

GONZALEZ.....(during Jan ^{US} trip)

(phone call to him in LA from me in Miami)

He says that (on Cross) the sequence was not that he (Gon) called Cross after first visit, but that he went back to see him and said the committee was running across a lot of names that don't mean anything. We can't match them up with certain people. That's when I threw out, I think, three names to him. I never gave him the first names ... I just threw out three names, I believe. I said 'think about it', and he, right off the top of his head he said that, I believe, Knight was the one used by Howard Hunt (I don't have any of my notes or anything with me right now... then he said let me get some time together, let me check with a friend, he had a contact that evidently was another agent who had left the Company. ~~(TS: Yeah, xxxxxxxx)~~ ... I never questioned him for that... I didn't want to spook him. So he said 'Get back to me'. So I remember then that I got a hold of Gaeton, and said Gaeton 'I went by there, and I threw these names out to him, and I'm going to go back there... and I did... then the second time around was when he surprised me by mentioning the first name... ~~xxxx~~ (indicating on Bishop) (he says if I have the notes in front of me, run them down and I'll recall... I quote him GF's memo of the time saying they visited Cross together, then that Gon called Cross....) Gon interjects to say no, I went to see him, as opposed to calling... any information like this, I wouldn't discuss it on the phone... he agrees that he ran Bishop, Knight and Noel past him and that Cross replied that he thought but wasn't certain that Bishop was the name used by David Phillips, and that Knight was a name that Hunt had used, but Noel he remembered as being the true name of an officer he had known in Havana.... ... Gon agrees... I say that at the GF memo you Gon contacted him again a couple of days later and he now said that he was 'almost certain' that Phillips had used the name Maurice Bishop ... Gon says 'Right'. And TS says 'and this struck you because you had not given him the name Maurice the first time round. Gon: 'Yes, I never gave a first name on any of those surnames I gave him' And he came out with that name, so I thought I'm very close to something right here, so I didn't say anything to him... we kept talking... he was a real pleasant guy... he also mentioned to me the fact that if the Agency knew that we were talking to him they would make him out to be a drunk, an alcoholic and everything else and they degrade him and everything else because—even though he'd had a drinking problem he was out of that now... but he says 'They'll use everything they have to knock my credibility.... so that, we know, happened later... so, yes, I remember that, that's accurate... (I say that later he and GF went to see him again which was when Cross threw out Gupton etc...) Gon agrees, and says that 'with the exception of the ^{one} time ~~he~~ I threw the names out, Gaeton and I were together all the time ... we visited him several times... there were times I visited him again, you know, trying to draw him ~~xxx~~ out.... we were particularly interested in the fact, he told us, that the Agency used three names. There was the name they used in the station when there was station... then the field name and the ^{ir} true name, at home... he never mentioned the third name on Phillips, but I know he went back... but I know he went back and checked with a former aide of Phillips... I don't recall the name right off the bat but... (TS was that Delphine Companada?) or Goug Gupton?' 'That's the name,.... Gupton' I say 'you mean Cross checked with Gupton?' 'Yeah, ... Cross went back to him... I think that's who he talked to....'

I ask him to ^{upsum} and confirm that Cross promptly - the first thrown the names... said he ~~thought Phillips was Gupton~~ Bishop was Phillips and he thought Knight was Hunt. 'Yeah he said that and he said I'll confirm it... and we'll get back together again... but his response was quite prompt was it.... ~~yeah~~ oh yes, there was no hesitation, there was no hesitation at all ~~xxxx~~ when he gave me that information ... he was very straightforward, a real pleasant man to talk to... now I didn't see him after that last contact with him... I don't know what transpired, naturally, when the Agency found out about it. They probably sent somebody down there ~~to him~~ and told him to shut up... because they had a working arrangement with Blakey, right. None of us was supposed to contact any ex-agent without getting clearance from them... which was ridiculous as far as I was concerned... (it happened by chance of course?) that's right, it was one of those things that happened, we stumbled onto it, I was digging around, digging around, and seeing a man that was involved with a lot of these men that ~~were involved with these units~~ were in these units, that were running these raids to Cuba, that's how we found that man (I ask him to assess Cross as a witness sitting in the chair when you throw him the first

question...ANSWER''Straightforward and honest, truthful..there was no hesitation, there was no attempt to backtrack on anything he said..he seemed honest enough to me..thats why I met with him so many times, and he said, you know, he forewarned me that they would try to knock ~~out~~ his credibility...and that, you know, helped my assessment of himI ask him, ''Nobody else responded on the Bishop name'' He says, ''No'', but you see when this happened we were really enthused, you know, we were ~~pointed~~ in the right direction...but then Washington, the Committee Counsel, Blakey, they started throwing sutmbling blocks in front of us and forbade us to do a lot of things..there's a lot of things we antwnted to do...we wanted to identify people, tied in with Odio...I'm sure, sitting here right now that GF and I could have identieifed the threepeople that were, outside of Oswald, the other two that with him, we were pretty sure that we were going to get them identified throught Odio, and we were forbidden to do it.They didnt want us to get involved in this.(Why you thougt you could identify them?)''From the descriptions she gave them, from the nicknames that were thrown out,like El Indio andand so on...we did quite extensive research on that, and ~~we~~until we were able to penetrate..and its not shown any place there..we~~x~~ were able to penetrate on of the biggest narcotics riggs down ~~there~~in Miami. At the time they(the CIA) were still using that as a cover for their covert Action.We had a meeting place and evrrything.. we knew they were going to meet, ~~and~~ we had lined up Odio to go with us,and we were forbidden to do anything...we were forbidden. We were hampered in every which way(he says wthis with resignation)They didnt want us to do it...that's when I got disillusioned:....quite early, because I wanted to do a job...because I thought I was capable of doing a job.. (I ask for his background) he ways ''I was a dete~~st~~ive for 21 years in NY, I was also on the Attica investigation~~x~~ on the riots, I also worked for the Veterans adminstrati on as staff investigator, I also worked for the Nursing Homes invesations when they started in New York, prior to the Assinations Cttee in Washington prior to being moved to Miami, ~~whamxixwasx~~informed....one of the reasons for that was that they knew that I had been very close to Fidel Castro. When he was in NY on his two visits to NY I was his special bodyguard...I was the only one allowed ~~with him~~ in his bedroom..he used to call me in and sit down.with him..andhe ordered SenoraSanchez, who was alive then, and who was alive then, and did all his business and itinerar~~y~~, and he order~~d~~ her to give me the itinierary for the day ~~and~~so that I cd pa s it on to the intelligence people.even tho she was reluctant because she was a diehard communist, she did...I aould travel with him wherver he went, wh~~ever~~ commies he visited whatever people he visited, I was with him, I was with him 12 hours out of every 24 hours...HE tells me he is now a security for a large corpoartion which has ~~tax~~coproate offices in NY...I ask Gon about his mentioning of El Indio, and why he got interested in him in terms of Odio etc...he says...''She gave us a description...I put that whole thing out of my mind. ... I got so disgusted with the wole thing that I had the feeling that it ~~was~~ going to be another whitewash, and I want~~ed~~ to forget about get away from it..you know, not get back to, it...She gave us a very, very goo description. She never never wavered in the story that she gave to the investigators to the WC and that she gave to Gaeton and I.So we had a pretty accurate description, and the fact that they had given the names when they were talking ~~outside the door~~her door....~~inx~~Huntland Gaeton had noticed the fact that in one of his books H Hunt mentions that ~~hax~~(El Indio) and HH were on their way to a certain location...(asks me to check back with GF on that...) and that they relized that El Indio might fit with the Odio episo'e and ~~max~~~~hax~~~~hax~~came from the same cast....plus the fact that the company had denied an operative that they had in Miami as being a company man. We were able to come up with his number...we got a number on him and that embarassed them all to hell....we were also able to get confirmation that calls were made out of his place to Langley and to Warbell(the old soldieroffortune who has a place up in Virginia)...GF and Gon penetrated their still active organisation, estbalished that there was going to be a meeting...knew what the meeting wasall about...we knew ~~what~~about an operation they were going to do...we told washington and they told us were crazy...under no circs were we to take pix of the meeting or take odio there to try to identify people...I say what led them to think El Indio might have bee n Angelo or Leopoldo? ~~Shexsax~~Gon says that , when describing the guy Odio herself came up with the phrase that ''He looked like El Indio''they started working on it...also cos HH said in his book that ?Sam and El Indio wouldnt hesitate to do anything...and because we knew that Sam and El Indio were going to make the meeting(the recent Miami one)....Gon says he knows what GF went through, the frustration that both he and GF went thru Gon says he sympathizes and basically agrees with the content of GF's article... ENDS....(he says GF memo may after all be right about the sequence of Cross events... but that ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~sure~~ ~~he~~ ~~was~~ ~~with~~ ~~Cross~~ ~~when~~ ~~he~~ ~~added~~ ~~the~~ ~~name~~ ~~''Maurice''~~