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LANDRY  
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TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
RE: INTERVIEW WITH AL LANDRY, MARCH 23, 1967

MR. LANDRY was born January 13, 1945, and is now 22 years old. He stated to me that he first met FERRIE when he was a member of the Lakefront C.A.P. He said this was around late 1958 or early '59. He said BATISTA was still in power in Cuba so he imagines it must have been late 1958. He says he was fourteen years old when he joined the C.A.P. and lived at 5221 Arts Street. He said that he first met FERRIE about four months after he had joined the Lakefront C.A.P. The C.A.P. use to hold meetings at the Lakefront on Friday night and Sunday afternoon on a weekly basis. He said that it was at these meetings that he met FERRIE. He said that sometime in 1959 after CASTRO had taken over in Cuba, DAVE FERRIE disappeared for about seven to nine weeks and the next time he saw him on a Sunday afternoon was at the C.A.P. meeting when FERRIE came to the meeting with AL CHERAMIE in FERRIE's 1953 tan Ford. CHERAMIE was driving the car as FERRIE could not move around as he was apparently injured. CHERAMIE got out of the automobile and started moving all FERRIE's papers and files from the C.A.P. building and began putting them in FERRIE's automobile. It seems that FERRIE had had some misunderstanding with COLONEL MORRELL and PAT PRINZ's mother and as these two people sort of ran the Lakefront C.A.P., it appeared that they had asked FERRIE to resign. FERRIE did resign from the Lakefront C.A.P. and formed his own C.A.P. group and called them the Falcons. He did this about five months after he had resigned from Lakefront. This group actually came into existence in late 1959. It was shortly at this time that LANDRY said he ran away from home which dated back to early 1960. LANDRY said that approximately one year later while FERRIE was living at 331 Atherton Drive, FERRIE told him about the incident that occurred to him when he had disappeared for about seven to nine weeks. FERRIE mentioned this after he had had a lively discussion with LANDRY with regard to his views concerning the Cuban situation that he and ARCACHA SMITH and some other Cuban friends would liberate Cuba from CASTRO. LANDRY told him that he had no idea that FERRIE could liberate Cuba and that he questioned his ability to do so. FERRIE at this time told him of the incident which had occurred when he was away from the city for about seven to nine weeks. FERRIE said that a couple of weeks prior to the time when LANDRY had seen him in the car with CHERAMIE at the airport removing his equipment, he and several other Cubans had been to Cuba in an effort to help Cubans escape from CASTRO's prison. FERRIE told him that during one of these visits to Cuba he ran in to some trouble and was attacked by a CASTRO soldier and was stabbed in the stomach. He showed LANDRY a scar across his stomach approximately ten to fifteen inches long which he said resulted from the stab wound.

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FERRIE at this time told him that he was working for the C.I.A. rescuing Cubans out of CASTRO's prison in Cuba. He said that he was called down to Miami and stayed there for approximately one week in a hotel before he was contacted by the C.I.A. men in Miami. He said that he attributed the delay in being contacted to the fact that the C.I.A. wanted to test him to see if he was the type of person who told his business to anybody on the street. He said that a woman from the C.I.A. was sent to his apartment and tried to get information from him about his activities with the C.I.A. but that he did not tell her anything and it was after this test that he was actually contacted by the C.I.A. people in Miami. He said that shortly thereafter he and about nine Cubans flew down to a point close to Cuba and they then got on rubber rafts and went into Cuba and rescued some prisoners out of the prison camps. He said it was during this incident that he was stabbed. The soldier who stabbed him was killed by some of the people in his party and they carried him to safety with them. LANDRY says that he can recall that during his relationship with FERRIE, FERRIE received long distance calls from Miami and Cleveland, Ohio. FERRIE also told him that ARCACHA SMITH was the third man in line in the Cuban Hierarchy when Cuba would be liberated. The No. 1 man lived in Miami. LANDRY said that he can recall that at one time the No. 1 man whose name he can't remember at the moment was supposed to make a trip down to New Orleans to see how the Cuban Revolutionary Front was making out, and the plane he was to come on was highjacked and taken to Cuba. He said that FERRIE then asked him if he would like to make a trip down to Miami to pick up the No. 1 man and fly him down to New Orleans in a private plane. LANDRY told him that he would go with him but FERRIE never did mention anything more to him about this. LANDRY said that FERRIE often told him that when Cuba would be liberated from CASTRO, he would be a very big man in Cuba and he wanted AL LANDRY to go and live with him in Cuba. He said that they would live like kings because the people would always look at them as their savior. FERRIE said that there were three branches working for the liberation of Cuba, one in Miami, one in New Orleans, and one in Texas.

LANDRY said that after the Bay of Pigs FERRIE became annoyed with the C.I.A. and often belittled the C.I.A. and President Kennedy. He said the C.I.A. and President Kennedy had screwed the whole invasion up, and that they had betrayed the Cuban people by refusing to send the air support that was promised. LANDRY said that FERRIE had a blackboard in his apartment and he often drew on his blackboard the actual plans for the invasion of Cuba explaining what the Cubans were supposed to do and at what point the C.I.A. was supposed to send the air support. LANDRY said he talked as if he knew all about the battle plans and the invasion. FERRIE told him of how the boats got in touch with the C.I.A. and requested the air support and the C.I.A. had KENNEDY on the hot line and how KENNEDY was supposed to give the okay for the air support, but he said that KENNEDY and the C.I.A. did not intervene like they said they would. The Cubans were promised by the C.I.A. that when the time was right after some troops had already gotten on the island they would furnish the air support.

LANDRY said that he can remember going to ARCACHA SMITH's house on the Lakefront somewhere with FERRIE and some other people and watched actual films of the invasion.

LANDRY said that he joined the service in June of 1962 and came out in June of 1966. He said that he had no contact with FERRIE during the time he was in the service and actually had not seen him for a few months before he had joined the service.