

*Memo with Dempsey*

12/17/69

Dear Dick (cc Gary),

Two things are of special interest in the 1st part of your Dempsey interview:

"Larry Laborde. Dempsey says that Larry Laborde was working for the CIA. He indicated that Laborde was a 'big mouth' and a braggart. He said that Laborde was a friend of Bob Brown"; and the notes added to the top picture, "Cuban who went to CIA. Got wages from CIA".

Laborde probably arranged for one of the La. camps, Hemming told me he saw Laborde for this purpose in, I think, mid-1962, Hall told me he went to see Laborde (maybe Gus, not Larry, I'm not now sure) with Hemming, and they did fly over the north shore scouting for a spot. There is more, but this is perhaps enough to indicate the possible importance of what you report. If he did not give you more detail, it would be good to try and get it, if he has it, especially how he came to know Laborde, proof that L "was working for the CIA", who for, for what purpose(s), what capacity, etc. Anything and everything.

From the electrostatic copy, I cannot identify the top picture. Is it one I got from Howard? Or is it of a later period, as the presence of the CBS men would seem to indicate, as of his Masferrer connections, which followed his Hemming period, I would suspect.

Under "Talk of killing Kennedy" you quote him on what was said in his group after it happened. I again presume this was Masferrer's. But this need not be so, for there may have been remnants of other groups extant. The time the Hall/Howard/Hemming operation ended is unclear.

His description of the way they lived is consistent with what Hall and Howard told me.

I agree with your concluding note and will make no redistribution of any of the memos.

Nothing new.

Best,