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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

In the course of their processing your 21 May 1977 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request pertaining to the John F. Kennedy Assassination, the Department of Justice (DOJ) referred 8 CIA documents and 1 Department of Justice (DOJ) document for our review and direct response to you.

Two of the CIA documents and the DOJ document were treated previously pursuant to DOJ referrals on your behalf and, therefore, are not being addressed again.

Based upon our review we have determined that 5 of the documents, memoranda dated 7 August, 7 September, 13 September, 29 September and 20 October 1967, may be released to you in segregable form pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). Copies of these documents are enclosed together with an explanation of exemptions.

We have further determined that one document, a memorandum dated 15 September 1967, must be withheld in its entirety pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3).

The official responsible for these determinations is Lee E. Carle, Information Review Officer, Directorate of Operations. You have the right to appeal these decisions by addressing your appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee, in my care. Should you decide to do this, please explain the basis of your appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Wright".

John H. Wright
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

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Enclosure 14


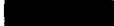
HEMMING, Gerald Patrick Jr.

Reference II.

Tracing Status : Not traced.

Prior References :



Remarks: A report of the New Orleans office of the FBI, 18 July 1967, subject: Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas, contains information about HEMMING. It was provided by Michael W. LABORDE, who referred to HEMMING only by his given names. "Jerry" Patrick LABORDE told the FBI that his father had previously worked  and with anti-Castro Cuban groups. Jerry Patrick and one Roy LNU also worked with the father, Laurence LABORDE, and with Cuban organizations in the Miami area. But Patrick and Roy "daped Cubans out of money" and were dismissed 



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Michael LABORDE spoke to Garrison investigators Lynn LOISEL and Louis IVON about a photograph which Garrison has and which allegedly shows people standing behind a fence on the grassy knoll overlooking Dealey Plaza. LABORDE suggested that Patrick and Roy might be connected with the people in the photograph. (Comment: Roy may be Leroy COLLINS, an associate of HEMMING. He may also -- though the possibility is more remote -- be identical with one L.A. ROY or his son, L.A. ROY Jr., both of whom were members of a group that bought a schooner from Laurence J. LABORDE.)

On 8 July 1967 HEMMING and Roy LNU went to Garrison's office. They were dressed in army fatigues. They said that they are now living in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. According to investigator Louis IVON (misspelled as IVES) they were working for an unidentified magazine and had come to New Orleans to get information for a story on the Garrison investigation.

On 12 July 1967 Michael W. LABORDE, then in Garrison's office, was shown several photographs of a Cuban training camp which LABORDE thinks might have been near Ailani. (Comment: It might also be the camp in Lacombe, Louisiana, which is listed in the preceding discussion of Redolph Richard DAVIS.) The photographs showed military equipment, including a machine gun. HEMMING and Roy also appear in some of these photographs.

On 19 June 1962 an FBI source identified Gerald Patrick HEMMING as an associate of Laurence LABORDE and as an "American soldier of fortune who has been engaged in Cuban revolutionary activities both in the United States and Cuba." The source said that HEMMING is not accepted by the leading Cuban organizations, although he is well known to them.

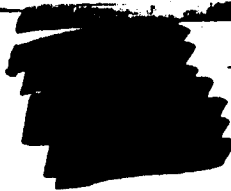
HEMMING is an ex-marine.

In September 1962 the above FBI source advised that HEMMING was the head of Intercontinental Penetration Forces (INTERFEN). He stated that HEMMING had established a military training camp at No Nam Key, Florida, where he trained Cubans in guerrilla warfare and other military subjects. The source said that HEMMING had a following of ten to fifteen American adventurers whose ultimate aim was to attack Cuba and raise a guerrilla force there.

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On 27 November 1963 Alan COURTNEY, a radio interviewer with Miami Radio Station WQAM, McAllister Hotel, Biscayne Boulevard, told the FBI that about a year earlier he had had Gerald Patrick HEMMING and three others on his radio program and had interviewed them about their training of anti-Castro troops in the Florida Keys. When the program ended, the radio station received a telephone call from a young man who said he was from New Orleans, was formerly in the U.S. Marine Corps, and wanted to volunteer his services. "Courtney recalled that this young man gave a name such as Harvey Lee, Oswald Harvey, or Oswald Lee." He claimed that he turned the call over to Davey LNU, one of the participants in the show. On 29 November 1963 the FBI interviewed Howard Kenneth DAVIS, a U.S. citizen known as Davey, who said that for the past six years he had been involved in Cuban revolutionary activities. He had appeared on the above radio show together with Gerald Patrick HEMMING, Steve WILSON, Leroy COLLINS, and Miami attorney Charles R. ASHMAN. COURTNEY did turn a phone call over to DAVIS. The caller did not identify himself. DAVIS, however, recognized his voice as that of the son of a dealer for Miller's High Life beer, in Fort Lauderdale. DAVIS said that "there is no reason to believe that the caller was Lee Harvey Oswald."

On 23 November 1963 Richard HATHCOCK, Allied International Detectives, Suite 310, 6605 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, told an FBI agent that about one year earlier Gerald Patrick HEMMING and Lorenzo PASCILLO, aka Lorenzo HALL and "Skip" HALL, appeared at HATHCOCK's office. HATHCOCK described HEMMING as a male Caucasian, ca. 30-31 years old, 6' 4", 230 pounds, and well built. He described PASCILLO as a male Caucasian, 35-42 years old, 5' 11", and 175-180 pounds. They said that they were out of funds and had been directed to HATHCOCK by one Dick WATLEY, who had known HATHCOCK for several years. HATHCOCK lent them money, accepting golf clubs and a rifle as security. HATHCOCK said that HEMMING and HALL are violently anti-Communist and anti-Castro. Both told him that they had fought with Castro in the mountains in Cuba but fell out with him after the revolution and returned to the U.S.



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On 16 December 1963 Gerald Patrick NIEMING, 1036 S. W. 5th St., Miami, Florida, told an FBI agent that he was an adventurer, soldier of fortune, and freedom fighter and that he was interested in setting up, maintaining, and operating military training camps for Cuban exiles. He said that he had been active in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past four years and was in frequent contact with the leaders of Commandos L, one of the leading anti-Castro organizations.





Enclosure 15

HORSEY, A. Edward

Reference III.


Tracing Status : Not traced.

Prior References : None.

Remarks: An FBI report of 18 July 1967, subject: Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas, states that on 18 July 1967 A. Edward HORSEY telephoned an FBI agent. HORSEY lives at 3330 Virginia [Street?], Kalamazoo, Michigan. He manages a public accounting firm. He said that he has been working with a group of people throughout the country in an effort to ascertain the truth of the assassination. He did not reveal the names of any of the others. This group believes that the Zapruder film shows two men behind the wall on the grassy knoll, one of them holding a gun. From the film they have had an artist draw a picture of this man, and they believe that he is one Al GROAT, mentioned in a book entitled The Plot to Kill J. F. K. by David WARREN.

"Their detectives", names not divulged, tell them that GROAT is a tall man, has served in the Army, and was awarded a sharp-shooting citation. They are trying to place GROAT at the scene of the slaying. They know that Lee Harvey Oswald met in Mexico City, Mexico, quite some time before the slaying with a member of the Central Intelligence Agency whose alias is Bill Medina and whose true name is not known. They also have vague generalities about a woman being involved and that Jack Ruby was acting under post-hypnotic suggestion when he shot Oswald."

The group has been in touch with Jim Garrison, New Orleans, since 15 May 1967. HORSEY thinks that Garrison has leaked the group's information to the press. The group considers the Warren report a whitewash and is trying to get a new investigation launched. They planned to release to news media, on 18 July 1967, descriptions and sketches of the persons who, they believe, were involved in the assassination.





Enclosure 16


INTERIAN, Leodorino

Reference I.

Tracing Status : Not traced.

Prior References : None.

Remarks: See DAVIS, Rudolph Richard, who told the FBI that INTERIAN was one of nineteen Cubans sent from Miami to a military training camp in or near Lacombe, Louisiana, in 1963.



 Enclosure 17

LABORDE, Lawrence Joseph

Reference II.

Tracing Status : 

Prior References : 

Remarks: See following information about his son, Michael
W. LABORDE.



[REDACTED]

Enclosure 18

LABORDE, Michael W.

Reference II.

Tracing Status : Not traced. [REDACTED]

Prior References : None.

Remarks: A report of the New Orleans FBI office, 18 July 1967, subject: Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas, is source. On 13 July 1967 Michael W. LaBorde, 2107 Fern St., New Orleans, voluntarily appeared at the FBI office. He said that his father, Laurence Joseph LaBorde, also known as Larry, presently living in New Orleans, [REDACTED] One Jerry Patrick and one Roy LNU also used to work with [REDACTED] Laurence LaBorde in the Miami area, but Patrick and Roy duped Cubans out of money and were dismissed [REDACTED]. About the last week of June 1967 Michael LABORDE went to Garrison's office and spoke with investigators Lynn LNU (Comment: Lynn LOISEL) and Louis IVES; (Comment: Correct name is Louis IVON.) Garrison has a photo which, according to him, shows people behind the fence on the grassy knoll in Dealey Plaza. LABORDE suggested that Patrick and Roy might be connected with the people behind the fence and suggested that LOISEL and IVON send someone to Miami to interview them.

"LABORDE has met with the investigators ... four times within the past three weeks."

On 8 July 1967 Patrick and Roy went into Garrison's office. They were dressed in Army fatigues. (See the enclosure headed HEMMING, Gerald Patrick, for further information on this matter.)

On 12 July 1967 Michael LABORDE, in Garrison's office, was shown "several photographs of a Cuban training camp which LABORDE thinks might have been in the Miami area. (Comment: LABORDE is

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possibly wrong. The camp was possibly that on the other side of Lake Pontochain from New Orleans, in Lacombe, Louisiana. The photos showed military equipment, in particular a machine gun, and also Jerry Patrick and Roy. IVON then brought in a man introduced only as Mike, whom LABORDE described as a Cuban. Mike queried LABORDE about Cuban training camps. Mike also asked who was the head of the Cuban organization with which Laurence LABORDE worked, and LABORDE said that he was Alberto FERNANDEZ. (See enclosure.) (Comment: Concerning "Mike", the only Cuban about whom we have information that he is working for Garrison as an investigator is Alberto FOWLER. He has been traced -- no record. FOWLER appears in [redacted] memorandum, 26 April 1967, subject: Garrison and the Kennedy Assassination para. 7b. Whether FOWLER is known as "Mike" is not known.)

LABORDE is afraid that Garrison, who is pursuing the Cuban angle hotly, is going to involve his father in the case. His father has instructed him to "stay away from Garrison's office and not become involved in this matter."

Michael William LABORDE was born 29 November 1942 in the Panama Canal Zone, Panama. His present address is 2107 Fern St., New Orleans, Louisiana.



Enclosure 19

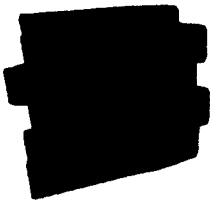
MEDINA, William

Reference III.

Tracing Status : Not traced.

Prior References : None

Remarks: See HORSEY, A. Edward. Allegedly the alias of an unidentified CIA employee.




Enclosure 20

MILLA, Inu.

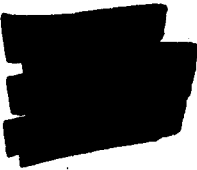
Reference I.

Tracing Status : Not traced.

Prior References : None.

Remarks: During his taped interview with Garrison, Carlos QUIROGA said that the first name of MILLA can be obtained from the Guatemalan Consulate. "I say, if you ask me who this guy is, he used to be with Artillo De Armas only through the government of Arnez. You remember that? The CIA was involved, directly involved in that? ... Well, this guy /MILLA/ flew the planes of De Armas against Arnez And then he got in trouble with the government over there and he came over here." QUIROGA added that MILLA was a friend of Sergio ARCACHA Smith and that when he left New Orleans in early 1962, ARCACHA borrowed MILLA's car but never returned it. (In respect to the Cuban military training camp in Lacombe, Louisiana, QUIROGA said that it was near a farm owned by De Armas.)

Comment: It is suggested that the "ARNEZ" mentioned by QUIROGA may be ex-President Jacobo ARDENZ Gurman.





Enclosure 21

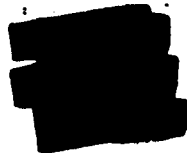
MCSES, Warren

Reference L. (P. 20)

Tracing Status : Not traced.

Prior References : None.

Remarks: Garrison asked QUIROGA if he knew Warren MCSES. QUIROGA asked if he had red hair. Garrison did not answer. QUIROGA said that he does know MCSES, who used to be a good friend of his.



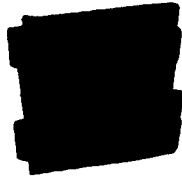



Enclosure 22

Name Unknown.

Reference I, p. 2.

Remarks: Sam DePINO told Carlos BRINGUIER that it is possible that Garrison will try to connect an ex-Nazi, name unknown, to the assassination of President Kennedy. The ex-Nazi was said to have been "big in propaganda", to be living in Mexico City, and to be one of the heads (sic) of CIA in Mexico.





Enclosure 23

PASCILLIO, Lorenzo
aka Lorenzo HALL and
"Skip" HALL

Reference II.

Tracing Status : Not traced.

Prior References : None

Remarks: See WEMMING, Gerald Patrick.



PANEQUE or PENEQUE, Victor

Reference I.

Tracing Status : Not traced.

Prior References : None.

Remarks: In his taped interview with Garrison QUIRCGA said that one PENEQUE (he so spelled the name) was in charge of the military training camp in Lacombe, Louisiana, at which some 14 to 19 Cubans from Miami underwent training. QUIRCGA said that PENEQUE was a Cuban, famous in Cuba. "When Fidel Castro was in the Bahamas, Peneque was in charge of all the underground work in Havana He was quite known throughout the Batista regime. The training continued for only a month or so. QUIRCGA guessed that the training was under way in August 1963. Rudolph Richard DAVIS identified a Victor PANEQUE as one of the Cubans who arrived at the Lacombe military training camp from Miami.


Enclosure 25


PIEDRA, Orlando

Reference I.

Tracing Status : Not traced.

Prior References : None.

Remarks: During his taped interview with Garrison, QUIROGA said that if ARCACHA had returned to New Orleans in 1963 (Garrison claimed he had witnesses to this effect) he would have called him (QUIROGA) or, if he were not in town, ARCACHA would have spoken "with the chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Cuban Society", whom QUIROGA identified as PIEDRA. He spelled the name. He said that PIEDRA was from Miami. "He had heard from somewhere else, perhaps from Houston, that Arcacha was in Houston; that at one time he came from Houston and told us Arcacha was there."



QUIROGA, Carlos

Reference L

Tracing Status : No record of CIA association,
NR/ZL

Prior References : (1) [REDACTED]

Remarks: QUIROGA told Carlos BRINGUIER, who relayed the information to the FBI on 18 July 1967, that on 21 January 1967 D.A. Jim Garrison interrogated him and taped the questions and answers without QUIROGA's knowledge. On 13 or 14 July 1967 a copy of the transcript was allegedly given to BRINGUIER by Sam DePINO, News Department, WVUE Television, New Orleans. DePINO told BRINGUIER that he thought Garrison had given copies of the transcript to all the news media. QUIROGA said that the transcript is inaccurate at some points. (Comment: [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] The transcript in question shows that the Carlos QUIROGA questioned by Garrison referred to the time when he left L.S.U. so that he is presumed identical with the other former L.S.U. student. He may also be identical with the Carlos QUIROGA on whom JMWAVE reported. The New Orleans Time-Picayune of 24 May 1967 listed the QUIROGA questioned by Garrison as living with his wife at 3134 Derby Place, New Orleans, as being 30 years old, and as a former member of the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front. QUIROGA has told BRINGUIER that both his (QUIROGA's) parents live in Cuba and has claimed that he fears that Garrison's release of the transcript to news media may have endangered his parents. On the basis of the foregoing, the possibility is suggested that QUIROGA may be, or may have been, a penetration of the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front on behalf of Cuban intelligence.

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Enclosure 27

RODRIGUEZ, Jorge

Reference I. (p. 17)

Tracing Status : Not traced.

Prior References : None

Remarks: Garrison asked QUIROGA if he know a Jorge RODRIGUEZ.
QUIROGA said no.






Enclosure 28

WILSON, Steve (Steven, Stephen)

Reference II.

Tracing Status : Not traced.

Prior References : None.

Remarks: See HEMMING, Gerald Patrick.

