

"An anti-Castro 'freedom fighter' well acquainted with some of the bases in the vicinity of New Orleans." (Ramparts, June, 1967, Page 25)

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Title: Raid on Keys Cuban Guerrilla Camp Draws a Blank

"KEY WEST - (UPI) - Nobody was home on No Name Key Thursday when federal and county officers invaded the brush-covered islet which has served as training headquarters for would-be Cuban guerrilla fighters.

"Nearly a dozen officers from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, County Justice of the Peace, U.S. customs and immigration services arrived in the area in two squad cars, boarded a Coast Guard boat and swooped down on the island.

"They came in answer to a complaint from Webb Robinson of Key West, who claimed the guerrilla trainees had broken into his fishing camp on the island to steal and destroy property.

"Residents of neighboring islands also had reported that about 40 men had been landed on the island one recent night to augment a group of about 20 men already living there.

"Although raiding officers could find on one on the island Thursday, Sheriff Henry Haskins reported discovery of plenty of evidence someone had been there, including a pot of rice still cooking over a campfire. There also was evidence of destruction of property at Robinson's fishing camp, the sheriff said.

"As a result of the raid, Haskins said he had issued orders that no one shall be permitted to live on No Name Key henceforth.

"A towering, bearded soldier of fortune, calling himself Jerry Patrick has openly trained American and Cuban youths desiring to fight the Castro regime in Cuba on No Name Key at various times in the past year. Most activities of the so-called 'Patrick's Raiders' or 'Interpen,' standing for International Penetration Force, have been kept under surveillance by federal authorities.

"Patrick and a group of his men were arrested by federal officers last year as they boarded a boat with arms. They denied charges that they were embarking on a raid against Cuba and later were released to return to No Name Key.

No Name Key reference:
Miami Herald, 30 Aug. 63, p. 30-A.

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"When Hall and Seymour were arrested by the Dallas police in October 1963, it was noted that they were 'active in the anti-Castro movement ... Committee to Free Cuba.'" (Ramparts, June, 1967, Page 25)

"At the center (of the conspiracy-BSL) sit the organizers of the operation, men with close ties to U.S. and western-European intelligence agencies.... Also involved is a band of anti-Castro adventurers who functioned on the ... 'operative' level of the conspiracy ... The link between the 'command' level and the Cuban exiles was an amorphous group called the Free Cuba Committee, which with CIA sanction had begun training north of Lake Pontchartrain for an assassination attempt on Fidel Castro ... It was this group that was raided by the FBI on July 31st, 1963" (Playboy, Oct., 1967)

(The "Committee to Free Cuba" and the "Free Cuba Committee" are synonymous -- BSL)

"for the past few months at a house at ~~XIXX~~ 3128 Harlandale, some Cubans had been having meetings on the weekend and were possibly connected with the FREEDOM FOR CUBA PARTY of which Oswald was a member Some time between seven days before the President was shot and the day after he was shot, these Cubans moved from this house" -- report of Buddy Walthers, (Playboy, October, 1967)

Castro said the "U.S. had abandoned plans for a second invasion of Cuba in favor of a plot to assassinate Cuban leaders." Doctor Castro claims that missiles were used to thwart a second invasion. The Soviet and Cuban governments became aware of plans for a second invasion approximately two months after an April 10, 1962, meeting between John F. Kennedy and Jose Miro Cardona. (New York Times, 4/21/63, Page 26 - datelined Havana, 4/20 UPI)

"Last night federal agents arrested five men and seized several weapons and a large quantity of ammunition ... four of the men were members of the Intercontinental Penetration Force, a group that has been holding commando exercises in southern Florida." (New York Times, June 19, 1963, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Page 8 - Miami, 6/20, UPI)