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THOMAS A. PARROTT

Chronology and Issues

Biographical Background

1949 CIA, Office of Policy Coordination

1950-1951 CIA, Staff Officer for "designated representatives" (group set up under NCS-10/2 to review covert operations)

1951-1957 CIA, Chief of Base, Frankfurt, Germany

1957-1959 CIA, Staff Officer for Operations

Jan 1959- Chief of CIA, Section for Special Group  
1963

1963-1972 Intelligence Community Staff

1972- Retired  
Present

Document Chronology

I. CASTRO

March 14, 1960-At a Special Group meeting, after a paper titled "General Covert Action Plan for Cuba" was read, there was

"a general discussion as to what would be the effect on the Cuban scene if Fidel and Raul Castro and Che Guevara should disappear simultaneously."

The minutes continue: "Admiral Burke said that the only organized group in Cuba today were the Communists and there was therefore the danger they might move into control. Mr.

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January 12, 1961-The Special Group approved a project with respect to the Dominican Republic as follows:

"...limited supplies of small arms and other material should be made available for dissidents inside the Dominican Republic. Mr. Parrott said that we believe this can be managed securely by CIA, and that the plan would call for final transportation into the country being provided by the dissidents themselves." (Source: Minutes, January 12, 1961, by T. Parrott of Special Group Meeting, January 12, 1961, 02756) Exhibit at Tab u

May 18, 1961-At a Special Group Meeting, "General Cabell noted that the internal dissidents were pressing for the release to them of certain small arms now in U.S. hands in the Dominican Republic. He inquired whether the feeling of the Group remained that these arms should not be passed. The members showed no inclination to take a contrary position at this time." (Source: Minutes, May 18, 1961, by T. Parrott, of Special Group Meeting, May 18, 1961, 02769) Exhibit at Tab Y

III. LUMUMBA

August 25, 1960-After approving an anti-Lumumba political covert action program, the Special Group was told by Gordon Gray, Assistant to the President for National Security:

"Mr. Gray commented however, that his associates had expressed extremely strong feelings on the necessity for very straightforward action in this situation, and he wondered whether the plans as outlined would be sufficient to accomplish this." (Emphasis added.)

NOTE: Lumumba was assassinated on February 12, 1961. Bissell allegedly contacted O'Donnell about assassinating Lumumba in the fall of 1960.

NOTE: A reading of the Special Group minutes in context indicates that the phrase "Mr. Gray's associates" refers to the President. During the Kennedy Administration, the phrase "higher authority" was used in the Special Group minutes to refer to the President. No direct reference to the President appears in Special Group minutes.

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