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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> LANSDALE, General	<u>DATES:</u> 9/14/62	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> MONGOOSE ✓ Special Groups Augmented
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OCCURRENCE:

As reflected in the 14 Sept. 1962 minutes of the meeting of the SGA on Operation Mongoose, General LANSDALE "reported that the ~~NSA~~ collection program is being stepped up considerably and should be in full swing by 1 November".

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<u>SOURCE:</u> Minutes of meeting of SGA on Operation Mongoose 9/14/62 (00048)	<u>STAFF:</u> PGW
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CARTER, General

DATES:

9/14/62

CATEGORIES: 3

MONGOOSE
 Special Groups Augmented ✓

OCCURRENCE:

As reflected in the minutes of the SGA's meeting of 14 Sept. 1962, General CARTER stated that "CIA would examine the possibilities of sabotaging airplane parts which were scheduled to be shipped [from Canada] to Cuba."

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> Lansdale SECRET	<u>DATES:</u> 31 Oct 1962	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> Operation Mongoose ✓
<u>OCCURRENCE:</u> Cheever told Lansdale that CIA intelligence reporting was spotty due to lack of mail deliveries from Cuba.		
<u>SOURCE:</u> Memo for the record prepared by GEN. Lansdale, dated 31 OCT 1962.		<u>STAFF:</u> PGW <u>DATE:</u> 6/29



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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Gen. Lansdale
Lt. Col. Patchell
Gen. Johnson
~~Brice Cassevet~~
Frank Hand

DATES:

31 Oct 1962

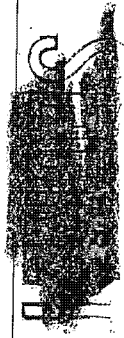
CATEGORIES:

Operation Mongoose ✓

OCCURRENCE:

Lansdale states that the Mongoose outline was read by Messrs. Hand, ~~Cassevet~~ and Patchell. In addition he states that he gave the general information contained therein to Gen. Johnson.

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SOURCE:

Memo for the record prepared by GEN. Lansdale, dated 31 Oct. 1962

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Lansdale

DATES:

31 Oct 1962

CATEGORIES:

Mongoose ✓
Cuba
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OCCURRENCE:

Unsigned memorandum (apparently prepared by Lansdale) states "Intelligence collection under US control, including by resources inside Cuba, continues. Note sensitivity of assets of friendly services other nations [British] in helping US."

SOURCE:


Memorandum dated 31 Oct 1962, titled Outline of Covert Operations.
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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Bundy Bolten Wm. Harvey 	Aug 27, 1962	MONGOOSE ✓ SGA

OCCURRENCE:

A CIA memo in response to the Bundy memo of Aug 23, 1962. Individuals noted as responsible for certain items on Bundy's list.



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<u>SOURCE:</u> Memo written by Marshal Carter to McGeorge Bundy 8/27/62 (00890)	<u>STAFF:</u> Wallach
<u>FILE:</u>	<u>DATE:</u> July 3, 1975

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
BUNDY, GENERAL DECKER, MR. MURROW RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE, MARTIN GENERAL HARRIS, WILLIAM BUND, GENERAL CARTER	9/6/62 <i>TOP SECRET</i>	Special Group Augmented MONGOOSE ✓ <i>CONFIDENTIAL</i>
<u>OCCURRENCE:</u>		
Meeting of SGA On Operation MONGOOSE, 6 September 1962. Discussion of LANSDALE's suggestion #32 (agricultural sabotage). GENERAL CARTER emphasized the extreme sensitivity of any such operation and the disastrous results that would flow from something going wrong particularly if there were obvious attribution to the U-S. He went on to say, however, that it would be possible to accomplish this purpose by methods more subtle than those indicated in the paper. He mentioned specifically the possibility of producing crop failures by the introduction of biological agents which would appear to be of natural origin. BUNDY said that he had no worries about any such sabotage which could clearly be made to appear as a result of local Cuban disaffection or a natural disaster, but that we must avoid external activities such as release of chemicals, etc. unless they could		
<u>SOURCE:</u> be completely covered up.		
<u>STAFF:</u>		
SGA MONGOOSE Minutes 9/6/62 (00045-00046)		
<u>FILE:</u> Cage		
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<u>DATE:</u> June 29, 1962		

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

WALT ELDER

~~BRUCE CHEEVER~~ (CIA)

DATES:

9/14/62

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE ✓
Special Group Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

~~BRUCE CHEEVER~~ attended the 14 September 1962 MONGOOSE meeting for the CIA. He reported (according to WALT ELDER) that no decisions were made, and no new ideas were brought up, and nothing useful emerged from the meeting.

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SOURCE:

Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting, 14 Sept 1962-

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

WALT ELDER, RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE,
MCGEORGE BUNDY, ~~SECRET~~

DATES:

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CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE ✓
Special Group Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

CIA Headquarters and all WH stations are to be especially to alert for any shipments of arms or other subversive material from Cuba to other Latin American countries-- Chief, Task Force W says this alert has been laid on and is in force.

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Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting, 14 Sept 1962-
Walt Elder

FILE: Cage **00049**

STAFF: PGW

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:
Walt ELDER, RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE,
MCGEORGE BUNDY, ~~BRUCE CHEEVER~~ (CIA),

DATES:
9/14/62

CATEGORIES:
MONGOOSE
Special Group Augmented

OCCURRENCE:
Possibility of sabotage of ~~WICERS~~ spare parts allegedly ready for shipment to Cuba
by ~~Canada~~ is being looked into--Chief, Task Force W says this activity is underway.

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Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting, 14 Sept 1962-
Walt Eler
FILE: Cage 00049

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
JFK Maxwell Taylor	27 Sept 62	Special Group Aug- MOONGOOSE ^{mented} Diem/

OCCURRENCE:

Taylor states that the Special Group and the Special Group Augmented considered a proposal by CIA for covert activities designed to harass the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. This had been prepared in response to a request by the Sec. 's of State and Defense. ✓

Taylor added that the Special Group asked that a more detailed operation plan be prepared. It was agreed that Defense make certain equipment and personnel available to CIA in support of this program. [An elint flight designed to identify the North Vietnamese radar order of battle, so as to permit planning over flight routes was authorized. This will be flown out of Saigon, using the specially equipped aircraft available on Taiwan, but with the Chinese Air Force markings removed, and employing Chinese Nationalists pilots documented South Vietnamese citizens.]

SOURCE: Maxwell Taylor's memorandum for the President, dated Sept 27, 1962. (00050)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Mr. Morales-Carrion Manolillo Rey Mr. Hurwitch	Oct 12, 1962	Special Group (Augmented) Mongoose ✓

OCCURRENCE:

Mr. Hurwitch felt that the utmost importance was the quality of the Cubans who might be used in any operation. He and Morales-Carrion agreed that most Cubans are convinced that the only possible solution to this situation is for open U.S. military intervention. The exception is Manolillo Rey, who appears to believe that the Castro regime can be brought down from within. Rey is totally disaffected with the CIA and would insist that he be in complete control of his own operation.

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SOURCE: Memorandum for the record, dated October 12, 1962, prepared by T.A. Parrot

FILE: Subj.: his meeting on use of Cuban exiles (00056-57)

STAFF: PCW

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<p><u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u></p> <p>Gen. Lansdale (CIA)</p> <p>HARVEY PATCHELL</p>	<p><u>DATES:</u></p> <p>25 Oct 1962</p>	<p><u>CATEGORIES:</u></p> <p>Cuba ✓ Mongoose Special Group Augmented</p>
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OCCURRENCE:

~~Source~~ suggested to Patchell that Gen. Lansdale call Bill Harvey since Bill had briefed w. Gen. on what the CIA was doing. Patchell indicates that Gen. Lansdale was informed of ~~Source's~~ comments.

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SOURCE:

Memorandum for record re Item# for Meeting of Special Group Augmented on 26 Oct 1962, prepared by Lt. Col. Patchell on 10/26 (00737)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> <u>KIRKPATRICK</u> William Harvey DDP Gen. Lansdale Mr. Halpern Walter Elder DCI	<u>DATES:</u> 11/14/62 Nov. 21, 1962 10/30/62	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> Special Group Augmented Operation Mongoose Cuba
<u>OCCURRENCE:</u> With regard to paragraph 2 of Lansdale's memorandum to SGA dated 14 Nov. 1962 Harvey states: "The statement that Operation Mongoose had had no information on this operation since early October was patently false. Specific references made to the pen ultimate paragraph and Lansdale's memorandum concerning a report for the CIA which he used as a basis for memorandum dated 31 Oct. 1962 to Oswald Kirkpatrick. This refers to a telephonic conversation on the evening of 30 Oct. 1962 between Lansdale and [redacted] which is referred specifically in paragraph 2 on pages 7 and 8 of my reference memorandum. I have discussed this matter in detail with [redacted] and clearly recalls that his conversation with Lansdale on that date took place as reflected in my reference memorandum. During this conversation there was no discussion of previous operations except a brief discussion of the COMRA and [redacted] teams and Lansdale did not ask, according to [redacted] recollection, any specific questions concerning assets inside or prior operations which <u>SOURCE:</u> would logically have led to the discussions at the time [redacted] STAFF: Paul Wallach Memogram dated Nov. 21, 1962 (01151) <u>FILE:</u>		

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Gen. Lansdale John McCone Bundy John McCone (CIA)	30 Oct 1962	Operation Mongoose ✓

OCCURRENCE:

Lansdale said that he had been told by Bundy on Sunday, Oct 28, to hold up action on the twenty teams by submarine for 24 hrs. and Lansdale had promptly notified CIA. Lansdale added that yesterday (Oct 29) upon receipt from ~~John McCone~~ on the subject Lansdale had again taken up w. Bundy, and Bundy had told Lansdale that he would tell McCone to have CIA hold everything. Lansdale opines that he presumes Bundy had so informed McCone.

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Memo for the record by Gen. Lansdale dated 30 Oct 1962. (00739)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> Gen. Lansdale John McCone Gen. Carter <u>OCCURRENCE:</u> SECRET (CIA)	<u>DATES:</u> 30 OCT 1962	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> Operation Mongoose ✓
<p>After Lansdale's conversation with McCone, he called SECRET who assured him that he had received similar orders from Carter and that all militant actions under CIA were being held at a stop.</p>		
<u>SOURCE:</u> Memo fro the record by Gen. Lansdale dated 30 Oct 1962. (00739)		<u>STAFF:</u> PGW <u>DATE:</u> 6/29

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<p><u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u></p> <p>Gen. Lansdale Gilpatrick Don Wilson <i>Classified</i></p>	<p><u>DATES:</u></p> <p>Oct 31, 1962</p>	<p><u>CATEGORIES:</u></p> <p>MONGOOSE ✓ SCA CUBA</p>
<p><u>OCCURRENCE:</u></p> <p>Lansdale asked <i>Classified</i> about covert operational assets both inside Cuba and outside, if they had stop orders on action. <i>Classified</i> said that they all had such orders, "but pointed out that some of the Cubans were quite emotional about stopping actions against Castro and he wasn't certain that everyone would hold to the orders"</p>		


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<p><u>SOURCE:</u> Oct 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen Lansdale (00744)</p>	<p><u>STAFF:</u> Wallach</p>
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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> Gen. Lansdale Gilpatrick Don Wilton 	<u>DATES:</u> Oct 31, 1962	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> MONGOOSE ✓ SGA CUBA
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OCCURRENCE:

Gilpatrick asked Lansdale to give him a brief outline of Operation Mongoose in light of current U.S./USSR negotiations re: Cuba. Lansdale talked to ~~State Dept~~ and "sketched in the purpose, which was to get a fix for Gilpatrick as one of the U.S. negotiators with the Soviets on whether or not all actions (sabotag, etc.) had come to a stop---didn't want the U.S. embarrassed and Gilpatrick wanted to be sure of this.

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<u>STAFF:</u> Wallach	<u>SOURCE:</u> Oct 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen. Lansdale (00744)
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<p><u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u></p> <p>SECRET Gen Lansdale Gilpatrick Don Wilson</p>	<p><u>DATES:</u></p> <p>Oct 31, 1962</p>	<p><u>CATEGORIES:</u></p> <p>MONGOOSE ✓ SCA CUBA</p>
<p><u>OCCURRENCE:</u></p> <p>Lansdale then asked SECRET about assets inside Cuba, did they only have the two action teams--there? How about any psychological operations? SECRET said he believed there were only two teams and would check further to be sure. He knew the teams were supposed to be collecting intelligence.</p>		
<p><u>SOURCE:</u> Oct 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen Lansdale (00744)</p>		<p><u>STAFF:</u> Wallach</p> <p><u>DATE:</u> July 3, 1975</p>

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Gen Lansdale
Gilpatrick
Don Wilson



DATES:

Oct 31, 1962

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE ✓
SCA
CUBA

OCCURRENCE:

Lansdale asked ~~Gen~~ whether the other teams were under control,
no boats going out, etc. ~~Gen~~ said yes, but again pointed out that the Cubans
were restive.

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SOURCE:

Oct 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen Lansdale
(00745)

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Gen Lansdale Gilpatrick Don Wilson SECRET	Oct 31, 1962	MONGOOSE SGA CUBA
<p><u>OCCURRENCE:</u> SECRET told Lansdale that there were only two action teams, a small one (Central Cuba) and the big one (200-man in Western Cuba), that they were definitely on intelligence collection.</p>		
<p><u>SOURCE:</u> Oct 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen Lansdale (00745)</p>		<p><u>STAFF:</u> Mallach</p>
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Gen Lansdale Gilpatrick Don Wilson ██████████	Oct 31, 1962	Mongoose SGA Cuba

OCCURRENCE:

Lansdale inquired about the balloon operation. ~~██████████~~ told
Lansdale that this was not in being yet.

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<u>SOURCE:</u> Oct 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen Lansdale (00744)	<u>STAFF:</u> Wallach <u>DATE:</u> July 3, 1975
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Gen Lansdale Gilpatrick Don Wilson ██████████	Oct 31, 1961	MONGOOSE ✓ SCA CUBA

OCCURRENCE:

~~TOP SECRET~~ As for psychological operations, all CIA assets (including ~~██████████~~) had been turned over to USIA for operational use.

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SECRET Gen Lansdale Gilpatrick Don Wilson	Oct 31, 1962	MONGOOSE ✓ SCA CIJBA

OCCURRENCE:


~~SECRET~~ Lansdale asked ~~SECRET~~ if any independent groups were in motion. ~~SECRET~~ said CIA couldn't guaranty any groups not under CIA control, but that the word had gotten around to stop actions at this time and none were known to CIA currently, although maybe there's was one not known to CIA. Lansdale commented again that any action would embarrass the negotiations, which was why he was asking. ~~SECRET~~ said he understood.

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OCCURRENCE:

Lansdale spoke with USIA's Wilson, who confirmed that all CIA psychological assets had been turned over to USIA for operational use and were being used as desired by the President.

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