

MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

1 May 4, 1968

2 TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
3 FROM: STEPHEN JAFFE, Investigator
4 RE: GERRY PATRICK HEMMING, Meeting at Press Conference of
5 LORAN HALL on May 2, 1968. Subsequent meeting at KHJ
6 Radio News, Los Angeles.

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8 On the date of May 2, 1968 I attended and tape recorded
9 the press conference of LORAN HALL. After the conference at about
10 11 AM I sat at a table with ART KEVIN and two other men and heard
11 a discussion by those two men of LORAN HALL'S conference.

12 The two men later introduced themselves as GERRY PATRICK
13 (HEMMING) and ROY HARGRAVES, formerly of PATRICK'S RAIDERS in
14 1963 in Florida. The two did not know my affiliation with the
15 office at that time and were talking primarily to KEVIN in order
16 to discredit HALL'S remarks earlier.

17 PATRICK stated that all of the people HALL knew in connec-
18 tion with soliciting funds, especially in Dallas, Texas, during
19 1963 were contacts which he, PATRICK, had given HALL to make.
20 PATRICK further stated that HALL was lying when he said he'd
21 partaken in raids inside of Cuba. HARGRAVES did not say much
22 rather just corroborated PATRICK'S comments.

23 PATRICK alluded to his activities with the Anti-Castro
24 movement of 1963 and added that he'd been present at numerous
25 meetings where the project of possible assassination of President
26 KENNEDY was discussed. He said in this case a man like HALL would
27 have never been allowed to partake in a true, professional plot
28 because he was an unreliable, unstable, overtalkative person.
29 PATRICK stated that if discussion of possible assassination was
30 made during any kind of a meeting it was dismissed as "wishful
31 thinking" unless, if the people were serious, there was money
32 placed on the table. That's when PATRICK would take the "contract"

1 (continued) seriously, and he added that he'd attended a few
2 meetings where this occurred.

3 PATRICK further stated that in ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO, MIAMI,
4 DALLAS, and elsewhere there were a lot of powerful elements who
5 desired to get rid of PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

6 PATRICK said that he'd given most of his information to
7 GARRISON and that he thought that Mr. GARRISON was on the "wrong
8 track." He later repeated this thought in stronger language. He
9 stated that he knew OSWALD did not do it alone and he knew that
10 the Assassination of President KENNEDY had been a highly planned
11 professional execution performed by experts.

12 It was impossible to recall all that PATRICK said because
13 I could not tape his remarks nor take notes without fear of his
14 asking my name and the possibility that he would say nothing
15 thereafter even to KEVIN. I therefore excused myself so that
16 KEVIN could continue the conversation.

17 KEVIN took GERRY PATRICK and HARGRAVES to KHJ, Los Angeles,
18 where he showed him several photographs. PATRICK recognized the
19 photo of GUY BANNISTER and said that he had known BANNISTER in
20 NEW ORLEANS. PATRICK identified several other photographs for
21 KEVIN giving the name of the subject and some of their background
22 where KEVIN asked questions. Upon coming to the photograph of
23 "THE WALKING MEN" (taken by GEORGE ALLEN, November 22, 1963)
24 PATRICK identified the two men without pause or hesitation.
25 PATRICK identified the shorter dark haired man, second in the
26 side-angle photo, as:

27 JOHN BLOOMER, of ST. LOUIS, Missourian
28 who made frequent visits to MIAMI, FLA.
during 1963.

29 PATRICK identified the first man, tall blond-brown hair, also
30 known as "Bingo", as:

31 TED SLACK, former Naval Intelligence Reserve,
32 present in MIAMI, FLA. in 1963. He said he
received warnings from Naval Intelligence
not to associate with PATRICK.

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1 PATRICK identified the heavy set man in the photograph
2 which I had determined to be CHARLES BREHM from the DCA film,
3 as a Cuban named "MOLINA." (See memo dated January 26, 1968).

4 PATRICK gave information about EDWARD ANDERSON COLLINS,
5 saying that this was a former member of PATRICK'S RAIDERS, that
6 COLLINS had bragged about being a member of a group which was
7 organized "to wipe out KENNEDY!" PATRICK had tracked down former
8 friends of COLLINS. PATRICK said that in September of 1963
9 COLLINS was in Dallas, Texas in contact with LESTER LOGUE. He
10 then dropped out of PATRICK'S RAIDERS saying that they, his
11 group, were ready to proceed to kill KENNEDY. In December of
12 1963 COLLINS died by drowning in 8 inches of water in a boating
13 accident in KEY BISCAYNE and is now buried in RICHFIELD, MISSISS-
14 IPPI.

15 PATRICK stated that KIKI FERRER was a CIA instructor of
16 some kind (not in the sense of Guerilla training) like a coordin-
17 ator of operations. PATRICK definitely felt that KIKI was an
18 agent of the CIA.

19 PATRICK asked KEVIN if the Garrison Investigation had run
20 across the name DE BIRELY. KEVIN did not know.

21 On May 4, 1963 LAWRENCE HOWARD JR. telephoned me saying
22 that he had talked with PATRICK and had told him that I was
23 an investigator for the office. This did not seem to surprise
24 PATRICK. I asked HOWARD to arrange a meeting with myself, PATRICK
25 and STEVE BURTON. PATRICK agreed to the meeting through HOWARD
26 for the date of May 7, 1968 at 8 PM. I will relate the results
27 of that meeting in a future memorandum.
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