

Mr. Volz, add a.m. 8/16

There are some common misconceptions about some of us who have worked on and are interested in the political assassination. One, foisted off by Batista Cubans, is that we are all against Cubans. In my case at least this is not so, and because I have invited you to look at my files on some because they may later be part of the story, I address this.

There are some I think dignified by the insult "gusano". These are criminal types, self-seeking, ambitious to enjoy the kinds of privilege they did under Batista at the cost of others, sadists and men of belief that would be considered insanity here. These are often Hitlerites. There are others who are decent people, including some who here would be considered tough characters. Some are my friends. Generally, they are anti-Castro and anti-Batista. Among my Cuban acquaintances and friends there is none pro-Castro and only one who says things are better under Castro, and he is now a successful American businessman. He drove me around in a brand new Cadillac for which he paid cash, had his daughter in a private school, etc., and regards this as his country now. I have known and been friends with Bay of Pigs vets, one of whom has risen to high station in the large city in which he lives and does his job well. Another was also a CIA agent and when last I saw him was in trouble with the Agency. Some of the more learned are the more incredible.

They do incredible things. One filed a libel suit against me without alleging error and, in fact, claiming that accuracy was the libel, that his business was hurt by my saying he owned it because it would reduce the number of his customers if they knew he owned it! The case was tossed out of court, but investigating it led me to much of my knowledge of these often such strange people. I have a file on that man at least three inches thick. He is a pal of General Walker and Billy James Hargis and other such types.

Many of them have genuine hatred for our institutions and consider that political philosophy. What they genuinely do believe is the hardest thing about them to comprehend. Some of their beliefs are so insane it makes them capable of anything. I think this is one of the keys to understanding some of the things they do.

In both Kennedy assassinations, had they coordinated their efforts to dilute the effectiveness of the FBI and to frustrate any investigation in the earlier days they could not have done this better. They reported Oswald everywhere but Heaven, and the FBI had to investigate each of the numberless bum steers. and this at a time others things had to be neglected and were not. In turn, Warren Commission lawyers were influenced by this crazy stuff and the only Cubans of whom they ordered investigations are those not huts. It is all pretty far out to one who hasn't had experience with them.

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