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Re: U.S. vs. HEMMING
Case No. 76-71-Cr-CA

Dear Mr. Allard:

Enclosed for your information is the communication
we spoke of in todays telephone conversation.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure



To: Col. Lucien COHEIN
From: NT/STRONGBOX
Subj: Gerald P. HEMMING, Jr. AKA Gerry PATRICK
Date: 8 Sept 1976
File: 76 SOD-WH/PEN-OPS: T-1488 [Cryp-Comp Retrievable]

1. Subject HEMMING initiated new foreign [government level] contacts within MEXICO after 7 months of preliminary research beginning early 1971 while working in Miami, Florida area. Mexican government contact was established through cut-out during November 1971. Reference following:
 - a. Narcotics activities MEXICO-CONUS.
 - b. Special weapons procurement for Mexican law enforcement agencies at state level.
 - c. Assessment of communist guerilla groups directed by M. ROJAS and Lucio CABANIAS operating within the states of Guerrerro, Morelos, Sinaloa, Michoacan, etc.
 - d. Arranged U.S. visit by Mexican government law enforcement officials for inspection and demonstration of special weapons and law enforcement equipment at defense plant located near Atlanta, Georgia.
 - e. Evaluated reports that one or more major heroin laboratories in MEXICO is under direct control and supervision of individual holding cabinet level position in administration of President Luis ECHEVARRIA.
 - f. Arranged for Staff Intelligence Officer, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, to travel with small team to MEXICO to copy Mexican law enforcement official files and photographs of all U.S., Mexican, and other foreign nationals involved in narcotics smuggling to Southern California areas. Team to carry photographic and portable copying equipment under both corporate proprietary and news media cover. [Staff Intelligence Official-LACSD is NT/MOUNTAIN]
 - g. During January 1972 HEMMING was contacted by FBI Agent FM/DENY reference to assisting Miami FBI project involving QM/CZAR and QM/TURGID, which motivated a March 1972 meeting with BATF Miami supervisor HALE for back-stop briefing. QM/TURGID at that time was working for operatives of the WE/SIU, Executive Office Building, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. and was later arrested at Watergate Building during June 1972.
2. During February 1972 HEMMING formalized business relationship with PARABELLUM CORPORATION of Miami, Florida and participated in executive protection of foreign government VIP's and special weapons demonstration for President of Congress of Deputies, and other Deputies of Republic of GUATEMALA, in Miami, area. VIP's were enroute to GUATEMALA from Washington, D.C. after extensive briefings at Langley and Pentagon.
3. During February and March 1972 while traveling within GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR, and NICARAGUA, HEMMING was able to penetrate a conspiracy to assassinate Chief Executive and Members of Congress, Republic of COSTA RICA and Chief Executive, Republic of PANAMA. Conspirators were active and/or former ministers of government, Republic of GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR, NICARAGUA, and COSTA RICA.

3. During first week of March 1972 HEMMING had been accepted within this group of conspirators as a decision making advisor and was able to thwart aims and divert much of planning toward less lethal ends. During March 1972 HEMMING established liaison with QM/RAFT who introduced HEMMING to QG/ZIPPER. QG/ZIPPER assessed as senior government and paramilitary assassin in GUATEMALA and EL SALVADOR. QG/ZIPPER was found to possess serious potential capabilities relating to terrorist employment of standard and special weapons, including CBR systems. QG/ZIPPER is of Palestinian descent and speaks Syriac dialect of Arabic fluently on daily basis.
4. During May 1972 HEMMING returned to Miami area. Principal leader of conspiracy was assassinated in Guatemala City shortly afterward.
5. Period ending December 1972 involved extensive follow-up activities relating to foreign government level contacts by HEMMING with official from MEXICO. Reference all republics in Central America as well as PANAMA, ECUADOR, and COLOMBIA with no foreign travel outside CONUS required.
6. Period covering 1973 requires separate summary.
7. During Spring 1974 HEMMING was approached by U.S. and foreign nationals seeking assistance relating to their ongoing marijuana smuggling operations from COLOMBIA to CONUS. Two individuals had in previous years a one time association with CIA during the CUSA project and anticipated capitalizing on this experience combined with planned involvement of long time agency assets that reside in Central and South American Republics. HEMMING was introduced initially by DEA asset AM/STALEMATE who soon severed his relationship with subjects. HEMMING was able to rapidly accomplish following:
 - a. Co-opted completely the entire COLOMBIA-CONUS planned operations of this group [QZ/PLAYMATES].
 - b. Traveled to Georgia for briefing with QC/NITECAP reference future operations.
 - c. During September 1974 traveled extensively through Central America and COLOMBIA for meetings with marijuana brokers and growers with mid level capacities of COLOMBIA-CONUS marijuana tonnage. Visited areas under cultivation and met with military commander involved in security use of landing and take off rights at joint civil-military airport designated as primary entry-departure point for aircraft utilized on smuggling route.

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- d. Organized team of aviation-paramilitary qualified individuals with previous experience as DEA-CIA assets or law enforcement positions in Florida and Colorado areas.
 - e. Successfully engineered successive delays and total failure of first flight operation to COLOMBIA which caused 2 month delay of activity by Group [QZ/PLAYMATES] which caused Group [QZ/PLAYMATES] to terminate relationship with HEMMING.
 - f. Simultaneous with operations with Group QZ/PLAYMATES, HEMMING was approached by QZ/ALKALI for assistance in locating suitable ship's captain for marijuana smuggling operations from COLOMBIA to eastern BAHAMAS. HEMMING contacted former CIA contract employee CQ/MAPLE a licensed ship captain with agency experience in Caribbean and Congo areas, but not a DEA asset. CQ/MAPLE declined participation due to personalities maximum risk nature of the operation. No backstop available to support CQ/MAPLE.
8. During early 1975 HEMMING ascertained that QZ/ALKALI completed operation to eastern BAHAMAS but had near fatal incident that caused death of one of his associates in area of BAHAMAS. HEMMING continued attempts to establish contact with Group QZ/PLAYMATES with little success but did accomplish the following:
- a. Met and identified most of QZ/ALKALI associates, buyers, and Florida distributors over a two month period. Those identified are U.S. and Colombian nationals.
 - b. Was hired as an investigator by a Jacksonville, Florida attorney whose clients filed suit against CIA alleging CIA agent [past and present] involvement in an interstate mortgage fraud [4.5 million dollars] conspiracy with undertones of cocaine smuggling.
 - c. Traveled to Washington, D.C. pursuant to investigation above and other investigations and while there on other business met with Col. Lucien CONEIN of SOD-DEA at DEA HQ, 1405 I Street N.W., and briefed Col. CONEIN and his assistant Tom BRIGGS reference the following:
 - 1. Senator JACKSON investigation in Miami refer-VIETNAM business.
 - 2. Parallel operations involving M.L. WER BELL III of Powder Springs, Georgia.
 - 3. Private investigations group working yacht hi-jacking and murder on the high seas of numerous U.S. citizens.
 - 4. Penetration group anticipating future "Bounty Hunting" operations against narcotics smugglers subsidized by revenues awarded as per Titles 16 and 18, United States Code.

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8. c. 5. Detailed information reference names, aircraft, and connections of both previous smuggling groups QZ/PLAYMATES and QZ/ALKALI.
9. Summary of activities after July 1975 will be covered in a separate summary to be delivered in Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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