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ON NOVEMBER 10, 1976, FORMER SE 2434-PC FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

IN APRIL, 1961, AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN ONLY AS MAX WAS CONTACTED BY A PERSON KNOWN ONLY AS PHIL THE STICK IN NEW YORK CITY. MAX WAS A "HIT MAN" AND WAS INSTRUCTED BY PHIL THE STICK TO GO TO FLORIDA. MAX WENT TO THE CAROUSEL HOTEL IN

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MIAMI BEACH AND MET WITH SAM GIANCANA. GIANCANA INTRODUCED MAX TO STURGIS, A CIA AGENT DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, 5'11", AND WELL BUILT. STURGIS QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT HIS, MAX'S PROFICIENCY IN WEAPONS AND INDICATED MAX SHOULD PRACTICE ON TARGETS IN THE OKEEFENOKEE SWAMPS. DURING THESE TARGET PRACTICES, STURGIS INSTRUCTED MAX IN THE USE OF THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS.

AROUND MAY 18, 1961, MAX MET WITH GIANCANA, JOHN ROSELLI, AND STURGIS WHO TOLD HIM, MAX, AMONG OTHERS, WAS TO "HIT" THE DICTATOR OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, RAFAEL TRUJILLO. MAX WAS INTRODUCED TO ANGELO MARADANO (PHONETIC) WHO SPOKE FLUENT SPANISH. IT WAS DECIDED MARADANO WOULD PLAY PART OF MAX'S FATHER WITH MAX BEING A MUTE, THUS HIDING THE FACT THAT MAX COULD NOT SPEAK SPANISH.

ON MAY 18, 1961, MAX AND ANGELO MARADANO FLEW TO MEXICO CITY ON A COMMERCIAL AIRLINE, AND ON MAY 19, 1961, ALSO ON COMMERCIAL AIRLINES, FLEW TO SANTO DOMINGO. THEY WERE MET BY AN UNKNOWN CAB DRIVER WHO KNEW THEM AND ULTIMATELY TOOK THEM TO A HOME OUTSIDE SANTO DOMINGO WHERE THEY WERE INTRODUCED TO WILLIAMS,

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ANOTHER CIA MAN DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, 6'2", 210 LBS.

WILLIAMS GAVE THEM MAPS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND SANTO DOMINGO AND TOLD THEM TO STUDY THEM. MAX STILL HAS THESE MAPS AND THEY ARE AVAILABLE IF WANTED.

WILLIAMS INDICATED IT WOULD BE VERY HARD TO "HIT" TRUJILLO INASMUCH AS TRUJILLO CHANGED ROUTES DAILY, GOING BACK AND FORTH FROM HIS OFFICE TO THE PALACE AND WAS PROTECTED BY SHARPSHOOTERS.

ON THE NIGHT OF MAY 29, 1961, WILLIAMS INDICATED TRUJILLO WAS GOING TO SEE HIS MISTRESS IN SAN CRISTOBAL DURING THE EVENING OF MAY 30, 1961. HE WAS GOING VIA THE COAST HIGHWAY AND WOULD BE IN A WHITE CHEVROLET PRECEDED BY A JEEP. IN ORDER TO FOOL PEOPLE, ANOTHER WHITE CHEVROLET AND JEEP WOULD FOLLOW HIM SOME TEN TO FIFTEEN MILES.

IN THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 30, 1961, MAX, MARADANO, WILLIAMS, AND UNKNOWN OTHERS OF SPANISH DECENT, WENT IN TWO JEEPS TO FIND A PLACE TO "HIT" TRUJILLO. A SUITABLE PLACE WAS FOUND NEAR A PORT CITY.

AROUND MIDNIGHT ON MAY 30, THE JEEP AND THE WHITE CHEVROLET

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WITH TRUJILLO APPEARED. SIX MEN IN THE FIRST JEEP "TOOK OUT" TRUJILLO'S JEEP, DISABLING THE RADIO AND TIRES. MAX, THE DRIVER, WILLIAMS, AND MARADANO PULLED UP NEXT TO TRUJILLO IN THE WHITE CHEVROLET AND MAX AND MARADANO KILLED HIM, USING THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS.

APPROXIMATELY SIX HOURS LATER, THEY RETURNED TO SANTO DOMINGO AND DEPARTED FOUR DAYS LATER, ARRIVING IN MIAMI BEACH VIA MEXICO CITY, PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI, AND THE BAHAMAS, ALL TRAVELLING BY COMMERCIAL AIRLINES. ONCE THEY ARRIVED IN MIAMI BEACH, STURGIS PAID MAX AND MARADANO \$30,000 A PIECE.

PRESENT DURING THIS PAYOFF WAS SAM GIANCANA WHO TOLD MAX TO CONTACT PETE BRADY, A PIT BOSS IN THE DESERT INN IN LAS VEGAS, CONCERNING A "HIT" IN HAVANA, CUBA. APPARENTLY, BRADY HAD BEEN WORKING AT THE CAPRI CASINO IN HAVANA AND WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA.

IN MID-JUNE, 1961, CONTACT WAS MADE BY MAX WITH BRADY UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF JOHNNY GEORGE, A GAMBLER IN LAS VEGAS, CURRENTLY BUILDING THE ATLANTIS HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS. BRADY INDICATED TO MAX HE WAS INSTRUCTED BY SOMEONE WHOM HE DID NOT NAME

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THAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO TELL MAX ALL ABOUT HAVANA AND THE HILTON HOTEL THERE. IT WAS ASSUMED BY MAX THAT HE WAS BEING INSTRUCTED SO THAT HE COULD "HIT" FIDEL CASTRO.

AFTER RECEIVING THE INFORMATION FROM BRADY, MAX RETURNED TO MIAMI BEACH WHERE HE CONTINUED TO TARGET PRACTICE. A SHORT WHILE LATER, MAX LEARNED THAT GIANCANA HAD A "RUN IN" WITH ROBERT KENNEDY IN LAS VEGAS AND THE "HIT" ON CASTRO WAS CALLED OFF. MAX WAS INFORMED HIS SERVICES WERE NO LONGER NEEDED.

IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH, 1975, JOHN ROSELLI TOLD MAX THAT HE AND SAM GIANANA WERE BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF CASTRO. ROSELLI SAID GIANCANA HAD AGREED TO TESTIFY BUT HE, ROSELLI, WOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING.

IN JULY, 1975, GIANCANA WAS KILLED WITH SEVEN 22 CALIBER BULLETS AFTER TWO CHICAGO POLICEMEN ON SURVEILLANCE WERE LURED AWAY. TWO WEEKS LATER, ROSELLI TOLD MAX THAT HE HAD CHECKED IN TO CHICAGO AND GIANCANA'S MURDER WAS NOT A "MOB HIT". ROSELLI TOLD HIM IT WAS A MURDER BY THE CIA TO INSURE THAT GIANCANA WOULD SAY NOTHING TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE INVOLVEMENT

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OF THE CIA WITH "THE MOB". ROSELLI FURTHER INDICATED TO MAX HE FELT HE WOULD BE FORCED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE AND WOULD PROBABLY BE "KNOCKED DOWN" OR KILLED BECAUSE OF IT.

IN THE SUMMER OF 1976, ROSELLI WENT TO FLORIDA TO SEE HIS SISTER AT WHICH TIME HE WAS MURDERED.

IT IS CONJECTURED BY MAX THAT ROSELLI'S MURDER WAS DONE BY THE CIA TO KEEP HIM FROM TESTIFYING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE.

THE SEATTLE DIVISION HAS NO WAY TO VERIFY THE TRUTH OR LACK OF IT CONCERNING THE ABOVE INFORMATION. ON A LIMITED SCALE, THE SOURCE'S PREVIOUS INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE FBI HAS BEEN RELIABLE. SHOULD FURTHER INFORMATION BE DESIRED, THE SEATTLE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE IS OFFERED FOR WHATEVER USE IS DEEMED DESIRABLE.

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INTELLIGENCE DETAIL, SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHO IS NOW
UTILIZING FORMER SE 2434-PC AS AN INTELLIGENCE INFORMANT.

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