

Miami Plots to Kill JFK; Hiltner; Penabaz; Indications Frameup 1/16/71

CD87:206, report of an interview with an unidentified SS informant or source who could be Penabaz, as I wrote Kelley, claims to have been a report of knowledge before JFK addressed the IPA in Miami 11/63.

Naturally, the Castroites, of whom there is no reason to believe they ever had such intent - certainly neither the FBI nor the Commission came up with any - are credited with the "plot".

Assuming it is a Cuban of Penabaz' mentality, as most exiles are, and that it is neither a deliberate nor a spontaneous manufacture, it would then seem that one of his own reported it to him. Now it is also reasonable, given his public record, that this is the certainty his twisted thinking impressed upon Penabaz' strange mind.

However, assume it was not and was reported to him, and then assuming further what I really do not believe to be the case, that it was not manufactured by his source, this tale is a perfect fame-up set-up.

Even if I do not believe it, this report can be interpreted to mean that there was a right-wing Cuban plot to kill JFK at Miami and that the word was spread that the Castroites planned it, to place the blame upon the Castroites in advance if it succeeded.

Were it something this sinister, a Penabaz would have been a perfect one to get such a report, for such a man could be depended upon in advance to give it full credence and wide redistribution, as his record shows, for he not only manufactured it but kept repeating the same fabrication after denying that he had even said it to the FBI.

Naturally (although I do not believe it, either), had Penabaz and his really plotted such an assassination, what would be more natural than saying his enemies had?

Despite the contrary publicity and wide belief, there was ample reason for the rightist Cubans to have been disenchanted with JFK and their hopes of returning to a Cuba in which they held the same of better position.