

Rd Tad Szulc: I going over early clips to refile, I note that in the story dated Washington, 6/18, or the first working day after the break-in, Szulc identified Barker as one of the planners of the Bay of Pigs. This is interesting on several scores. It is not in his book and it should have led him to mention of Hunt, whose name had surfaced and who he knew well. What is also interesting is S's connecting Barker with the camps in Guatemala and Nicaragua. This he did under the name "Macho." There is one previous possible reference of which I know only, in Haynes Johnson's book, where a ~~man~~ man identified only as "Bernie" is identified only as assistant to a "Frank" other than "Bender" in those camps.

At about the same time Miami Cuban sources began to identify Barker as Bender's aide. This also seems not to have triggered Szulc.

On the same day, 6/19, meaning as of evening 6/18 at the latest, the Post's roundup story quotes its Miami man, Kirk Sharfenberg as connecting Barker with the alleged role of one of the planners of the Bay of Pigs.

Or, to this point in reviewing those of the initial clips not already filed elsewhere, by other subjects and perhaps beyond retrieval, all is consistent with suspicion of Szulc. 11/5/3