

MEMORANDUM - CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Harold Weisberg
FROM: Jerry Policoff
SUBJECT: CIA INVOLVEMENT IN JFK ASSASSINATION
DATE: 9/30/71

I have received the following information which may or may not be reliable from a source with ex CIA contacts...

A high-level CIA operative named Jack McKinnon was involved in recruiting agents to participate in a training operation in South America (possibly San Salvador) prior to the JFK assassination. This operation was to culminate in an assassination attempt.

Following the Bay of Pigs this same Jack McKinnon met informally with Admiral Arleigh Burke, U.S.N., (now retired) in a bar. They both denounced JFK for sending in air cover too early at the Bay of Pigs.

According to my source, air cover was provided, contrary to belief, in the form of three stripped U.S. planes piloted by CIA men. This was authorized by President Kennedy, and the order was given by Robert Kennedy. However Robert Kennedy accidentally authorized the incorrect time. The planes, as a result, arrived on the scene one hour early, and after circling several times and finding nothing they returned to their base. As a result there was no air cover when the invasion force landed.

Jack McKinnon is no longer with the CIA, and at last report was working for HUAC. Both Burke and McKinnon are described as being on the extreme right politically.

A word of caution. My source was definitely in a position to know what he is talking about. Therefore what he told me is either the truth or he is pulling my leg. I doubt the latter, however it cannot be discounted as a possibility. My source is not a student of assassination literature, and it is not likely that he was influenced by published work dealing with CIA aspects of the case.

cc: Roffman, Meagher, Schoener, Williams, Lesar