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BUNDY - EXEC ACTION

WILLIAM HARVEY
Short Chronology*

Biographical

1940-47

Counterespionage work as FBI agent

1947

Joined CIA as head of Soviet Intelligence Branch

1948

Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Special Operations (which became DDP)

1952

Chief of Station, Berlin (Berlin Tunnel operation)

1959

Became Chief of Foreign Intelligence staff Division D (FI/D) which handles communications intelligence and sensitive methods of obtaining it (e.g., surprised entries)

1960

August 16

DR. EDWARD GUNN (Office of Medical Services) receives box of Cuban cigars to be treated with lethal poison. (21)

Aug 1961

BISSELL → EDWARDS → Bumbling Syndicate Contacts

Late January (approx.)

EDWARDS and O'CONNELL ask for development of POISON PILLS. (24)

February (approx.)

Jan 25-26

BISSELL (DDP) asks HARVEY to establish an EXECUTIVE ACTION capability under project ZRRIFLE. Harvey's notes are quoted as saying that Bissell said he had been "twice urged by the White House" to establish such a capability. (37) Harvey is briefed, probably by both BISSELL and EDWARDS, on the Phase I assassination plot run by Sheffield EDWARDS and James O'CONNELL (Office of Security) which involved criminal syndicate connections. (37)

HARVEY uses agent QJWIN (recruited earlier by ARNOLD SILVER for use in an assassination operation against LUMUMBA) as the principle asset for ZRRIFLE. (38)

Edwards has the POISON PILLS tested. (25)

* Page references in parentheses are from the 1967 Report of the Inspector General of the CIA.

"two urgings" probably came at successive weekly luncheon meetings at STATE attended by BISSELL, Amory, BUNDY,