

Mr. Carl Stern
NBC News
4001 Nebraska Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20016

10/2/84

Dear Mr. Stern,

Tonight's item on soldiers of fortune and the magazine of that name and the interview with its editor or publisher, Bob Brown, reminded me of some Warren Commission records I have and a few other relevant records.

Brown was an active-duty Army captain when he was propositioned to kill JFK, the cabinet, ADA and maybe 10,000 others - before JFK was assassinated. Neither the time of the proposition nor after the assassination did he report this. It became known to authorities only ^{when} a graduate student to whom he told the story told the FBI.

For this unique patriotism and good citizenship and for his other extremist activities I knew the Army had promoted him to major. That he became a colonel was news to me. That had to have been after he changed one of his magazines to Soldier of Fortune and provided probably more information for violent extremists than anyone else. Extensive literature and articles, all know-how stuff. Illustrated, too.

When I knew him he operated "Palladin Press." He also owes me a double-bitted axe! For reading a rather poor anti-CIA manuscript I tried my best to discourage. I think successfully. I never heard further from him or about that book.

Other enclosures are two pages from the Miami police file, some of what I received from a Miami reporter I was helping then. I also have his notes of an interview with Brown. If I kept mine they are in dead files.

Brown really isn't very bright. Only very extreme and of the dedicated-wrong. A zealot.

I shudder when I recall that the Army had people like him teaching others! It has to have been indoctrinating, whatever the Army had in mind.

I don't know if this can interest those who worked on the item. I was so astounded to learn that with his very public record he had been promoted to colonel and gets a colonel's retirement it blocked everything else out so I don't know their names.

Best wishes,



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Re: DR. STANLEY L. DRENNAN

The following information reflects the basis for investigation reported on page 3 in the report of SA CHARLES S. HARDING dated December 4, 1963, at Atlanta, Georgia, captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD; INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA."

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JERRY RUSSELL CRADDOCK, graduate student, University of California, Berkeley, California, advised SA MARVIN C. BUCHANAN on November 27, 1963. he contacted one ROBERT BROWN the last week of August, 1963, at Boulder, Colorado. BROWN was described as being anti-Castro formerly a free-lance correspondent in Cuba and believed to belong to some anti-Castro organization. BROWN stated that, while in California raising funds for anti-Castro activities, a physician or dentist contacted him and told BROWN he was in the process of attempting to recruit an assassin for President KENNEDY.

On November 28, 1963, Special Agent KENNETH BRIDENSTINE determined that ROBERT KENNETH BROWN, a Captain in the U. S. Army Reserves, was at that time attending Infantry Officers Advanced Associate Course, Fort Benning Georgia.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Individuals and Organizations
Involved or Interviewed*Wilson, Steve*Date 12-4-63

Captain ROBERT KENNETH BROWN, The School Brigade, Fort Benning, Georgia, advised that he has been active in Cuban matters for several years and during the Spring of 1963, in connection with anti-Castro activity, he was in contact with the National States Rights Party in Los Angeles, California.

In connection with this, he contacted Dr. STANLEY L. DRENNAN, 375 Wonderview Drive, North Hollywood, California, who was active in the National States Rights Party. BROWN stated that once while a guest in Dr. DRENNAN's home, DRENNAN stated in general conversation that he could not do it, but what the organization needed was a group of young men to get rid of KENNEDY, the Cabinet and all members of Americans for Democratic Action and maybe 10,000 other people. BROWN stated that he considered the remark as being "crackpot;" however, as DRENNAN continued the conversation, he gained the impression that DRENNAN may have been propositioning him on this matter.

BROWN stated that he is a Reserve Officer and free-lance writer and has been to Cuba several times. He stated that prior to 1960, he was pro-Castro. He stated that he related his conversation with DRENNAN to STEVE WILSON, free-lance writer, Miami, Florida.

BROWN stated that he was again in contact with DRENNAN during the Summer of 1963 and DRENNAN revealed he had been interviewed by the Secret Service concerning his remarks.

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SA CHARLES PAUL ROSE :jkw Date dictated 12-4-63

CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lieut. H. Swilley
Intelligence Unit

DATE: Sept. 15, 1967.

FILE:

SUBJECT: Investigation

FROM: Sgt. E. W. McCracken
Intelligence Unit

REFERENCES:

ENCLOSURES:

This office received information from Asst. State Attorney Dave Goodhart, that the persons responsible for the recent bombings in the Dade County area have run out of explosives and are attempting to purchase some from revolutionary groups or organizations.

Various informants utilized by this office were given the above information in an effort to determine which revolutionary groups have explosives and if anyone is attempting to buy same.

On Aug. 31, 1967 information received from a reliable confidential informant that a revolutionary group, residing at 1925 S.W. 4 Street, had in their possession a warehouse loaded with arms, ammunition and C4 explosives. An immediate surveillance of the aforementioned location was established by this office and the following was learned.

A number of persons, most of which appear to be "American soldiers of fortune" residing and meeting in a large downstairs room at 1925 S.W. 4th Street, are some sort of a revolutionary group. It later developed that several of these persons were under indictment by the U.S. Government for attempting to leave from Ocoea Plum Key, Monroe County, Fla. on a mission to invade Haiti.

By keeping these persons under surveillance and through license tag check the following names were developed:

— Martin Francis Xavier Casey, 1925 S.W. 4th St. (no vehicle)	"	"	
— Joseph Cavendish Garman,	"	"	- 57 Plym. 1-144971 (67 Fla)
— Ralph Elmer Slafter,	"	"	- 60 Cad. 1WW-0991 (67 Fla)
— James Arthur Lewis,	"	"	- 67 Red Rambler 1E12212 (67 Fla)
— Ralph Grant Edens,	"	"	- 66 Triump 1D-20003 (67 Fla)
— Alfredo Dominquez	"	"	- Red V.W. V-43406 (67 Wisc)
— Harry G. Worley	"	"	- 59 Ford-HWJ 938 (67 Arizo)
— Robert Kenneth Brown	"	"	- Grey Volvo-MP 2946 (67 Co)

Persons who visited the above subjects:

Peter Ojtozy, 181 W. D St, Hialeah. -61 Green V.W. 1D-270 (67 Fla.)
Donald Willis, address unknown - 66 Comet -HW 661 (67 Illinois)

Most of the aforementioned persons were tailed by officers of this unit from Aug. 31, 1967 to Sept. 14, 1967 with negative results. No warehouse was ever visited by any of the above during our surveillance. Contact with this office was made by subject Martin Casey and further information is being learned; however it is doubtful that the above mentioned organization has access to C4 explosives.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILES - MAY 28, 1968:

It was learned that one of the largest gun dealers in the country is run by Tony Sherar, who has a large establishment near O'Hare Airport in Chicago.

After the JFK assassination, the FBI informed the Treasury Department that Sherar had a cannon or a mortar that was capable of sighting on O'Hare Airport.

When LBJ scheduled a trip to Chicago, A&T tried to divert Sherar from his property until LBJ had come and gone. However, they were unsuccessful and Sherar sued Treasury Dept. for \$100,000. The suit went to the U. S. Supreme Court and it was held that Federal agents guarding the President could take said actions which might be unconstitutional under other circumstances.

Sherar travels widely, makes much money, but has no criminal record.

It is believed that one of Sherar's closest friends is Robert K. (Pete) Brown.

Sherar is licensed to sell any kind of a gun, including machine guns.

It was suggested that someone else in whom we might have an interest is Dr. Torres, a medical doctor Near Pekin, Illinois, who has an FAA license.