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CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Lt. H. Swilley
Intelligence Unit

DATE: Sept 24, 1965
SUBJECT:

FILE: 5:00 PM

FROM: Sgt. Jack Headley
Intelligence Unit

REFERENCES: Cuban Affairs

ENCLOSURES:

I received the following information from Special Agent Bill Drew of the FBI.

Cuban male Antonio Veciana who was formally connected with the Alpha 66 Organization, the Second Nations Front, both located at 109 S. W. 12th Ave Miami. Veciana left Miami approximately 2 months ago and went to San Juan, Puerto Rico. This subject is now reported to be attempting to establish a secret army with the purpose of assassination of the Cuban delegates to the United Nations.

Veciana still lives in Puerto Rico, but he occasionally comes to Miami to visit his wife and friends at the above listed Cuban Organizations.

His wife maintains residence at 2902 N. W. 11th St, but according to Drew, she is suppose to move to Puerto Rico sometim this weekend.

This report is for information only at this tims.

V.L. LUNA, Antonio

6/19/70 CONFIDENTIAL RE PH 6/12/70 memo on anti-Castro plots. HW
Copy to GRS only.

Because of time pressures, this is all from recollection and may thus be flawed.

I regard this as an important area and the conjectures as reasonable. I also think it should be pursued without haste and with care. The numbers in () are those of the relevant Hoch paragraphs.

(1) Save for the last sentence, this is all in accord with what I have known and understood and, remarkably, with what Gerry Hemming also told me about them, for he also claimed to have been befriended and to have known Sylvia in Cuba.

(2) The thievery may have been for this purpose or, as has not been uncommon in such cases, the alleged purpose was later contrived to justify the thefts. Note the Arcacha parallel. He is said to have stolen about \$40,000 from the Batista government. The rest of this is consistent with what I think I have and may have gotten from HV or HI, in a story from the SF Examiner of 4/12/64. I have a small file on him and Alpha 66.

(4) There has always been a government IFTU connection. The National Guardian carried long stories on this and the AFL-CIO operation, for the CIA, against Cheddi Jagan, in New British Guiana. ICFTU was set up, under official inspiration, when the WFTU got too liberal and admitted eastern reps. ICFTU operated out of Belgium, and Irving Brown dominated it and represented AFL-CIO. He had free access to the diplomatic pouch, for example, to my own knowledge. I have files that may ultimately be relevant to this but cannot now dig them out. I also have two potential excellent sources, one a reporter and the other a professor whose doctoral thesis was altered to include my suggestion for its orientation and was facilitated by contacts I made for the man, who is a friend and son of a friend. Short-hand: the inference and the speculation are approximately correct.

(5) The interesting thing here would be to learn whether Gonzalez was in any way connected with Seraphino Romualdi, the Latin American Irving Brown (dead).

(8) Bethel also testified before a Congressional committee, I think the Senate Internal Security. His testimony was widely reprinted by rightists.

(8) I have many of Roa's UN speeches along this line, filed with "Tiger to Ride" materials. Some are still available from the UN press office. In the future, when we are farther along, there is another source I think I can tap on this, but the state of our present knowledge and my circumstances now mitigate against doing it now. It has to be done in person. It is possible the end of this and (15) relate to each other.

(9) From one of my confidential sources, a Bay Pigs vet, I think it is a fair inference that the bazooka was a favorite weapon for such plots, one of which almost succeeded. These guys are nutty enough to have tried it from their own residences.

(10) I will consult a source no longer in Washington who was probably the original source here. I expect a visitor tonight who can do it for me. He is trustworthy and because of what I will ask of him I'll give him the relevant paragraphs to make his own notes from. The point is not properly made here. I mean in general reference to C, V, etc., without indication of reason to anyone.

(12) Note similarity to "Cuban Power" actual attack, on UN itself.

(13) I am without doubt of this and regard it as likely understatement.

(14) These pages of CD1546 I do not have and would like very much. I take it this is Mrs. Joanna Rogers, who I was a bit late getting to when I was in Dallas, but who will be interviewed when I can. They met SO's boyfriend Ferre, who asked them to take her in for her convalescence, etc. You have my memos on this. During the time she was with the Rogerses Sylvia got letter from Connell, then in Boston, forgot them, and Joanna gave them to Lt. Butler, and they were never heard of again. Trudi Costarr made the contact, trusting Butler. I should be consulted about anything relevant, for there is much I have not out on paper. Hal should be prompted to contact Brandon again, on those women. He has a list of questions from me.

Relative to Hamming, above, I have this on tape but have never had time to transcribe the tape.

(15) It is likely Flammonde's source was JG. Flammonde had nothing of his own save error. JG's version is that Bobby was made privy to all of this at Guantanamo, hence had to keep his mouth shut. I doubt the Bobby angle, but have no doubt there were such plots without end. Inspiration is likely as conjectured. With Anderson the FBI is a very likely source. He is close to them.

(16) a. I do not have this part of the JG files and would like. I did interview both Guitarts, and the experience, even after knowing Bringuier, is not easily expressed to those without such contacts. He is incredible and the son is entirely beyond description. Both are fond of and full of respect for Bringuier, who they think is great and a noble leader of men. I think it entirely reasonable that Guitart was there because of his feelings about Bringuier as well as his arcane politics. Jr. is also a Hawaiian lawyer, almost as brilliant as Bringuier.

b. Trucking is only part of the Odio fortune. I suggest that if they were suspected of being part of an assassination plot, their histories would have been entirely different. With that kind of loot, would you expect them to have been?

c. That Sylvia mentioned Quiroga is indeed fascinating! Interesting that Liebler had no interest in this, or that there are no relevant FBI reports. I doubt that the JG office could have gotten Guitart to say anything he didn't want to and I take this at face value. Regard it as potentially very significant. Again, remember that who women expected Sylvia to kill herself. Machann still holds some secrets, from Sylvia. Guitart would more likely have learned the other way, as in telling me he didn't know Sylvia's new husband's last name or their Miami address.

d. You might want to add more here. Like Bringuier's connection with Alpha 66 in N.O., with Geraci, who had a friend in and was possibly himself connected with Alpha 66, which was sought out when he left home, etc. Namel Bretos, then mechanic N.O. Fiat dealership, 1968 one in Miami (service manager). And LHO's report to Vhandler (Vrawford) and Bringuier's perjuries.

e. Agreed, but also proof that he really was in prison, not just a cover, for he was so mued, even irrationally (O in NO).

(18) My 26H still has a marker at this point. Why not try and get this from the CD files or other files?

(19) Sylvia was up tight about this. Bad feelings did develop between her and Connell, and there had to be a reason. I'm not satisfied with the explanations I've been able to get. But doesn't this sound exactly like Bringuier, who could have believed it? I also lack this page of CD 1546. I have 42; 66-8; maybe 213, but 212-2; 247, and would like anything else.

I will file this under Odio.

6/19/70

Dear John,

If any of this is unclear to you when I give it to you tonight, ask for explanations. I think it better not to tell you why or in what context, the reasons including getting an untainted response.

Please ask Dan Kirzman who his files or notes may show and what his recollections may hold on:

Gonzalez, Reynold and various other spellings approximating this), former Manolo Ray - MRP associate, captured by Castro, former Cuban trade-union leader, whose arrest was protested by International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (from Brussels, 10/24/61). They spelled it "Reinol". He was allegedly anti-Batista, had been with Bank Workers' Union. Paul Bethel (who spells it "Reynol" says he was tortured and forced to talk.

Antonio Veciana, organizer Alpha 66, former Cuban Treasury official.

Plots against Castro immediately following Bay Pigs, esp. for balance of 1961. Raul Ros talked of such plots at UN, including one against Raul Castro.

ICFTU-CIA connections, if any.

Involvement of Irving Brown and Seraphino Romualdi in such activities. He may have this in his Jay Lovestone material. I'd be interested in knowing if he thinks this reporting had anything to do with his leaving Washington (Dan's, that is, Romualdi is dead).

Please also tell Dan that if he is ever down this way, I'd like to see him again. He may then be interested in what is behind this inquiry and I may then be able to tell him.

And give him my thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul-no copies distributed. The other source is Henry Berger, Department of History, Washington Univ., St. Louis. He interviewed Romualdi and many others and can spell out the connections that interest you. He is also very busy and has been heavily preoccupied salvaging students from the authorities, in addition to his major preoccupations.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 1/21/77

FROM : J. S. Peelman

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS,
TEXAS, 11/22/63
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PURPOSE: This memorandum is being provided in order to respond to an article by Columnist Jack Anderson, which appeared in "The Washington Post," 1/19/77. The article was entitled "Mysterious Witness in JFK Inquiry" and a copy of said article is attached.

SYNOPSIS: The article covers 3 issues surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy and focuses on the central theme of a Cuban conspiracy behind the assassination and additionally an attempt by former Director John Edgar Hoover to mislead the Warren Commission.

The first issue addresses the allegation that a CIA agent introduced Lee Harvey Oswald to a Mr. X, an anti-Cuban terrorist prior to the assassination of John F. Kennedy. According to the article, Mr. X has recently been interviewed by Congressional investigators and X advised that he is a founder of a Cuban terrorist group with ties to the CIA. In addition, the article indicates that the group held meetings at an address in Dallas and that Lee Harvey Oswald had associated with Cubans at the address. Bufiles contain no information relative to Mr. X or any relationship with the CIA. However, 3128 Harlendale was known to our Dallas Division at the time as being the headquarters of Alpha 66, a Cuban terrorist group. This information was reported to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (Senstudy) in 1975.

The second issue concerns Sylvia Odio, a Cuban exile and her testimony before the Warren Commission in 1964. Odio was initially interviewed on 12/18/63 by Agents of our

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Dallas Division and alleged that Lee Harvey Oswald and two anti-Castro Cubans visited her apartment in Dallas in September, 1963, two months prior to the assassination. She subsequently appeared before the Warren Commission in July, 1964, and testified regarding the belief that Oswald had visited her apartment. The article alleges that former Director Hoover informed the Warren Commission on 9/21/64 that the 3 men who had reportedly visited Odio's apartment had been identified and none were determined to be Lee Harvey Oswald. Bufiles reveal that via Hoover to J. Lee Rankin letter, dated 9/21/64, the Warren Commission was advised that the 3 individuals who visited Odio's apartment had been identified and that investigation was continuing. All 3 individuals were not interviewed until 9/20/64 and the results were not furnished to the Bureau until after the 9/21/64 letter to the Warren Commission. The allegation was fully investigated and results of the interviews and subsequent investigation were furnished to the Warren Commission by Hoover to Rankin letter 11/9/64. It is noted that Syliva Odio was undergoing psychiatric examination at the time of her allegation.

The third issue involves a taped conversation between [redacted] and a right-winged militant named Joseph Milteer. The conversation between [redacted]

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[redacted] and Milteer involved general statements made that John F. Kennedy could easily be assassinated by a high-powered rifle. The conversation was taped by the MMPD and the information was furnished to our Miami Office by the Intelligence Bureau of the MMPD. This information was subsequently furnished to Secret Service Headquarters at least 10 days prior to the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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HMB

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DETAILS: The January 19, 1977, issue of "The Washington Post" contains an article written by Columnist Jack Anderson entitled "Mystery Witness in JFK Inquiry." The article covers 3 issues surrounding the assassination of JFK and focuses on the central theme of a Cuban conspiracy behind the assassination.

The article indicated that a mystery witness has sworn to Congressional investigators that a CIA agent introduced him to Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas, Texas, 3 months prior to the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The witness identified as Mr. X is characterized as a founder of a Cuban terrorist group with ties to the CIA. According to Mr. X, the group held secret meetings at 3126 Harlendale in Dallas and that Lee Harvey Oswald is reported to be associated with Cubans at this location.

A review of Bufiles reveals no information identifiable with a Mr. X or any relationship with a Mr. X and the CIA or the fact that a Mr. X has been interviewed or is of interest to a CIA Committee. Dallas files reveal that 3126 Harlendale was noted in 1963 as being the headquarters of Alpha 66, a Cuban terrorist group. Contact with Dallas source at the time failed to reveal that Lee Harvey Oswald had any contact with Alpha 66. Information developed by Dallas Deputy Sheriff that an informant of his had knowledge that Oswald had been associating with Cubans at this address is believed to be incorrect. The deputy who provided the information is deceased; however, all information regarding the above was furnished to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (Senstudy) in December, 1975.

The article further stated that Congressional investigators believe that former Director John Edgar Hoover deliberately misled the Warren Commission regarding the testimony of Sylvia Odio, a Cuban exile who reported

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that Lee Harvey Oswald had been seen in the company of two anti-Castro terrorists prior to the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Bufiles reveal that Sylvia Odio, a Cuban exile, was interviewed by Special Agents of the Dallas Division on 12/18/63, at which time she advised that in late September, 1963, two Cuban men came to her residence in Dallas, accompanied by a white male, who was introduced to her as Leon Oswald. She advised that she was a member of JURE, an anti-Castro group, and that the two Cubans identified themselves as members of JURE and were seeking her help in raising capital for the organization. She advised that after the assassination of John F. Kennedy, she recognized the photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald as being identical with the Leon Oswald she had met two months earlier. Investigation re Odio revealed she is a Cuban exile who had been undergoing psychiatric care since her arrival in the United States in 1962 and that her parents are believed to be imprisoned in Cuba. This information was provided to the Warren Commission (Bufile 105-82555 serial 1212).

Odio was subsequently called to testify before the Warren Commission in July, 1964. As a result, additional investigation was requested by the Warren Commission to fully identify the 3 individuals as reported by Odio. On 9/21/64, by Hoover letter to General Counsel, J. Lee Rankin, the Warren Commission was advised that the three individuals had been identified and that one of the individuals, Loran E. Hall, had been interviewed on 9/16/64. Hall advised that he had visited the Odio apartment in Dallas during September, 1963, and named Lawrence Howard and William Seymour as the individuals accompanying him. He denied that Lee Harvey Oswald was with them or any way associated with them. Hall advised that one of the individuals, William Seymour, is similar in appearance to Lee Harvey Oswald. The Hoover to Rankin letter of 9/21 advised the Warren Commission that the investigation was continuing in order to resolve Odio's allegation (Bufile 105-82555 - 4920).

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On 9/20/63, Loren E. Hall was reinterviewed and changed his story indicating that he was confused as to the date that Howard and Seymour accompanied him to Dallas. Lawrence Howard and William Seymour interviewed 9/20/64 and Seymour denied being in Dallas 9/63 and Howard corroborated Seymour's statement (Bufile 105-82555 serials 4954 and 4993).

The results of the 9/20/64 interview were not received at FBIHQ until 9/24 and 9/30 respectively, and these reports were subsequently furnished to the Warren Commission via Hoover to Rankin letter 11/9/64. (Bufile 105-82555 serial 5231).

The third issue in the Anderson article concerns a right-wing militant named Joseph Milteer and former FBI source named Willie Somerset. The article indicates that Milteer is heard on tape discussing how Kennedy would die by the use of a high-powered rifle.

Bufiles reveal that on 11/9/63, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The conversation concerned topics of mutual interest between the two men and Milteer indicated in general terms John F. Kennedy would soon be visiting Miami and in view of the large Cuban population in Miami, his speech would probably concern the aborted Bay of Pigs invasion. The conversation continued in general terms that Kennedy could be easily assassinated by a high-powered rifle from one of the tall buildings in Miami. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Miami furnished [REDACTED] to the Bureau via airtel 11/13/63 and it was noted that Secret Service Headquarters had been advised of the threat. (62-106833 serial 185)

Additionally, Bufiles indicate that the information was provided to the Warren Commission on 7/16/64 via report of SA Robert P. Gemberling. (Bufile 62-109060 serial 3477)

Jack Anderson and Les Whitten

Mystery Witness in JFK Inquiry

A mystery witness has sworn to congressional investigators that a Central Intelligence Agency agent introduced him to Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas three months before Oswald gunned down President John F. Kennedy.

The witness, whom we have agreed to identify only as Mr. X because of attempts of his life, is the founder of a Cuban terrorist group that worked closely with the CIA.

The group held secret meetings at 3128 Hollandale in Dallas before the assassination. Not long after Kennedy was shot, a Dallas deputy sheriff was told by an informant that Oswald had been associating with some Cubans at "3128 Hariendale."

Mr. X's dramatic testimony casts new light on the story Sylvia Odio, daughter of a wealthy opponent of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, told to the FBI. Two months before the Kennedy killing, she related, she was visited in her Dallas apartment by three men who identified themselves as friends of her father.

One was introduced to her as "Leon Oswald." When she saw the picture in the newspapers of the man who had shot Kennedy, she fainted from shock. It was the same Oswald, she was certain, who had visited her apartment.

Congressional investigators have now learned that the late J. Edgar Hoover deliberately misled the Warren Commission about Odio's mysterious visitors. She was such a persuasive witness that the commission staff was preparing to investigate her story thoroughly.

Staff members even speculated, according to one internal memo, that the

anti-Castro forces might have recruited Oswald, a known, pro-Castro activist to kill Kennedy.

"The motive on this," states the memo, "would of course be the expectation that after the President was killed, Oswald would be caught or at least his identity ascertained; the law enforcement authorities and the public would then blame the assassination on the Castro government; and the call for a forceful overthrow would be irresistible."

But Hoover abruptly blocked this line of inquiry by notifying the Warren Commission on Sept. 21, 1964, that the FBI had located and identified Odio's callers. He named them as Loran Hall, Lawrence Howard and William Seymour, all anti-Castroites. Hoover even suggested that Odio could have confused the names "Loran Hall" and "Leon Oswald."

Now the congressional investigators have uncovered evidence that all three denied visiting the Odio apartment and that the FBI had obtained their denials before Hoover wrote his letter to the Warren Commission.

The investigators have also obtained the tape of a fascinating conversation, predicting two weeks in advance that Kennedy would be shot "from an office building with a high-powered rifle." The prediction was made by the late Joseph Milteer, a right-wing rabble rouser, who also happened to have close connections with anti-Castro leaders.

The conversation was taped on Nov. 9, 1963, in Miami by an FBI informant named Willie Somerset, who turned the tape over to the FBI the next day. Milteer is heard on the tape describing

how Kennedy would die. Then the rabble rouser added knowingly that Kennedy "knows he is a marked man."

Milteer later admitted to the FBI that he had been in Dallas in June, 1963, but denied having any knowledge of the Kennedy assassination. However, the informant told the FBI that he asked Milteer after the shooting whether he had known about it in advance or had merely been guessing. "I don't do any guessing," replied Milteer.

But the most explosive development is Mr. X's statement that he met Oswald in the company of a CIA agent. Congressional investigators questioned the mystery witness closely on three separate occasions. They finally concluded that "his credibility is strengthened by the details he provides consistent with what he told us before. Significantly, he remains very strong on the Oswald sighting."

The encounter occurred in a downtown Dallas building, where Mr. X had an appointment with his CIA contact. The agent was accompanied by a man whom Mr. X later recognized as Kennedy's killer.

"When he saw it was Oswald that killed Kennedy," the investigators reported in a confidential memo, "he nearly freaked out, but he never said anything."

The investigators tried to pin down Mr. X on how he could be sure that man was Oswald. Mr. X replied, according to the memo, that he had learned "how to retain the characteristics of a person; he had trained himself to do that. And if it wasn't Oswald, it was someone who was exactly like Oswald, his exact double."

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By Howard Post

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