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matters pertaining to that survey to the team who was then in charge of the operational activity in Miami. That team was essentially headed by Mr. Al Cox, who has since died.

Mr. Baron. Was that team the equivalent of JMWAVE station?

Mr. Halley. Yes. Was the head, then, of what would be the equivalent of the JMWAVE Station.

Mr. Baron. Was he the head of JMWAVE until the point when you replaced him, or until the point you became Chief of the JMWAVE Station?

Mr. Halley. That is correct. He was the head of that unit until such time as I replaced him.

Mr. Baron. Were you aware during this survey that you were conducting of any link between Task Force W and the so-called Special Group in the White House which was part of the National Security Council structure and used the project name MONGOOSE for anti-Cuban operations?

Mr. Halley. My understanding at the time that I conducted this survey was that there was a three-man group in existence which was headed by Mr. Robert Kennedy that was conducting a survey to see what kind of activities could be conducted against Cuba. The other members of that particular group were General Lansdale and Mr. Helms.

This three-man group had subordinate to it for all practical purposes the task force unit which was managed by Mr. Harvey.

I am not familiar, however, with the other terminology that you



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put them into rubber rafts, where they would paddle in or use a silent outboard motor if the surf was high.

Mr. Baron. The people involved in manning those crafts would not necessarily be employees of the Station directly? They might be agents, even non-paid agents?

Mr. Halley. No, they were not paid. For instance, they might work for a particular cover company. In other words, I am only using this as an example. Let us say we had the ABC Shipping Company. That shipping company was a subsidiary of the Station, if you will, and the ABC Shipping Company ran maybe one LCI and maybe two or three smaller boats which it could deck load and that company might have fifty or seventyfive employees, as an example, all Cubans, maybe some of them was Nicaraguans or Costa Ricans as most of these vessels -- I would have to go and look at each vessel.

Does that give you a feel for the size of the problem? Mr. Baron. How many such companies would have been in existence at that time, companies operating as CIA proprietaries or companies in cover and supplying the JMWAVE Station with personnel or with equipment?

Mr. Halley. We are talking about all of these companies, they probably went up into the hundredsa I distinguish between companies that were set up simply to provide cover as opposed to companies that were proprietaries. You know, these terms mean different things to me. The nature of the Agency's

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involvement in each is different. I am having a little trouble --

Mr. Baron. Could you explain what different categories of companies you were receiving help from at that point, and about how many of each there might have been?

Mr. Halley. I do not think I could do that. We are talking about hundreds of companies that we used during that period of time. Some of them might simply have been a company set up and registered and run out of some attorney's office. It simply provided back stopping for the ownership of the small boat.

Everything has to be owned by somebody, it has to have a Coast Guard registration, you know, things like that. Even if I had access to the files to answer your question, it would take me weeks to pull all that together to give you an answer. I don't think there is an overview statement.

Mr. Baron. Would it be fair to say that you had cooperation on a grand scale from all kinds of people in private enterprise in the Miami area, or in Southern Florida?

Mr. Halley. I think it would be fair to say that we had extensive cooperation - I do not like your word "grand" -- that we had extensive cooperation from the civilian sector in Florida, in the state of Florida, to facilitate the conduct of this clandestine mission.

Mr. Baron. Did you also have extensive cooperation from

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Mr. Baron. Back to the structure of the relationships between yourself as Chief of Station at JMWAVE and any operatives or employees who worked underneath you at that Station, would it be fair to say that any activities run out of the Station ultimately were channeled out through you?

Mr. Halley. They should have been, and they were -- you know this Station went through several mutations in organization during its existence. I guess the organizational structure that existed for the longest period of time was something like I am going to describe to you.

There was a Chief of Station, which was myself. I had a Deputy Chief of Station for operations. That is the gentleman who is now ratired, I think he is still alive, by the name of Moore, Robert Moore, I had a second Deputy Chief of Station and he was for Support Patterns. That is a gentleman who is also retired, a Mr. Corrise

Then the rest of the Station was organized into a number of branches. Each branch was organized along functional lines.

Let me give you an example. There was a Foreign Intelligence Branch. These were people in, what in my terminology would be classical foreign intelligence operations. That is, trying to recruit a Cuban diplomat abroad, as an example, dealing with, you know, a Uruguayan diplomat in the Uruguayan Embassy in Havana. They are working with resident agents in Cuba who might live in some city like Havana and have a legal job as a baker or





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So they had agents in Cuba that were reporting foreign intelligence to them so they had collection assets that were reporting to them along the same lines that we did. They did work at a downstream point when FitzGerald came in with a couple of groups -- in other words, they had contact with Artime. I had no contact with the Artime group as a general rule. They also had contact with Manolo Ray which I did not have contact with. So they were working with these kinds of larger exile groups.

The Task Force also specialized in much more economic activity than I did. That is a question of looking at such things as included bus exported from Great Briteria to Cuba.

In terms of paramilitary operations, if an Mr. Baron. assassination operation had been run by Task Force W, would you have assumed as Chief of Station in Miami you would have been aware of such an operation?

Mr. Halley. No, I do not assume that.

Mr. Baron. Would it not have been sound managerial practice to let you know that there was an operation that might have been run through Florida into Cuba?

Mr. Halley. No.

You know, the Agency is a highly compartmented mechanism. You know, let us dispel one thing very promptly here. If you are asking me was I aware of all these contacts, you know, with the Mafia -- and I think I can tell you frankly at that time I



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attempt against Castro.

Mr. Halley. I certainly was not aware of that at the time, as I recall from, you know, looking at the files in the '72-'73 period, seeing any evidence of that in the file at the time.

Mr. Baron. There are fourteen folders in the AMLASH file. Did you read all of those files?

Mr. Halley. No, I did not.

Mr. Baron. How did you gather your impression that that was in the AMLASH files?

Mr. Halley. I think I may have read one or two volumes of whatever my question was at the time, because these cases keep coming up. You know, there must have been some inquiry at the time that necessitated my looking at the folder or discussing it with my staff and so on.

Mr. Baron. As far as you knew, what was the objective of the contact with Artime?

Mr. Halley. You mean the CIA contact with Artime?

Mr. Baron. Yes.

Mr. Halley. As a concept, the Artime thing was looked at as another track, an approach to the overall Cuban problem to see if they could sort of do it on their own. If they could simply be given, you know, X number of dollars, some equipment, some guidance, and give them an opportunity to find a Cuban solution to what was a Cuban problem. That was also, you know,

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	money. I was opposed to it at the time. And once it was set
	up, and I did what I was supposed to do, which was to train
The second second	Artime and contribute to his training, I then did not pay an
	awful lot of attention to the thing except what I picked up,
	you know, over the years, and again in the '72-'73 period,
	and talked to officers who had, you know, more intimate knowledge
	of it and got an appraisal of it as to what they thought had
-	occurred.

Had you heard at any point that Artime was supplied weapons for the specific purpose of assassinating Castro?

Mr. Halley. No, not for the specific purpose of assassinating Castro.

Was it your general impression that AMLASH-1 Mr. Baron. was a reliable agent?

Mr. Halley. I really do not know that much about him, you know. This was an operation that was run at that time out of Washington and, you know, my knowledge was as I described it to you, the conversations with FitzGerald, Madrid, newspaper articles, so forth, in that particular timeframe.

Did the CIA to your knowledge use any gambling Mr. Baron. Syndicate contacts inside Cuba or people outside Cuba who were connected to gambling interests inside Cuba for any operational purpose including the intelligence gathering?

Mr. Halley. The only case that I recall is this case that

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years I have seen literally --

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. Halley. Let me go back. You asked me about ZRRIFLE. This is one of a thousand or hundreds of cryptonyms. Every day I read, you know, hundreds of pages of traffic, so when you ask me do I know what ZRRIFLE is, I must answer you off the top of my head no. I have tried to be helpful. I have asked you several times if you could give me a steering tip or show me what direction you are going, I might be able to try to comment on it, but ZRRIFLE as such means nothing to me. You really could not expect that it would, given the thousands of these things that come across my desk.

Mr. Baron. That is absolutely understandable. I want to try to see what happens in the way of getting an unrefreshed recollection from you, then I will go back over these two, especially the next one, QJWIN. Do you recall a CIA asset who went by the cryptonym QJWIN?

Mr. Halley. No, I do not. Knowing the system, and so forth, normally it would have something to do with Spain. does not ring any bells with me. That is all I can give you, a sort of Pavlovian response. You flash QJWIN on the screen, I am telling you now I do not know, but it probably has something to do with Spain.

Mr. Baron. Were you aware that a project involving the development of a capability of carrying on assassination was

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Mr. diGenova. Were there any restrictions, once, for example, those weapons caches were delivered either by land or air -- and we have spoken to be Musical who was in the Havana Station, for example, for awhile and Arthur Avignon who was head of the Havana Station for awhile who indicated that they were aware of the weapons drops and were intimately familiar with where they would be.

Mr. Halley. That was all before my time. I have no knowledge of that. During my time, we made no drops by air.

Mr. diGenova. Were there any limitations that were placed of how the weapons would be used that were delivered into Cuba to these internal resistance groups?

Mr. Halley. I cannot speak to this period that you are addressing.

Mr. diGenova. During your period.

Mr. Halley. During my period, the weapons were issued essentially as self-protection for the people who were living in the bush. Secondly, to be used in a military operation at such time as we got the whole package together. Thirdly, they were to be used for self-protection if they conducted raids, ambushes, sabotage operations.

Mr. Baron. There is one further quote from Martinez in this article that I would like to ask you to comment on.

He is quoted as saying: "I took a lot of weapons to Cuba, some of them were very special weapons for special purposes. They

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Mr. Baron. Are you aware of the AMOR program?

Mr. Halley. Yes, I am.

Mr. Baron. How was that spelled?

Mr. Halley.

Mr. Baron. What was that program?

Mr. Halley. That was a program involving a Cuban emigre group that was used as an operational support mechanism to support the Miami Station.

Mr. Baron. What kind of support did they provide? Mr. Halley. They were interviewers of refugees who came out of Cuba. They provided translator personnel to translate the Spanish language publications that were of interest to us. They provided information on the various mainstream activities that were going on in the Cuban exile community.

Mr. Baron. Did they provide support for paramilitary operations against Cuba?

Mr. Halley. They might have identified people whom they thought we should interview or look to or see if they would fit into other paramilitary programs. In other words, they had the contacts in the Cuban community. Say we had a requirement for a diesel engineer. We would say to the AMOR organization, we would say we are looking for a Cuban who is a diesel engineer who has a first engine's license, and they would go through all of their contacts until they would come up with one, a week or ten days or whatever, having identified is

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the fellow, where he was, what he was doing. We would then send somebody around to talk to him independent of them and pick him up to work for us in our maritime activities.

It was that kind of operational support.

Mr. Baron. People who were part of this program were not used as paramilitary operatives, at least insofar as they operated under the aegis of this program. There were some of them who may have been in the paramilitary program and then left it and were subsequently picked up in the man organization.

Could we go off the record for a moment? (Discussion off the record.)

Mr. Halley. We are now back on the record.

The AMOTS also worked with us on a common project, which was monitoring Cuben navel traffied things like that, so they were used across the board for operational support tasks.

Mr. Baron. One more general question.

Did the JMWAVE Station have an operational relationship with the FBI?

Mr. Halley. I would not --

Mr. Baron. Was the FBI involved in supporting your activities in any way?

Mr. Halley. I would rather phrase that in my language, because I think --

Mr. Baron. Go right ahead.

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