

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
RE: INTERVIEW WITH BETTY PARROTT, 900 ST. ANN STREET,
MARCH 31, 1967.

On March 31, 1967, I interviewed BETTY PARROTT and learned from her that she had an extremely close relationship with BILL DALZELL. It seems that BILL DALZELL lived in her home for a certain period of time. During the time that BILL DALZELL lived in her home, she said that he was involved with a group known as The Friends of Cuba. This group had its office in the Balter Building. Members of the group included SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, BILL CRAIG, BILL DALZELL, GRADY DURHAM, an individual named LOGAN, who was also a member of the C.I.A., BILL KLINE, an attorney, REGIS KENNEDY, a member of the FBI, an individual named HOFFMAN, and an individual named EASTERLING.

She said that although DALZELL was very secretive about the operation of the group, she said that from the conversations that she overheard over a period of time, she learned that the group was involved in an undercover operation in conjunction with the C.I.A. and FBI which involved the shipment and transportation of individuals and supplies in and out of Cuba.

She said that many times REGIS KENNEDY would come over to the house and talk to DALZELL concerning the operation. She also said that many times REGIS KENNEDY came to the office in the Balter Building to talk to DALZELL and in turn, DALZELL and other members of the group visited REGIS KENNEDY in his office. She said that REGIS KENNEDY confirmed to her the fact that CLAY SHAW is a former C.I.A. agent who did some work for the C.I.A. in Italy over a five-year span.

She said this group later moved from their office in the Balter Building and moved into an office in the International Trade Mart and then operated under the name of The Voice of Cuba or The Friends of Democratic Cuba.

She said that she does not know whether or not CLAY SHAW had any connection with this group and that she does not remember hearing CLAY SHAW'S name mentioned. She said that BILL DALZELL could tell us everything about the group and about the connection with REGIS KENNEDY and the C.I.A.

She said that BILL DALZELL has an open charge against him in New York which she believes in gun theft. She said that JOE BOLDEN has the entire file on BILL DALZELL and can give us all the information we need in regard to this charge.

She said for some reason, she has heard BILL DALZELL'S name mentioned quite often since the investigation started. She said that approximately two weeks ago, DALZELL made a trip into Orlgars and spoke to STEVE PLOTKIN and heard he left town.

She said that she believes he is somewhere in Texas but PLOTKIN could give us the address. She doesn't know it herself. She says that we might also be interested in a tape recording involving DALZELL, JACK MARTIN, and GRADY DURHAM in regards under some theft of money. She said that she handed that tape over to PERSHING GERVAIS, who in turn handed it over to the District Attorney's Office.

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