

NOTES WITH CIA

Re: USE WITH DALLAS IN PERSPECTIVE

THE CIA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1947 UNDER THE NATIONAL SECURITY ACT.

THE IMPETUS TO ESTABLISH A SECRET INTELLIGENCE ARM TO THE GOVERNMENT WAS THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR AND THE MOUNTING SOVIET THREAT.

UP TO THIS TIME IT WAS REGARDED AS TOO RISKY TO HAVE AN "AMERICAN GESTAPO" IN THE HEART OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WAS TO PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE. TO MAKE AVAILABLE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE INTENTIONS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS SO THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT CAUGHT OFF GUARD BUT INFORMED IN A TIMELY MANNER TO PREVENT CRISES LIKE PEARL HARBOR AND 9/11..

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CIA WAS THIS LANGUAGE: AND "TO PERFORM OTHER SUCH FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES." CODED LANGUAGE FOR SPYING AND COVERT ACTION.

EARLY SUCCESSES OF COVERT ACTION CAME IN THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION:

IRAN IN 1953 AND GUATEMALA IN 1954. THESE WERE TACTICAL SUCCESSES AND STRATEGIC DISASTERS. (Bit time).

MENTIONED ONLY BECAUSE THEY PREPARED THE GROUND FOR WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AN EASY REGIME CHANGE IN CUBA. WE KNOW IT AS THE DISASTER CALLED THE BAY OF PIGS. (APRIL 1961). IN SHORT GAVE FALSE HOPE THAT CASTRO COULD BE TOPPLED EASILY.

EXECUTIVE ACTION PROGRAMS

WE LOOKED AT THOSE AIMED AT CASTRO AND DISCLOSED BY THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

OTHER EX ACTIONS THAT WE KNOW ABOUT:

LAMUMBA IN THE CONGO