

# Florida Agency Admits Receiving VVAW Bug Tape From Lady Spy

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The Florida Department of Law Enforcement confirmed Thursday it received a tape recording of a phone conversation with Gainesville Eight defendant Scott Camil last summer, from a blonde Miami secretary.

The young woman informer also supplied information allegedly linking the Watergate burglars with the burglary of the Chilean Embassy last May, the officials said. But the state officials said they didn't tell the FBI because the information "was not worthy of dissemination."

In the federal conspiracy case against Camil and other Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Justice Department

prosecutor Guy Goodwin has insisted under oath that the government knew of "no electronic overhearings of any kind of any conversations of the defendants," except for one conversation between Camil and co-defendant Alton Foss of Hialeah.

The tape in the Florida officials' possession, however, is reportedly a copy of a recorded call between Camil and Pablo Fernandez, a Miamian who was an informer for the FBI and the Miami Police Department.

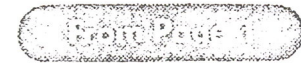
AND THE woman informer claims under oath that she was offered "a copy of the ITT papers" which Fernandez told her were stolen in the embassy burglary.

The source of the new disclosures is Angelica Rohan, 31, a former anti-Castro freedom fighter who claims expert knowledge of firearms and explosives and who admits she once tried to convince a TV crew she was "the woman in Watergate," but now says she wasn't.

Mrs. Rohan is married to Miami lawyer Laurence Rohan. She works for another lawyer, Martin Blitstein. She told her story in a sworn statement to U.S. District Judge W. O. Mehrtens on May 23, after reading a Herald story which for the first time identified Fernandez as a police informer who spied on the VVAW, and offered to sell them guns.

MRS. ROHAN made another sworn statement Wednesday, to State Attorney Richard Gerstein. Sources in Gerstein's office say she claimed second-hand knowledge of a possible plot to assassinate the Democratic vice presidential candidate,

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who later turned out to be Thomas Eagleton.

But while that and her other statements about the Watergate case were admittedly hearsay, Mrs. Rohan's information about the alleged VVAW entrapment appears to be first hand, sources said.

They quoted her as saying she was present when Fernandez offered to supply the VVAW with Cuban weapons which "could be turned into machine guns by putting in a little piece of metal."

ACCORDING to Mrs. Rohan, the veterans were not interested: "There was no indication whatsoever that they wished or desired to purchase one single bullet."

Since learning of the secretary's sworn statements, The Herald has confirmed that Mrs. Rohan supplied the Camil tape and other information to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Sometimes she reported directly to Director William Reed, who enlisted the aid of former Florida Gov. Claude Kirk to get Mrs. Rohan's Cuban grandmother into the United States.

In interviews with The Herald, Florida Department of Law Enforcement officials have admitted they paid her expenses. In return she worked in the department's convention command post in the Howard Johnson's motel on LeJeune Road in Miami,

translating Spanish language radio broadcasts and newspapers and writing out long-hand intelligence reports on sheets of yellow legal paper.

SHE WAS known then as Angie Basulto. The last name was that of her first husband, a Bay of Pigs veteran. Angie, who came to the United States from Cuba in 1962, also claims to have returned on one anti-Castro raid.

Blitstein, her boss, told a reporter: "She can knock out your eye with a machine gun. She can blow a bridge."

Reed, the state's top lawman, says he first met Angie several years ago at the University of Miami, where she worked in the registrar's office and he was director of the Law Center.

Last summer, Reed returned to Miami as director of the state law enforcement agency and a top security official for the two national conventions. His men, headed by Florida Department of Law Enforcement agent Jack Key, were specifically responsible for intelligence reports on possible violence.

"SHE (ANGIE) called and volunteered to work with us," Reed says. "She had a lot of connections in the Cuban community."

Angie's offer was accepted. She says she worked directly for Reed and gave him the wiretap tape.

Key, the agent in charge of convention intelligence, says she gave the tape to him, not to Reed, his boss. But it was Reed who introduced him to Angie, Key says.



Scott Camil  
... phone bugged

Reed did not deny in so many words that Angie gave the tape to him. "I don't recall getting it personally," he said. "If she handed it to me, I would have turned it over to Jack Key."

KEY SAYS Angie told him that certain Miamians were involved in "a demonstration at the Chilean embassy in Washington."

He was not aware until a Herald reporter told him about it, Key said, that the Chilean Embassy was burglarized on the weekend of May 13-14, 1972.

One weekend before that, a group of Miami Cuban exiles went to Washington with Bernard Barker to break up leftist demonstrations at the funeral of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Two weekends after the Chilean Embassy burglary, the first Watergate break-in occurred. Barker and five others were caught in a second Water-

gate entry June 17, but no charges have ever been filed in the embassy burglary.

**KEY INSISTS** he never told the FBI or any other federal agency about the wiretap or Mrs. Rohan's embassy information — even though "I knew there was a federal investigation."

The reason he did not tell the FBI, Key said, was that the information did not seem at the time to be specific evidence, and Mrs. Rohan "was my source and I'm going to protect my source."

Law enforcement agencies do not reveal, even to each other, the identities of their "confidential sources," Key said. So he did not include Mrs. Rohan's information in his weekly briefings to the various agencies who relied on The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's intelligence center for convention security information.

But Key did include the information in written reports which went to his immediate superior, Emory Williams, director of intelligence and information.

**THOSE REPORTS** "stopped with me," Williams said Thursday. "The information was not pertinent to the activity we were involved in. In my judgment, it was not worthy of dissemination to other agencies."

Williams said he was unaware of the Justice Department's claim, in the VVAW conspiracy case, that there had been no electronic eavesdropping on the defendants.

"I hadn't followed the case. I had no interest in it," he said.

In claiming the case against the veterans is not based on wiretapping, Goodwin, the Justice Department prosecutor, has said he surveyed seven federal agencies to make sure they didn't bug the VVAW.

**BUT HIS SWORN** statement did not list the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, a state agency.

In her own sworn statements to Judge Mehrtens and Gerstein, Mrs. Rohan is described by investigators as also saying that:

Contrary to what I told Fernandez has previously told investigators, Fernandez agreed to work for \$700 a week and recruit 15 other men at the same salary to "create disturbances" during the Democratic Convention.

Fernandez says he was offered the job by Eugenio R. Martinez, one of the convicted Watergate burglars, and turned it down. According to Mrs. Rohan, the plan was shelved only because the Watergate group was caught before the convention.

She became aware of the Watergate plans in conversations with Fernandez, Mrs. Rohan said. On one occasion Fernandez took her to lunch at a Lum's restaurant and told her, "You're going to learn how to play spy."

During the summer, Mrs. Rohan made written notes on what she learned. Her notes mention that there were plans for other groups to cause other trouble:

"What they were supposed to be looking for was McGovern's running mate." At this point in her notes, she wrote the word, "assassination," and drew a question mark beside it.

She was told the FBI knew of the Watergate group before the June 17 arrests. In her sworn statements, Mrs. Rohan says this information was apparently passed by Pablo Fernandez through the Miami Police Department.

Miami police officials have previously confirmed that Fernandez gave them some information before June 17 about clandestine activity in Washington by Cubans from Miami. According to Police Chief Bernard Garmire and others, this information was not passed to the FBI because it did not seem reliable at the time.

Mrs. Rohan said she traveled to Washington the weekend of May 4-6 on the same plane taken by Barker, Fernandez and others who started fights at Hoover's fu-

neral. She claims this was a coincidence; she was going as a courier for a Miami lawyer, she says, and knew nothing, at that time, of the Watergate plans.

But she eventually learned, she said, that every member of the Barker group "was armed with a UZI from Israel, a submachine gun."

In Miami, Mrs. Rohan says she was told, there was "a plan that some Cubans were to attack the headquarters of BMM (The Black

African Militant Movement)." This was called off by police request, she said.

Sources of the State Attorney's Office have indicated they have some doubts about this and other information which Mrs. Rohan says she learned through Fernandez, since her knowledge would necessarily be hearsay.

But the Miami secretary claims she personally witnessed one attempt to entrap the VVAW into purchasing weapons, these sources said.