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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Research of DPD Files Related to Cuban Operations

1. A team of six officers was assembled to examine the old DPD files related to Cuban operations during the period 1959 through 1961. This team was thoroughly briefed on the Daniel Schorr interview with Fletcher Prouty and undertook a rapid but thorough search of the files looking for key words, phrases or ideas relating to the allegations made in that interview. For example, the team searched for documents containing references to high powered rifles, telescopic sights, L-28's, Fidel Castro, etc.

2. A number of documents were found that referred to the intent on the part of some of the Cuban teams operating inside Cuba to attempt to assassinate Castro. However, these remarks were all contained in field reports submitted by the agents, and there is no indication that they were given official sanction either by the Miami Station or by Headquarters. Additionally, the files indicate that there was considerable interest in procurement of Helio Couriers (the civil version of the L-28), but there is no definite indication that they were intended for Cuban operations. Also, there is mention of the air drop of Springfield rifles with telescopic sights. All documents containing information of this nature were marked with paper clips and brought to the attention of LA Division. No evidence was found to confirm or deny that a formalized plan to assassinate Castro existed as charged by Prouty.

3. A considerable number of LA Division files remain to be researched and as this is accomplished LA Division will be kept informed.

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