

M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: STEPHEN JAFFE, Investigator

RE: Interview with:
JIM ROSE, Santa Barbara, Cal. - January 3, 1968

On this date I interviewed JIM ROSE in the company of ED FOLEY, Radio Station KIST, a broadcaster who had previously spoken to you about the possibility of helping with information relative to Santa Barbara right-wingers. On the day of your speech at the Center For The Study of Democratic Institutions, ED FOLEY had further spoken with you in the office of STANLEY SHEINBAUM and once again mentioned a subject who would be helpful to us because of his work as a pilot in anti-Castro invasion missions. That subject who was known only as VINCE to Mr. Foley, is the same man who I interviewed in Santa Barbara. His name is JIM ROSE.

Explaining his background to me Mr. ROSE told of his anti-Castro flights before, during, and after the Bay of Pigs invasion of April 17, 1961, and said that because of his "having morals" he was no longer useful to the CIA and was being sought by them for arrest on no apparent grounds.

Mr. ROSE told me at that time that he had a great deal of knowledge about anti-Castro organizations, but that he had relatively little knowledge about details of the assassination. However, he felt that the knowledge he had concerning invasion plans for Haiti and persons within these organizations would be helpful to us for the overall picture.

Mr. JIM ROSE, alias VINCE, told me that from the time of our meeting he had been available for any kind of assistance which we might desire. He said he would be glad to come to New Orleans to study any photographs which we might have of possible suspects, and would give us the identities of those which he knew. He further stated that he could be totally investigated himself by checking with his backer Mr. STANLEY SHEINBAUM of the aforementioned institute. Before going into the specifics of our interview, let me tell you that I have referred Mr. ROSE to Bill Turner in San Francisco and Turner has thoroughly checked Mr. ROSE's credentials, and Mr. Turner feels that he is extremely valuable and honestly willing to help us.

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Mr. ROSE began by saying that the two leaders of the anti-Castro community are brothers by the names of ROLANDO MASFERRER and KIKI MASFERRER, both Cubans. ROLANDO was the "finger man" (executioner) for Batista before the revolution. ROSE considers ROLANDO MASFERRER the most dangerous man in the United States today and further stated that if there was any likelihood of any anti-Castro leader being involved in the assassination, his first choice would be that one of the MASFERRER brothers was the leader.

The subject stated that he could easily discover anything that we needed to know about MASFERRER through a man named TOM DUNCAN who is employed by the Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Georgia (Duncan's personal phone number in Atlanta - 758-8850), and is trusted by all of the anti-Castro people and because of this relationship he has been able to collect a complete photographic file and informational card file on all of the individuals within the various anti-Castro groups. At your direction, ROSE will try to contact DUNCAN to secure information for the investigation. ROSE showed me a newspaper article about ROLANDO MASFERRER which included a UPI telephoto. The article was dated Wednesday, January 4, 1967, from the Miami Herald, written by CARLOS MARTINEZ, the Latin-American reporter for the Miami Herald.

ROSE further told of an invasion which is now under way which will include all of the anti-Castro Cuban forces in the United States. The forerunner of the current invasion was the attempted invasion of the Dominican Republic where Cuban leader Father Georges (Baptist) was to have replaced the unseated Dominican leader Duvalier. During this invasion ROSE was utilized by the anti-Castro forces as one of their fighter pilots in bombing raids which emanated from the coast of Florida. The invasion of the Dominican Republic failed and a new invasion is being led by ROLANDO MASFERRER to take over the Island of Haiti and use that as a base of operations for them to invade Cuba. MASFERRER is sponsored in this effort by the CBS TELEVISION NETWORK. The anti-Castro forces had attempted to get sponsorship from the CIA and had succeeded for previous projects, but could find no sponsor for this current effort. A reporter for the Network acted as an intermediary between MASFERRER and the Cubans and the outcome of this communication was an advance of \$300,000 paid to MASFERRER for the invasion. The Network stipulated one condition: that they would be able to film the invasion in its entirety including training, combat missions, and the final take-over of the government.

ROSE feels that DUNCAN would be filming this invasion mission and that anyone involved in anti-Castro organizations who were a part of the assassination plot would also be taking part in this mission. ROSE went on to say that DUNCAN had a roommate 30 days prior to the first invasion of Haiti. ROSE had met the roommate and had seen a collection of photographs that the roommate showed him which included photographs of OSWALD and RUBY and possibly others who were involved in the assassination.

ROSE stated that this man, the roommate, is considered a professional killer by the CIA, and is in the employ of the anti-Castro forces. ROSE said that he would do everything that he could to help us find this person if we felt he was implicated, or had a photograph which ROSE could identify as the roommate. ROSE described the man as 30 years old, partially bald, light complexioned Cuban, medium build.

ROSE stated that unlike TOM DUNCAN who is a reporter, all of the anti-Castro Cuban guerillas use only "war names" which change frequently. Therefore, it would be possible for ROSE to go to the Florida invasion training camps and locate certain persons, but the name identities are impossible.

ROSE related further information concerning anti-Castro military forces stating that Castro has his guerillas based in seven countries in the area of the Caribbean, Central and South America. He said that Puerto Rico is the main base for CIA photographic operations and that that base is scheduled to move to Africa this year because the CIA, according to ROSE, considers Africa a future center of major conflict.

ROLANDO MASFERRER's future goal is Cuba, and he envisions himself as the new dictator. He has, according to ROSE, thousands of anti-Castro Cubans at his disposal and can mobilize his forces within 48 hours.

Since the Bay of Pigs, the various anti-Castro organizations have come to feel that the CIA is impossible to work with because the CIA has become so large an organization that at times one division can be supporting a specific group, and another division of the same agency can be working against their efforts. This is why they need a base of operations in another country from which to work.

Various "sponsor-type individuals" are now the financial supporters of anti-Castro leaders. ROSE described these individuals as "anyone connected with General Edmond Walker or far right conservatives". One such individual is DR. ROBERT BOSCH. In the years surrounding the Bay of Pigs invasion the CIA financed invasion organizations through a company named Inter-Armco. A list of addresses of this company was included in my first discussion with you on this material. The central office of this company is International Armament Corporation (Inter-Armco), 10 Prince Street, Alexandria, Virginia - Zip 22313. For the financial support of smaller organizations, the CIA would often use a sponsor-type individual rather than providing direct financial support from the office of Inter-Armco. Today these sponsor-type individuals have undoubtedly taken on the support of current invasion organizations.

ROSE stated that another sponsor-type individual is MITCHELL LIVINGSTON WERBELL III, who resides 25 miles outside of Atlanta, Georgia. WERBELL is the leading supplier of "sport boats" (invasion vessels) and arms. He acts with total approval of the CIA and is paid by the CIA. A great cache of WERBELL's arms are buried in the Montecito, California, area within Santa Barbara County. In a parenthetical note about TOM DUNCAN, ROSE mentioned that he would have a file with information about DAVID FERRIE.

ROSE discussed certain individuals in the Washington, D.C. government community. He said that after the Bay of Pigs invasion, he was commissioned to sell 30 F-86 fighter bombers and spare parts by a company called Omni Investments Incorporated, a CIA front company under the direction of two persons by the first names of ROGER and WAYNE (last names unknown). The Omni Investment had secured these planes from a Canadian arms company and were to use them for the purposes of the invasion of Cuba. ROSE said he could only describe ROGER and WAYNE because of their well-known work as "social services arrangers" in Washington, D.C. He said they are two, clean-cut, Cadillac-driving, young men about 30 years of age who will arrange a cocktail party for any politician in Washington "of specific recreational desires". ROSE said

that if our office wanted to find out more about these two individuals, their identities can be easily discovered through any Congressman or Senator who we might know personally. The job for which ROSE was commissioned was never completed, at least not by ROSE himself, because he was assigned elsewhere. He stated that his commission for that particular job would have been \$650,000, and he felt he was purposely re-assigned because he had indicated he was not interested in the job.

I showed a series of photographs to ROSE, including those of:

WILLIAM SEYMOUR	LAWRENCE HOWARD
LOREN HALL	"DAVID FERRIE
LEE OSWALD	JACK RUBY
EUGENE BRADLEY	CLSO HERNANDEZ
MIGUEL CRUZ	SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH
VERNON BUNDY	& (the FRENCH CANADIAN)

ROSE identified WILLIAM SEYMOUR as a leading gunman for MASFERRER who works out of the anti-Castro community in Miami. He said SEYMOUR is one of MASFERRER's top men and would have been one of the first considered for use in the assassination because of his expertise in marksmanship. ROSE identified LOREN HALL and LAWRENCE HOWARD also as proficient riflemen and top-level guerilla fighters. ROSE said that he thought he might have seen VERNON BUNDY in Tampa, Florida, at a place called Ybor City, a meeting place for anti-Castroites and "Mafiosa". ROSE identified the "French Canadian" as another top gunman for MASFERRER and said that this man was in Miami in November of 1967 as an anti-Castro Cuban guerilla leader currently hired for use in the Haiti invasion. This man, ROSE stated, is one of the most vicious of MASFERRER's riflemen and would be "for sale" for any assignment (none too little nor too big). ROSE could identify none of the other principals in the photographs which I showed him. Other names which ROSE states might be of use to us in the future were BERNIE LITDLE, a Tampa, Florida, girl-supplier. He said that LITDLE is the main contact for all of the Congressmen and other government personnel in Florida, and is famous for his own group called "BERNIE'S GIRLS"

Another reporter with extensive information about all Latin-American organizations, including specifically the anti-Castro forces, is MATTHEW T. KENNEY, JR., the Latin-American representative of UPI located in the Miami Herald Building in Florida.

One last note concerning ROSE: He stated that a friend of his who is a former CIA employee specializes in Spanish languages and "crypto". This friend has a vast knowledge of Cuban movements, and with his knowledge of code-breaking would be able to aid us in de-coding any materials which we might want to have analyzed. I have directed ROSE to do nothing in this regard and will await any instructions.