmented) at Dean Rusk's conference room. At meeting Robert McNamara raised subject of liquidation of Cuban leaders. As a result Edward Jansdale prepared a Project MONTGOMERY action memorandum. On 7/31/64 - another SS meeting - discussed clandestine Service info report on Cuban exile plot to assassinate CASTRO. CIA refused the request for funds and did not involvement in the plot

c) On 2 occasions, early '61, early '62 CIA supplied poison pills to crime syndicate members to assassinate CASTRO. '61 plot aborted. pills received by CIA & all personnel to ...

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7. of oppy case, the three men would attempt to kill Castro perhaps with pills

8. Implication of D. Pearson story of Allent, accurate relationship among various plots is unproven

9. Miscellaneous schemes from 8/60 March to August '60

3-4 schemes considered well before B. of P. Time frame is speculative - goes from 1959-1961

J. D. (Jack) Estelene, head of Cuba truck force pre-B. of P. - most reliable witness in field timing <sup>is crucial</sup> - all schemes under consideration while Estelene had direct respons. for ALLBA operation

10. Estelene indicates March 1960 as time when planning and preparation to consideration of island - by end of that quarter of '60, and from there concentration on "main thrust effort" & thereafter



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Air raid attack on Radio Station

Ray Trecker, TSP, scheme discussed  
to spray LSD like substance on radio  
station where CASTRO did broadcasts -  
nothing came of idea - discouraged  
because chemical was not readily effective

Henry Fortner, TSP

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recalls experiment w/ psychic energy  
and that used to be CASTRO as a target

Contaminated Cigars

pre B. of Pigo processing contain. Cigars  
by Estelene. Cigars would produce  
temporary personality disorientation.

Wanted to have CASTRO smoke one before speech  
Might have been prepared by Ray Trecker  
Estelene might have confused the chemical  
agent in that cigars might have been  
intended to make CASTRO's beard fall  
out. Estelene positive cigars were  
not lethal

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Cigars not used because w/1/4 couldn't  
figure out how to safely deliver them  
Estelene had to return to TSP, h.s.

## Depilatory

- 13 K. Merritt recalls scheme to use depilatory to destroy CASTRO'S image by making his beard fall out. Data was to consist of thallium powder (the depilatory) on CASTRO'S shoes. Scheme got only so far as procurement of chemical and testing on animals. Beard powder fell through because trip outside CUBA by CASTRO at which time powder was to be used fell thru.

## 14 Gambling Syndicate

### 2 phase operation

a) from 8/60 - 4/5/61

b) from 4/62 - 2/63 (covered by 125 pages)

### Phase I

August 1960

Mr. Bissel asked Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security of Edwards' cover established contacts of U.S. gambling syndicate active in CUBA - objective was to assess CASTRO thru Edwards' said term was added in context w/ Bissel

Edwards' cover was established in 1957

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Edwards contacted Robert Mabeu.  
Mabeu had been an SA for FBI.  
Mabeu had provided in the past  
support to CIA in some of its more  
sensitive operations.

CIA people in TOR report who worked for FBI  
Mabeu, <sup>Robert</sup> Cunningham, William Hawley, Joseph  
O'Connell, Edward Morgan

Mabeu told Edwards he had contacts  
with Cuban syndicate. Mabeu agreed to  
participate only after being pressured by  
Edwards. Mabeu's contact was Johnny  
Roselli. Edwards and Mabeu agreed  
Mabeu would approach Roselli as  
representative of businessmen w/ interests in  
CUBA who needed CASTRO eliminated  
\$150,000 authorized to pay for CASTRO's removal

September 1960 - case officer for operation  
was James P. O'Connell, Chief, Oper-  
ational Support Division, Office of Security,  
9/19/60 - O'Connell & Mabeu meet

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Roselli agrees to help with the operation  
to remove Castro from power. Mabeu  
agrees to provide the necessary funds.

17 Roselli declined payment, believed it would  
Memo for Record prepared by Staff, Edwards,  
5/17/62: no more was paid to Roselli  
& Duncan. (Duncan is "Gold")

CIK memo in office of Secants  
Only O'Connell was made witness of operation  
at the time. Edwards did not see Roselli  
until summer of '62

Russell informed contact w/ syndicate  
by Edwards during ~~summer of '62~~ late fall  
of Sept 1960. Only Russell, Edwards,  
& O'Connell <sup>at CIK</sup> knew of the plan. Edwards  
stated that Helms was not informed  
of the plan because Russell was handling  
CUBA at the time.

18 Edwards briefed Dull and Cabell on  
the syndicate plan. Russell was  
present at briefing. Edwards avoided  
use of "bad words" - descriptive  
term used was "an intelligence opera-  
tion" but Edwards said that Dull and  
Cabell knew what the nature of the operation  
discussed was.

4-11-1960  
Rusell told Helms of plan in CIA  
Helms reported to Edwards  
Edwards reported to Helms

week of 9/25/60 - O'Connell, Miami  
ago to Miami where M. Hill intro-  
duced to Sam "Gold" at Fontainebleau  
Hotel - "Gold" said he had a  
man "Joe" ( Santos Trufficanti ) who  
would be coming to Cuba and make  
arrangements there

O'Connell never met "Gold" or "Joe"  
O'Connell learned their true identities  
a few weeks later  
from Carroll Maguire supplement  
see office security memo to DDCI 6/27/66

At time of Miami meeting Trufficanti was  
making regular trips between Miami  
and Havana on syndicate business

20 "Trufficanti was to make the arrange-  
ments (for CASTRO's assets) with me of  
his contacts inside CUBA on one of his  
trips to Havana."

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Fall and Winter 1960

Lead to first contact of Roselle, mentioning  
the name of the man who was to be contacted

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21. Needle recall treating a full box  
of cigars w/ bacterium toxin - would poison  
it had a fatal effect on a person after ingestion
22. Needle Dept. required for material cigars  
Hawkins, 1967.

Dr. Edward Green, got the cigars and  
kept them in his safe - destroyed  
them upon a visit of Supt. Edwards returned  
in June 1963

23. Roosevelt, Chief of TSD remembers  
speaking to Supt. Edwards after  
Russell discussed it w/ Edwards  
Roosevelt recalls 4 possible approaches;
- a) something highly toxic e.g. shellfish  
poison administered by a pin
  - b) bacterial material in liquid form
  - c) bacterial treatment of cigars or cigarette
  - d) handkerchiefs treated w/ bacteria
- Russell and Roosevelt both recall that  
discussion was for bacteria in liquid form

4. Jensen - February 1961 41111892

25. Hancock against use of firearms -  
would have been suicide mission -  
he prepared a lethal pill. I made  
note for ~~the~~ signature was Juan Ortiz,  
Officer & Director General of the Office  
of the Prime Minister (CATED) - Ortiz needed  
money

2/10/61 - <sup>recording</sup> conversation between Juan Ortiz  
Trenchler - Juan had tested pills on  
guinea pigs & found them to be ineffective  
The pigs had high resistance to bovine TB

26. when tested on monkeys, the pills worked  
O'Connell eventually reviewed the pills.  
He recalls dealing w/ Trenchler but  
Trenchler has no record of delivering  
pills but he doesn't ordinarily keep  
detailed records of such things

27. O'Connell believes there were 6 pills - gave 3 of  
them to Roselle - possession sometime  
after 2/10/61

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Juan was approached about the  
operation by William Harely in Feb 61  
Harely was linked w/ the operation

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SECRET

Feb 7th - March 1961

- 27 Roselli passed pills to Trafficante  
Roselli told O'Connell that pills  
delivered to O'Connell in Cuba  
O'Connell kept pills for couple weeks  
and then returned them - syndicate  
28 said he got cold feet. By the time O'Connell  
had lost his position in the Prime Minister's  
office

"It seems likely that, while the  
Agency thought the gangster had  
a man in Cuba with easy access  
to Castro, what they actually had  
was a man disgruntled at  
having lost access"

- 29 O'Connell suggested replacement who made  
several unsuccessful attempts. Neither  
Edwards nor O'Connell knows who the was

March - April 1961

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Roselli tells O'Connell that Trafficante  
knew man in Cuban Exile movement  
who might do the job - Tony Varona  
(Dr. Manuel Antonio de Varona y Sureda)



30 T.R. man for Varona was Edward K. Moore who had significant ties to Cuba thru his mistress's brothers (Celleri)

31 Traffickers approached Varona about killing CASTRO. Varona is receptive because its by money for ships, ammo etc

Roselli  
O'Connell  
sitings

O'Connell informs Robert Bannerman, Edwards departs of the operation. Since Edwards out of town, Bannerman authorizes passing money (\$25 or 50 thousand) to Varona. site of document to DDI 6/24/06 215 figure of \$10,000 cash

32 Roselli O'Connell delivers money and pills to Roselli. Roselli gives money and pills to Varona. Little is known of the delivery channels beyond Varona.

April - May 1961 41111895

33 Soon after Bay of Pigs Edwards sends word to Roselli thru O'Connell that the operations of O'Connell believe standard was not firm and final and that something was going on between

Maguire & ...  
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O'Connell believed he received the pills and destroyed them

5/14/62 memo by S. Edwards states that long persons had knowledge of the operation but IOP identifies

13 people who knew in late '60 or in early '61 of <sup>the</sup> operation at assassin's Centre

- 1) Allen Dulles
- 2) Gen. Cabell
- 3) Richard Bissell
- 4) Sheffield Edwards
- 5) James O'Connell
- 6) J. D. Esterline
- 7) Cornelius Roosevelt
- 8) Ray Treichler
- 9) Edward Gunn
- 10) William Hawley
- 11) Sidney Gottlieb
- 12) Robert Bannerman
- 13) J. C. King

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4 persons retained got known to be writers of the operation and the Agency connection

- 1) William ...
- 2) John ...
- 3) ...
- 4) ...

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35 other avenue but where knowledge of CIA connections is speculative

- 1) Juan Ochoa
- 2) Antonio Varon
- 3) Harmond son-in-law

36 RFK and Laurence Huston learned full details in May 1962

as for <sup>an report</sup> Drew Pearson ~~and~~ if all appropriate the FOR then the following might be knowledgeable

- 1) Edward P. Morgan
- 2) Drew Pearson & Jack Anderson
- 3) Earl Warren
- 4) James Rantley
- 5) Pat Coyne
- 6) Atty Gen Ramsey Clark
- 7) Various members of FBI

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37) Gambling Syndicate - Phase 2

Feb 61 Bissel assigned sensitive ~~mission~~ operation to Harvey - representative Executive Action Capabilities - similar capabilities to carry out assignments

Bessell had discussed certain aspects  
with problem of Arnold Silver and Sidney  
Wittlieb - Harvey used Silver in development  
Execution capability, but not proposed  
to CASTRO.

Helm was briefed <sup>on Harvey</sup> on general concept  
of E. A. but did not mention the  
the then ongoing plot to assassinate  
Castro.

Exec Action - Kennan as ZRRIFLE

Programmer - ATWIN - recruited for

<sup>was 27</sup> ~~Patrol~~ ~~number~~ ~~2~~ - recruited by Silver  
was to be run by Justice O'Donnell - (he  
asked to be released - didn't want party

etc - Bessell granted the request)

ZRRIFLE - first appears in file in

5/61 - first recorded approval 2/19/62

on 2/19/62 - DPP Helm authorized

39 Harvey, by memo, to handle project

on special basis

ATWIN gets annual salary of 7200

+ 7500 for operational expenses

Cover for ZRRIFLE was <sup>as</sup> FT/D operation

11/15/61 - Harvey discusses w/ Bessell

Late 1961 - Early 1962

27) Harvey ~~was~~ following discussion  
w/ Bassell re the <sup>Edward's</sup> CASTRO  
operation

40) Feb - March 1962

Harvey 1<sup>st</sup> meets w/ Edwards re CASTRO  
operation in Feb 1962

Harvey ran Castro operation as one  
aspect of ZRRIFLE - but Harvey physically  
handled the Castro operation and  
did not use any of the assets  
developed in ZRRIFLE. Harvey  
attended Exec. Action program as  
synonymous w/ QT work

Harvey said when he wrote ZRRIFLE/QTWIN  
the reference was to Executive Action  
Capability; when he used the cryptonym  
ZRRIFLE alone, he was referring to  
CASTRO. Harvey's search correspondence  
would disclose the distinction. TFR  
received the correspondence for  
most part found it in a file

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41 April 1962

Edwards w/ Helms approved arrange  
for Harvey to be put in touch w/  
Roselli. Harvey briefed Helms  
prior to <sup>first</sup> meeting w/ Roselli on the  
purpose & reported to Helms  
results of meeting w/ Roselli.

Through Harvey, state he regularly  
briefed Helms on status of CASTRO  
operation.

April '62 - Edwards statement that  
the "briefed Helms approval" is  
earliest indication of Helms writing  
on gambling syndicate operation.

and that Helms approved that Harvey  
not brief the Director (McCone) on  
the meeting.

42 Edwards believes that the operation  
was called off completely after Bay of  
Pigs and no further operational activity  
until Harvey met Roselli & reactivated  
the operation in 1962.

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43 O'Connell does believe there was  
something going on between 9/01 after B Papp  
and 4/02 but can't remember particulars

4/8 - 4/13 - Hawley + O'Connell in NYC  
to meet Roselli

44 Hawley + O'Connell dispute whether  
Makew was present at meeting.  
Clears upon whether Makew knew  
the operation continued under Hawley

45 ~~Makew~~, Hawley, Roselli, O'Connell +  
maybe Makew go to Copacabana  
see Phyllis Mellicio there -  
Roselli attempts to avoid her

Edwards says that when he briefed Hawley  
on takeover he did not mention Makew  
so that he could screen Makew out of the  
operation

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46 O'Connell carry over into Pharett  
for purposes of continuity - appears to  
be a few weeks - the role in the

97. Hawley arrives in Miami on 9/27/62 -  
finds Roselli in touch w/ Tony Varina.  
Hawley reports to TSK how he took  
over a "gray operation" O'Connell  
concur.

98. Hawley didn't want Giancannain  
or reactivation of the operation -  
Hawley believes Roselli honored the  
request. Unfortunately no longer would  
Roselli know had man known to

Must be  
to be  
various  
Roselli  
in contact  
various  
because  
well known  
of who  
Hawley  
had knowledge  
of this

Hawley as Maceo - discussed names  
Garcia - Gomez and Godoy

Hawley describe Maceo as "a Cuban  
who speaks Italian"

Roselli remained prominent  
in the operation but he worked directly  
as Cuban exile and directly on behalf  
of CIA

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99. "It would be naive to assume that Roselli  
did not take the precaution of informing  
higher-ups in the hierarchy that he was

presenting himself as a Cuban exile  
operating on behalf of the CIA

44. After Pull given by Roselli to Varona,  
Varona requested arms and equipment  
for support of his operation. Harney was  
~~also~~ informed of this by Roselli.  
Harney and JMWAVE station chief  
Ted Shackley provided the materials  
at cost of \$1000 was T/Ald. to headquarters.

Harney + Shackley loaded equip into a C-truck  
and parked it in parking lot at a drive-  
in restaurant. Roselli given the car  
keys.

50. Delivery to Marco Varona, a Varona  
son-in-law. Harney + Roselli deli-  
vered each a key. Each found  
a double-cross. ~~The~~ Each party  
surveilled the site. C O'Connell was  
w/Roselli, Shackley w/Harney -  
The truck was picked up + returned  
empty w/keys under the seat as  
prearranged. Harney says Shackley  
never knew to whom delivery was  
made or what purpose - he really  
did not know the person to whom  
it was delivered.

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May 1962

Harvey and Roselli communicated telephonically by prearranged signals  
Roselli reported that pills in Cuba at restaurant where Castro eats regularly

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June 1962

June 21 - Roselli reports to Harvey that Varona has dispatched 3 man team into Cuba. Harvey says 3 men have no specific plan for killing Castro. The 3 men would recruit others to kill C. If agents presented they or other would kill C, maybe users will  
Harvey never knew their names

Sept 1962

Harvey and Roselli meet in Miami on 9/7 + 9/11  
"Medicine" reports in place, 3 man team safe  
+ Varona ready to order another 3 man team to infiltrate Castro's bodyguard

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Sept 1962 - Jan '63

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3 man team down + leave - Oct missile crisis develops. Between 12/22 + 1/6/63  
Harvey and Roselli + others in Miami  
Harvey and Roselli talk by phone 1/11/63  
Roselli reports that Varona is ready to dispatch another 3 man team  
into Cuba

52 Feb 63

Harvey in Miami 2/11-2/14 leaves word  
for Marco that it looks like it all  
over 2/15 - Harvey leaves Miami for  
L.A. to meet Roselli. At L.A. meeting  
Harvey + Roselli agree to close off the operation  
but that Roselli would continue to see Yarrow,  
gradually reducing frequency until no contact

53 April - May 1963

Harvey says gets 2 phone calls from Roselli  
Harvey wants one last meeting w/ Roselli before  
Harvey leaves for Rome. Helms expressed qualms  
by Harvey. Helms gives approval

June 1963

Roselli in Wash. mid-June to meet w/ Harvey  
Sam Papuck calls Harvey while Harvey + Roselli  
are dining out who asks Harvey if he knows  
his dinner guest identities. Harvey says he does

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54 Harvey meets Papuck re: information. Explains  
that he is terminating an operational association  
w/ Roselli. Papuck says he must report  
this to J. Edgar Hoover. Harvey asks Papuck  
if he agrees that Hoover might call Melvin  
Parker. Melvin Parker is believed to be a contact  
w/ Roselli. Papuck agrees.

44 Harvey says he then told Helms of the incident & Helms agreed that (there was) no need to brief McLoe unless Harvey's call is to be expected.

55 This was Harvey's last face-to-face meeting w/ Roselli

2nd phase writers persons

Richard Helms

William Harvey

James O'Connell

Sheffield Edwards

Jo Co King

Bruce Cheever

Ted Shackley

Ray Treister

Antonio Varona

Varona's son-in-law

Mason, Roselli's "man"

56, San Juan may have been informed of 2nd phase by Roselli, ditto Santos Rafferty  
O'Connell believes Maken knew,  
possible leads:

Roselli to Maken

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Maken to [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

[unclear] to [unclear]

[unclear] to Chief Justice President

[unclear] to [unclear] (aka [unclear])

[unclear] to [unclear] (aka [unclear])



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The Wiretapping Incident

57 Late '61 - Early '62

Guerrero's private life <sup>caused</sup> incident that made FBI aware of Agency's relationship - strip w/ syndicate - required briefers of A.C. on details of assassination plot

Phyllis McDunn - Guerrero's mistress  
Guerrero thought she was having affair w/ Dan Rowan - Guerrero wanted McDunn's Las Vegas hotel room bugged. McKee reluctantly agreed to bug room for Guerrero

58 Date of incident is uncertain - could have been 1961 - after Bay of Pigs, maybe early 1962 but before 2/7/62 on which date Director of Security Told FBI that CIA would object to prosecution

Edward L DuBois handles request for Mahan. DuBois assigns Arthur J. Bulletti + J. W. Harman to do the job

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59 O'Connell says telephone tap used in attempt of planting bug in room + Bulletti equip. furnished by the State + local sheriff Bulletti arrested Harman at Bulletti called Mahan w/ purpose of setting up

59 4/15/62, case reached the FBI, ~~FBI~~ FBI  
wanted to press for prosecution under  
overlapping statute. Makein on being  
approached by FBI referred them to  
60 <sup>Edward's say</sup> Shef Edwards & CIA. Makein told  
FBI that the tap was for an operation  
working on for Edwards, FBI memo  
of 3/23/62 indicates that FBI <sup>now</sup> knew  
of ~~the~~ Cuban intelligence information  
operation and believed working  
Kerwin's room done for this purpose -  
but doesn't indicate FBI knew it ~~was~~  
~~was~~ the intelligence operation was  
an ass. plot

March 1962

The memo of 3/23 confirms 2/7  
meeting between Edwards and FBI rep.  
2/7 meeting - Edwards says Makein involved  
in sensitive operation w/ agency - Agency  
object to prosecution

61 3/28 or 3/29 Edwards and FBI <sup>1111968</sup> liaison  
Sam Papish meet - Edwards reiterates  
his position re prosecution, Edwards  
memo dated 4/4/62  
indicates that the operation, FBI  
didn't know of the operation - Edwards dealt  
w/ Papish w/ no reference to any subject  
of the

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April 1962

4/16 - Lawrence Houston, CIA Gen'l Counsel meets w/ Herbert J. Miller of Justice Dept (Criminal Division) and indicates Agency involvement w/ mt revealing detail of assassin operation. Houston makes memo 4/20 of meeting, indicates Miller will cooperate but might mention it to Atty Gen'l.

4/20 - Houston meets w/ Foley, Miller's asst - indicates that prosecution for other matters not related to bugging flap is OK.

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Because A.G. might be informed, Houston briefs DDIC Gen'l Carter who said he might at some time brief McCone. Not known if Carter briefed McCone. No indication that Carter briefed further on full details of assassin operation.

May 1962

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A.G. informed because he requested briefing 5/1/62 - Houston and ... not ... with ... A.G. said ...

63 At A.G.'s request memorandum  
record of meeting prepared  
Edwards & Houston both helped write it  
RTK request on 5/11, memo date 5/14  
2 copies ~~to~~ - original to RTK, other to  
Sgt Edwards - Dir of Sec'y -  
true purpose of operation may be  
inferred from the memo  
McCone, Edwards says was not  
briefed on Carter & Helms

64 "From reports of other briefers, it is  
reasonable to assume that Kennedy  
believed he had such a commitment  
(to be told in advance of CIA involve-  
ment w/ O S gangster elements) from  
Agency representatives

But at this very time that RTK  
briefed on Phaset I, Phaset II under Harney  
was under way - as far as I O R knows  
Kennedy was never told of Phaset II

65 5/14 - Harney says he briefed Helms  
on meeting. Harney advised against  
briefing ~~the~~ McCone + Carter + Helms con-  
curred.

66 It appears that ~~that~~ <sup>11111920</sup> was not just

a copy of a memo, but something like  
a detailed journal or diary

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67 FSR characterizes Agency as  
first unwitting and then  
reluctant accessory after the fact  
in the wiretapping flap

August 1963

Chicago Sun Times article 8/16/63 -

"CIA sought Guancama help for Cuba  
Agency"

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69 8/20/63 Chicago Sun Times article

8/16/63 - DDP Helms memo to McCon  
forwarding a copy of 5/14/62 memo for  
record to RFK following 5/7/62

briefing of RFK on phase I operation

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FSR - earliest date 8/16/63 - that  
have evidence of McCon's awareness

of scheme to assassinate Castro using syndicate

FSR says it is not new knowledge that

CIA allied w/ gangsters to collect info -

what is new is that McCon authorized

CIA + gangsters to <sup>assassinate</sup> plot re Castro

May - July 1966 - Select Committee

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72. Mabeu worked for Mearns against  
Orrison - Mabeu received support  
through State Dept request from CIA  
in 1954-1955 period

73. Mabeu has been used over the years in a  
number of sensitive CIA operations.  
CIA didn't want him to testify before  
Soy Committee

74. Mabeu may have told his atty - Edward  
P. Morgan the details of the plan to  
assassinate CASTRO using gangster.  
CIA has interviewed 3 times <sup>at least</sup> Mabeu ~~was~~ <sup>has seen</sup>  
1 - Mearns  
2 - Mabeu

Schemers in Early 1963

75. 5 Key D.W. Suits #11111912

Sydney Gottlieb, Samuel Halperin,  
William Hawley, + Fitzgerald knew  
of it - maybe Mike Mestovsky  
also. Harvey says he mentioned it  
to George M. Mendon, special agent  
in charge of the Mearns case. He  
then transmitted to Wilson  
Hawley and some knowledge.

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Booby-Trapped Sen Staff

Dr Fitzgerald, Chief SAS  
scheme deemed impractical  
Fitzgerald, Halpern, + Bruce  
Cheever knew of it. Halpern believes  
he conducted TSD on this

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Tab A Source of Info

file furnished by:

- 1) Dir. of Security
- 2) Dep. Dir. for Support
- 3) Gen'l Counsel
- 4) Sec Counsel
- 5) Chief of W. H. Division
- 6) Col F. L. Herz, former chief of  
W. H. Division

biographic file + intel. parts  
furnished by Director of Central Reference

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List of those interviewed re Castro Assass Plots  
Donald Fitzgerald, Samuel Halpern, Bruce  
Cheever, J. C. Herz, Alfonso Rodriguez,  
J. D. Estature, Edward Gunn, Howard  
Osborn, James O'Connell, Sidney  
Hottel, Clifford Edwards, Richard  
Lund, Samuel Martin, Jay Muckler,  
John Warner, Nestor Sanchez, William  
Thayer, Charles Conrad, Robert R. ...

(Secrets)

Project Amalash - Polando Cubella

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3/7/61 - [redacted], NY City Station  
officer meets Cubella to get his  
views on Cuba, Cubella non-committal  
meeting arranged by HAWHPI, Carlos  
Tepedino - Cubella's friend

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Cubella held rank of major in Cuban military -  
the highest rank

Project AMALASH grew out of initial  
meeting between [redacted] and Cubella  
The main 61 meeting was inconclusive  
Cubella said that 1st step to overthrow  
regime is to eliminate CASTRO which  
Cubella would do. He requested re-  
peatedly that CIA furnish him equipment  
to do the job

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Nesto Sanchez was Cubella's case  
officer. "The Agency offered both  
direct and indirect support for Cubella's  
plotting"

3/25/61

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Juan Osta & Cubella wanted to defect CIA  
was for the infiltration but called off  
because of report that Cuban police  
had been alerted to report on  
defection plans

Of Cubella was being paid agent in Cuba  
to CIA through [redacted]

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8/14/61

Cubela sends message to Tepezinos that he wants to talk to a "friend of students" in Paris if possible. Paris station ok'd to approach Cubela but no indication from file that actually contacted.

6/15/62

JMWAVE station cable station asset (AMCONCERT) told by Susan Echevarria Bianchi that Cubela left for Helsinki on 6/10/62.

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6/27/62

FBI forwards to CIA report of meeting w/ FBI informant on 6/11 in Miami. Informant states Cubela wants to defect. FBI informant was Tepezinos. Bureau informed of student's meeting w/ Cubela.

7/8/62

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Tepezinos talks to JMWAVE station office. Tepezinos identifies the informant as Cubela in the Echevarria report. Tepezinos identifies the informant as a student in Paris.

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7/13 - 14/62

William Wainwright of H.C. meets  
Tepedino in New York. Tepedino  
will assist Cabell defection

7/30 - 8/6/62

Tepedino in Helsinki on 7/30 -  
Cabell meets w/ Wainwright  
on 8/1 - first of a series of  
meetings  
original objective of defectors  
Cabell changed to recruiting here  
in place

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Wainwright note - Cabell also wanted  
to assassinate Carlos Rodriguez (top-  
ranking CASTRO subordinate) and the  
Soviet Ambassador & also FIDEL,

by operation, if necessary  
Wainwright said CIA could make no  
commitments or plans

Cabell states he would only involve himself  
in a plan of significant action, and which  
was designed to achieve rapidly. Aside  
from to help Cuba

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8/15/62

John meeting...  
in Copenhagen...  
in Helsinki...

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He had told many of his Cuban associates of his meetings in Habana w/ Tepedino.

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8/10-8/11/62

Wainwright, Tepedino, & Cubela in Copenhagen for further meetings. Wainwright wrote that he used the term assassinate in talking to Cubela. Cubela found the term objectionable (as reported by Tepedino). The fact he did not object to (but the term)

"It is worth noting here that Tepedino, a Cuban jeweller in New York, was present at a series of meetings at which the assassination of Castro was discussed between ~~Tepedino~~<sup>Cubela</sup> and Wainwright, whom Tepedino knew to be a CIA officer."

8/14-8/23/62

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Carl Williams, Spanish speaker. CIA officer from Madrid meets Cubela, Tepedino, & Wainwright. Then Williams joins Tepedino & Cubela. Cubela refused to meet Williams. Williams says he + Tepedino + Wainwright

Copy of memo in Habana concerning Wainwright  
8/11/62-Cubela







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89 Meeting held in <sup>Paris</sup> at Kerstent's house  
Fitzgerald used alias Jane Clark  
Nesta Sanchez was the interpreter  
Stent not present at the meeting  
Sanchez made memo of meeting on 11/13/63

"Fitzgerald informed Cuba that the United States is prepared to render all necessary assistance to any anti-Communist Cuban group which succeeds in neutralizing the present Cuban leadership and assumes sufficient control to invite the United States to render the assistance it is prepared to give. It was emphasized that the above support will be forthcoming only after a real coup has been effected and the group involved is in a position to request U.S. (probably under OAS auspices) recognition and support.

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"Those involved now recall the purpose of the meeting as being something quite different from that appearing in written reports. Fitzgerald advised that Cuba is the recipient of the aid for the purpose of the meeting.

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90 Fitzgerald says he told Cubela that U.S. govt would have no part of an attempt on Castro's life.

Sanchez memo states that Cubela wanted to know what technical support we could provide him

91 11/14/63 - Wainwright meets Tepedino in N.Y.C. Wainwright contact report reveals Cubela's reaction to meeting w/ Fitzgerald:

Cubela satisfied w/ far policy concerned but not happy about not being given technical assistance for the operation. Tepedino said that Cubela dwelt constantly on this point.

11/14/63 - Sanchez memo for record: Fitzgerald approved telling Cubela he would be given a cache inside Cuba - cache could include high powered rifle w/ scope. C/SAs requested written report on AMLASH operation be kept to a minimum.

11/15/63 - following summary is based on observations of this individual. Cubela did not want to sacrifice his life for a glacially slow progress in a rifle.

92 Gunn, Halpern, & Sanchez settle  
in use of Blue Leaf 40, common insecticide  
as poison that Cuba could use to kill  
CASTRO

93 Plan at auction stage on 11/20 -  
Halpern & Sanchez criticize Gunn  
when say ~~needed~~ a ball point pen hypo-  
dermic that Sanchez could take up  
him the following day. Gunn  
then made it up & delivered it  
to Sanchez & retained two proto-  
types - as of 1967 still in Gunn's  
safe - doesn't remember Sanchez  
returning the device to him - he  
believes he was told Cuba would not  
accept the device

11/22/63

Sanchez in Paris - meets Cuba in the  
afternoon

93a Sanchez shows pen to Cuba & believes  
he accepted it but said he would not  
take it to Cuba. ~~The~~ Cuba not impressed  
w/ the device. Gunn & Sanchez say it  
was not loaded. Cuba was expected to

Sanchez could, rightly, mention  
not mention pen in report

93a. Collet report summary: Cabelle to return  
to Cuba still determined to initiate  
coup against Castro. Sanchez reiterates  
US support of any successful  
Cabelle visited for the coke.

94 ~~94~~ meeting re - Sanchez & Cabelle informed  
that JFK assassinated

"it is likely that at the very moment  
President Kennedy was shot a  
CIA officer was meeting w/ a  
Cuban agent in Paris and giving him  
an assassination device for use  
against CASTRO."

Fitzgerald cables says every-  
thing is off - no such cable in  
AMKASH file

TGK can identify many people who  
knew of person per - Sanchez,  
Halpern, Gunn & Fitzgerald

95 back to Project AMKASH file

12/1/63 - Cabelle returns to Cuba

2/19/64 - JMWAVE reports by cable

that 2 separate cables would be

employed in support of Project AMKASH

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3/24/64 - JMWAVE reports

96 details of activities of transporters automatic  
rifle

3/7/64 - Ho cable that high powered  
refugee main item requested by  
AM/ASH

3/13/64 S/W/ATF can break rifles  
down so must come from the  
cable

3/17-3/21/64 - 1 Amtrak cable  
arrives

4/24/64 - Tepedino briefed to meet  
Carlos Jorge Robredo Marquez  
who has rpt message from Cuba

97 5/3/64 Cuba wants silencer for  
for Belgian FAH submachine  
gun shoot

5/5/64 TSP make the silencer

6/9-6/11/64

2<sup>nd</sup> Amtrak cable put down  
with the FAH automatic rifles  
but silencer not included

98 8/14/64 - ~~AMTRAK~~ S/W message from  
AMTRAK re recovery of cables

8/30/64 Manuel Antune ~~associate~~ associate  
goes to France on 10/7/64 to  
meet with dissident members of

about White House



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11/12/64

Cubela in Prague for meetings

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11/13/64

Arturo reports that will talk to Amador if he is contact  
man for dissidents. Arturo thinks

if Amador is the chief dissident

We can forget about the operation

11/25/64

Cubela in Paris

12/4/64

Sanchez request money \$4500

~~to~~ for Arturo for travel  
to meet w/ dissidents.

Arturo did travel to Europe

and meet the dissidents

12/6 - 12/7/64

Sanchez & Cubela

meet in Paris

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Cubela wants to continue w/ his plans

Told that U.S. would not get involved

in his plan. Cubela said if he

needed help he would look elsewhere

12/10/64

Sanchez memo indicates

that Agency wanted to put Arturo

& Cubela together w/out their

knowing it had been engineered

by CIA. But CIA didn't intend to furnish

Arturo money w/ plan to give Cubela

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12/11/64 - ...  
for the ...  
H.A. ...  
Paris

101 12/27/64 Artimo & Cubela meet in Madrid for first time

102 12/30/64 - Cubela & Artimo meet again in Madrid  
Artimo reports meeting to Sanchez in Fla. on 1/3/65  
Cubela told Artimo he had not been provided silencer - If Artimo could get Cubela silencer he would take it back to Cuba  
If only one get another silenced rifle, Artimo would cache it in Cuba for Cubela

1/28/65 Sanchez <sup>in Paris to meet</sup> ~~to~~ Cubela ~~in Paris~~  
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2/2/65 - Sanchez meets Cubela & Repedone - Cubela says reached agreement w/ Artimo  
Artimo to provide package in Madrid  
Cubela to take back in personal luggage

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103 2/11/65 - Artimo reports for first time to Sanchez in Fla. that he had a silencer for Cubela  
Cubela had a silencer for Artimo in Madrid. Cubela had a silencer

3/4/65 -

103 3/15/65 - Miami station cables that Rafael Garcia-Bonzo Double in Madrid from Cuba - contact to Pitta officer claimed to be contact w/ dissident Cuban military leader - he was referred to Cubela - Garcia-Bonzo <sup>George</sup> had defended Santos Trufficante who was kicked out of Cuba -  
- none link between Cubela & the gambling syndicate plot

6/65 - Hq decides to term all contacts w/ key members of Cubela group  
" It had become increasingly apparent that the circle of Cubans who knew of Cubela's plans and of CIA's association w/ them was ever widening

105 Last straw - June '65 -

Victor Espinosa Hernandez Tell story to CIA about contact w/ Cubela friend in Paris who relayed Cubela message for CIA that in a position to kill Castro - after her return Espinosa of Miami Department reported on this story and CIA Dept. Report on this

106 CIA files don't indicate what kind of 'help' Cubela wanted from the CIA

6/23/65 HQ cables state concerned re termination of contact w/members of the Cubela group

107 Reuter's reports Cuban security police arrested Cubela & Guin who conspired w/ CIA

3/7/65 - Cubela & Guin on trial

3/8/65 escape from trial

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109 Castro sends letter to court suggesting death sentences for the accused

2/10/66  
transcript

110 Cubela & Guin get 25 years

Q - where is the dilemma

Cubela. I struck the dilemma away because it was burning my hand

Discussion of assets at High-level got meeting

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111 None of ~~Cubela's~~ Cubela's dealings w/CIA from 2/61 - 1/64 mentioned in the trial  
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133 "Like Robert Kennedy was briefed  
in place Oct in May 1962, he  
arranged a committee Kennedy and  
arranged to check with the attorney  
reference in advance of any future  
intended use of U.S. citizenship  
elements. This would not have a respect  
to Phase Two, which was already  
well under way at the time Kennedy  
was briefed.

"Phase Two is a continuation of Phase  
One. The Executive Order signed  
during Justice's report was  
developed in response to what  
Kennedy suggested."

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111 JSC operated on reason for up to  
evidence at trial  
"Castro may have thought it politi-  
cally imprudent to allow the specu-  
lation of someone so close to his  
inner circle, who had merely  
plotted without acting. If the  
full details of Cuba's involve-  
ment w/ CIA had come out in  
court, Castro might have had  
little expense for asking for leniency"

112 2 high-level interagency meetings  
at which assets of CASTRO raised  
1) meeting of SS(A)  
2) held on 7/30/64 - 303 Committee  
probably at White House Situation  
Room

8/10/62  
113 SS(A) meeting  
Tom Parrott's minutes of the meeting  
make no mention of the subject  
of assassination.

The Coner & Hawley recall McNamara  
raised the subject - also Hawley's  
notes show it was mentioned  
by Murray

The Coner 9/14/67 memo recalls meeting  
on 8/9 & 8/8/62 meeting at JCS ops -  
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7/30/64

303 committee meeting - Peter Jessing was secretary

reference in minutes to 6/16/64 memo info report from DPP to Director. Also to the "elite" including: Special Agent to Pres. for Nat. Sec'y Affairs A. D.; report related proposal for Castro assass. mod to prominent Cuban exile. Mafia appeared to be involved - also Jose Male "Pepin" Bosch, Pres. of Bacardi Rum Int'l. Record shows CIA only involvement in plot was the report info on its existence

117 only other evd. of the discussion is a 5/19/64 memo from Del (McCone) to Beards, reporting results of FBI interview of alleged participants

118 The Davis Pearson Story

119 The Possible Complications of the Gambling Syndicate Operation

O'Connell wrote report submitted directly to DPP/LSM

120 Mahan did brief his atty, Edward P. Morgan on Mahan's participation in Phase I.

2) Mahan didn't know of Phase II - never heard of it from Roselli

3) Mahan ~~is~~ suspects Roselli + Morgan - but a conspiracy

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"In learning of the Roselli-Morgan link, we are relieved of the need for speculation as to how the story had gotten out. It is quite likely that Roselli is the source, Morgan the channel, and Anderson and Pearson the recipients,"  
reason for leaking:

"Roselli is drinking too much and talking and that Morgan is also drinking and talking to a newspaperman friend."

127 The Philippine National Bureau of Invest. has a Puerto Rican in custody who claims to participate in Castro-inspired assass. plot in Dallas. He also claims Castro made 7/62 speech threatening to assass. Kennedy in retaliation for 2 Kennedy attempts on Castro's life.  
"We have found no record nor recollection of Castro having made such a speech"

128 The Puerto Rican is probably going to be deported to U.S. -

"We may expect the FBI to take the man back into custody. We have no record of any such activity."