

Who was Colonel CastOR?

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Colonel CastORR is formerly of Dallas, and a close friend of
former General Edwin A. Walker.

In Mark Lane's book RUSH TO JUDGMENT, Mr. Lane details an
interview he had with Mrs. Nancy Perrin Rich on April 18, 1966.
In this interview, Mrs. Rich explains how part of what she told
Commission attorney Hubert was stricken from the official record.

She told them:

"So we all walked in the back (during the meeting)
and, my God, I thought I'd walked into an Army Supply
Depot. There were guns...hand grenades...a land torpedo...
probably half a dozen land mines...I got the general
impression from what was said that these were pilfered
from the United States Army or Air Force bases."

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Dannell voiced the opinion that General Edwin A. Walker and Colonel (Ret.) Castor, a close acquaintance of Walker, have been trying to arouse the feelings of the Cuban refugees in Dallas, against the Kennedy Administration. She based this statement on information furnished her by various sources to the effect that Walker and Castor made speeches before Cuban groups in recent months in Dallas in an opposition to the Kennedy Administration's policies.

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Father M. Cham...acknowledges knowing Colonel and Mrs. Castor. He said Colonel Castor is a retired army colonel. Mrs. Castor seemed generally interested in the plight of the Cuban refugees, but that he always felt that Colonel Castor was playing the role of an "intelligence officer" in his contacts with the Cubans, that he seems to be more interested in their political status than their physical plight or their social problems in the new country.

1/3/61...Special Agent

Testimony: Mrs. Nancy Perrin Bach, Hearing, Vol. XXV

Mr. Hubert:...I think you have mentioned that you saw Ruby at a certain meeting...and there was a general discussion of Cuban refugees...

Mrs. Bach:...There was a Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel, I don't know his name (I don't think). I also forget whether he was Air Force or Army. It seems to me he was Army. And it seems to me he was regular Army...I think I called Dave (Cherry, friend of Jack Ruby)...Dave...was a bartender for the Saloon by Club on Commerce Street in Dallas...They wanted someone to pick up Cubans...someone that knew Cuba...So they were going to bring Cuban refugees out into Miami...

Mr. Hubert:...The meeting was to pick up the Cubans?

Mrs. Bach: Yes.

Mr. Hubert: Who told him no?

Mrs. Bach: The colonel.

Mr. Hubert:...What was the general discussion (at the meeting)?

Mrs. Bach: The general gist of it was we were going to obtain a boat, the colonel could obtain various things...we were going to...pick up Cuban refugees, and bring them over to the main coast...there was the Colonel and another middle-aged woman, kind of a real old granite face I would describe her, steel-gray hair. Looked rather mannish...Then it came out...quite blank. We were going to bring Cuban refugees...we were going to our military supplies and I think...I think the

Colonel clarified it. The Colonel seemed to be the head of it and seemed to be all the talking.

Mr. Herbert: Would you be able to tell me the Colonel's name?

Mr. Right: I would say approximately 45 or 46, perhaps a little younger. He was kind of bald, and that may have made him look older. As I recall, a rather slightly build man--and I would not swear to it.

Mr. Herbert: Did he have any other characteristics?

Mr. Right: Not that I can recall, sir.

Mr. Herbert: Did he tell you whom he was representing in this matter?

Mr. Right: Not exactly; that fact never did come clear to me. A group of people.

Mr. Herbert: Well, did he indicate in any way that he was acting officially, in his official capacity?

Mr. Right: No; he was not acting officially.

Mr. Herbert: How do you know that?

Mr. Right: Because of certain statements that were made--statements such as... He said that he was the head of the base for the law, and was making statements that were making military equipment, and things like arms, and explosives, and things, and I understood that... During the meeting, I had the feeling of my life. Apparently, they were having some kind of military service. It was actually said that that was what it was... I don't know what the statements were, but as I recall, Colonel's name was Ruby.

Mr. Herbert: Now, since that statement, give you any impression what there was a price with respect to money?

Mr. Right: I received statements that led me to believe that perhaps they were making a deal. And then Ruby came in, and everybody looked like this, and there, a big excitement there--over the Colonel, and over him. And as I look one look at him, I look one look at him, and I glared, and he spoke a word, I don't know if you have ever met the man. He was a very... He was a very... And he seemed very nervous that night. He was on his feet. He would come out into the kitchen, or bedroom, and he would drink. Ruby would always carry a gun--and I noticed that Ruby's extensive bag in his hand where his breast pocket would be. I don't know what I thought it was a shoulder holster, which he was in the habit of carrying.

Mr. Herbert: Was he in the habit of carrying?

Mr. Right: He was a shoulder holster or a gun in his hand. I don't know what I thought when Mrs. Rich would see him, that is normal...

Mr. Herbert: Did he show any signs of recognition of you?

Mr. Right: You he glared at me and I glared back. And he and I each other was the back and forth... Well, they (Ruby and the Colonel) came out and the subject was gone, and everybody was really angry, and all of a sudden they seemed to be happy. So it was my impression that Ruby brought money there. They seemed to be going on their own, and they were going on their own. They would have to talk it over with...

Mr. [redacted] and they tell you they would discuss that and let you know.
Mr. [redacted] and the people that were higher up.

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