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NOTES

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

letter reminder ✓

Rachuga

knew [Bethel] - not through
 him met L-F.
 was through Bethel's boss -
 Dick Bushing.

[Coagwell] 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 Sulphur] must
 have but no specific recall

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name very familiar

Darnell - no recall

Ewing Smith - in a
play together → pleasant
guy I saw him around

Valle - no recall

travelled @ true name
documents

never had a false passport

Pan Am Bank / ops / assets:
no recall.

Notes - Hardway interview of David Phillips

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in Office of G.R. Blakey - HSCA

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Propaganda shop in Mexico -

- myself secure office & see who -
- > from 61 to '63 ran about 6 or 7 operations -
"projects" - ad hoc ^{activities} - 16 or 17 on-going
operations -
- > directed at Cuban target - "most serious
ultimative aim of heavy effort in Cuba target
but I don't recall that great percentage
direct anti-Cuban or anti-Soviet bias
- > How many agents handle yourself: "Very very
few. I met someone [in deep cover who
would handle several agents - handled
one personally in radio TV show. - I would
meet other but not handle them -
- at least one case officer on outside
[in deep cover - someone else was lead show
(use all assets in Mex City area) as best as I recall.
- > Propaganda assets outside Mexico City
- One assets developed prior to transfer to Mex? Yes
[Jayas] newspaperman - had met in Cuba - went
to Mex.
- > CIA B of P. use assets developed in Hawaii? Yes
- > How often a Mission - every 6 weeks, 3 weeks, 5 weeks
"fairly frequently"
- How divide responsibility: Went reported to
my shop in Wash. DC had day-by-day contact?
- And people involved in Radio Swan -

2) I would go down & see some people -

I knew a Havana - 'was a contact

with Agost who ran Radio Sur -

Trouble shooting; remember specifically
radio station set up & capable that
it was getting too right away here -

Also would go if [Bull Kent] got to point
if he felt he would like a little weight,

Remember one specifically - funding
of a magazine - it was passing the
funding specifically -

Rodriguez Sur run out of Miami - but
the mechanism of it to me was the [Gibraltar] -

> [Kent] called about a month ago - told me
he was going into executive placement
business - no discussion of any of this -

John ^{Ch} ~~met~~ - worked closely with Fluency
in propaganda after taking over her station

Re Cuba shop - Took over from Tom Hazlett -

to take over covering the Cuban Embassy - special
group around airport; looking for opportunities to
to recruit Cubans who come to Mexico City -;

also involved in propaganda [subsidies]

a Mexican broadcaster, whose radio st. could be ^{in Cuba} ~~used~~

- a debriefing center; etc.

Me: I was supervising reporting directly
to Wm Scott. (rel. "quite good".)

Case officer for [photo of] young man whose name
I don't remember who covered briefing -

(3)

- think Bill Shaw was in charge of [Cuba]

> Yes [2 penetration agents] in Cuban Embassy

> Why name would come up? It would come up on any formal project, but I did have to delegate work; But my name must be on many papers

re: was there a CI rep. in Cuban section - I don't always watch out for it, but no formal program

Strong on CI - I never really understood what CI was - I think it was considered as "average" - Cuban section? Probably less than average

America's Special Officers Staff - I know that deals with Cuban matters - Yes - and a special CI section of that staff? Yes. [Howell Sullivan]

- He probably did visit him in New City. "routine trips or a 'special case'" - don't recall - Legat office? - Don't remember how large but large.

Relationship between station & Legat office - Yes quite close - Got drop 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 cases" it was routine to advise them - and as an American reporting to a foreign embassy

(4) The reason for CIA's regarding DHO's just what was that it was routine -

"field traces" would include FBI as well & it would have been routine for the Agency to report who came to the attention - wonder if he has been routine to do more than report?

Yes, if it looks like a recruiting potential -
> Yes, recall during action - re story of a helpline who reported getting to go to take message to Cuban embassy by an American military man.

> Back in June or July '63, info re [all top] in American in contact with Cuban embassy, who wanted to defect -

Did not need request from another agency to take action on an ^{person} in contact with Cuban embassy? - No. Yes, could take action without a specific request.

> Did CIA share assets and informant with FBI? I don't know if there were such case. But there was coordination on surveillance ops who is staffer resp. for American Communists in Mexico. Maybe some (coordination)

Viola June Cobb - blonde, flew a airplane, track record for getting a lot of beds in Cuba. Had a ~~husband~~ sister without a husband - remembers message struck her out of her country [feels she was run out of Wash or Miami. someone would come down to run her]

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Core opens with hair lip or spine with legs? and trace?

[RAT] also on FBI inf.?? Don't know.
[Manual Cancell]

Light house one "woman" a key is it?

De Hoff:

> Warren Comm - 3 or 4 men spent part
of the time with Van Gatt a day
chief of station

Julia Duran: - About the time of
arrived at office. As soon as I started
seeing tel. logs. Her name appeared
there & there again.

We had not talked with her. She was
friendly with anyone.

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

> At one time we pitched everyone
at that Celia Amberson - she must have
been considered -

- Her FBI file would be "very thick"

- Only 3 discs: "that would be very surprising."

But a trace run would come up with a lot.

I saw Fuchuga 3 times after I left Cuba -

1) Once on our plane up from Miami - we just nodded -

2) in photograph of Day Ordway in '64

3) when he was having lunch at a fancy rest.
near Penn, Embassy

re Duran: "Don't think there was any vulnerability, there."

- Not aware of any pitch -
when she was arrested, interviewed by any Americans? Don't know.

re H. Adams re contact with any American. Talk to her.

"Can it tell you why they did that. Can it guess why."

> Wasn't aware that Warren Com wanted to talk to Duran

Corroto - knew him well - somewhere in Fla. - Peter Bruner own a Costa Rica - worked lumber co - northern Fla.

> Wm Scott safe in off? Don't remember but vaguely did remember he had a safe.

- '71 - [COS in Brazil] - did not go to Scott's funeral? Access to W. Scott's safe? Wm & his sec.

Secretary? more than one ~~copy~~ ^{copy} seen. Dotty something, I kept "very sensitive" material in my safe. (re ^{prohibited} ~~see~~)

? but it would have been stuff generated himself -

[L. T. Tension] - no - not familiar with Cryedragon -

? Heard a vague story that someone went out & found a lot of documents after he died -

His boss. O. 130-132 > chief of center for DBI -
- believe his name was LUNA -

> Yes, did monitor DBI activities there -

re 134. Antiquary jewelry story = "cultural officer in Cuban embassy." - don't remember name -

& don't specifically recall he was really DBI -
- thank God my next book is fiction -

> Director Cuallera Perez Ruiz - vaguely familiar

> Rodri. Lopez - yes

Mamul Vega - could be Chief DGI

Juana Calderon familiar

Teresa Cuenca - definitely familiar

- Muralat - familiar

> Roque - the Council - to my knowledge
he was not Cuban intelligence.

Prisca CIA - name familiar but I 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 on Ruiz? Don't remember
There were several attempts to get the
intelligence types?

Re JAT 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] "Yes, I remember" She
might have been the agent who worked for the
agency but I don't remember true name.

- description "could be" her. further report
not necessarily have gone back to headquarters.

Dispatch # 3715 - a 1 Sept '63

re Jusea Calderon's recall - Don't know if she was ever identified - never heard term "domestic exploitation."

Benny Hildegarde - don't recall her name but she must have been - worked with him. He didn't have executive talents, but always ^{speaking} had problems - I don't want to say he was crazy, but I was always uncomfortable around him -

A.M.V. G. I - probably just departed for D.C. I

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

3662 - don't help any more recall re [Calderon]

re assassination - wasn't aware of Ten Mamm's interest in ~~assassination~~ ^{custody} of assassin

- wasn't aware of his crossing for arrest of [Calderon]

> # 3290 - Think I've seen this document before - when we were reviewing things after the assassination.

(What did Mex 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 everyone 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 free - [AMRad] operation - a transformation operation, might have been aimed at [Teresa Proenza]

- but still think the person with a penchant for antique jewelry was a man.

Don't recall that West City st. developed any info that LHO was in contact with anyone else at Cuban Embassy. Then Doque + Duran

re: FBI doc. on Teresa Proenza's brother's comments - "Don't strike any bells."

Don't recall any such document.

- Somewhere its coming back that Proenza was a lesbian - don't recall if that was fact or disinformation.

It would have been possible for an agent in West City to be run out of 5th Ave station without my knowledge - but I would have been furious.

> but it could have been possible, and probable, in a "sensitive operator" - ^{but even with Scott etc} ~~his name was Star Dulles~~

#3662 - not aware of it - it's the kind of thing they might have asked Barney Hidalgo to do.

#3665 again - agree that does indicate a pitch to be made from someone outside of Mexico.

if it was someone from the CIA, there would be something in Ken 201 file - but possibly it could be run out of a soft file -

> Her 2nd explanation of why Calderon transcript was found in Oswald file and not in Ken 201 file -

> Re cameras at Cuban Embassy: Still remember that [Bob Shaw] & I went over ^{contract} 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 ~~at~~ during that time)

NO recollection of what happened to photos from impulse camera -

Onnie Greenwood - don't recall to be
 recommended the of service modal -
 re Oct 8th + 11th response re Oswald's having
 been to Cuban embassy -
 > why no documents

Was prior to assassination, another cable ^{sent to HQ}
 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+A
 system) - but don't recall it
 happened in Mexico - also by telephone

- Jo Agency reviewed book - but no
 substantial changes regarding Oswald -

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

> re Angleton: He didn't tell me anything ^{about his} ~~operation~~
 he kept promising to tell me - he kept
 his operations very tightly to his vest -
 - J.C. King - (any outside operations) - he might
 have -

There's no way he could fund them without
 someone knowing about it -

I never knew of
~~there's~~ such a discretionary
Director's fund -

- There's a project called "developmental"
& a lot of money & there last eventually
had to account for that

> Can't remember having such a
fund that I don't have to
account for through DDP

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 returned
but went on contract - not staff status -
- propaganda for John Hoover & not for
Cuba - after that I was ad hoc
staff - see that ad hoc staff
staff sent out to provincial newspapers -

> meetings of anti-Castro people - but
there was no reprint in group -

> remember one meeting with Julio
Jobo - don't recall - no substantial
dealings -

>

met Lopez from there.

[Duck Cuskey - Bethel's] boss -

> no further recollection re [Casswell]

- Nova Bay Mining Co - As

P.R. Clients: >

- Amica Motors cars & El Mundo,

free French lessons for Bentley School:

& an American artist who invented legend
to clean out some papers

> [Freight Jolpher Co.] 'must have had -
el was fairly active - name very
Jamaican -

Danell met that el recall -

> Wayne Smith - we were in

a play together -

very friendly with her -

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

> [Trand] - true name

unless very sensitive -

- don't recall traveling under

> never had a false passport -

capable & used - don't know how) e

that mechanism worked

> thought first el from her in Sept '76 -

but after book came back -

- no on

- Catherwood Foundation - no -

> no Cular Aid Relief -

> debriefing center - we get the product from it -

- could have been run by Army -

> no on E. W. Shaker -

> John Amman Bush Kid

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