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1967 JG Report

p.1 "This reconstruction of Agency involvement in plans to assassinate Fidel Castro is at best an imperfect history. Because of the extreme sensitivity of the operations being discussed or attempted, as a matter of principle no official records were kept of planning, of approvals, or of implementation. The few written records that do exist are either largely tangential to the main events or were put on paper from memory years afterward. . . ."

p.2 "We can identify 5 separate phases in Agency assassination planning . . ." "Each phase is a reflection of the then prevailing Government attitude toward the Cuban regime."

- a- Prior to Aug. 1960 - All "identifiable schemes" @ ^{possible} exceptions were aimed at discrediting Castro personally by influencing his behavior or altering appearance.
- b- Aug 1960 - April 1961 - plots were "aggressively pursued"
- c- April 1961 - late 1961 - a major scheme begun in Aug 1960 - called off after Bay of Pigs - remained dormant for several months, "as did most other Agency operational activity related to Cuba."
- d- Late 1961 to Late 1962 - Aug 1960 scheme reactivated in early 1962
- e- "Late 1962 until well into 1963" - Aug 1960 scheme was terminated. 2 other plots originated but impractical and "nothing ever came of them."

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- 4 2 points - ① elimination of dominant figure may not change gov't - stressed by internal CIA draft paper of Oct. 1961
- ② bringing about downfall of gov't - always risks the resort to assassination.
- ③ synecdoche - mention of a part when the whole is

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- p. 6 a - discusses delivery of pen to Cubela
- p. 7 b - meeting of SGA in Sec. Rusk's office Aug 10, 1962 -
McNamara brought up "liquidation of Cuban leaders.
Project Mongoose Action memo prepared by Lansdale
another meeting July 31, 1964 - discussed Cuban
exile plot - CIA refused funds & had no involvement.
- p. 7 c - CIA twice (early 1961, early 1962) supplied
lethal pills to U.S. gambling syndicate members -
1961 plot aborted; pills recovered
1962 " - pills passed by gambling syndicate
representative to a Cuban exile leader in Fla, who
had them sent to Cuba May 1962
June 1962 - exile leader ^(Veron???) reported that a team of
3 men had been dispatched to Cuba to recruit
for the operation.

p. 9 - Miscellaneous Schemes Prior to Aug. 1960

A-march to Aug. 1960

1-3 or 4 schemes.

"None of those we interviewed who was first assigned to the Cuban task force after the Bay of Pigs knows of any of these schemes." - Who did you interview?

2- J.D. (Jake) Esterline - head of Cuban task force - pre B of P.

3- Aerosol Attack on Radio Station.

nothing came of it / may have been consideration of "psychic energizers."

4- Contaminated Cigars

Esterline positive they were not lethal
never delivered because of "danger of blowback on the Agency."

5- Depilatory

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GAMBLING SYNDICATE

14- "The first seriously-pursued CIA plan to assassinate Castro had its inception in Aug 1960." Two phases

① Aug 1960 - Late April or early May 1961

② April 1962 - Feb. 1963

PHASE I

I. Aug 1960 Richard Bissell - DDP - asked Edwards - Dir. of Security - if he could "establish contact with the U.S. gambling syndicate that was active in Cuba." Objective: "clearly the assassination of Castro."

idea originated - J.C. King

15 Maheu, Robert - contacted by Edwards. described as a "private investigator who had done sensitive work for the Agency." Opened a private office in ~~W~~ D.C. in 1956 after being a special agent for FBI. _____ arranged to subsidize Maheu to extent of \$500/month. "Over the years ~~to~~ he has been ~~&~~ intimately involved in providing support for some of the Agency's more sensitive operations. Moved personal headquarters to L.A., but retains office in D.C.

Struck by fact names appearing once worked for FBI - lists _____, Maheu, Harvey, O'Connell, E. Morgan.

16 "Maheu was authorized to tell Roselli that his "clients" were willing to pay \$150,000 for Castro's removal."

II. Sept. 1960.

O'Connell - case officer. met Roselli & Maheu - NYC Sept 14 R. agreed to introduce Maheu^{eu} to "Sam Gold"

p.17. Memo prepared by Edwards - 14 May 1962 - re money not pd. to Giancana & Roselli:

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17 As of late Sept 1960- Edwards, O'Connell, & Bissell were only ones in Agency who knew of plan against Castro involving Mafia.

Edwards briefed Allen Dulles & Gen. Cabell

18 Bissell committed \$150,000 for support of operation.

25 Sept 1960- O'Connell & Mahew went to Miami where Roselli introduced " to Giancana at Fontainebleau.

19- O'Connell never met Joe or Sam.

refers to ~~some~~ Office of Security memorandum to the DDCI of 24 June 1966 - summary of the operation (also discussed on 28 & 29)

7 Jan 1959- casinos closed

13 " 1959 " opened for tourists.

17 Feb 1959 - cabinet authorized reopening.

30 Sept 1961- NYTimes - last of casinos closed.

III. Fall and Early Winter 1960

16 Aug 1960- Chief of OD-Office of medical services received box of Cuban cigars to treat.

22 _____ reported cigars ready for delivery 7 Oct 1960 notes show delivery 13 Feb 1961

23 considered other toxic means to kill Castro.

IV. Jan - Feb 1961

25 pills chosen. "Trafficante was in touch with a (Joe, the courier) disaffected Cuban official with access to Castro and presumably of a sort that would enable him to surreptitiously poison Castro. The gangsters named their man inside as _____ who was then _____ of the prime minister (Castro). The gangsters said that (Orta) had once been in a position to receive kickbacks from the gambling interests, had since

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25. lost that source of income, and needed money.)

PAGE 27 is missing - Where is it???

28. (Comment: (orta)? lost his position in the Prime Minister's Office on _____, while planning for the operation was still going on in Miami and in Washington. He took refuge in the _____ Embassy on _____ and became the responsibility of the _____ Embassy when _____ broke relations with Cuba in _____. Castro refused to give him a safe conduct pass until _____ when he ^{was} allowed to leave for Mexico City. He arrived in Miami in early _____

It appears that Edwards and O'Connell did not know at the time of _____'s fall from favor. . . . It would seem, though, that the gangsters did know that _____ had already lost his access to Castro."

29. The 24 June 1966 summary states "when _____ asked out of the assignment he suggested another candidate who made several ~~for~~ attempts without success." Edwards & O'Connell do not know replacement

V March - April 1961

29. "Following the collapse of the _____ channel, Russell told O'Connell that Trafficante knew of a man higher up in the Cuban exile movement who might do the job. He identified him as _____, _____ was _____ of the Democratic Revolutionary Front, a group supported by the Agency as part of the larger Cuban operation. O'Connell understood that _____ was dissatisfied with the ~~Agency~~ nature & the extent of this support and that JMWAWE suspected that _____ was not keeping his bargain with the Agency."

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- 29 (Comment: Reports from the FBI suggest how Trafficante may have known of _____. On 21 December 1960 the Bureau forwarded to the Agency a memorandum reporting that efforts were being made by U.S. racketeers to finance anti-Castro activities in hopes of securing the gambling, prostitution, & dope monopolies in Cuba in the event Castro was overthrown. A later report of _____ associates _____ with those
- 30 schemes. _____ had hired Edward K. Moss, a Wash. public relations counselor, as a fund raiser and public relations adviser. Bureau Report alleged that Moss' mistress was Julia Cellini, whose brothers represented 2 of the largest gambling casinos in Cuba. The Cellini brothers were believed to be in touch with _____ through Moss and were reported to have offered _____ large sums of money for his operations against Castro, @ the understanding they would receive privileged treatment "in the Cuba of the future."

_____ - granted Covert Security Clearance in March 1959 for use by NE Division in his role as consultant to _____

_____ & in Nov 1962 for use by CA staff under PROJECT ZRMAJOR - program for exploitation of pol. consultants.

- 31 T approached _____ & told them that he had clients who wanted to do away with Castro and they would pay big money. _____ was very receptive.
- R was to deliver money to _____ for expenses \$50,000 according to O'Connell.

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- 32 (Comment: As a sidelight, Esterline says that, when he learned of the intended use of _____, steps were taken to cancel the plan. _____ was one of the _____ key figures in the Revolutionary Front and was heavily involved in support of the approaching B of P operation. If steps were in fact taken to end _____ participation in the syndicate plan, they were ineffective.

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as indicated.

32 It is clear that he continued as an integral part of the syndicate scheme.)

O'Connell pills → Roselli pills → _____

Little is known of the delivery channels beyond _____
_____ was believed to have an asset inside Cuba...

VI. April-May 1961

Operation called off after B of P.

_____ remained dead until April 1962

34 refers to memo of 14 May 1962 - Edwards states that knowledge of operation was limited to six persons.

Dulles

C.P. Cabell - DD

Bissell DDP

Edwards

O'Connell

Esterline

_____ chief TSD

_____ Chemical Division, TSD

_____ chief, Operations Division, Med. Services

35 Harvey, William, Chief, FI/D

_____, Special Assistant to the DDP _____ name was encountered repeatedly in this inquiry, but he denies knowing of the operation in 1960-61.)

1' Bannerman DDS

J.C. King,

also- Robert Mahan

Roselli;

Giuncana

Trafficante.

~~may be~~ were also aware -

① _____ the man originally selected to poison Castro

② _____ Cuban exile leader

③ The _____ of _____ who is known to have been involved

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35. with him closely during this time.

may 1962 - R Kennedy & Lawrence Huston learned of operation

those now knowledgeable:

- Edward P. Morgan
- Drew Pearson, J. Anderson?
- C.J. Warren
- Rowley
- Pat Coyne - Executive Sec. of PFIA B
- Ramsey Clark
- various members of FBI

37 GAMBLING SYNDICATE - PHASE 2.

Harvey - briefed Feb 1961

- placed in charge of developing Executive Action capability ZR-RIFLE

38 - asset QJ/WIN - principal - who had been recruited earlier by _____ for use in a special operation in the Congo (the assass. of Patrice Lumumba)

39 on 15 Nov 1961 - Harvey has a note that on that date he discussed @ Bissell the application of ZR RIFLE to Cuba. H. took over Cuba task force.

" LATE 1961 - Early 1962
Feb - March 1962

40 Feb 1962 - Harvey recalls 1st meeting @ Edwards on subject of Castro operation.

(After Harvey left Task Force w & was winding up, he wrote memo to Chief, FI staff - 27 June 1963 stating that the original justification for employing QJWIN no

41 longer existed & raising the question of QJWIN's termination. QJWIN terminated 21 April 1964.

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- 41 Harvey briefed Helms on meetings @ Roselli;
- 42 "Edward's records show that on 14 May 1962 Harvey called Edwards and indicated that he was dropping any plans for the use of Roselli for the future."
- Harvey believes he took over "a going operation."
- 43 O'Connell now believes there must have been "something going on between April 1961 & April 1962."

Savoy Plaza Hotel

- 44 April 8 & 9, 1962. O'Connell & Harvey met Roselli in N.Y.C. Also Mahen present (according to OC) - Harvey says

large deletion on page 45 - after statement mentioning Phyllis McGuire, Dorothy Kilgallen & Liberace at Copacabana.

- 46 Harvey - recalls meeting of O'C & Roselli in D.C. April 14. OC was in Miami @ R & Harvey as late maybe as April 27. OC - June 1962 - assigned PCS to

- 47 Harvey says her arrived in Miami on 21 April 1962 & found Roselli already in touch with _____, the Cuban exile leader who had participated in phase one.

- 48 Santos & Ginzana no longer involved "Roselli now had a man known to Harvey as Maceo, who also used the names Garcia-Gomez & Godoy. Cuban spoke Italian.

- 49 * When the pills were given to _____ through Roselli, _____ requested arms and equipment needed for support. Harvey with the help of _____, the chief of the JMWADE station, procured explosives, detonators, 20.30 caliber rifles, 20.45 caliber hand guns, 2 radios, 1 boat radar.

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- 49 Harvey & _____ rented a U-Haul truck under an assumed name, loaded it with arms & equipment, and parked it in the parking lot of a drive-in restaurant. Keys given to Roselli for delivery to Maceo; to _____, or to _____.
- 50 Evidently Harvey & Roselli had not yet come to trust each other. Perhaps fearing a double-cross, each set about independently to assure himself that the equipment reached the proper hands. After parking the truck, Harvey and _____ kept the parking lot under surveillance until the pass was completed. Roselli, accompanied by O'Connell, did the same. Neither pair knew that the other was watching. Eventually the truck was picked up & driven away. (By whom). It was returned later, empty, and with the keys under the seat as prearranged. Harvey returned it to the rental agency. Harvey says that _____ never knew to whom delivery was made nor for what purpose. _____ was merely called upon to furnish support for a headquarters operation from which he was otherwise excluded.

May 1962

- 50 Roselli reports pills were in place.

June 1962

- 11 Roselli reports to H on 21 June that _____ had dispatched a team of 3 men to Cuba.

Sept 1962

- H. says Roselli in Miami on 7 and on 11 Sept. _____ ready to send in another 3 man team to penetrate Castro's body guard.

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sa Sept 1962 - Jan 1963
Harvey in Miami ^{tween} 22 Dec & 6 Jan.

say Roselli & Maceo many times.

~~Harvey~~ Harvey & Roselli had telephone discussions of operation ^{tween} 11 & 16 January.

"As far as Harvey knows, 3 militiz men never did leave for Cuba. He knows nothing of what may have happened to the three reported to have been sent to Cuba."

Feb. 1963

Harvey in Miami 11-14 Feb. Left word for Maceo that there was nothing new & looked like it was all over.

Feb 15 - Harvey left Miami to meet @ Roselli in L.A. Roselli agreed that he would continue to see _____, gradually reducing the frequency of contact until there was none.

April - May 1963

June 1963

Roselli met @ Harvey in D.C. - Dulles Airport. stayed @ Harvey.

34 Papich called Harvey - Reported meeting to Hoover.

people knowledgeable of Phase 2

- 55 ① Helms-DDP
- ② Harvey
- ③ James O'Connell
- ④ Edwards
- ⑤ King
- ⑥ _____, Harvey's deputy in 1962
- ⑦ _____ chief JM WAVE
- ⑧ _____ TSD (calls)
- ⑨ _____
- ⑩ _____
- ⑪ Maceo

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56 Operation leaked perhaps through
R to Maheu
M to Morgan
Morgan to Pearson
Pearson to Warren to Pres
Warren to Rowley
Rowley to Pat Coyne
FBI to R. Clark.

57 Late 1961 - Early 1962 - Wiretapping Incident.

71 May - June 1966 - The Long Committee

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71- Maheu background - hired by ¹⁹⁵⁴⁻⁵⁵ Greek shipping magnate,
Niarchos; to help in a "financial tussle" @ Onassis.

74. "O'Connell states that at one point in the negotiation
with the Long Committee Maheu indicated that he might brief
his attorney, Edward P. Morgan, fully about his past
activities so that Morgan would be able to decide how
best to represent him."

75.1 - Schemes in Early 1963

1 - Skin-diving Suit

Fitzgerald took over Cuban Task Force - Jan 1963

2 - Booby-trapped Seashell

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78 Project-AMLASIT- _____

9 March 1961

28 March 1961

80. An asset of the Miami Station reported that _____ and _____ wanted to defect and needed help in escaping.

(VERONA was the gangster's "man inside Cuba" with access to Castro in lethal pill operation-Phase one.)

Headquarters expressed interest in exfiltrating _____ and _____ called off cos' of report that Cuban police knew.

(This is one of 3 name-links found in AMLASIT file between _____ and persons involved in gambling syndicate episodes. . . . If _____ was in fact one of the gangster's assets inside Cuba, that fact was unknown to either the CIA officers running the gangster episodes or to those handling _____.

91 20 Nov 1963

"Thus far, this account of the _____ project has been based almost wholly on documents found in the project file. Beginning here is an account of an episode in the _____ operation on which there is no documentary evidence _____ has a record of nine contacts and their dates; otherwise, this summary is drawn from the recollections of those involved.

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p. 93a [Sanchez] distinctly recalls that _____ didn't think much of the device.

27 Dec 1964 - [Artime] and _____ (Noel) (Lubola) met for 1st time in Madrid
 30 Dec 1964 met again.

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p.103 15 March 1965

The [redacted] cabled that one _____ had arrived in Madrid from Cuba on 15 March and had been introduced to a station officer. _____ claimed to be in contact with a group of Cuban military leaders who were planning to eliminate Castro and take over the government. It quickly became clear that he was referring to _____, _____ said that he had always been publicly identified as a close friend of _____, whom he last saw in Havana on 9 March. _____ said that he had been the lawyer for the Capri Hotel in Havana. He was jailed for 75 days in July 1962 for defending [Trafficante] a U.S. Citizen & ex-manager of the _____ gambling casino who was kicked out of Cuba.

(Comment: This is another name-link between C. and the gambling syndicate plots reported upon earlier in this report. T. was one of the principals in Shef Edwards' Phase one of the operation. He presumably was not involved in Phase Two under Harvey, but we cannot be sure of that. After all, T was the man who brought V. into the operation late in Phase 1, and V was one of the main players during Phase 2.

From 1st day trial proceedings)

- 107 { Ramon Guin Diaz
- 25y15 { Rolando Cubela Secades - 3 trips to Spain 26 Dec 64 & 20 Feb 65
- 20 { Jose Luis Gonzalez Gallarreta - Spain - Jama boel - CIA
- 10 { Alberto Blanco Romariz
- 10 { Juan Alsina Navarro.
- 10 { Guillermo Cunill Alvarez
- 10 { Angel Herrero Veliz

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Arttime - went to Madrid - Feb 14 65

meeting Cubela & Arttime

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(p. 111) "Discussion of Assassination at High-level meetings -"
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11a 2 meetings -

① 10 Aug 1962

② 30 July 1964 - 303 Committee

1a0 O'Connell briefed CIA on ~~what~~ source of Pearson's story

① Mahew briefed Edward P. Morgan on Mahew's participation in Phase One.

② Mahew knew nothing of Phase 2

③ Morgan & Roselli were acquainted. Roselli was steered to Morgan by H.M. Greenspun, editor & publisher of Sun.

~~④ Mahew~~

④ Garrison, Morgan, & Roselli were all in Las Vegas at the same time March 1967.

"It is our impression that Greenspun was also involved in the conversations."

Blame Roselli for leak.

1a8 "Should we try to silence those who are talking or might later talk?"

"It appears to us that this tactic offers little chance of success. For one thing, the story is already out and probably in about as full detail as it ever will be."

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