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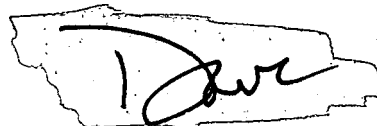
MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: David D. Gries
Director, Center for the Study of Intelligence

SUBJECT: JFK Assassination Records;
Release of William Pawley's Name

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We continue to believe that the Agency cannot justify withholding the fact of William Pawley's relationship with CIA, in view of the public record. I ask that you personally read the attached brief items, which clearly reveal a relationship. Two of the items are from official documents--one from General Maxwell Taylor's Board of Inquiry, the other from the record of the House Assassination Committee. The other contains quotes of Pawley's own statements, which are included in a book by well-known authors.



David D. Gries

Attachments:

- A. Investigation of Assassination
- B. First Meeting
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**INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION
OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY**

**APPENDIX TO
HEARINGS**

BEFORE THE

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

OF THE

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NINETY-FIFTH CONGRESS

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**ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
LEE HARVEY OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS**

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(297) Because the DRE was an extremely militant "action" group, the committee was especially interested in DRE operations prior to the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

(298) As noted, one of the effects of the Blanquita raid in September 1962, was to garner the DRE a blast of national publicity, which, in turn, gave the leaders of the group the opportunity to solicit additional funding from wealthy individuals who were sympathetic to their anti-Castro cause.(46) Among those who wound up supporting the DRE was Miami multimillionaire William Pawley, a staunch rightwing conservative, former owner of the Havana bus system, and a friend of former CIA Director Allen Dulles.(47) Another supporter of the DRE was a friend of Pawley's, former Ambassador to Italy Clare Boothe Luce,(48) then the wife of Time-Life publishing boss Henry Luce, and later, a Nixon appointee to the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

(299) In its review of DRE activities, the committee took special interest in a relatively recent series of events involving Clare Boothe Luce. In October 1975, Luce was being interviewed by Vera Glaser, a reporter and columnist for Knight newspapers, when she told Glaser of an alleged incident involving members of the DRE and Lee Harvey Oswald.(49) At the time, Senator Richard Schweiker and Senator Gary Hart were in the midst of their subcommittee investigation of the Kennedy assassination as part of the Senate select committee inquiry into intelligence activity.

(300) According to Glaser's report of the interview, this is basically what Luce told her:

(301) Luce said that after the failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion, her friend, William Pawley, persuaded her to help sponsor a fleet of motorboats for a group of anti-Castro Cubans who, Pawley envisioned, would be Cuban "Flying Tigers," flying in and out of Cuba on intelligence-gathering missions. Pawley had helped start Gen. Claire Chennault's original Flying Tigers in World War II. Luce said she agreed to sponsor one boat and its three-man crew. She said she met with this Cuban boat crew about three times in New York and, in 1962, published a story about them in Life magazine.(50)

(302) Following the missile crisis in October 1962, Luce said that the Kennedy administration clamped down on exile activities against Cuba, and the Pawley-sponsored boat raids were discontinued. Luce said she never saw her "young Cubans," as she called them, again.(51)

(303) Then, on the night of Kennedy's assassination, Luce said she received a call from New Orleans from one of the boat crew Cubans. Luce told Glaser she would call him Julio Fernandez. She said the Cuban told her he called because he wanted to tell her about some information he had concerning the President's killer, Lee Harvey Oswald.(52)

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1. Based on our review of JFK assassination records, we have concluded that the Agency cannot justify withholding the fact of William Pawley's relationship with CIA. We request your agreement to release documents that acknowledge the relationship. Information that reveals sensitive sources and methods would be protected.

2. William Pawley was an unpaid asset of CIA in the early 1960s, who assisted us in activities targeted against Cuba. It is a matter of public record that he was heavily involved in anti-Castro activities, and that he was in contact with DCI Allen Dulles and other senior CIA officials. Pawley publicly acknowledged his CIA connections. Clair Boothe Luce told Congress that Pawley persuaded her to help fund boats to be used in raids against Cuba by anti-Castro Cubans.

3. There are at least three books and numerous newspaper and magazine articles that describe in detail Pawley's contact with CIA and his involvement in covert action against Castro. The published record of the House Special Committee on Assassinations describes Pawley as a supporter of the DRE (an anti-Castro organization), and a friend of CIA Director Dulles.

4. In one book, Pawley describes his arrangement with the DDCI, General Carter, for obtaining assistance from CIA to launch an operation into Cuba. He is quoted as saying he wanted to be "in constant touch with the CIA office in Miami." The record shows that his family was aware of his involvement with CIA.

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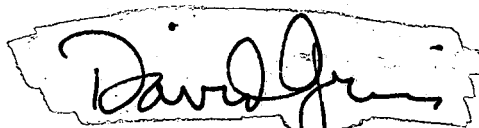
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5. The JFK Assassination Records Act provides that information cannot be withheld unless disclosure would demonstrably harm national security. There has to be clear and convincing evidence that disclosure would be so harmful that it outweighs the public interest. It is not sufficient to use the mosaic rationale, nor a general concern about the possible effect on potential assets.

6. The numerous deletions of information and withdrawal cards in the files on Pawley that will be released, which comprise a full box, in themselves reveal a covert relationship.

7. In view of the standards established by the JFK Act with respect to disclosure of records, it is our judgement that there is no justification for withholding the fact that Pawley was a contact of, and collaborated with, CIA in anti-Castro activities.

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07 April 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

VIA: DC/Information Management Staff

FROM: Katherine M. Stricker, DO/IRO

SUBJECT: Operational Status of William D. Pawley in JFK Collection

1. BACKGROUND: William D. Pawley (201-0077378) born 1893, millionaire, diplomat, international businessman, adventurer was an unpaid asset of the CIA in the early 1960's primarily targeted against Cuba. He had ready access to the emigre circles in Florida, his own reasons for anti-Castro activity and a strong streak of patriotism. His activities on our behalf range from conversations/consultations with Allen Dulles in his DCI's office, to purchasing a boat with Clare Booth Luce to be used in a sabotage raid against Cuba. He provided operational information to us, funded emigres who were somewhat under our control and had the ear of high level politicians in Washington. He was a force to be reckoned with and maintained a high profile throughout his activities, including bragging/alluding to his connection with the CIA. The details of his cooperation with us have never been acknowledged and, repeatedly since his death, we have continued to conceal the fact of our relationship with him.

2. ISSUE: Files on Pawley which fill one archive-sized box are within the JFK Collection being considered for release to the National Archives under the JFK Act of 1992.

a. The initial review by the Historical Review Group (HRG) recommends release of virtually all of the contents of the box (less some cryptonyms and names of covert officers) in light of the semi-overt nature of Pawley's relationship to the Agency and the common perception that he was a CIA agent.

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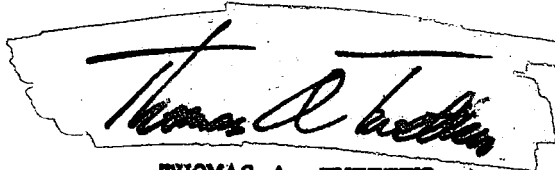
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b. The DO position is that each document be reviewed and those which specifically pertain to his CIA affiliation be withheld i.e. POA requests, other clearance documents, taskings, meetings with our officers and information which he reported. While Pawley is now dead, his heirs and colleagues could well be negatively affected by any disclosure of his CIA relationship. A larger concern is the chilling effect such a revelation would have on other assets, current and future, who would be repelled by CIA's admission of a clandestine relationship post mortem.

3. RECOMMENDATION: Appeal the decision of the HRG's initial review to release information on Pawley and request that the releases involving Pawley be confined to his role as an historical/political figure which should not reveal his Agency affiliation.

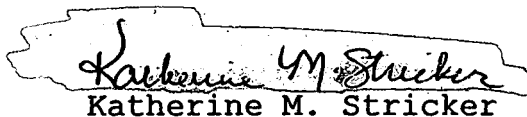
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CONCUR WITH HRG'S INITIAL POSITION: _____



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NOTE FOR: Frank Most

SUBJECT: William Pawley/Appeal

On 23 April, Dave Gries agreed to challenge the DO's appeal on William Pawley. To do this he asks that HRG do the following:

1. Prepare a memo that he can send to Twetten.
 - Develop our argument in the memo, to include the point that we are following the JFK law.
 - Combine the comments from the various books into one paragraph.
 - Add Bill's point that the box (or boxes) will have a lot of withdrawal cards, indicating a relationship existed.

2. Attach to the memo other evidence if we have it e.g., any photo of Pawley with Dulles, congressional testimony, etc.

3. Check the PRB again to see if any acknowledgement of Pawley's relationship was ever made.

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William Pawley

1. Attached is a memorandum approved by the DDO which appeals HRG's decision to release information in the JFK records related to William Pawley's association with CIA.

2. We make the following points to support HRG's position:

a. William Pawley was a well-known, wealthy businessman and former ambassador who was openly anti-Castro. He publicly acknowledged his CIA connections.

b. He is described in press items and the Congressional record as a friend of DCI Allen Dulles. He openly sponsored raids by anti-Castro Cubans into Cuba.

c. Former Ambassador Claire Booth Luce told Congress that Pawley persuaded her to help fund boats to be used in raids against Cuba by anti-Castro Cubans.

d. In the book, *Conspiracy* by Anthony Summers and in other literature, there are descriptions of a well-publicized joint operation by CIA and Pawley to capture two Russian military officers from a Cuban missile site in 1963.

• It is also noted that Pawley had a hand in the CIA operation in Guatemala in 1954.

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e. In the book, *Bay of Pigs* by Peter Wyden, it is stated that J. C. King, Chief DO/WH had plotted with Pawley in 1958 to head off Castro's coming to power.

- The book discusses Pawley's talks with President Eisenhower which focused on Pawley's attempt to be named to command a project to overthrow Castro.

- Pawley is described as having undertaken missions to Cuba and to the Dominican Republic at CIA's request.

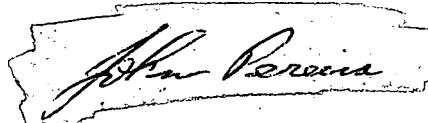
- Pawley is noted as having discussions with DDCI General Carter about getting CIA assistance for an anti-Castro operation. Pawley is quoted as saying he wanted to be in constant touch with the CIA station in Miami during the operation.

f. There are numerous other references in open sources to Pawley's contacts with Allen Dulles, J. C. King, and CIA in general.

g. The record shows his family was aware of his involvement with CIA.

h. Pawley is dead.

3. Conclusion: Pawley was a prominent, wealthy American, publicly known for involvement in anti-Castro activities and as a contact of the CIA. We do not believe disclosure of his relationship with the Agency would demonstrably damage the National security of the United States.



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07 April 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

VIA: DC/Information Management Staff

FROM: Katherine M. Stricker, DO/IRO

SUBJECT: Operational Status of William D. Pawley in JFK Collection

1. BACKGROUND: William D. Pawley (201-0077378) born 1893, millionaire, diplomat, international businessman, adventurer was an unpaid asset of the CIA in the early 1960's primarily targeted against Cuba. He had ready access to the emigre circles in Florida, his own reasons for anti-Castro activity and a strong streak of patriotism. His activities on our behalf range from conversations/consultations with Allen Dulles in his DCI's office, to purchasing a boat with Clare Booth Luce to be used in a sabotage raid against Cuba. He provided operational information to us, funded emigres who were somewhat under our control and had the ear of high level politicians in Washington. He was a force to be reckoned with and maintained a high profile throughout his activities, including bragging/alluding to his connection with the CIA. The details of his cooperation with us have never been acknowledged and, repeatedly since his death, we have continued to conceal the fact of our relationship with him.

2. ISSUE: Files on Pawley which fill one archive-sized box are within the JFK Collection being considered for release to the National Archives under the JFK Act of 1992.

a. The initial review by the Historical Review Group (HRG) recommends release of virtually all of the contents of the box (less some cryptonyms and names of covert officers) in light of the semi-overt nature of Pawley's relationship to the Agency and the common perception that he was a CIA agent.

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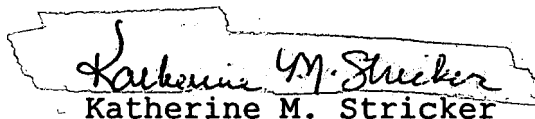
b. The DO position is that each document be reviewed and those which specifically pertain to his CIA affiliation be withheld i.e. POA requests, other clearance documents, taskings, meetings with our officers and information which he reported. While Pawley is now dead, his heirs and colleagues could well be negatively affected by any disclosure of his CIA relationship. A larger concern is the chilling effect such a revelation would have on other assets, current and future, who would be repelled by CIA's admission of a clandestine relationship post mortem.

3. RECOMMENDATION: Appeal the decision of the HRG's initial review to release information on Pawley and request that the releases involving Pawley be confined to his role as an historical/political figure which should not reveal his Agency affiliation.

AGREE WITH RECOMMENDATION: _____



CONCUR WITH HRG'S INITIAL POSITION: _____



Katherine M. Stricker

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FOLDER 3

A Binder of materials related to the Bayo-Pawley/ Operation Red Cross.

a. a copy of "The Bayo-Pawley Affair: A Plot to Destroy JFK and Invade Cuba," by Miguel Acoca & Robert K. Brown. (Published in Soldier of Fortune, 1975)

b. sanitized copies of the Ops plans - the cables, call signs, etc.

c. post-op assessment

d. name traces

NOTES

Summary: William D. Pawley, prominent and wealthy ex-govt official (high) financed a mission of anti-Castro Cubans who wished to exfiltrate 4 Soviet missile officers from Cuba in June 1963. He bankrolled it, sailed the Cubans out in his yacht (Flying Tiger II), and CIA provided weapons, air support, and naval support. The Cubans landed on the island and never returned.

CIA after action assessment: "OP participants had no Soviet contacts but they parlayed notional Sov contacts into sharp con game designed to attract Angel (Pawley etc) who could facilitate their exit from US as well as give them some arms equipment."

Apparently this whole episode has been kept rather quiet, and in the past the DO has denied any relationship with Pawley. A sanitized version of the Ops report was prepared for House staffers to read, but they were not allowed to take notes or possess a copy.

Also, a check of Sylvia Meagher's index does not reveal the names of any of the Cubans denied.

For these reasons, with the additional fact that the episode has no direct bearing on the JFK assassination, I recommend that we deny in toto the folder, and protect the names of the parties involved.

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201-294665 Eduardo Perez/ Eddie Bayo
 201-298397 Ernesto Duenas

Aircraft Ferry Co, Inc released in SOF	cover co for CIA,
Alpha 66 group	militant Cuban exile
Bandin, Carlos	dissident faction of MRR
Cabezas, Rolando	Cuban, MRR member
Canton, Luis	see Cantin
Cantin, Luis Luis Mario Cantin de Nacimiento,	aka Luis Mario Cantin, part of Op Red Cross
Castillo Cabrera, Angel Luis	part of Op Red Cross
Commando L the Russian freigher 'Baku', led by Eddy Baez and Tony Questa	exile group that sunk
CRC invasion?	
DRE group, funded by CIA	anti Castro student
Duenas, Ernesto Cross	part of Operation Red
Fiorini, Frank	aka Frank Furg
Furg, Frank	aka Fiorini
Flying Tiger II Operation Red Cross.	Pawley's yacht, used in
FORDC commanded by Mario Fontela, funded by CIA	anti Castro group
"Francisco" Red Cross	Cuban, part of Operation
Garcia, Victor Cross. Garcia, who remained in cuba, wrote a letter to Venegas in Miami stating that Bayo lost Vacuero and Rodriguez in a firefight and needed more men. Martino came to the US embassy and requested a second op.	Cuban, part of Red
Hunt, George P.	Was part of Operation

Red Cross.

Jiminez, Luis Red Cross	Cuban, part of Operation
Lomolu, Rene Cross	part of Operation Red
Martinez, Rolando cross	part of Operation Red
Martino, John who worked as a roulette wheel repair man. He brokered the Red Cross Op.	a minor Mafia character
Mir, Alfredo Cross	part of Opearation Red
Paez Guerra, Luis captain of the Flying Tiger II	part of Op Red Cross,
Pawley, William D State, Asst Sec of Defense, Ambassador, owner of Flying Tigers II yacht, organizer of Flying Tigers in WWII, bankrolled Operation Red Cross.	former asst Sec of
Perez, Eduardo	known as Eddie Bayo, led Operation Red Cross.
Quevedo Pena, Benito	part of op Red Cross
Regal, Denys Cross	part of Operation Red
REX during Operation Red Cross	CIA raider ship used
Rigal	See Regal
Sourwine, James Internal Security Committee. Was Red Cross	counsel to the Senate's part of the Operation
Spencer, Terry Time Life, took pictures (illicitly) during Operation Red Cross. These photos were published in 1975 in Soldier of Fortune.	British photographer for
Vacuero, Thomas	See Vaquero
Vaquero, Tomas Cross	part of Operation Red
Venegas Garcia, Andres Eugenio	Cuban, part of Red Cross