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At least 12 really. The people thinks ? 25 but I think at least 20, 12 time they tried to kill Castro.

Int

At that time as lead, I'll go again...

At that time as a leader of Alpha '66, were you working in close co-operation with the Central Intelligence Agency.

Well you know the ? is very difficult because he receive the help from Russia and now Cuba are trying to get help from the United States and the ? the CIA in '61, '62 '63 was ?? against against Castro and they ? with weapons ? many things that I do ?

Int

In August/September 1963 just about 12 weeks before President Kennedy was killed, where were you.

Well I was leaving United States at that time, I remember at the beginning of August, the first day of September I visited Dallas because I received a message from ? Bishop, he worked for the intelligence services here in ?

Int

Maurice Bishop.

Maurice Bishop yes.

Int

He was what, he worked for the CIA.

Well here in the United States there are many, there are some different agencies, I don't know if he work for the CIA or if he worked for another ? intelligence service but he was working ?? as an intelligence service man.

Int

I'd like to ask you that question again because of the language difficulty just for a moment um where were you in August/Sept 1963, just 12 weeks before the President's assassination.

I was living here in the United States and I visited in that time Dallas for 2 or 3 days, trying to get contact with Maurice Bishop, Mr. Bishop was my contact with the intelligence service here in the United States.

Int You were asked to go to Dallas by your American Intelligence case officer.

Yes more or less, he called me and he many times he called me we make appointments or meet in different cities here in the United States.

Int And his name was Maurice Bishop.

Maurice Bishop.

PAUSE

Int Before the assassination, at that time in Dallas, did you ever see or meet Lee Harvey Oswald.

Well really I didn't meet him, I meet I met Mr. Bishop but in that time Mr. Bishop was with me telling how Lee Oswald?

Int I'll put the question a different way um when you went to Dallas to see your CIA case officer, did you see Lee Harvey Oswald.

Yes I saw him with Maurice Bishop, I have been over in Dallas or in a meeting of 10 or 15 minutes with Mr. Maurice Bishop in Dallas in that time.

Int Can you describe that meeting, what were the circumstances.

Well it really, the purpose was to discuss some different jobs with Maurice Bishop and Lee Harvey Oswald was present. I don't know but I think he was really, Lee Harvey Oswald was a friend or acknowledge, acknowledge, but sometimes I am sure he was more than a friend for Maurice Bishop.

Int Now what was the meeting about, what role was Oswald playing.

Well he was quiet and silent all the time, I was talking with Maurice Bishop about ? and something to, some we are going to ? and we discussed with ? some of the details about the underground and some commandos attack to Cuban coast.

Int But there was no doubt about it, Oswald was in the company of a CIA officer, an American intelligence officer.

An American intelligence officer. I dunno if he worked for the CIA or for another intelligence service you know because here there are many or some intelligence agents.

Int What makes you so sure that it really was Oswald you saw in Dallas.

Well you know the same as an artist you can, I am sure because the his picture many times in the paper after the death, the assassination and it was only 2 months before and I am sure because in my profession there are things that we learn and we seek to recognise people sometimes I show people 10 years ago and they can recognise because I ? this matter to to my kind of work, the work that we need to, to learn to recognise people.

Int You mean in your training and your experience in intelligence in military affairs.

Yes we need, this is a principal thing, where sometimes you see ? people in one city and you can see 5 years later and you need to recognise him, you recognise him.

Int And you feel certain Oswald was working with, or associated with American intelligence.

Well at least he was associated with Maurice Bishop and Maurice Bishop was an intelligence, he was working for the intelligence service, I don't doubt he was working with him.

Int Now after the assassination of the President, Maurice Bishop your CIA contact, I'll start that again.

After the assassination of the President, Maurice Bishop your American intelligence contact, asked you to contact your cousin in Mexico City - why?

Well my cousin ? was working, and he was working with the ? Govt, he works for a ? intelligence service. Maurice Bishop knows very well of ? relation, that we are relatives and sometime we discuss the possibility that ? work for us as a ? in that time...

Int You discussed the possibility that your cousin should work for you.

Yes.

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After the assassination of the President you were asked by your American intelligence contact to get in touch with Mexico City, who with and why.

Int

Well ^{L-R} ? is my cousin and he's working with ? more than 15 years, ~~he~~ was working for the Cuban embassy for the ~~the~~ ^{Gulf} Intelligence Service in Mexico City...

You mean for Castros...

✓ good

For Castro intelligence service. Er Maurice Bishop knows k that we are cousins, sometimes he is trying to convince (YOUR COUSIN) the ?
? he discussed with ~~me~~ sometimes about the possibilities that works for us, at that time he request me he made a request to me do you think if we can offer/money, a great deal of money to ? he can accept that he works with Lee Harvey Oswald in Mexico, he helps me sometime, well we can try to talk to him and offer him money, said that he was with Lee Harvey Oswald.

Int

Let me get this quite straight, your American Case Officer was asking you to get in touch with your cousin (YEAH) who was working in Castro's embassy and to persuade him by using money, to say that he had seen Oswald at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico.

Int

He was talking with him about the Kennedy assassination.

To say that Oswald had been to the Embassy and had talked about his plans for the Kennedy assassination.

Yes sir.

Int You tried to get the Russians blamed .
Right.

Int Now have you testified about all this to the senate intelligence committee.
Three times in Washing, in Washington DC testifying about this case.

Int And are you now talking to the new congressional committee investigating the President's assassination.

Yes in the next weeks perhaps 2 or 3 weeks I am going, to receive a subpoena to go to the house.

Int And do you swear that everything you told me and that you will be telling the committee on the same lines, is true.

Yes sure ? subpoena when you ? it you need to swear. And this is the thing I talk to them before and I am going to repeat then.

Int Why did you never give this information to the Warren Commission way back in 1963 and 64.

He never called me, they never, I never received a subpoena or I never received a call and in my profession you know this a risk to talk, now it is 15 years but in that time it is better to be quiet and to be silent.

Int Are you not at all afraid now.

I do not understand what you say.

Int Are you not at all afraid to speak now.

Well really I have now more years, near 49 years old I am not afraid but when you are young sometimes you are afraid.

Int Have you recently received any warnings that somebody might be trying to kill you.

Well I received 4 weeks ago a warning from FBI they call me, they have a meeting with one of the , his officers.

Int From the FSI

Of the FBI, and they warn me, they warned me that they have enough information that Castro has making, he is doing a plot I ? me to kill me.

Int That Castro is trying to kill you. Do you...