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1 into these various timeframes. When you talk about, was there  
2 ever a discussion of assassination, you know, when people  
3 were coming out and being interviewed, yes, some Cuban refugee  
4 would say, by God, I would like to go back and shoot, you know,  
5 X, Y or Z. It might have been some commandante in his particu-  
6 lar area; it could have been Fidel Castro. This was just part  
7 of the fabric of the times.

8 Mr. Baron. Can we turn now to the structure of the JMWAVE  
9 Station and explain that a bit? How large was the Station?  
10 What was the command structure within the Station?

11 Mr. Halley. The Station started expanding in whatever  
12 timeframe it was, somewhere after the survey was completed. It  
13 must have started expanding sometime in March of 1962. You  
14 know, by the time that it was at its peak, which was probably  
15 somewhere just before the Cuban Missile Crisis, July, August  
16 of 1962, it was either the largest or the second largest -- my  
17 recollection was that it was the second largest station in  
18 existence at that time. I would not want to be pinned down on  
19 a particular number of people on any particular day.

20 Mr. Baron. Could you give some idea as to the number of  
21 employees at the Station during its peak?

22 Mr. Halley. I would say somewhere in the neighborhood of,  
23 you know, **three hundred.** You know, again, this means staff and  
24 contract employees. 21

25 Mr. Baron. What do you cover with the term contract

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2 Mr. Halley. These would be, for instance, maritime case  
3 officers. We hired people who had specialized skills, that is,  
4 that they could manage a series of vessels for us, but they  
5 were not longterm staff employees. These would be people who  
6 would be used, if you will, in a management organization, basic  
7 implementation of the program.

8 Mr. Baron. Did you have other agents or operatives among  
9 the Cuban community or outside the Cuban community that were  
10 affiliated with the Station although not employed by it  
11 directly?

12 Mr. Halley. I think we are going to have to define some  
13 terms.

14 Mr. Baron. What I am trying to do now is simply get a  
15 picture of the scope of the Station's strength and ~~in~~ its  
16 activities, how many people the Station had to call upon for  
17 its activities.

18 Mr. Halley. Well, let me try to give you an answer, because  
19 I think we are going to get into a semantic problem here.

20 When I talk about the Station, as such, I would say that  
21 is roughly in the neighborhood of **three hundred** people, and that 21  
22 was those people who would be involved in the management  
23 effort, the direction effort, the financial logistics, cover  
24 procedures, security, that kind of thing. All right? Flowing  
25 out from that were people whom we would call agents, that is,

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1 put them into rubber rafts, where they would paddle in or use  
2 a silent outboard motor if the surf was high.

3 Mr. Baron. The people involved in manning those crafts  
4 would not necessarily be employees of the Station directly?  
5 They might be agents, even non-paid agents?

6 Mr. Halley. No, they were not paid. For instance, they  
7 might work for a particular cover company. In other words, I  
8 am only using this as an example. Let us say we had the ABC  
9 Shipping Company. That shipping company was a subsidiary of  
10 the Station, if you will, and the ABC Shipping Company ran  
11 maybe one LCI and maybe two or three smaller boats which it  
12 could deck load and that company might have fifty or seventy-  
13 five employees, as an example, all Cubans, maybe some of them  
14 was Nicaraguans or Costa Ricans as most of these vessels -- I  
15 would have to go and look at each vessel.

16 Does that give you a feel for the size of the problem?

17 Mr. Baron. How many such companies would have been in  
18 existence at that time, companies operating as CIA proprietaries  
19 or companies in cover and supplying the JMWAVE Station with  
20 personnel or with equipment?

21 Mr. Halley. We are talking about all of these companies,  
22 they probably went up into the hundreds. I distinguish between  
23 companies that were set up simply to provide cover as opposed  
24 to companies that were proprietaries. You know, these terms  
25 mean different things to me. The nature of the Agency's

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1 So they had agents in Cuba that were reporting foreign  
2 intelligence to them so they had collection assets that were  
3 reporting to them along the same lines that we did. They did  
4 work at a downstream point when FitzGerald came in with a  
5 couple of groups -- in other words, they had contact with  
6 Arttime. I had no contact with the Arttime group as a general  
7 rule. They also had contact with Manolo Ray which I did not  
8 have contact with. So they were working with these kinds of  
9 larger exile groups.

10 The Task Force also specialized in much more economic  
11 activity than I did. That is a question of looking at such  
12 things as **Angland** bus exports from **Great Britain** to Cuba. 13, 13

13 Mr. Baron. In terms of paramilitary operations, if an  
14 assassination operation had been run by Task Force W, would  
15 you have assumed as Chief of Station in Miami you would have  
16 been aware of such an operation?

17 Mr. Halley. No, I do not assume that.

18 Mr. Baron. Would it not have been sound managerial  
19 practice to let you know that there was an operation that might  
20 have been run through Florida into Cuba?

21 Mr. Halley. No.

22 You know, the Agency is a highly compartmented mechanism.  
23 You know, let us dispel one thing very promptly here. If you  
24 are asking me was I aware of all these contacts, you know, with  
25 the Mafia -- and I think I can tell you frankly at that time I

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