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Castro Death Plot Charged to CIA

... The plot to knock off Castro began as part of the Bay of Pigs operation... To set up the Castro assassination, the CIA enlisted Robert Maheu, a former FBI agent with shadowy contacts, who had handled other undercover assignments for the CIA out of his Washington public relations office. He later moved to Las Vegas to head up billionaire Howard Hughes's Nevada operations.

Maheu recruited John Roselli, a ruggedly handsome gambler with contacts in both the American and Cuban underworlds, to arrange the assassination... The CIA assigned two of its most trusted operatives, William Harvey and James "Big Jim" O'Connell.. to the mission...