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DATES:

21 April 1962

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

CASINO

~~CUBA~~ -- SYNDICATE/PHASE II

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SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 49-50

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DATE: 28.6.75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:AMLASH
DATES:

Feb. 1965

CATEGORIES:

Castro

OCCURRENCE:

AMLASH requested and received, with CIA Headquarters approval, \$1200 from CIA agents. (106) He also received \$7000 from in New York City; approval for this amount is unclear (106).

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DATES:

Apr 17 '61

CATEGORIES:

CARD 2 of 3

OCCURRENCE:

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SOURCE:

FILE:

STAFF:

DATE:

TSD
ESTERLINE, Jake

March-July 60

CUBA (Misc. Schemes)

OCCURRENCE: Aerosol attack on radio station: A scheme was discussed at CIA to "contaminate the air of the radio station where CASTRO broadcast his speeches with an aerosol spray of a chemical that produces reactions similar to those of Lysergic Acid (LSD)." (10) "Nothing came of the idea." (10) [redacted] of TSD, remembers the discussion and discouraged the scheme "because the chemical could not be relied upon to be effective." (10) Others who may be knowledgeable: 1. [redacted] (TSD) recalls general experimentation with psychic energizers. 2. Jake Esterline.

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

GUNN, Dr. Edward

TSD

DATES:

August 16,
1960

CATEGORIES:

CUBA
(Lethal Cigars)

TOP SECRET

OCCURRENCE:

CARD 1 of 2

DR. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Office of Medical Services; has a notation that on 16 August 1960, he received a box of Cuban cigars to be treated with a lethal material. (21). He understood them to be CASTRO's favorite brand. (21). GUNN's notes show that within the next month he contacted [redacted] of TSD, (Sept. 6, 1960) and gave him the box of cigars (21). [redacted]

recalls "that he did contaminate a full box of 50 cigars with Botulinum Toxin, a virulent poison," (21) which would kill the intended victim upon merely putting it in the mouth. [redacted] notes showed delivery of the box on February 13, 1961, although they do not indicate to whom. (22).

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CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
<div data-bbox="401 878 743 922"></div> LASH, A. M. <div data-bbox="401 938 684 982"></div> McCONE	McNAMARA SPECIAL GRP. (AUGMENTED) August 10- 11 1962	CASTRO

OCCURRENCE:

CIA officer and A.M. LASH-1 meet, along with in Copenhagen (85). reported that the term "assassinate" was used in the discussion of A.M. LASH's future role in Cuba and it visibly upset A.M. LASH, who preferred the term "eliminate." (85).

DISCOVERY LEADS: Note: This discussion of assassination is taking place at the same time that DCI McCONE lodges his objection, after the SPECIAL GROUP (AUGMENTED) meeting, to McNAMARA's opinion that the technique of assassination could be used against CASTRO.

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] LASH, A. M.	August 14-23 1962	CASTRO

OCCURRENCE:

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] a Spanish speaking case officer from [REDACTED] give A.M. LASH-1 S/W training and supplies.

On August 17, 1962 [REDACTED] cables CIA headquarters that "have no intention give /A.M. LASH/- physical elimination mission as requirement but recognized this something he could or might try to carry out on his own initiative." (85).

CIA headquarters replied to [REDACTED] by cable on 18 August: "Strongly concur that no physical elimination missions be given /A.M. LASH/." (85).

(emphasis added)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> [REDACTED] FITZGERALD AMLASH	<u>DATES:</u> November 14, 1963	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> Castro
<u>OCCURRENCE:</u> [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] who reported to him AMLASH's reaction to his meeting with FITZGERALD. [REDACTED] said that AMLASH dwelt constantly on the fact that "he could not understand why he was denied certain small pieces of equipment which promised a final solution to the problem, while, on the other hand, the US Government gave much equipment and money to exile groups for their ineffective excursions against Cuban coastal targets. According to [REDACTED] AMLASH feels strongly on this point, and if he does not get advice and materials from a U.S. Government technician, he will probably become fed up again, and we will lose whatever progress we have made to date." (91)		
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Gen Lansdale
Gilpatrick
Don Wilson ✓

Cheever

DATES:

Oct 31, 1962

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE
SGA
CUBA

OCCURRENCE:

As for psychological operations, all CIA assets (including)
 had been turned over to USIA for operational use.

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SOURCE: Oct. 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen Lansdale
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STAFF: Wallach

DATE: July 3, 1975

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Halpern Gen Lansdale Bissell <input type="checkbox"/>	Oct 1961	Castro

OCCURRENCE:
Halpern's
 Shortly after ~~his~~ meeting with Bissell, Halpern, and ☐ were introduced to Gen Lansdale who was the new Chief of Operations for an effort to remove ~~the~~ the Castro regime. The initial meeting was concerned with only organizational matters.

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60px; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Harvey Kennedy, Robert Bissell HALPERN	Feb 1961 October	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Halpern testified that in the fall of 1961 he attended a meeting with Bissell and was the Branch Chief (8). The meeting occurred in the middle of Oct. of 1961. Bissell stated at the meeting that he had recently "been chewed out in the cabinet room of the White House by both the President and the Attorney General for as he put it, sitting on his ass and not doing anything about getting rid of Castro and the Castro regime. His orders to both and to me ^{"for"} to plan an operation to accomplish that end." (8) Halpern testified that no limitations were put on the term "get rid of". Nothing was forbidden (8). The meeting involved only general discussions and not tactics.

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TOP SECRET Halpern Helms Harvey MCCONE	Dec 1961	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

[] sometime in Dec of 1961, described to Halpern a meeting at the director's office in which McCone had stated that Helms would henceforth "be his man on Cuba." (13) [] told Halpern that Helms had no inkling that he would be appointed head of the Cuban operations before this meeting (13). Sometime after the meeting Helms came to [] office, checked into the organization of [] operations and directed that Cuba would be a separate activity and no longer part of the WH Division (14).

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