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NOTES

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

letter reminder ✓

Lachuga

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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 RETURN TO CIA**

2  
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 jobs/assets:  
no recall.

Notes - HARDWAY 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 loop in Mexico -

- myself secure office & see notes -
- > from 61 to '63 ran about 6 or 7 operations -  
"projects" - active <sup>activities</sup> <sup>plan</sup> - 16 or 17 on-going  
operations -
- > directed at Cuban target - "most recent  
ultimate aim of having effort 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 met someone [in deep cover who  
would handle several agents - handled  
one personally in radio TV loop. - I would  
meet other but not handle them -  
- at least one case officer on outside  
[in deep cover; someone down in Ted's  
(Was all assets in Mex City area) So had 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.
- > Ch. B of P. use assets developed in Havana? Yes
- > How often a Miami - Every 6 weeks, 3 weeks, 5 weeks  
"fairly frequently"
- How divide responsibility? Next reported to  
my loop in Wash. He had day-by-day contact?
- And people involved in Radio Swan -

2) I would go down & see some people -

I knew a Hanna - had a contact

with Agent who ran Radio Swan -

Trunk's shooting; remember especially  
commence  
radio station set up & capable that

it was setting too right way home -

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

Remember one especially - finding

of a magazine - I was passing the

finding especially -

Rodriguez Swan 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 Lee <sup>et al</sup> - worked closely with Plummer

in propaganda after taking over her station

Re Cuba shop - Took over for

Who took over covering the Cuban Embassy - special

group covered airport; looking for opportunities to

to recruit Cubans who come to Mexico City -;

show volumes in propaganda [subsidized]

a Mexican broadcaster whose radio st. could be <sup>for Cuba</sup> used

- a debriefing center; etc.

Mr. I was supervisor reporting directly

to Wm Scott. (rel. "quite good".)

Core officer for [photo of] young man whose name

I don't remember who covered briefing -

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- that Bill Shaw was in charge of [Shaw's]

> [2 penetration agents] in Cuban Embassy

Why name would come up? It usually came up on any formal project, but I did like 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 characterized as "average" in Cuban section? Probably less than average

America's Special Affairs Staff in London that dealt with Cuban matters - Yes - and a special CI section of that staff? Yes. [redacted]

- He probably did visit him in New City. "routine things or a 'special case'" - don't recall - Legat office? - Don't remember how large but large. <sup>11-20</sup>

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 - such as a Bureau reporting to a foreign embassy

(9) The reason for CIA's report by DHO: just what was that it was supposed to be

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

Yes, if it looked like a recruiting potential -

> Yes, recall delivery action - re story of a helpline who reported getting \$20 to take message to Cuban embassy by a Mexican military man.

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

Did not need request from another agency to take action on an <sup>agent</sup> in contact with 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 in station resp. for American Comms in Mexico. Maybe Anne (Cassidy)

Viola June Cobb - blonde, flew on airplane, track record for getting a lot of beds in Cuba. Had a known sister who had a accident - remembers message about her out of her country [feels she was run out of Wash or Miami. someone would come down to run her]

Core open with hair lip or spoke with leg? don't recall?

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

[Manual Cavella]

Fight home die "woman a key is?"

Le Huff:

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

Julia Duran: - about the time I arrived a letter. As soon as I started seeing tel. logs. Her name appeared there & she again.

We had no interest when she came to friendly with anyone.

Re Slawson's report: re Duran's affair with Fuchuga - "no one was let me in on this operation" in substantial interest

> At one time we pitched everyone at that Cuba Embassy - she must have been considered -

- Her FBI file would be "very thick"

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

o 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 roared -

2) in photograph of Dirty O'nday in '64

3) when he was Larry Bush at a party rest. also Dan, G. L. ...

re Duncan: "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. adds. re did 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 Duncan

Corroto - knew him well - somewhere

in Fla. - later Duncan own a

- worked Lewis Co - near Fla.

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

'71 - [cos ] - did not go to Scott's funeral?

Access to W. Scott's safe? Wm & his sec.

Secretary? knew then one ~~only~~ few. Dotty something.

I kept "very sensitive" material in my safe (in <sup>prohibited</sup> sec)

"but it would have been stuff generated himself -

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

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

Herb. O. 130-132 > chief of center for DGI -

- believe his name was LUNA -

> Yes, did monitor DGI activities there -

re 134 - antique jewelry story - "cultural officer in Cuban Embassy." - don't remember name -

& don't specifically recall he was really DGI -

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 Ocaña - definitely familiar

- Muralat - familiar

> Roque - the Council - to my knowledge  
he was not Colon 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  
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 - re 1 Sept '63

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

Benny Hildalgo - don't recall from when he was in Mexico but must have been - yes, worked with him. He didn't have executive talents, but always <sup>in</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>speaking of</sup> had problems - I don't want to say he was crazy, but I was always uncomfortable around him -

AMMUG. I - provides just departure for DOZ

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]

App. assassination - wasn't aware of Ten Manna's interest in ~~assassination~~ <sup>custody</sup> of assassin

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

# 3290 - Think I've seen this document before - when we were reviewing thing 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]

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Don't know why [Colonna] 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 fired -  
[Amrad] operation - a disinformation  
operation, might have been aimed  
at [Teresa Proenza]

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

- Don't recall that Ber. City st. developed  
any info that LHO was in contact with  
anyone else at Colon Edlerly. Then Roque + 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 the city  
to be run out of JFK area station  
without my knowledge - but I would  
have been furious.

> but it could have been possible, and probable, in a "sensitive operator" - <sup>but even less so if etc</sup> his name was Stan Dulles

#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 job to be made for someone outside of Mexico.

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

> Her no explanation of why Calderon transcript was found in Oswald file and not in her 201 file -

> Re cameras at Cuban Embassy: Still remembers 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 ~~on 27th~~ during that time)

NO recollection of what happened to photos from impulse camera -

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

Was prior to assassination, another 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+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 <sup>about his</sup> <sup>operation</sup>  
 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 -

don't know of  
~~there's~~ such a discretionary  
Director's fund -

- There's a project called "developmental"  
& a lot of money & there but 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 Deere & not for  
Cuba - after that it was ad hoc  
stuff - see that ad hoc type  
stuff sent out to provincial newspapers -

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

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

>

and James French Thomas

[Duck Quacks - Bethel's] boss -

> no further recollection re [Cassius?] ]

- Nova Bay Mining Co - As

P.R. Clients: ?

- Amstar Motors cars & El Mundo,

free French lessons for Beauty School;

& an American artist who invented legend  
to draw out super papers

> [Freeport] Jelfer Co] must have had -  
el was fairly active - name very  
familiar -

Dannell not that el recall -

→ Wayne Smith - we were in

a play together -

very friendly with her -

→ [Roberto Vale] - don't know her -

→ [Tranell] - true name

unless very sensitive -

- don't recall traveling under

> never had a false passport -

capable & tried - don't know how Law ) e

that mechanism worked

> thought first el knew her in Sept '76 -

but after book came back -

- no on

- Catherwood Foundation - no -

> no Civil Aid Relief -

> debriefing center - we get the product from it -

- could have been run by Army -

> no on E. W. L. Storer -

> John Amman Bull Kid