

SOME PERTINENT EXCERPTS FROM
"THE BAY OF PIGS" - by Haynes Johnson

" Artimes's escape from Cuba followed what came to be the standard CIA procedure....Artime was met on the pier by a tall, white-haired American with glasses who introduced himself as ;"Mr. Burnett, a friend of Williams"'. There on the dock Artime heard for the first time the story that would be repeated again and again: Burnett did not work for the United States government, but he was employed by a large group of wealthy capitalists who were fighting communism and who had influential friends in the government and in Washington."*1

"Bender repeated the explanation that Artime had heard so often: the great company of wealthy people he represented had directed a large part of its money and effort towards the solution of the Cuban problem, and the defeat of communism everywhere. They had nothing to do with the American government, Bender told him, but they did have influence....."*2

"Remember, Manolo, I am not a member of the United States government. I have nothing to do with the United States government. I am only working for a powerful company that wants to fight communism."*3

"The invasion was going to take place even if Washington tried to stop it!"*4

"Gray' the American who had trained them, was with them and Gray, the American, was the first to land in the invasion- despite the insistence of President Kennedy that no Americans participate in the action."*5

would stop at nothing to end American-Soviet negotiations. However
strong the desire to avenge John Kennedy, what course would then be
open to them? To move against such formidable conspirators might start
a disastrous chain of events....

Three main groups felt themselves (rightly or wrongly) sufficiently
threatened by Kennedy and his policies to resort to the ultimate
treachery :

1. the ultra-rightists

2. the racists

3. the die-hard militarists, within and without the Pentagon.

These three groups are not entirely separate; they are often inter-
locked, and all were united in bitter opposition to Kennedy and his
policies.....the ultra-rightists because they saw in Kennedy's
liberalism....a vital threat to their privilege and power

the racists because his support of racial integration
endangered their entire power structure in the South

the militarists because Kennedy's steps toward a
nuclear test ban treaty and a detente of the Cold War...seemed to
them a betrayal of America's military and political interests in
the East-West struggle

All three groups, to a varying degree, had a motive, at least in
their own minds, for fearing and hating John Kennedy; it would
require a highly-cultivated sense of naivete to doubt that such
fevered minds (minds which freely accept the subjugation of races
and the nuclear annihilation of whole peoples) would shrink from
the death of one man, however highly placed.*2

*1. The National Guardian

*2. "The Death of a President" from The Minority of One.