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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

12 February 2014

Mr. John Greenwald



Reference: F-2014-00107

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This is a final response to your 22 October 2013 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 22 October 2013, for all records on a CIA program known as "Operation 40." We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we may identify it easily.

We conducted a search of our previously released database and located the enclosed two documents, totaling six pages, which we believe to be responsive to your request. Please be advised that these documents were released as part of another release program.

For any other information regarding the subject of your request, in accordance with section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of requested records is currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information that is protected from disclosure by section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). I have enclosed an explanation of these exemptions for your reference and retention. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 45 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Meeks".

Michele Meeks
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director (Plans) *Reid* 23 MAY 1961

SUBJECT : Manuel RAY Interview of 18 May 1961

1. This memorandum is for the Director's information only.
2. On 18 May 1961, Manuel RAY, the exiled leader of the Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP, Peoples' Revolutionary Movement) was interviewed in the offices of the Joint Chief of Staff in the Pentagon Building. RAY, hereinafter referred to as the Subject, spoke in an extremely soft voice, and at times it was difficult to hear him. Added to this, he spoke in a rambling manner, and sometimes did not fully identify subjects about which he was talking. As an example - he spoke about "the radio" when he meant to say "Radio Swan." In summary, the Subject's presentation was difficult to follow and to understand, and it is the intent of this memorandum to give the gist, or the main thoughts and ideas, of the Subject's interview.
3. The main bulk of the Subject's presentation referred to the past, and he presented his interpretation of the errors which had been committed by the Central Intelligence Agency, resulting in the abortive invasion in the Bay of Cochinos. Mainly these errors were in the lack of monetary, operational, military and political support to his organization. He spelled these out in considerable detail by starting first with the lack of proper political motivation inside Cuba, and thus the lack of incentive by the Cuban people to rise in revolt. He said that the Cuban people did not know the ultimate political goal of the invasion forces. He said that his own people, the members of the MRP, were afraid that if the invasion was successful they, too, would be executed by the invading forces or the succeeding government. This, he emphasized, limited any support which could have been given to the invading forces. Much later in his presentation the Subject came back to this point saying that he and his people had learned about "Operation Forty" as a "mopping-up" operation, which was to have eliminated his followers in Cuba. He said "Operation Forty" was composed of followers of former president Fulgencio BATISTA who were to follow

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behind the invading troops and "purge" the captured cities and towns. He said that the operation was planned by SANJENIS and GUTIERREZ, and that one of the members was CALVINOS (fnu), a "war criminal" who was captured in the invasion.

4. The Subject said that his operations were not supported by the Central Intelligence Agency, and talked at some length about his efforts to obtain air drops for his partisans in the Sierra Escambray Mountains during September 1960. According to the Subject, not one drop which he requested was delivered. He was critical of the lack of support, and said that while he was still in Habana he met with an official of the United States Embassy, by inference a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency, and that he was promised full and unconditional logistical support. Later, when he arrived in Miami, Florida, he found that the support was neither full nor unconditional. He said that support was conditioned upon his acceptance of the "Frente", and he told about an instance where air drops to his partisans, again in the Sierra Escambray Mountains, were to carry the mark of the "Frente," a condition which he found intolerable.

5. Other complaints by the Subject concerned the lack of financial support, and he said that the only method by which he could support his organization was by obtaining money inside Cuba, selling the Cuban pesos on the black market, and sending the United States dollars to Miami. He listed his grievance against Radio Swan, saying his organization was not represented in the programming, and adding that later Radio Swan fell into complete disrepute through its use of lies and contradictions.

6. The Subject talked considerably about the large number of "Batistianos" who were in the training camps, and his futile efforts to rid the camps of these undesirable elements. He identified Jose "Pepe" PEREZ San Ramon, the commander of the Brigade, and Roberto PEREZ San Ramon, a Brigade officer, as "Batistianos," but on questioning admitted that they were not charged with any crimes. He explained that, "They liked BATISTA." One point he did not clarify was why his internal organization could use ex-members of the Constitutional Army and yet at the same time they were not suitable if they were in exile.

7. The Subject said that it was his representatives, members of the MRP, who were responsible for successful sabotage in Cuba, and said that they destroyed El Encanto, the Habana department store, and the Habana aqueduct.

8. In the short period which remained the Subject spoke of what can be done inside Cuba. He favored the support of individual organizations, each one doing their own action work inside Cuba. He said that in the

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underground it was necessary to work with others solely on the basis known bona fides, and that if MRP members had to work with other groups unknown to them, it would increase the chance for compromise. He was questioned as to whether or not it would be preferable to have a coordinating group, representing all groups, to direct the activities and he answered that he did not think that it was necessary, especially at this time. He said that there was so much to do that each group could tell its inside components to go ahead and sabotage and destroy as much as they could, and the efforts would not be wasted.

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Chief

Western Hemisphere Division

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1. AMBUD-1 COMPLAINTS AGAINST AMOT-2 COME AS SURPRISE TO WAVE IN VIEW AMOT-2 RECORD OF LOYALTY TO ANEUD-1 AND SEVERAL DECLARATIONS BY AMBUD-1 OF HIS CONFIDENCE IN AMOT-2.
2. WHILE PERSONAL VILIFICATION OF THIS TYPE IS OUT OF CHARACTER FOR AMBUD-1 IT IS COMPLETELY IN CHARACTER FOR AMDIP-1 WHO IS WITHOUT DOUBT ACTUAL CULPRIT BEHIND THESE STORIES. WAVE AWARE AMDIP-1 HAS BEEN PLANTING THESE STORIES FOR SOME TIME IN AN ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE PRESTIGE AMOT-2. HIS ATTEMPTS UNSUCCESSFUL AND INSTEAD HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN BUILDING AMOT-2'S STATURE AMONG EXILES WHILE DAMAGING HIS OWN CONSIDERABLY. IT IS KNOWN TO WAVE THAT AS LAST RESORT AMDIP-1 AND ANJAG PRESSURED AMBUD-1 TO MAKE ISSUE OF THIS AT HIGHEST LEVEL.
3. AMOT-2 IS MOST DISCREET AND WAVE HAS NEVER RECEIVED INFO, EXCEPT THAT EMANATING FROM AMDIP-1 AND ANJAG, THAT AMOT-2 BRAGS ABOUT KUBARK SUPPORT. WAVE BELIEVES THIS PROBE ON PART OF AMDIP-1 AND ANJAG TO ASCERTAIN EXTENT PRESENT KUBARK INVOLVEMENT. RE ALLEGATION "OPERATION FORTY" (AMFAST) DESIGNED ELIMINATE

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AMBUD ORGANIZATION THIS STORY PREPOSTEROUS.

4. ENTIRE MATTER IS RESULT OF PERSONALITY CLASH BETWEEN AMDIP-1 AND AMJAG DUO AND AMOT-2. BOTH AMDIP-1 AND AMJAG AWARE THAT AMOT-2 HAS DAMAGING INFO RE THEIR CONDUCT, INTRIGUES AND ATTITUDE TOWARD KUBARK AND ODYOKE. MOREOVER, THEY BELIEVE AMOT-2 HAS INFO RE AMDIP-1'S MISAPPROPRIATION OFFICIAL AMIRON FUNDS IN PAYING AMIRON DEPENDENTS.

5. WAVE OF OPINION THAT FORCING AMOT-2 OUT OF WAVE AREA AS RESULT AMBUD-1'S REQUEST WOULD SET DANGEROUS PRECEDENT. THERE IS NO DOUBT AMDIP-1 WOULD USE THIS, THROUGH AMBUD-1, AS MEANS OF GETTING OTHERS OUT OF AREA WHO OPPOSE HIM OR WHOM HE SUSPECTS TO BE WORKING FOR ODYOKE OR KUBARK SUCH AS ANTIKI-1. AMDIP-1 HAS ALREADY STARTED SIMILAR CHARACTER ASSASSINATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANTIKI-1.

6. WAVE'S RECOMMENDATION AS POSSIBLE SOLUTION THIS PROBLEM IS FOR HQS APPROACH AMBUD-1 WITH SUGGESTION HE SEND AMOT-2 ON BRIEF UNOFFICIAL MISSION LA WITH EXPENSES PAID BY AMBUD. THIS TRIP WOULD SERVE DUAL PURPOSE. FIRST IT WOULD PROVIDE COOLING OFF PERIOD FOR ALL CONCERNED. SECOND, KUBARK WOULD BENEFIT FROM AMOT-2'S TRIP AS HE COULD SET UP INDEPENDENT ANTI-CASTRO ASSETS FOR US THROUGHOUT LA.

My recommendation is to set him up to WAVE.
SML

7. IF AMBUD-1 DOES NOT ACCEPT THIS PROPOSITION BELIEVE THERE IS LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE TO FORCE A-2 TO LEAVE WAVE AREA. IF PROPOSITION ACCEPTED WAVE FORESEES NO PROBLEM CONTINUING RUNNING AMOTS. THIS CAN BE HANDLED THRU AMOT-31.

8. IN ANY CASE WAVE RECOMMENDS THIS MATTER BE HANDLED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID GIVING AMOT-2 THE IDEA THAT KUBARK HAS LOST CONFIDENCE IN HIM. HE AND HIS LOYAL FOLLOWERS HAVE MADE

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SHOW AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO STATE IN TERMS OF POSITIVE
AND COUNTER INTELLIGENCE AND MANY OTHER TASKS THAT TO PLANT
ANY DOUBT IN THE MIND OF AMOT-2 AT THIS TIME WOULD BE TO DESTROY
AN EXTREMELY VALUABLE ASSET.

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