

Dear Sam,

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Thanks for the Times' review of Joan Didion's "Miami." From it I believe she is a woman who makes a living not on her back but on her ass, before a typewriter. The review also indicates that James Chace, of the Carnegie peace endowment, is less than a real Cenatral America expert.

The whole Marita Lorenz business was a fabrication, from beginning to end, and it was exposed as such long before HUAC issued its report. The trip to Dallas she refers to not only didn't happen - it was impossible. I have a considerable file on her and this. Next in importance in that fabrication and as a fabricator of conspiracy fantasies was Frank Sturgis, one of the Watergate bungler burglars.

It simply is not true that the Cubans were taken prisoner at the Bay of Pigs when Kennedy "sent down the decision to preserve deniability by withholding air power." Explaining this would take some time. It is the anti-JFK fiction of the incompetents in and out of government, including *Phil VA*.

Chace says that these Cubans were trained by Eisenhower. This is a false and prejudicial, pro-CIA version. The men were recruited and trained by the CIA, which also did all of the planning, and neither Eisenhower nor our military was part of their training. It was done by the Eisenhower administration and it was actually under Nixon, whose idea it all was. E. Howard Hunt was involved on the non-military end and he was written about this, first person.

One can't judge the book by the review any more than by the cover, but the reviewer would have been negligent to omit what I say in the book. Those Bay of Pigs Cubans included some of the foulest dregs of society. They are directly and indirectly involved in many, many crimes of violence and they gradually became perhaps the most significant group in drugs of that period, especially on the east coast.

Didion drags in the JFK assassination and the idea of a Cuban conspiracy because that can sell books and excite ignorant reviewers but if she'd done any real research at all she would have known she was whoring.

So, they are not really on my turf, your note.

This kind of thing does mislead and misinform many people and it is never possible for the truth to catch up with the lie.

Thanks and best,

