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Mr. Smothers. Mr. Secretary, we see there a series of lettered subparagraphs setting out alternatives that the CIA has offered up as potential areas to be pursued, and then some handwritten notes opposite each paragraph apparently indicating approval or disapproval of the proposed faction.

The Chairman. Is this memorandum a CIA memorandum? Mr. Smothers. It is for the Chief of the Western Hemisphere Division.

Senator Tower. But who signed off on it? That signature is obscured.

unknown. It appears to be -- we have an acting chief --Mr. Dennin. The chief at that time was though it is not established, people have said that they believed that it was Mr. Esterline who was the acting chief

Mr. Smothers. The author of this working paper is

Mr. Smothers. Looking at that memorandum and coming down to subparagraph C under paragraph 1 of the memorandum, we see the statement:

"To what extent will the U.S. Government participate in the overthrow of Trujillo".

And then in subparagraph C:

"Would lit provide a small number of sniper rifles or other devices for the removal of key Trujillo people from the scene?"

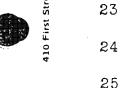
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Mr. Schwarz. Now if I might put this document in chronological context for the Committee, the persons in Santo Domingo are at this point seeking permission to pass machine guns to the dissidents who they know are seeking those machine guns in order to assassinate Trujillo, and there is a block put on this shipment -- rather, to the passage of them; they had already been shipped to the Dominican Republic -- and a draft cable was prepared authorizing the passage and then it was said, no, we've got to go check with State to determine whether the machine guns should be passed.

And this memorandum reflects the checking with State, he apparently came to see Mr. Berle..

was referred to in here, did know that other assassination weapons had been passed to the dissidents.

Now given that background, I will read the memorandum into the record and I will have one question for the witness.

of CIA came in. A local group in the Dominican government wishes to overthrow Trujillo; wishes arms for that purpose.

"On cross-examination it developed that the real plan was to assassinate Trujillo and they wanted guns for that purpose.

wanted to know what the policy should be.

"I told him I could not care less for Trujillo and that this was the general sentiment. But we did not wish to have

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anything to do with any assassination plots, anywhere, anytime.

said he felt the same way."

Now, Mr. Secretary, in the way which your understanding was of the expected degree of candor between CIA and the State Department, would it be your expectation that if Mrs. had known that other weapons had been passed to the same dissidents and they had stated that they intended to use those other weapons to assassinate Mr. Trujillo, that Mr. should have passed that information on to Mr. Berle?

Under those circumstances, I would think the Mr. Rusk. answer is yes.

I mean, one thing I'm sure of, Mr. Schwarz, and that is Mr. Berle did not write this memorandum on May 3rd, 1961 in preparation for a Senate investigation in 1975.

Mr. Schwarz. You believe it to reflect accurately what transpired?

I have no doubt. It was sent to Mr. Coerr, Mr. Owen, Mr. Devine, in the Department of State, and I've known Mr. Berle for quite a long time and I would have predicted this would have been his reaction.

Senator Mathias. Mr. Chairman, just at this point --The Chairman. Senator Mathias.

Senator Mathias. It would be interesting to get the Secretary's reflection that if that is the case, as Mr. Berle's memorandum indicates and as the Secretary said, how do you in

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Record and Related Policy Decisions on Passing Arms to Dominican Dissidents

1. The following is taken from a Memorandum dated 11 May 1960, Subject: Debriefing of Ambassador Farland:

"The Ambacsador began by saying that according to "Mr. Number Cho", the leader of the Dominican Dissident princes, (whom he did not identify), the isosidents need guns and aroundtion from the United States. In particular they need a small number of high-powered rights with telescopic sights. The Ambaccador said that he saw no problem in the purchase and delivery clandestinsly of the arms to the dissidents. But he said, of course, this reases the question of whether the United States Government wants to engage in this activity."

- 2. On 21 June 1960 Ambassador Farland told that () that the thought that an air drop would be the best may to confiver the arms to the Doudnican dissidents. Abbassador Farland shoushed for the location of three possible sited for landing a light aircraft near Gudad Trujillo.
- 3. In a mosting on 28 June 1960 Assistance Secretary Rubottom told Col. J. C. Wing that the Covernment of the United States was prepared to provide the Sominican dissidents with a small number of emiper milles or other devices for the removal of key Trujillo people from the scene.
- 4. On 29 Pecember 1960 the Special Croup approved a plan of covert action, to be largely effected through former President of Costa Rica, Jose PRGUERRE, and prividing for increased propaganda directed against Conegalisation Talletallo, and for the financial support of selected onthe groups. Additionally this approval included authorization for the CIA to make available to selected enthe groups commications equipment and support necessary for them to develop a capability of infiltrating personnel and equipment into the Dominican Republic.

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5. At 12 January 1961 meeting of this Special Group, Mr. Livingston Merchant stated that the Department of State folt that a limited number of small arms and other materials , should be made available for the dissidents inside the Dominican Republic. Mr. Thomas Parrott of the CIA said that he believed that this could be accomplished securely by the CIA and that the plan would stipulate that the actual introduction of the naterials into the Dominican Republic would be the responsibility of the Deminican discidents themselves. The decision of the Special Group was communicated to Consul Dearborn in Ciudad Trujillo, and in a letter dated 31 January 1961 to Mr. Frank Pavina of the State Department, Consul Decriporn unde the following remark: "With regard to the delivery of the exotic equipment, my friends were of course delighted that such a decision has been made. hope that it will not be necessary to play down too long the question of actual delivery since they are eager and expectant and a too great tardiness on our part would only lead them to question our sincerity."

dated 15 March 1961, Cater of Crata, (1)(3)(3)

made the following request: "1. For issue to
several dissident people Consul Decredin requests three thirtyeight culiber Swith a Wessen special pistols or similar and
three small boxes curtridges. If sending amountaion complicates
problems, advice and we will try to get at from the farines."
The Deputy Director of Flans on 23 March 1961 approved this
request and the CIA immediately provided the requested
material Solution. One of these weapons was given to
Jordi BROSA, a dissident leader, by Consul Bearborn, and
the other two were passed as the station to Lawson Lording
either in direct touch with the action element of the dissident
organization.

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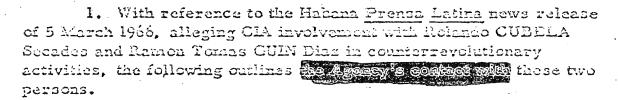
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: ClA Involvement in Ouban Counterrevolutionary Activities -- Arrest of Rolando CUBELA Sucades and Ramon Tomas GUIN Diaz



- 2. Guin was recruited by a Cit agent in A asia Raikabal Kagene iso recarrintaka Kovo kadikarya lerdere He has had no contact with CIA staff personnel.
- 3. CUBELA, the more important of the two men, has been in contact with this Agency during the period 1961-1965. The last Agency contact with CUBELA was in February 1965. He has hed direct contact with several Agency officials and, in addition, is known to have been in contact with Cuban exiles, including Manuel ARTIME. Guarect end relationship with both CUBLIA and GUIN wastion the express perpose of using them to collect intelligence on makinty activides and espectation of the Agency was not involved with either of these two men in a plot to assassinate Fidel Castro, as claimed in the Prensa Latina news release, nor did it ever encourage either of these two persons to attempt such an act.
- mentioned in the press release, is a oned income U.S. Examples of the second control of the control of Odon Alverez de la CAMPA and Jose Luis

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CONFALEZ Gallarretta, as noted in the press release.

CIA paid \$100,000 or any other sizeable sum of money to either of these individuals.

5. There-gency has also had limited direct and indirect gone even Jorge ROBRENO, Alberto BLANCO Ramirez, and Carlos TEPEDINO, noted in the press release.

/s/ Richard Holas

Richard Helms
Deputy Director:

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/s/ Thomas W. Karamessines ? - Map 1955

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(Diating Office and Officer) Ruck Exhappeartment of STATE Memorandum of Conversation DATE: May 3,1961 SUBJECT: Dominican Republic PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Herbert, CLA *छाष* ३ Mr.Berle ARA:Mr.Coerr -COPIES TO: Mr. Owen Mr. Devine - 3 39.00 of CIA came in. A local group in the Dom-1 inican government wishes to overthrow Trujillo; wishes arms for 01 that purpose. On cross-examination it developed that the real plan was to assassinate Trujillo and they wanted guns for that purpose. vanted to know what the policy should be. I told him I could not care less for Trujillo and that this was the general sentiment. But we did not wish to have anything to do with any assassination plots anywhere, any time. said henfede stagesame way. CIA HAS NO OBJECTION TO ☐ Retain clase'n ☐ Change / classify to _ DECLASSIFICATION AND/OR With concurry of ___ RELEASE OF THIS DOCUMENT Declarative and excise as shown AS SANITIZED 10/1/94 FREWOR by 24 A.A.B:mp

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