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SUBJECT: Latin America Division/JFK Task Force How
Research was Conducted

1. The LA Division Task Force to investigate records in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy was formally organized in mid-October 1976. Its purpose, basically, was to research all Agency operations conducted against Cuba from 1 January 1960 to 1 January 1965 (concentrating on the period up to 22 November 1963) for any evidence that such operations might have provoked the Government of Cuba to take executive action against President Kennedy. Researchers were also alert to activities seemingly directed against the U.S./CIA.

2. Reference to material for this research was obtained from the LAD Registry, the Cuba Desk machine runs, and a special comprehensive file listing prepared for this purpose by ISS (Information Services Staff). It was originally thought that material pertinent to the search would number approximately 900 operational folders, plus related 201 dossiers. It was later determined, however, that a thorough review should include additional operational and subject files which brought the total to well over two thousand files. In view of the date of the material, much of it, both operational

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and subject , has been retired to Archives at ⁹⁹Warrenton, Virginia]. The remainder is held at Headquarters in IP/Files or IP/Archives. All 201 dossiers are retained at Headquarters. This material is easily retrievable through the use of specific job numbers and file reference numbers recorded and retained in the LAD/JFK Task Force files (too numerous to cite herein.)

3. Following is a breakdown of the types and numbers of files reviewed, criteria employed in the research, the findings, and organization of the material:

a. Types and Number of Files Reviewed:

1. Operational	1,729	
(601 with findings and 1,128 with no findings)		
2. Subject	547	
(186 with findings and 361 with no findings)		
3. Cuba Policy Files	101	
4. C/WHC Chrono Files (TFW Chronos)	37	(13 -49)
5. Official 201 dossiers	<u>100</u>	plus
TOTAL	2,514	

b. Criteria Used in the Research:

As a guide the research group followed some 33 Terms of Reference provided by the Deputy IG, which were compiled on the basis of issues raised in Book V,

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JENNE (no traces) with the firm F.A. Johnson, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Fla. CAMERON was reported as allegedly belonging to the Mafia.

UFGA 15954 dated 11 May 1964

On 3 March 64 CAMERON held a meeting with Teofilo BABUN Franco, Oscar FERNANDEZ Viego, Eliseo GOMEZ Fernandez, Freddie GARCIA, Eddie GARCIA and Miguel Guillermo TRUYOL-Gimeno. CAMERON mentioned that he was in contact with an unidentified group who would be willing to assassinate select Cuban officials for cash: specifically CAMERON was interested in assassinating Fidel CASTRO, Raul CASTRO and "Che" GUEVARA. They agreed on \$100 thousand for Fidel, \$20 thousand for Raul and \$20 thousand for "Che." CAMERON made it fairly clear at the beginning that the Mafia was involved.

AMCLOCK Production and Correspondence 19-6-133/4
(Currently PLSLSTEEL)

ESGW 193 dated 2 September 1960

Dispatch from Headquarters to Geneva and Bern forwarding general requirements for asset. One question was precautions taken to prevent possible assassination attempts of top Cuban officials.

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AMCOVE-1 SW Message #66 dated 5 December 1963

Report giving names of travelers from Prague on 22 November 1963; travelers from Spain on 23 November 1963. Also, report that high figures of CASTRO regime were very nervous on the day of Kennedy's death. This information came from AMCOVE-11 who obtained it from a doctor friend, who obtained it from a Navy Comandante who was not a sympathizer of the regime.

AMCOVE-1 SW Message #68 dated 6 December 1963

AMCOVE-11 [Dr. Pedro Antonio RODRIGUEZ Inigo⁵] reported "rumors in Cuba that Lee OSWALD, assassin of Kennedy, was photographed in Varadero and Pinar del Rio, and that his (sic) sister, employed at Cuban Embassy Mexico, was a prisoner in Dallas, Texas, with personal documentation of OSWALD and \$65,000 dollars. Swiss Ambassador Havana told employees that Lee OSWALD was an associate of Fidel CASTRO."

AMCROAK Operation 19-6-97MADR 9866 (IN 74333) dated 5 December 1963

AMCROAK-1 (Dr. Bernardo MILANES Lopez) discussed an operational plan with AMOT-2 (Joaquin SANJENIS Perdomo)

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DSE - DEPARTMENT OF STATE SECURITY A-13 - GeneralNon-Official file - No file no. - Soft FileTDCSDB 3/656,765 dated 20 September 1963

A Bogota ²⁴⁸[liaison] source reported that Manuel PINEIRO said that the Cubans were aware of two CIA agents among delegation of U.S. students; also, that the CIS was aware of an assassination plot against Fidel CASTRO by a group in the GOC being directed by CIA.

DSE - Soft FileCSCI 3/779,828 dated 4 February 1964

Report on Mario GUTIERREZ, nicknamed "Mayito", a Cuban, who in February 1964 was residing in the U.S. In 1959 he was working in hotels and night clubs and acting as a penetration agent for the Cuban Intelligence Service. GUTIERREZ and Manola ALVAREZ worked for the Chief of "N" Bureau of the National Section of the G-2 Secret Aparat in Havana.

AMDOSE Project 19-6-77/2-4OSMA 14727 Att. A. dated 2 January 1962

SW message from agent, AMDOSE-1, dated 7 December 1962, includes the statement "the majority of us hope that Kennedy finishes with Fidel before Christmas." /Seems to be

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banquet at the Presidential Palace. A large caliber machine gun on a tripod had been discovered behind a curtain. AMFAUNA-1 said that this had nothing to do with AMFAUNA-7's plan which was still pending.

UFGA 13428 dated 15 January 1964

Dispatch from JMWAVE Station to Headquarters, reported information from ⁰¹[HULAKE-1] on 8 Jan 64 indicating that there had been a general roundup in Cienfuegos, which began on 26 Dec 63, possibly in connection with a suspected plot against the life of Fidel CASTRO. At least 17 persons were arrested. One person appeared to be AMLAME-5 (Luis PUIG Tabares 201-329604). Neither AMFAUNA-26 nor AMLAME-5 were believed to be involved in any plot against the life of Fidel, but could have been high on the general suspect list.

FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIO DEMOCRATICO 19-9-11/1

(Democratic Revolutionary Front)

UFGA 1933 dated 24 July 1961

Dispatch from JMWAVE to Headquarters, transmitting an operational plan presented to WAVE Base by Raul F. HERRERO Morales, Member of the Executive Board, Frente Revolucionario Jose A. ECHEVARRIA. HERRERO was told by a WAVE Base contact that the Agency could not help him. The plan called for the physical elimination of Fidel CASTRO, several members of the Cuban Communist

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AMLACE Operation 19-6-62/2,3,4

Memorandum to Chief, TFW/FI from ³[F.W. Flott] dated
1 October 1962

AMLACE-1 was asked about succession in the event of CASTRO's death. He responded in October 1962 that in the event of CASTRO's death, even the gusanos (worms) say it would be useless to kill Fidel. No one thinks that his death would be useful to the counter-revolution.

AMLEG Operation 19-6-80/2,3,4DIRECTOR 33866 dated 19 April 1963

Cable from Headquarters to the Hague, stating that approval has been granted for sabotage of Cuban ships ranging from delaying ship to putting ship out of commission.

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AMLOAN Operation 19-6-79/3EGGA 3171 Dated 2 November 1964

Dispatch from Hamburg Base to Hqs. On 15 Oct 1964, after publication of the Warren Commission Report, untested source [Prof. Walter SIMON]⁵ reported the following to AMLOAN-1 [Wilhelm Bernhardt John KESSLER.]^{3 4} [SIMON]⁵ obtained the information from well-known Cuban scientist APIAGAS (fnu) in Havana on 23 November 1963. APIAGAS claimed he was at the Havana Airport, by chance, on 22 Nov 63 when at 1700 hours an aircraft with Mexican markings landed and parked at the far side of the field. Two men whom he recognized as Cuban "gangsters" (identities not given), alighted, entered the rear entrance of the administration building and disappeared without going through the normal customs procedures. APIAGAS learned that the aircraft had just arrived from Dallas, Texas via Tijuana and Mexico City. The plane had been forced to land at Tijuana due to engine trouble. By combining the date, the origin of the flight, and the known reputation of the two men, APIAGAS theorized that the two men must have been involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. APIAGAS speculated that Lee Harvey OSWALD had acted in the pay of CASTRO, and that

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the two Cubans had been in Dallas to organize or oversee the operation. APIAGAS said he had been greatly distressed by what he had seen and heard.

CSCI 316/02545-64 dated 15 December 1964

Provided the foregoing information to the FBI. It did not include the name of APIAGAS (fnu) or [Prof. ^Δ Walter SIMON] but did state that follow-up was impossible because the source ^Δ [(SIMON)] had since passed away.

DBA 94347 dated 31 December 1964 (FBI)

The FBI responded that "in view of the geographical location of Tijuana in relation to Dallas and Mexico City, it seemed unlikely the aircraft would have landed there due to engine trouble if it was on a flight from Dallas to Mexico City. Also, that due to the distances between Dallas and Tijuana, Tijuana and Mexico City, and Mexico City and Havana, the aircraft would have had to leave Dallas a number of hours before the assassination of President Kennedy to arrive in Havana at 5 p.m." The FBI suggested that CIA may wish to determine at the airport in Tijuana whether any aircraft

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landed there from Dallas on 22 November 1963 reporting engine trouble and then proceeded on to Mexico City. The FBI advised it was making no investigation of the matter in the absence of further information from CIA.

[COMMENT: There is no name trace record of

²⁵ APIAGAS (fnu), ²⁵ [Walter SIMON] or his widow. Since ⁵ [SIMON's] widow had been willing to provide information in the first interview, a subsequent interview after her husband's death might have yielded results. In view of vagueness of original report, its receipt a year after the assassination, and lack of CIA assets in Tijuana, Headquarters decided not to follow-up.]

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Czech. to be head of political police of Cuba. Reportedly took refuge in Brazilian Embassy Havana which appeared to be cover-up to carry on secret activity. Attended school in U.S. for several years (believed to be military school in Georgia) and to be a graduate of the University of Havana. His father reportedly lived in Miami at this time. (1962). An uncle by the same name, living in Cuba in 1962, is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. In 1962 DIAZ was head of the Department of Technical Investigation (DTI) of the Rebel Army. A known terrorist, he is said to be capable of use of explosive bombs and automatic weapons. Is believed to have directed assassinations in the past from somewhere in Mexico. A good friend of Rolando CUBELA.

MEXI 0092 (IN 26086) Dated 10 February 1962

According to ²⁴[Mexico immigration] records, MARGOLLES and ARAGONES arrived Mexico City by air on 27 June 1957 as political refugees from Batista regime. Both sought political asylum in Mexican Embassy Havana in mid-1957.

MEMO For The Secret Service from William McClare

Dated 13 February 1962

Gives summary of information on Raul DIAZ Arguelles.

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MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO del PUEBLO (MRP) 19-120-22(Peoples Revolutionary Movement)Memo to Cleve (Dr. Cleveland C. Cram) from ⁵[M. Oldfield]Dated 8 November 1961

Concerns a Cuban Government report published in the press which claimed that the Peoples Revolutionary Movement directed and supplied by the U.S. CIA and Department of State, planned acts of sabotage and more recently planned an attempt to assassinate Fidel CASTRO and other government leaders early in October. The attempt on Fidel allegedly was discovered the day before it was due to take place.

Moscow TASS in English to Europe 8 November 1961

Reported the information in the 8 November 1961 Memorandum, above, and cited it as new proof of American imperialism's criminal conspiracy against free Cuba.

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raid, target of a military nature, could cause international repercussions and/or bring them under prosecution on the neutrality act. BOSCH and MENDOZA were collaborating with Jose Mario "Pepin" BOSCH Lamarque and two former sugar mill owners to back a daylight raid on a Cuban MIG base with two rocket-firing P-51's.

AMMUG Project (Cuban DGI Defector) 19-6-102

Memo for the Record dated 4 June 1964

Re Debriefing Report #119 of AMMUG-1 (Vladimir RODRIGUEZ Lahera). He did not recognize photo of Braulio MARTINEZ Alfonso, Cuban born naturalized U.S. citizen. MARTINEZ returned to Cuba after the fall of Batista. Also known as "SUAREZ" and Francisco De RAVIRICH, he has been reported as an intelligence officer.

HHTA 3782 dated 16 June 1964

Dispatch from Tegucigalpa to Mexico City. A Tegucigalpa Station asset assigned to ²⁴monitor certain Honduran ham radio operators of interest to the Station, reported the following, most unusual,

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NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL INSIDE CUBA 19-9-13

Memo to Chief, Contact Division, OO from Chief,
Washington Field Office, 31 July 1961

Julio HUERTEMATTE, Vice-President of National Bank of Washington, told OO on 25 July 61 that a Cuban underground leader (identity unknown) who had been in prison in Cuba and recently come to Miami, told HUERTEMATTE that CIA agent Pedro CUELLAR had denounced five underground leaders to the CASTRO authorities.

/COMMENT: This confirms previous information that CUELLAR was a double agent. He reportedly caused the execution of a number of counter-revolutionaries operating in Cuba. CUELLAR's dependents have been paid under Project [SLSTIPEND] since the early 1960's. In view of evidence that CUELLAR was not executed by the CASTRO ^{Regime} as publicized in the Washington Post in the early 1960's, it has been recommended to the Commercial Cover Staff that administers the [SLSTIPEND] Project, to further investigate the case and stop payments if possible. /

WAVE 7900 (IN 39024) dated 14 Sept 61; and DIRECTOR
13231 (OUR 99328) dated 20 Sept 61

Both these cables discuss CIA support to AMBLESS-1
(Alberto del JUNCO Mesa) one of the Agency's best

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DIRECTOR 31178 dated 25 June 1964

This referenced documents (UFGA 15954 and WAVE 7129 (IN 93714) having to do with plot to assassinate CASTRO. This information was disseminated to the Special Group and other key officials. The Special Group was concerned about the matter and referred it to the Dept. of Justice as a matter of law enforcement.

WAVE 9168 (IN 26320) dated 12 July 1964 Cable to Hqs.

AMWAX-1 (Oscar FERNANDEZ Viega) and ²[U]AMBER-2 ⁵[Miguel Guillermo TRUYOL-Gimeno] were independently interviewed by local FBI reps. concerning plot to assassinate CASTRO. Both denied any knowledge of or participation in any plan to assassinate CASTRO. For Hqs. FYI: "Regarding AMWAX-1 and ²[U]AMBER-2, WAVE wishes emphasize that both sources clearly understand they have no sanctions from WAVE to directly or indirectly promote, sponsor, or support such plan or any similar plans regardless of person against whom they directed."

WAVE 5446 (IN 32990) dated 1 Dec 1964

AMDT Report DD-1206 dated 19 Nov 1964 stated that as part of plan to assassinate CASTRO, a rumor was to be floated that one of the organizations belonging to the alliance was fighting inside Cuba. The rumors were

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expected to impress U.S. Government officials who were already having talks with Manuel URRUTIA Lleo, and willing to provide financial assistance to him.

PLOTS TO ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. 100-300-12

DIRECTOR 03964 dated 8 December 1962

Cable from Agency to Secret Service, FBI and State Dept. Security forwarding text of a letter from Havana, dated 27 Nov 62, to Miami, concerning plot to assassinate President Kennedy. Letter was addressed to a Post Office Box in Miami belonging to the Radio Libertad La Voz, Anti-Comunista de America. Since the addressee was unknown to members of Radio Libertad, one of their Miami reps. passed the letter to a contact of JMWAVE Station. Addressee was Bernardo Adalberto MORALES-Rivero.

DIRECTOR 4013 dated 8 December 1962

Cable from Agency to addressees cited above. Provided traces on Bernardo Adalberto MORALES-Rivero who entered the U.S. in May 62 on a fraudulent visa.

UFGA 6884 dated 10 December 1962

Dispatch from JMWAVE Station to Hqs. Stated that letter similar to 27 Nov 62 one cited above, possibly written by

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same author, was in possession of Treasury Dept., Wash., D.C. by official who was in contact with CIA on the matter. JMWAVE forwarded the 29 Nov 62 letter, from Jose MENENDEZ to Bernardo MORALES in Miami, and suggested that Hqs. pass it to the Treasury Dept. for technical handling. JMWAVE was anxious to receive results of both of the letters on the grounds that they may be part of a planned G-2 PW operation in the U.S. or against U.S. targets.

DIRECTOR 04538 dated 11 December 1962

Hqs. CIA cabled to Secret Service, FBI and State Security, traces on Olga DUQUE de Heredia and Aida MAYO, Miami reps. of the org. Radio Libertad La Voz Anti-Comunista de America, address to which letter to MORALES was addressed. DUQUE and MAYO turned the letter over to a contact of CIA, since MORALES was reportedly unknown to them. DUQUE was married to Humberto LOPEZ Perez, operator of Radio Libertad, Caracas, Venezuela; Aida MAYO was a close friend of Fidel CASTRO and was believed to act occasionally on behalf of the Cuban Government.

DIRECTOR 04501 dated 12 December 1962

Hqs. advised JMWAVE Station that Hqs. in disseminating information did not reveal ⁴[Cesar Augusto GAJATE Puig] as intermediary between WAVE and DUQUE and MAYO. Suggested WAVE advise Secret Service of ⁴[GAJATE's] role since Secret

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Continent must be the target of our guns, from New York and Washington to Santiago de Chile and Buenos Aires." On 2 Jan 61 CASTRO asked Latin Americans to take arms against their own governments; on 26 July 62 he demanded a continental revolutionary drive; in 1963 he predicted that Venezuela and Guatemala would surrender the said year. CASTRO's sister Juana (Juanita) arrived in Mexico City from Cuba on 20 June 64. Although she was considered a defector of the CASTRO regime, she had been an agent (CIA) for the prior two and a half years.

AMPUNCH Project 19-6-118/2,3,423 November 1963 open text letter from asset, in Cuba,Filed in SW Chrono June 63 -Dec.

Acknowledged the death of President Kennedy.

AMQUAR Project 19-124-28/1-4HAMB 3879 (IN 50361) dated 30 Oct 63; HAMB 3880(IN 50478) Identities

Concerns debriefing of [CASAILOR-25] on 24 and 25 Oct 63.

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He reported that Faustino PEREZ, born ca. 1923, commander in CASTRO's army in Havana Hqs., Granma veteran and former minister in CASTRO's Government, told C-25 in August 1963 that CASTRO must be killed and all resistance groups organized. C-25 described PEREZ as an opportunist who would need promise of advantage in return for help.

AMRANGE Project 19-6-81/1-4

Memo for Chief TFW from DC/TFW/FI re DEGRIP Report
dated 28 August 1962

Concerns one Vasco CECCHI, proprietor of the MONTECATINI Restaurant in Vedado quarter of Havana frequented by Fidel CASTRO and his entourage. Employees of the restaurant reportedly were anti-Castroites. Source of the report called attention to closet, partly under stairs used for storage, but which he believed could be used to hide man comfortably. On one of the floors above the restaurant lived a certain Lt. RAMOS who was evidently an intimate of Fidel CASTRO. CASTRO often visited him. [COMMENT: See File "Plots to Assassinate the President of the U.S." 100-300-12, Memo from Secret Service dated 12 December 1962, concerning one Jose MENENDEZ Ramos who may be identifiable with Lt. RAMOS].

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SLIPSTREAM-1 in Nov 71 said that ALONSO was a Cuban Gov't agent. He had high USG contacts back then (in 60/61) and knowledge of U.S. Government/CIA cover for activities. ALONSO was used as a cut-out, or intermediary, supposedly unwittingly, in sensitive Agency operations, in the late 60's and early 70's.

ZRRIFLE Project Job # 69-S-551 - No File Number

ZRRIFLE/Administrative Financial Folder

OIRT 2173 dated 13 October 1960, Att. Top Secret

DEPIGRAM, Italian Interpol representative, Source

and spotter for Corsicans. Altman to pick his brain and pinpoint his ability to do this job for us, but once selection made, DEPIGRAM to be cut out of the operation.

Memo to C/FI from William Harvey, 27 June 1963

"As far as ZRRIFLE aspects this op, which have been covered under the QJWIN authorization for security reasons and with which Fletcher Knight is fully familiar, except for one precautionary 'life line', aspects of this case have been terminated and need no longer be considered part of this project."

Folder entitled Personality Sketches

Tab M - Harold MELTZER

Harold MELTZER with aliases was involved in the rackets

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CP-9212 dated 10 March 1967

Concerns Jaime CARDONA-Londono, Colombian, arrested in New Orleans in May 64 for trespassing. He had in his possession typewritten document which purported to be proposed constitution for new super world government with provisions to condemn to death various personages including L. Johnson, daughter of L. Johnson, and Mrs. J. Kennedy. When interviewed 12/22/64 he did not indicate any interest in the death of the President.

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[CARACAS] 6104 (IN 8778) dated 25 February 1967

A usually reliable source reported to CIA that well-known

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Washington and is very depressed. He claims that JFK has decided on the co-existence line and that everything is going down the drain. He states that present American policy is to work towards an acceptance of Castro."

WAVE 9060 (IN 29221) dated 26 September 1962

FERNANDEZ has accepted bid to appear on nationwide TV networks and is leaving for NYC morning 26 Sept. Publicity schedule included how DRE 24 Aug attack on Teatro Blanquita was planned, and adverse reaction within Cuba to President Kennedy's definition of defensive arms.

Contact Report dated 16 Nov 1962 (201-316766)

Contact with AMHINT-2 and FERNANDEZ

FERNANDEZ mentioned meeting in Wash., D.C. in which broad proposal for AMBARB funding [Prop. project²⁴ to place students in universities in Latin America] was discussed. FERNANDEZ mentioned "negotiation" underway with "three industrialists" in Texas who were sympathetic and would provide AMBARB delegates in these countries (Latin American countries?) with Agency representations for their products.

URGW 1595 from TFW to JMWAVE dated 18 January 1963

Forwarded answer from State Dept. to the DRE letter written to President Kennedy.

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AMWARM Operation.. 19-6-57SW Message #45 from Agent dated 1 December 1963

Sent condolences on untimely passing of President Kennedy and speculated that CASTRO was not entirely out of the planning if Moscow had anything to do with it, although it could have been one of his (CASTRO's) unpredictable movements which is backfiring.

Radio Message #64 to Agent dated 4 April 1964

Requested any information the agent had picked up on plots against Fidel and others, and identity of those behind the plots.

AMWEE] Operation 19-6-68/2-4WAVE 9577 (IN 35284) dated 6 Oct 1962

AMWEE-1] on Sept. visit to Miami reported that on 11 September Cuban Army trucks delivered large trunks to house [across the street from him] (Nr. [116 Calle 18 Miramar], Havana), at that time occupied by a Chilean technician. From other activities in front of house, AMWEE-1] concluded that house was being used as LP target probably for the house of Cuban Supreme Court Chief Luis M. BUCH who lived around the corner [from A-1.]

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The Chilean technician threw out a corrugated box brought there a few days previously by an Army truck escorted by the G-2. A-1 retrieved the box and noted it contained the address Acoustic Research, Inc. Cambridge, Mass. (The Agency checked with the firm and learned that the firm dealt in manufacture of high fidelity components for home consumption. Firm official said if box found its way to Cuba it no doubt was used for second time and original contents removed).

[In ³Don Heath] 22 March 1977 Memo on Miami Station Action to Aid USG Investigation of Murder of John F. Kennedy, [³Heath] said [¹AMWEE-1] reported that on the night of the day of the Kennedy assassination [¹A-1] saw Osmani CIENFUEGOS drive up to the house [¹⁰across the street] at about 0100 hours; he stayed several hours. The house at that time was occupied by an American expatriate technician who built audio surveillance gear for the CUIS. ⁷

WAVE 2171 (IN 92822) 3 Aug 1963 19-6-68/3 Folder #2

A letter intended for Fidel CASTRO was given to [¹AMWEE-1] in [¹¹Mexico] on 2 August. He was to mail it within a day or two after return to Cuba on 2 August.

WAVE 2286 (IN 95047) 7 Aug 1963 19-6-68/3 Folder #2

[¹AMWEE-1] was given letter on 2 August for wife of AMLEO-3, returned to Cuba that day, and was instructed

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to deliver the letter to her soonest. Included in the letter was the name of the Mexican Ambassador in Cuba given as an emergency contact for wife of AMLEO-3. [COMMENT: If AMLEO-3 was an agent of CASTRO, as suspected, this information could have fallen into the hands of CASTRO.]

WAVE 3331 (IN 06371) dated 23 Aug 1963 19-6-68/3 Folder #2

States that DIRECTOR 63497 instructed [AMWEE-1] not to use W/T set except for urgent messages such as report on Fidel CASTRO's death and related momentous developments. We purposely did not tell [A-1] that his radio reportedly was blown.

DIRECTOR 72045 from Hqs. to WAVE 30 Sept 63 filed 19-6-68/3 Folder #2

Para 2 states "see CASTRO reference in 28 September speech to money caches."

WAVE 2329 (IN 81847) dated 26 Sept 1964 filed W/T Chrono 19-6-68/3 Vol. #3

[AMWEE-1] message #2. [My government (Italian)] has intervened violently re imprisonment of Vasco CEOCHI, Italian citizen who owned Montecatini Restaurant, Havana. Requests immediate release or else will take severe measures.

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WAVE 8316 (IN 70529) dated 30 Nov 1963 19-6-68/3 Folder #4

Para 1 gave translation of WAVE 8279 (IN 69695) Mge. 45 from ¹[AMWEE-1] to Case Officer: "Our condolences on death President. MAURI (Mario MAURI, Italian diplomat) reports on 22 Nov the Cubana aircraft delayed its departure five hours from 1700 to 2200 waiting for an important passenger who arrived Mexico City Airport in private twin motor aircraft at 2130 hours Mexi time transferring directly from his plane to the Cubana plane without going through customs or immigration. Travelled in pilot's cabin. MAURI returned on same aircraft to Cuba. I shall come out 29 Nov but do not know whether I can stay. Best that you come to the airport that day. Here there is great movement of troops toward Pinar del Rio." [COMMENT: See ^MAOCOVE Operation Memo, AMCOVE-1 SW Mge #71, dated 10 Dec 63. ¹[A-1] reported that Mario MAURI flew from Mexico to Havana on 23 November.

¹[AMWEE-1] Production Folder #6 Oct 63 thru May 65: 19-6-68/4

There is nothing between 24 Oct 63 and 4 Dec 63 (void). WAVE 8100 (IN 67217) 23 Nov 63 contains no requirements to ¹[AMWEE-1] re assassination, nor do subsequent messages through 30 December 63.

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[AMWEE-1] SW Chrono 14 Jan 63 thru 20 Apr 65 Folder #9
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There are no messages between SW #119 dated 12 Nov 63, received Miami 20 Nov 63, and SW #124 dated 15 Apr 1964, received Miami 20 April 1964. Four messages are missing from this file.

Message to Agent (IN 04498) dated 12 June 64

Asked if agent had learned the name of the young man in peasant clothes who rides Cubana plane to Mexico and back every Friday.

Message from Agent (IN 81847) dated 26 Sept 64

States that Vasco CECCHI was arrested "some months ago" and charged with dollar dealings and being part of a plot against CASTRO. 7

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[AMWEE-1] Operational File 19-6-68/3 Vol. #4

Memo dated 4 November 1964

Shows that 8 names gleaned from the "Warren Commission documents" were checked in WH/SA/IOS (Cuba Desk) files with negative results. Reports traces attached.

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William Sturbitts	Task Force Supervisor
Chris Hopkins	Group leader
Jane Zerance	Researcher and Administrative back-up to Ms. Hopkins. Served from mid-Oct 1976 to mid-February 1977.
[Felipe ³ Acevedo]	Researcher and Translator Served from mid-October 1976 to mid-February 1977.
[Kathleen ³ Blevins]	Researcher and Translator Served from mid-October 1976 to mid-February 1977.
[Taylor ³ (Mike) Belcher]	Researcher (Strong along CI lines) Served from mid-October 1976 to January 1977, prior to PCS assignment.
[Daryl ³ Geisler]	Researcher Served from mid-October 1976 to mid-November 1976. (Part-time due to personal tragedy).
[Martin ³ Miller]	Researcher Served approximately 3 weeks from January to mid-February 1977.

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[Barbara Boyle]

Researcher

Served approximately three weeks
from January to mid-February 1977.

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[Alva King]

Researcher

Served approximately 2 weeks in
February 1977.

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[Howard Brubaker]

Researcher

Served approximately 2 weeks in
February 1977.

Annie Goodpasture

Recalled from retirement by the IG
Staff.

Served with LAD Task Force from
mid-March to mid-May 1977. See
following paragraph on Ms. Goodpasture.

Based on her long tenure at the Mexico City Station which spanned the critical period, September to November 1963, Ms. Goodpasture was recalled by the IG Staff in February 1977 to answer numerous questions which focused primarily on Mexico City Station activities. The IG Staff has written a statement regarding Ms. Goodpasture's review of the Mexico City Station files. After assisting the IG Staff, Ms. Goodpasture then joined the LAD Task Force from mid-March to mid-May 1977. Her contribution during that period consisted primarily of the following:

a) Recall, review and translation from Spanish to English (when not provided) of microfilm of Mexico City Station

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teltap take against the Soviet Embassy during the period September through November 1963, to determine a possible Soviet link with OSWALD.

b) Preparation of report on Cubana flights and flights from Mexico City to Havana based on research and translations by other members of the Task Force.

c) Preparation of report on Gilberto Policarpo Lopez based on research and findings by other LAD Task Force members.

d) Reviewed at Headquarters and ⁹⁹[Warrenton] photo coverage of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City for pictures of the "unidentified man."

e) Reviewed 8 boxes of policy material for possible findings.

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ZRKNICK Operation 200-5-38 (FBI Monitoring of
Cuban Espionage Net in Miami, International in Scope)

BOX I - Non-CS Documents Filed AMAPOLA (Juan ARMESTOY Folder)

On 8 April 1963 the FBI intercepted an SW message from ZRKNICK agent in Miami to CUIS Headquarters in Havana. Said Juan ARMESTOY /should read ARMESTOY; was CIA agent/ told ZRKNICK agent about a trip he planned to Cuba with other Cubans. That an internal uprising was being prepared and six men, four Cubans and two foreigners, had already arrived in Cuba to assassinate Fidel. "Ricardo CABRERA told RIN last night that from now until December 63 many things are expected in Cuba and that the American Government will take advantage of the opportunity of the attack on the Russian boat to control the gusanos (worms) who work on their own and then in the work of CIA in its job of infiltration. ARMESTOY says that they always take an American with them and it is he who gives the orders and communicates by radio with the airplanes which explore the route. ARMESTOY took eleven thousand five hundred pesos to Cuba. Be careful. Regards." /COMMENT: ZRKNICK at request of CUIS Havana, continued to report on ARMESTOY. ARMESTOY was later arrested and killed in a gun battle or executed by the Cuban Government./

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has been interrogated and found to be clean. A third WAVE asset (identity unknown) in contact with the agent, has been turned over to the FBI for possible use against the agent."

VOLUME III (Box I) Intercepted Message from Cuba to Agent in Miami, Dated 24 Nov 1963 TOP SECRET DINAR

Asked following questions:

1. Whether there is concentration of the Yankee Army.
2. Whether there is a concentration of mercenaries.
3. Whether there is an increase in pressure on those sympathetic to Cuba and the left.
4. Whether active counter-revolutionaries are disappearing.
5. To inform fully via CANDI (CJIS clandestine drop in Mexico City) the reaction of the Gusanos and the Republicans to the death of Kennedy.

VOLUME III (Box I) Memo for Chief, JMWAVE from SAS/CI Dated 11 March 1964 - TOP SECRET DINAR

Memo attached copies of ZRKNICK intercepts provided CIA by the FBI:

25 Dec 63 plain text letter (translated from Spanish to English) to Irma SUAREZ in Cuba. Para 6 states "I will tell you about Kennedy's death in the other letter when I am in New Jersey. All that is a ?."

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SJOS 6429 (IN 68164) Dated 26 November 63 (BOX 2)

Cable from San Jose to Headquarters. "Costa Rican Deputy Julio SUNOL Leal (ZRKNICK suspect, Communist fellow traveller and pro-CASTRO propagandist) planned depart 24 Nov to attend Peace Conference in Poland. Delayed departure and now planning leave San Jose by air for Poland 26 Nov. Plans stop en route in Texas repeat Texas. Then will travel on to Poland. Station suspected SUNOL will attempt gather data in Texas for use in pro-Communist CASTRO propaganda re assassination Kennedy. SUNOL travelling with dip. passport."

MEXI 7085 (IN 68561) Dated 27 November 1963

Cable to Headquarters from Mexico City. "Subject arrived Mexico Taca Flt. 772 1600 26 Nov. Leaving KLM Flt. 684 for Amsterdam 27 Nov. Flt. stops Houston and Montreal en route."

HZPA 13,960 Dated 3 December 1963 (BOX 4)

Dispatch from Panama City to Headquarters. "At 22 Nov 63 Esterline-HYSAGE-1 (Thelma King) meeting, news was received of President Kennedy's death. This had a profound effect on H-1. Her first reaction was that it must have been done by racial extremists and she spent a considerable time extolling the virtues of President Kennedy, and what he had been trying to do. At the 27 Nov 63 Esterline-HYSAGE-1 meeting, H-1

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of Soviets or massive provocation efforts directed by Soviets and/or CASTRO in progress. /COMMENT: PONCHAY was in touch with HYSAGE-1 (Thelma King), a Panamanian left-wing politician, pro-Castro Deputy to National Assembly, and personal friend of Fidel CASTRO. Recruited by Fidel Aug 62 to perform espionage mission in Panama.

MEXI 6969 (IN 64256) Dated 19 Nov 63 (VOL. III)

Cable from Mexico to Hqs. "16 Nov. LICOOKY-1 with LINLUCK-1 visited Maj. Alfonso PRERA Sierra, employed by Francisco "Paco" AMADO at Maquinas Coloso. "Paco" still involved Guatemala guerrilla ops and receives money from Cubans to pass to Guats. "Paco's" wife says "Paco" now in U.S. but Alfonso thinks he either in Guatemala or Cuba. Alfonso's brother Enrique still firmly pro-Cuban."

DIRECTOR 84449 Dated 21 November 1963 (VOL. III)

Cable from Hqs. to WAVE. "Hqs. has sensitive information indicating that Cuban Intelligence Service is targeting against person employed in State Dept. office in Miami. (Matter discussed with the FBI.)

DIRECTOR 84791 Dated 22 November 1963 (VOL. III)

Cable from Headquarters to Panama City. "HYSAGE-2 (Victor Augusto NAVAS-King) turned plane ticket over to "MEDINA" on 22 Nov. Ticket expires 7 Dec 63. Has decided remain U.S. over Xmas holidays. Wants to raise grade at

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Georgetown (University). Was much affected by death
of President and did not want to talk much.

DIRECTOR 85343 Dated 27 November 1963 (VOL. III)

Cable from Hqs. to WAVE and Panama City. 'Hqs. suspects Blanca Alicia FRANCO may be spearhead of penetration of AMOT/CIA ops on behalf ZRKNICK complex. AMOTS /JMWAVE Station Ops. / in direct contact with FRANCO. FRANCO, suspect Cuban agent, in contact with AMOT-110. (Norberto Felipe MARTINEZ Garcia).

HDCA 3405 Dated 29 November 1963 (VOL. III)

Dispatch from Santo Domingo to Hqs. concerning one Eduardo TAVARES Justo. TAVARES queried EMGLUE-1 () on 2 Oct 63 about his experiences in the U.S. but did not give any indication that he was going there. On 9 Oct. five days after TAVARES departure, EMGLUE-1 reported that TAVARES had not gone to Canada as planned, but to New York. On 22 Nov 63 EMGLUE-1 reported that as of 17 Nov TAVARES was still in New York. E-1 believed TAVARES a Communist, or at least has Communist ideas.

HMMA 22632 Dated 18 December 1963 (VOL. III)

Dispatch from Mexico City to Hqs. 'On 21 Nov 63 LICOORY-1 obtained following info re Francisco AMADO. For past year AMADO has continued to receive visits from emissaries of Fidel CASTRO and to make mysterious trips. On each occasion (sic) AMADO receives money for various expenditures.

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Cable from Panama City to Hqs. "Station will do everything possible to get additional answers and clarification from HYSAGE-1. If H-1 trying to divert attention from more important target or activity any of the following possibilities may be considered:

c. H-1 may be involved in or aware of impending action. Perhaps a golpe de Estado (coup d'etat) or assassination, and is trying detract attention from persons actually involved."

BOGO 4761 (IN 41774 dated 3 August 1964 (Vol. VII)

Cable from Bogota to Hqs. "On 28 July 64 a State Dept. officer received information that there was a pro-CASTRO group in the Civil Aeronautics Administration and names Alvaro REYES Nieto as a member of the group. REYES, a Colombian, is a radio technician, now in Wash., D.C. area on ODWIFE (International Corporation Administration) training grant. Hernando REYES Nieto, believed to be Alvaro's brother, reportedly travelled to Cuba via Mexico in January 1962. CSDB 3/654,557 lists him as architect in employ of the Cuban Government.

HHTW 1721 dated 15 October 1964 (Vol. VIII)

Dispatch from Hqs. to Tegucigalpa. "When President Kennedy died, Augusto (DGI) directed officers in National Liberation Bldg., to prepare radio communication using

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