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A.- Six months after Castro took power the young pro as well as the Cuban people began to comprehend that he had betrayed the Revolution and was handing the country over to Russia, as they agreed beforehand. Then the resistance movement against Castro's regime began. By that time CIA' agents started to come over, coming in contact with the most distinguished professionals in order to train them in the struggle against communism.

A supposed CIA' agent, Maurice Bishop, came to visit me at the bank where I was working at the time, and offered me help to fight the Cuban regime. I was trained to organize the underground movement and to lead the psychological warfare and sabotages against the Cuban regime.

One of the main aims was to kill Castro. So we plotted an action which was to take place at the presidential palace in order to kill him and overthrow the government. It was in 1961.

Every detail was worked out but the plan failed and I fled from Cuba by boat, arriving at Key West (Florida) at the end of 1961.

Q.- When you became an exiled. What role did you then played in the anti-Castro movement?

A.- As soon as I arrived in this country Maurice Bishop contacted me again and made plans for me to fight Castro while I was in exile. I already had a training as a sabotage and as psychological warfare commander. So in order to carry out the fight against Castro ALFA 66 was created. In 1962 ALFA 66 attacked several merchantships heading for Cuba.

The first attack launched against an English ship by error, but the people who took part in that action had mistaken it for a Russian one.

Later on we set guerrilla action inside Cuba and tried to infiltrate within Castro's services, and also to organize & attempts in Havana.

The main idea was to estrange Kennedy against the Cuban government. Once we attacked the Russian vessels, and following Bishop instructions, we called a press conference in a hotel downtown in Washington D.C.

The well spread publicity given to the attacks annoyed President Kennedy very much, and as a result all the people involved in the actions were confined to Miami City and we could not leave town without permission of the authorities.

172-1 Q.- Did you ever meet Lee Harvey Oswald before Kennedy's assassination?

A.- I met Lee Harvey Oswald in a meeting held in Dallas at the end of August or early September 1963. Just a few weeks before Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas.

172-2 Q.- Before the Kennedy's assassination did you meet Harvey Oswald?

A.- Yes. I had an interview with Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas at the end of August or early September in 1963, a few weeks before Kennedy's assassination. I was asked to go to Dallas by my contact with the intelligence service in this country, Maurice Bishop. We fixed the meeting downtown in Dallas in a bank or an insurance company, I can't remember exactly. Maurice came with a young man, he seemed to be very quiet, a very strange and worried person. Shortly afterwards I recognized his

photograph in the newspaper, undoubtedly he was Kennedy's murderer, Lee Harvey Oswald.

I have no doubts that the person who was with Maurice Bishop was Lee Harvey Oswald because I had been trained to identify by his physical features anybody whom I have ever met.

Q.- Are you certain that the young man was Oswald?

A.- I have no doubts that the person who was with Maurice Bishop was Lee Harvey Oswald, because as I said before I was trained to identify anybody by their physical features.

Q.- You understand the implications of what you are saying?

A.- Obviously I do understand the implications, so I told the authorities of this country. Because it is true I saw Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas.

Q.- Did you realize the implications of your story about Oswald?

A.- I do realize the implications. At first I was afraid to mention this interview, but when the FBI questioned me a few days after Kennedy's death, they did not ask me specifically about the interview, therefore I did not mention it. It was very embarrassing for me to talk about it because I was fighting against Castro. It would not have helped my plans and on the other hand, I could have become involved in a situation which was not favourable either to me or to my cause.

Q.- What was your relationship with the American intelligence agents? With who you saw Oswald?

A.- (No valid)

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Q.- Who was the American intelligence agent who you saw with Oswald?

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A.- It was Maurice Bishop. I met Maurice Bishop in Havana when I was working in the bank. He visited me we agreed that he would train me in order to work underground to fight Castro. That was in mid 1960's. He was helping me, cooperating and training me all the time while I was in Cuba.

When I came to the United States Bishop contacted me and helped me to organize the guerrilla warfare and the attempts against Castro. Maurice was a man who worked with me many years, I met him over 100 times.

During 15 years we worked together in order to fight communism, not just in the United States but in Southamerica as well and basically he was a man that would have always fought against communism in the service of intelligence service of this country.

We talked over the attacks against Russian ships. The idea was to estrange Kennedy from Rusia. He thought, and told me many times before, that Kennedy was a man without experience and surrounded by a group of inexperienced young men who had wrong ideas as how to run this country and taht it was necessary to put Kennedy against the wall in order to force him to take actions leading to overthrow Castro's government.

That is why we organized the attacks against Russian ships and held the press conference in Washington D.C. We wanted to make a decision in view os how the events were developing.

Q.- Do you think that later in 1963 that Maurice Bishop was sufficiently against Kennedy to be a phisical Threat to him?

A.- Well... Maurice was not a Kennedy supporter. He belived that Kennedy, neither his advisers were men with experience and that they were leading the country towards a difficult

situation. When the Bay of Pigs' failure and the rockets confrontation afterwards Bishop thought it was a great mistake for the United States to sign that agreement which Kennedy had made with Kruschef.

It had been said in here that there was a conspiracy against Kennedy. Maurice Bishop had many chances to take part in this conspiracy because he was a man used to do dirty jobs and thought the best thing for his country was to overthrow Kennedy and his advisers.

Q.- Do you think that Bishop was perhaps part of the conspiracy to kill Kennedy?

A.- It is possible that he took part in the conspiracy to kill Kennedy, specially if we bear in mind he asked me to mediate with a relative of mine, my cousin Guillermo Ruiz, who was working at the Cuban embassy in Mexico, to find out if my cousin was willing to declare that Lee Harvey Oswald had been in Mexico.

In that occasion I asked him whether it was true that Lee Harvey Oswald had been in Mexico or not, and Bishop told me: "It does not matter. It is not important if he has been or not. The important thing is that Guillermo Ruiz, a member of the Cuban service, says he has been in Mexico".

The impression I got, as well as other people who had analyzed this aspect is that Maurice Bishop was trying to use this as an alibi to accuse the Cuban government as responsible for Kennedy's death.

179-1 Q.- If it is true your story about Oswald and the man from the CIA is sensational, but nobody is been able to find that man Bishop

you have mentioned. That seems rather unconvincing.

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A.- Maurice Bishop was a very clever man. He was an expert in dirty jobs. He was a man who never left traces. He never leaked to leaver traces. He taught me how not to leave traces. Last time I saw him it was in 1973.

I have given all the information I had to the Senate' Authority and The House in order to find him.

I do believe that if they investigate the case properly they will find enough facts leading to ~~spot~~ spot him. But it is not easy because he always has used undercover names and has always travelled with false passports. For instance, he spoke fluent French and Spanish and, of course, English.

In one occasion I found out he was using a Belgian passport to travel.

I think if there is any concern in this country and all the necessary resources are given, at least it would lead to find out some facts about Bishop himself and his activities in this country.

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A.- I think if there is any concern in this country and all the necessary resources are given, there is enough evidence for a good investigation and spot Maurice Bishop, at least some clues which could lead to him.

Q.- You have been vague about exactly which branch of American intelligence Bishop has worked for?

A.- I think if a good investigation is carried out and all the necessary resources are given..... I have given enough

information to uncover Maurice Bishop or at least to find clues which could lead to spot this intelligence service's agent.

180-3 A.- I firmly believe that Maurice Bishop could be spotted, if there is any concern for it, through an investigation and all the necessary resources are given to the investigators. I have given enough information and I hope that some clue would lead to spot him.

Q.- But you are very vague about exactly what part of the American intelligence service Bishop actually has worked for?

A.- When I started to work for Maurice Bishop, he made it very clear that in this sort of business nothing should be asked but following orders.

Over the many years I worked with him I did not question him about anything, therefore I did not ask the reason why he wanted to spot Guillermo Ruiz in Lee Harvey Oswald's case. Later on he asked me to forget and not to comment anything about Lee Harvey Oswald's affair.

Q.- Did you believe that Bishop worked for the CIA?

A.- Eh... Bishop worked for an intelligence agency of this country, and I am convinced that it was the CIA.

184- 1 Q.- But you think that Maurice Bishop was working for the CIA?

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A.- I have no doubt Maurice Bishop was working for the intelligence service of this country, that is the CIA.

Q.- Who do you think ~~he~~ killed President Kennedy?

A.- Kennedy was a great president, but a man without experience.

He made two big mistakes. The failure of Bay of Pigs, where he deserted the cubans in their struggle against Castro and the October crisis in 1962, when he pacted with Kruschev deserting and betraying the cubans. This caused great difficulties within Kennedy's administration, which led to the CIA confrontation and many people were sacked as a result.

I basically think that CIA..... the annoyance of some of CIA men put Castro and Kennedy in a difficult situation ant the CIA' attempt to kill Castro and some of its men were involved in a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.

Q.- Did you think that Maurice Bishop, your case officer could tell us a lot about the truth?

A.- I do not know if Maurice Bishop was involved in both conspiracies, to kill Castro as well as the attempt which ended with Kennedy's death.

185-1 Q.- And you belive that if we could find Maurice Bishop your intelligence

185-2 Q.- And you belive that if we could find your american intelligence case officer, Maurice Bishop, we could get nearer to the truth?

A.- I do not know if Maurice Bishop is willing to talk about the details if he is ever asked, but if he does it will throw some light on the main details of the plots against Castro and the succesfull attempt against Kennedy.

When the attempt to kill Castro in Chile, the plan was to put the blame on de Comunist Party, making it appear as if Castro had been indisciplined and he had had difficulties with it, and then the Comunist Party had ordered it.

We then tried to make up the story so in the event of Castrb's

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death. The International Communist Party would be held responsible.

Q.- So, Kennedy was a martyr to the war against Communism by the CIA?

A.- Many people thought that Castro ordered Kennedy's death, but due to the investigations everything was stopped.

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