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NOTES

Interview - Dave Phillips  
8/23/78 at HSCA offices -  
1:15 pm by DLH, Tongi +  
Blackman.

Letter reminder.

Hachuma

[new] Bethel } - not through  
him met L-F.

was through Bethel's boss -  
Dick Bushing.

[Cogswell] rings bells but/  
no recollection.

MOA BAY - no recall - probably  
did.

Clients] few AMBAR MOTORS

EL MUNDO

Berlitz School

American cit who invented  
a. liquid to clean sugar  
pipes

Freeport Sulpher } must  
have but no specific recall

**DO NOT REPRODUCE**  
**RETURN TO CIA**

name very familiar

Darnell - no recall

Ewing Smith - in a  
play together → pleasant  
guy. Saw him around

Valle - no recall

travelled @ true name  
documents

never had a false passport

[Pan Am Bank] ops/assets:  
no recall.

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Notes - Handom interview of David Phillips  
8/23/78 - 1:20 p.m. → 4:35 p.m.  
in office of G.R. Blakey-HSCA

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Propaganda shop in Mexico -

- myself secured office & sec. info. -

> from 61 to '63 ran about 6 ad hoc operations -  
"projects" - ad hoc - 16 ad hoc on-going

Operations -

> directed at Cuban target "most focus  
ultimile aim of having effect on Cuba target  
but I don't recall that great percentage  
had anti-Cuban or anti-Soviet bias

> How many agents handle yourself: "Very very  
few. I trust someone [a deep cover who  
would handle several agents - handles  
one personally or reads TV news. - I would  
meet other but not handle them -

- at least one case officer on outside  
[in deep cover, someone else as "bad two".  
(Was all contacts in this city area) As best as I recall.

> Propaganda assets outside Mexico City  
- One assets developed prior to transfer to Mex? Yes  
[Says] - newspapermen - had met in Cuba - went  
to Mex.

> Mr. B. J. P., are assets developed in Mexico? Yes

> How often a Mission - Every 6 weeks, 3 weeks, 5 weeks,  
"fairly frequently"

> How divide responsibility? Client reported to  
my shop in Mex. He had day-by-day contact?

> And people involved in Radio Swan -

- 2) Would go down & see some people -  
 I knew in Havana - was in contact  
 with Agel who ran Fabio Sanon -  
 Troubles shooting; now almost especially  
 communists - radio station set up > available tho  
 it was getting too right wing tone -  
 Also would go if [Bill Kent] got to point  
 of he felt he would like a little negot.  
 Rumors are especially feeding  
 of a magazine - cl was passing the  
 money especially -  
 Rands seem been out of Miami - but  
 the mechanism of it to use was the [Gibraltar]  
 [Kent] called about a month ago - told he  
 he was going into executive placement  
 business - no discussion of any of this -  
 Dr. <sup>ct.</sup> ~~Mr.~~ - worked closely with Flanney  
 a professional after taking over his station  
~~At~~ Cuba shop - Took over from Tom Hazlett -  
 do both over covering the Cuban Embassy - special  
 group around airport; looking for opportunity to  
 to recruit Cubans who come to Mexico City -  
 also involved in propaganda [subsidized]  
 a Mexican广播电台 whose radio st. could be leased <sup>to Cuba</sup>  
 - a debriefing Center; etc.  
 Mr. I was supervisor reporting directly  
 to Wm Scott. (rel. "quite good")  
 Care officer for [photo of]: young man whose name  
 I don't remember who deserved表彰

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- think Bill Shaw was in charge of  
[photo]

> Was [2 penetration agents] in Cuban Embassy

Why name would come up? It would  
show up on any formal project, least  
I did due to delegate work; But  
my name must be on many papers  
as I was then a CI rep. in Cuban section - always  
always watch out for it, least no formal program  
Strong on CI - it never really understood  
what CI was - I think it was classed as  
as "average"

Cuban section? Probably less than average

None of Special Affairs Staff know that

Dealt with Cuban matters - Is - And a  
special CI section of that staff? Yes. [Howell Swanson]

- He probably did meet him in big City. "routine  
trips" or a "special case" - don't recall  
Legal off? - Don't remember him large but large.  
Relationship between station & Legal

Off - Yes you alone: Got dupl. copies  
of most reports.

Yes, they were interested in Americans in  
contact with foreign embassy?

> Don't know if there were routine contact reports  
forwarded to FBI - To

- Only in "interesting case" it was routine  
to advise them - such as an American  
reporting to a foreign embassy

- (9) The reason for CIA's reporting DDCI: Just  
 what was that at one instance  
 "field traces" would include FBI as well  
 & it could have been routine for the Agency  
 to report who came to the attorney - would  
 it have been routine to do more than report?  
 Yes, if it had been like a recruiting situation.  
 > Yes, recall taking action - re story of  
 a helldog who reported getting \$20 to take  
 message to Cuban embassy by a American military man.  
 > Back in June or July 63, info re [redacted] an  
 American in contact with Cuban embassy who  
 wanted to defect -  
 Did not need request from another agency to  
 take action on an American in contact with such  
 embassy? - No. Yes, could take action  
 without a specific request.  
 > Did CIA share assets and equipment with FBI?  
 I don't know if there were such case.  
 But there was coordination on surveillance ops  
 who was stopped req. for American Communists  
 in Mexico. maybe some (good/gather)  
Violet Jessie Cobb - blonde, flew an airplane,  
 track record for getting a lot of beds in Cuba -  
 had a twin sister who has a similar -  
 - personality, nonsense cannot be out  
 of her mouth [feels she won't run out  
 of Wash or Miami someone would  
 come down to run her]

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Career with hair up or spouse with boy? - don't recall

[Robt] also on FB) inf.?? Don't know.

[Annual Conference]

Light house like "woman a boy is?"

In Hoff:

> Warren Conn - 3 or 4 men spent most  
of the time with You. Scott & dog.  
dog of state

Doris Duran - About the time of  
arrived at office. Go soon as I started  
seen tel. top. Her name appears  
here & there again.

We had not intended her. She was to  
friendly with anyone.

Re Slawson's report: re Duran's affair  
with Fuchs - "no one ever let me  
in on this operation"

> At one time we pitched everyone  
as that Cuban lady - she must have  
been considered -

- Her FBI file would be "very thick"

Only 3 docs. "that would be very surprising."

? But a trace man would come up with a lot.  
I saw Fuchs 3 times after I left Cuba -  
1 time on a plane up from Miami - we just needed  
of information of Diaz Ordaz in '64  
) when he was having lunch at a fancy rest.  
also Penn, Gatsby

re Danner: "Do I think there was  
any number about, there."

"Not aware of any pitch -  
when she was around or, who was doing  
any presentans? Don't know."

"re H. Scott, re do & do any Brazilian. Tell S. he.  
"Don't tell you with they did that. Can't  
guess why."

"Want anyone that known him connected  
to Scott & Danner."

Bonita - knew him well - somewhere  
in Cali. - later known as a Costa Rican  
- worked banks as - brothers etc.

"In Scott's age in off?" Don't remember but  
brought his number to tell a wife.  
"H. [cas] [redacted] not go to Scott's funeral."

Access to G. Scott's wife? Know it his son.

Scary boy's hear than one odd than. Doty sometimes  
I kept "very sensitive" material in my safe. (in private)  
but didn't have been staff generated himself -

[L1 Thru] no: not familiar with Cycloxygen -  
, heard a vague story that someone went out &  
found a lot of documents often be dead -

Her book. S. 130-132 & chief of center for DOT -  
believe his name was LUMA -

"Yard monitor for D.G.I. activities there -  
re 134 - but you probably story on "Cultured officer  
in Cuban embassy." - don't remember more -

+ also apparently recall he was recycl. DOT -  
think book my next book is fiction -

- Dresos Guillermo Perez Ruiz - vaguely familiar  
 - Rodri. Lopez - yes.  
 Manol Vega - could be Cheif D.G.I  
 Jesus Calderon familiar  
 Teresa Chalza - definitely familiar  
 - Mirabal - familiar  
 - Roque - the Council - to my knowledge  
   he was just Cuban intelligence.  
 Proenza CIA - name familiar but do don't  
   recall in what context  
 Calderon CIA? - don't know - I don't  
   remember true names of our Agents -  
   never saw them or dealt with them.  
 Did CIA ever get to Rio? Don't remember.  
   There were several attempts to get to  
   intelligence types?  
 Re fed A report of 28 June '63 -  
   Yes, probably did see it -  
 memo from Carlos Blanco - a name made up for the purpose - don't  
   know what the document is -  
 re [Juana Calderon] "Yo, el remetido" She  
   ought have been the agent who worked for the  
   Agency but el don't remember true name  
   description "could be" her. further report  
   not necessarily have gone back to head quarters.

Dispatcher #3715 - 1 Sept '63

~ Jesus Calderon's sister - Don't know if she was ever identified - never heard term "Admira Exploration."

Barney Helldorf - don't recall him ever been a Mexico last and have been - yes, worked with him. He didn't have theatrical talents, but always <sup>a speaks</sup> ~~a solves~~ had problems.

- don't want to say he was crazy, but

- does always uncomfortable around him -

AMMO 6. II - provide first dispatcher for Doc I

Doc #3665 - re [Calderon] felt makes one think she was not a CIA agent because she went back to Cuba

# 3662 - ~~also~~ to help any man recall re [Calderon]

AFA Assassination - wasn't aware of Tom Mann's interest in ~~assassination~~ <sup>counterintelligence</sup> of assassin

- wasn't aware of his trying to arrest

of [Calderon]

\* 3290 - Think didn't see this document before - when we were reviewing things after the assassination.

(What did New City Station do to follow up on that?)

I don't know only presumption is that was included in info sent back to Washington.

> No, don't recall any specific follow-up

re [Calderon]

- > Don't know why [Caldwell] was not arrested - don't recall any specific thing done to follow up -
- # 3717 - Teresa Proenza - that's the guy I remember - the guy who called everybody a Communist & dangerous -  
I know of no reason why she she could be termed "dangerous"
- # 3714 - re friend of Teresa Proenza -  
- don't know why she was freed -  
[AM Rod] operator - a disinformation operation, might have been someone at [Teresa Proenza] -  
- but still thinks the person with a penchant for antique jewelry was a man.
- > Don't recall that Rep City st. developed any info that LHO was in contact with anyone else at Colon Edillery. Then Dogue & Duran
- ? re FBI doc. on Teresa Proenza's brothers  
Comments - "Don't strike any bells."  
Don't recall any such document.
- somehow it coming back that Proenza was a lesbian - don't recall if that was fact or disinformation.
- > It would have been problematic for an agent in her city to be seen out of Styk's office station without my knowledge - but I would have been nervous

- but it could have been possible, and probably, in a "sensitive operator" - <sup>but don't know Scott etc</sup> - is same with Hidalgo
- #3662 - not aware of it - it's the kind of thing they might have asked Barney Hidalgo to do.
- #3665 again - agrees that does indicate a pitch to be made for someone outside of Mexico.
- If it was someone from the CIA, there would be something in the 201 file - but possibly it could be run out of a salt file -
- For my explanation of why Calderon transcript was found in Oswald file and not in the 201 file -
- Re Cameras at Cuban Embassy: Still remember that [Bob Shaw] & I went over <sup>contract</sup> strips of positives of photos at Cuban consulate -
- "stink bomb" operations - There were, I'm sorry to say, some stink bomb operations, but don't recall.
- Re 27 Sept. 63 installation of impulse camera - file review indicates camera functioned for 5 days (2 Sept to 1 Oct.) before malfunctioning - (He wasn't there ~~or~~ during that time)
- NO recollection of what LaFever did photos from impulse camera -

Eric Goodpasture - don't recall it to  
be recommended to the service modal -  
re Oct 8th & 11th response re Oswald's having  
been to Cuban embassy -  
? why no documents?

Was prior to assassination, and the cable <sup>sent to HQ.</sup>  
about Oswald.  
if so, I do not recall it. — (could  
it have been done & not be in file)

It's technically possible & has been done  
on occasion - by persuading telephone  
communicators to use tel com system (a Q + 9  
system) - but don't recall it

Happened in Mexico - also by telephone

? Jo Agency reviewed book - but no  
substantial change regarding Oswald -

The CIA manipulation of FBI files with  
its cooperation - concerns his arrest in Florida -  
not aware that his request caused such an  
Agency flap?

In Angleton: He didn't tell me anything <sup>about his</sup> ~~about his~~ <sup>operations</sup>  
he kept promising to tell me - he held  
his operations very tightly to his vest -  
- J.C. King - (any outside operations) - he might  
have -

There's no way to contact him without  
somebody knowing about it -

I never knew of  
~~There's~~ such a ~~discreet~~ treasury  
 Division Chief's fund -

- There's a proposal called "developmental"  
 & a lot of money & there last eventually  
 had to account for that
- ? Can't remember having such a  
 fund that I didn't have to  
 account for through DDP and

I did not participate in any campaign  
 to spread disinformation after the  
 campaign -

- ? Don't know of any hard evidence in 1963  
 pointing to Castro.

- ? Went to Cuba in summer of '58 retained  
 but went on contract - not staff status -  
 - propaganda for John F. Kennedy & not for  
 Cuba - after that it was ad hoc  
 staff - say that last year  
 staff sent out to provincial newspaper -  
 meetings of anti-Castro people - but  
 there was no intent or strategy
- ? Remember one meeting with Julio  
 Jilbo - don't recall - no substantive  
 dealings -

?

met Tapay family there.

[Dick Cuspay - Bethel's] boss -

> no further recollection re [Cuspay]

- Moa Bay Mng Co -

PR Clients:

- Amico Motors owner & El Mundo,

free French lessons for Berkeley School;

? an American citizen who invented legumes  
to clean soil - sugar papers

> [Freeport Tidger Co] "most lame I'd -"

- he was fairly active - name very  
familiar -

Darnell not that I recall -

> Wayne Selt - we were in  
a play together -

- very friendly walk him -

> [Roberto Vale] - don't know him -

> [Castell] true name

unless very distinctive -

- don't recall tracking under

? never had a false passport -

Capable of it - don't know how ... )  
that mechanism worked

> Thought just cl knew him in Sept '76 -  
but after book came back -

- no on  
- Catherwood Foundation -  
→ no Color Aid Relief -  
    → debriefing center - one got the  
        product from it -  
    - could have been run by Army -  
- no on E. Webster Shuler -  
→ Four American Bank Bld