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TESTIMONY OF:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Monday, May 10, 1976

United States Senate
Select Committee to Study Governmental
Operations with Respect to
Intelligence Activities
Washington, D. C.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:15 o'clock
p.m. in Room 608, the Carroll Arms Hotel, the Honorable
Richard S. Schweiker presiding.

Present: Senator Schweiker (presiding).

Also present: Jim Johnston and Michael Epstein,
Professional Staff Members.

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Senator Schweiker. Colonel, in accordance with tradition, we swear all our witnesses, so will you stand and raise your right hand, please?

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. Hubbard. I do.

Senator Schweiker. Be seated.

Mr. Johnston. Would you state your full name and address for the record, please?

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TESTIMONY OF MILFORD PAUL HUBBARD

Mr. Hubbard. Milford Paul Hubbard, Rural Route 1, Liberty, Indiana. The ZIP on that is 47353.

Mr. Johnston. And you retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel, is that right?

Mr. Hubbard. Right.

Mr. Johnston. With military intelligence?

Mr. Hubbard. Military intelligence.

Mr. Johnston. How long had you served in the Army?

Mr. Hubbard. At the time of my retirement I had 22 years, six months, 15 days, something like that.

Mr. Johnston. And when did you retire?

Mr. Hubbard. 31 March 1973.

Mr. Johnston. What branch were you in in the Army?

Mr. Hubbard. Military Intelligence at the time of my retirement.

Mr. Johnston. Were you connected with operations directed at Cuba for Army intelligence?

Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

Mr. Johnston. And would you briefly describe the time period you were involved with those operations and the purpose of the operations?

Mr. Hubbard. All right. This is fairly approximate. August of 1962 to December of 1963, I was a member of the Puerto Rico station, a subordinate element of Detachment A

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1 out of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence at
2 Department of the Army. I had three target countries, the
3 Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba.

4 Senator Schweiker. That Detachment 8 --

5 Mr. Hubbard. That's A for Alpha.

6 Senator Schweiker. What does that mean, the three
7 countries?

8 Mr. Hubbard. We were broken down into teams. That was my
9 geographic area of responsibility.

10 Senator Schweiker. Detachment A meant those three
11 countries?

12 Mr. Hubbard. No. Detachment A had a worldwide mission,
13 very small, very select group at that time, working directly
14 for the Chief of Staff, the Assistant Chief of Staff for
15 Intelligence.

16 Senator Schweiker. Of which, Army?

17 Mr. Hubbard. Of Army, yes, sir.

18 Senator Schweiker. Do you know offhand, did this ultimately
19 go up the chain of command to a Lansdale in Operation MONGOOSE
20 above you, now? I realize we are going above your staff.

21 Mr. Hubbard. I understand General Lansdale was briefed
22 on some of my material. I personally never briefed the
23 General. I am sure that someone out of the Pentagon, Detachment
24 A or the ACSI staff passed this information on. I was told
25 informally General Lansdale had seen some of the reports.

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Senator Schweiker. Was it all primarily Army?

Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

Senator Schweiker. Everything there was Army intelligence.

Mr. Hubbard. (Nods in the affirmative.) Subsequently the Miami station received Coast Guard small boat handlers, but it was an Army effort. They were just sent in for support.

Senator Schweiker. And what was Detachment A worldwide mission?

Mr. Hubbard. Sir, I don't know. It was strictly compartmented.

Senator Schweiker. Okay.

Mr. Johnston. What was your mission from the Puerto Rican station?

Mr. Hubbard. Insofar as Cuba, we responded to requirements. We never unilaterally initiated an operation. We responded to requirements. My first involvement with the Cubans was in response to a requirement that picked up intelligence rumors about a frogman operation against a Soviet sugar ship in Sago La Grande Harbor, Cuba, and which there was something unusual about this ship. This was immediately following the British commander, Crabb, as I recall it, being -- his body being found a few days after attempting to investigate a Soviet ship in London. His body was found in shreds.

I received this requirement and through the spotters I

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1 had recruited previously, established contact with the Cuban
2 guerilla group which was known as the Second Front of the
3 Escambray, through a period of several weeks and, you know, the
4 dark meetings and whatever.

5 I was directed to meet one of the leaders of the Second
6 Front in Miami. We went to a Cuban safe house. There I was
7 introduced to a leader, Luis Guitierrez Menoyo. After some
8 seven hours of discussion, he agreed to let me interview this
9 frogman, but I had to agree to go by boat, blindfolded. At
10 that time I was not permitted to leave and go back and call them
11 and get permission. I had to make a decision whether to
12 go or no go. So I did. I agreed. I was blindfolded. We
13 made a black entry out of Miami, past Immigration and Customs.
14 They kept me below deck so I couldn't see the compass.

15 We ended up on a small Island that I determined was
16 right off of Andros Island. They had a small base camp in
17 a former Portuguese sponge fisher village. The only thing
18 left was the concrete tanks and roof. They used the roof to
19 provide cover from aerial surveillance.

20 I interviewed the frogman, got the story, came back
21 some ten days, 12 days later, as I recall. The Washington
22 community was flapping, where is Hubbard, at this point. The
23 report was favorably received, as I recall, and I was directed
24 to maintain contact.

25 This Guitierrez Menoyo never spoke English in my presence.

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1 I very definitely had the feeling he could speak English. I
2 also had a feeling he was not a man to be trusted. However, he
3 had a second in command, and I'm not sure of the name now --
4 I was trying to think of it -- Hueget. Ralph was his first
5 name. He was allegedly a graduate of Georgia Tech architec-
6 tural school, a very sharp young man, and I dealt primarily
7 with him because of the language barrier.

8 I was sent to Puerto Rico station because of French, to
9 work Haiti, and between French, arm and hand signals, and
10 English, I could communicate with Cubans.

11 But working with Hueget, they wanted us to support them,
12 us being the United States intelligence community.

13 I should regress. Although I was operating under a
14 pseudonym, I very definitely let them know that I was military
15 as opposed to CIA because CIA had had the flap on the Bay of
16 Pigs. Menoyo had had many of the people the CIA had trained
17 in the parachute school out on the Bay of Pigs thing, and they
18 were very bitter, quite bitter. So I let them know that I
19 was military support. Well, through negotiations, with approval
20 at the Washington level, we agreed to supply them small
21 arms, ammunition, rations and medical supplies in exchange for
22 permitting me to organize an intelligence net within their
23 unit, to send agents into Cuba to develop a net within Cuba.

24 This was progressing quite well. I had picked this
25 Hueget as the team chief, to be the resident agent in Cuba,

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1 trained him, received word that there were six boxcar loads of
2 supplies en route from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to Miami.
3 I advised the Second Front of this. Everyone received the
4 news quite welcomely. In approximately two weeks I got the
5 word that no, we would no longer support them, to advise them,
6 and then I was placed in the awkward situation of saying
7 I told them we cannot support them, but maintain our good
8 relations.

9 As a sad note, the night that I advised them of it,
10 one of the Cubans became a little excited and pulled a knife
11 and proceeded to rip up a beautiful new sportcoat I had.

12 Senator Schweiker. Did you get reimbursed for that?

13 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir. I filed a voucher, and never
14 heard about it.

15 I maintained this contact at a much lower profile. They
16 would have nothing really to do with us since we would
17 not support them.

18 Came up, and again, gentlemen, I do not know the time
19 frame, President Kennedy decided that not only would we not
20 support them, but he wanted them stopped, and physically stopped,
21 because I had made two trips out there was the base camp, and
22 the smaller islands off the coast of Cuba where we had established
23 caches and supplies.

24 I drew a map and I don't know whether it was our Navy or
25 the British Navy -- the British were involved to some degree --

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1 went out and actually picked up the people, the equipment,
2 supplies, and carted them off. That is when my situation --
3 well, I was burned, to use an intelligence term.

4 They evacuated my family out of Puerto Rico and I was
5 evacuated out. I think it was either late November or early
6 December of '63. I had this one subsequent contact in approxi-
7 mately January or February of '64 when I was directed to go
8 to Miami to turn over Hueget to a member of the Miami
9 team and make a personal introduction.

10 Senator Schweiker. And who was that contact with, the new
11 man?

12 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir, and sir, I am not sure, but I
13 think I turned him over to a Captain Stein, David E. Stein.

14 Senator Schweiker. Did you have dealings with other
15 groups than the Second Front of Escambray?

16 Mr. Hubbard. Not of any significance, sir. That was
17 primarily my unit. I met the leader of Alpha 66 on a one
18 time, personal introduction basis, Veciana. I had no dealing
19 with Alpha 66. There was a conflict between the Second Front
20 of the Escambray and the Alpha 66. They were both recruiting
21 men, support and money, and there was a rivalry between the
22 two, each accusing the other of being pro-Castro, but misleading
23 the American public.

24 Senator Schweiker. Well, you were financing in some way
25 the Second Front of the Escambray, in other words, paying them

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1 for information?

2 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir, I think we got off quite easily,
3 the periodic wine and dine, take them out to dinner, pick up
4 the tab.

5 Senator Schweiker. That was it?

6 Mr. Hubbard. That was about it.

7 Senator Schweiker. Well, who was doing a similar thing to
8 Alpha 66?

9 Mr. Hubbard. As I recall, Alpha 66 was the bailiwick of
10 CIA, but they let Army nibble on the edges at the Miami station.
11 I think Miami had received words of hands off of Alpha 66. Now,
12 I may be mistaken.

13 Senator Schweiker. They said it was an Army operation.

14 Mr. Hubbard. Well, if that is the case, it would go
15 into the Miami station, and that was commanded by Duke Watlington,
16 Junius, J-u-n-i-u-s, Watlington, W-a-t-l-i-n-g-t-o-n.

17 Senator Schweiker. What was his position at that time?

18 Mr. Hubbard. He was the station chief, Miami station chief
19 for Army.

20 Senator Schweiker. If it wasn't the CIA, as you thought
21 it might have been, why do you think it was the CIA station
22 what might have had Alpha 66?

23 Mr. Hubbard. Well, it would have fallen under his
24 jurisdiction, geographic responsibility, sir.

25 Senator Schweiker. Well, I thought, as I understand you,

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1 you covered three countries, Dominican Republic, Haiti, and
2 Cuba.

3 Mr. Hubbard. Well, we often had dual coverage of
4 a country.

5 Senator Schweiker. Do you remember a person who might have
6 used the cryptonym Bishop? that might have had some dealings
7 with Alpha 66 or Veciana, Morris Bishop?

8 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir. Most of us at that time, for
9 security reasons, we knew each other in pseudoname. Very
10 few of us knew each others' true name. But we had a man whose
11 true name was Bishop, but that was subsequent, I am reasonably
12 sure.

13 Senator Schweiker. He was an intelligence officer, you mean?

14 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

15 Senator Schweiker. What department did he work in?

16 Mr. Hubbard. Sir, I don't know. He was not a member
17 of Detachment A, as I recall.

18 Senator Schweiker. Did he work out of Puerto Rico station?

19 Mr. Hubbard. No.

20 Senator Schweiker. Where might he have worked out of?

21 Mr. Hubbard. He might have worked out of Panama. As
22 I recall Bishop, his name was Lynn, L-y-n-n, Major or Lieutenant
23 Colonel Bishop. But I think he was on the intelligence staff
24 in Panama.

25 Senator Schweiker. For the ARmy?

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1 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

2 Senator Schweiker. Do you recall what he looked like?

3 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir. He later served under me in
4 Vietnam.

5 Senator Schweiker. He did later serve with you in Vietnam.
6 Do you recall did he look anything like that?

7 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir, he was bald.

8 Senator Schweiker. Okay.

9 Does that ring a bell with you on any peripheral contacts
10 you might have made during this period of time with anybody,
11 possibly somebody in the arms business supplying arms to the
12 exiles?

13 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir, but you mentioned arms. We had
14 Castro's former Ambassador to London and Castro's first
15 Minister of Finance that was my source, Burns, William Burns,
16 carried dual citizenship, British and Cuban. He was Fabrique
17 Nationale's arms representative in Latin and South America.

18 Senator Schweiker. They were out of Belgium, were they?

19 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir, Fabrique Nationale.

20 Senator Schweiker. Does he look anything like that?

21 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir. But periodically I know that I
22 was going to use the cover on a trip into Haiti to interview
23 or gain access to Duvalier, of traveling with Burns as his
24 weapons demonstrator. Burns, periodically on his weapons sel-
25 trips would take someone who was proficient in the weapon

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1 that he was pushing at the time; with some changes, this could
2 be Owen Darnell. He was a beached captain representing Lykes
3 Steamship Line, Puerto Rico.

4 Senator Schweiker. Lykes?

5 Darnell, D-a-r-n-e-l-l, a beached captain?

6 Mr. Hubbard. He was a bona fide ship's captain, but he
7 was on the beach.

8 Mr. Epstein. Was he working for you, Darnell?

9 Mr. Hubbard. He was a source of mine. As I recall, he
10 was born in 1908 in Colorado. He was married to a Cuban
11 woman. I think perhaps because of health reasons, Lykes
12 Steamship line took him from the ocean-going vessels, and made
13 him their Puerto Rican chief. He was in charge of Lykes
14 Steamship.

15 Senator Schweiker. How do you spell that?

16 Mr. Hubbard. Lykes, L-y-k-e-s. It is a large steamship
17 line here in the United States.

18 Senator Schweiker. You're saying it is similar. You are
19 not saying it is the same person.

20 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir. The jaw is too square, but
21 across the eyes, yes, sir. I am not saying that it is, but
22 that is the only one that I can come up with.

23 Senator Schweiker. What was his role again at the time
24 that you met him? In other words, what was he doing there?

25 Mr. Hubbard. He was spotting and assessing for me.

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1 Senator Schweiker. So he did work with you.

2 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir. It was through him that I gained
3 access to the Second Front.

4 Senator Schweiker. Might he have had some dealings with
5 Alpha 66 or Veciana?

6 Mr. Hubbard. Sir, he very possibly did. When Veciana
7 would come to Puerto Rico, he would definitely contact Darnell.
8 I think that he stayed at Darnell's on occasion. That I cannot
9 say for sure, but my belief is he did.

10 Senator Schweiker. Is he -- do you know where he is
11 located now?

12 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir. The last I know he was in Puerto
13 Rico, San Juan.

14 Mr. Epstein. Is there any other name he went under?

15 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir.

16 Mr. Epstein. Was there a code name that he used?

17 Mr. Hubbard. No. We did not assign pseudonyms for
18 spotters. There was no requirement. They were not operational.

19 Senator Schweiker. Tell me what you mean by a spotter.

20 Mr. Hubbard. All right, sir.

21 The operational cycle, the people in the field get a
22 requirement that has been generated at the national level, they
23 want to know something about a country. It gets down to the
24 field. Now, we take it and say, all right, who has got access,
25 who can get it. Well, most of us have spotters. We have

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1 recruited them because of their involvement in community
2 activities, in a specific group, Darnell because he was very
3 pro-American, very anti-Castro, quite vocal on it, in Puerto
4 Rico because he had a Cuban wife. I broached him cold and
5 said, hey, look, I represent U.S. intelligence. With your
6 connections I might have occasion to call on you, you know,
7 he signed a secrecy agreement, the whole works, and was quite
8 proud of his periphery involvement.

9 And he was the one that put me in contact with the Second
10 Front, and said, hey, I have heard some rumors about a frogman
11 action where the man was sucked up into the belly of the ship.
12 So he is the one that put me in contact with the Second
13 Front.

14 Senator Schweiker. And he would have had contact occasion-
15 ally with Veciana, or he might have.

16 Mr. Hubbard. He might have.

17 Senator Schweiker. :You are not saying he did.

18 Mr. Hubbard. No.

19 Senator Schweiker. How about in terms of people you
20 worked with in your operation?

21 Would Bill Pauley have played any role, William Pauley,
22 former ambassador?

23 Mr. Hubbard. No.

24 Senator Schweiker. And a sugar owner from Havana who was
25 in Miami?

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Mr. Hubbard. Not in my role, no.

Senator Schweiker. What about Julio Lobo, L-o-b-o?

Mr. Hubbard. I heard the name mentioned around the Miami station.

Senator Schweiker. But not dealings directly.

Mr. Hubbard. I personally had no contact.

Senator Schweiker. And a Robert Brown, who I believe was working with Intelligence, might have been Army Intelligence at that time.

Mr. Hubbard. No. If it is his true name, I possibly did not know him.

Senator Schweiker. Now, there was a [REDACTED]

Mr. Hubbard. Havana.

Senator Schweiker. What can you tell us about him?

Mr. Hubbard. Very little. I met the man once. He was coming out when I was coming in. He had a reputation of being a real wheeler-dealer, got a lot of things accomplished, but I personally never served with him, for him, or no subsequent meeting.

Senator Schweiker. In terms of setting up contacts, might he have set up some contacts, say, with Alpha 66 before you arrived in August of '62?

Mr. Hubbard. Sir, if he was in my role, he had an obligation to organize a stay-behind net, and he very possibly did.

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Senator Schweiker. Excuse me a minute.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. Hubbard. You have a man working in the Department of Justice who was [redacted] assistant at that time.

Mr. Epstein. Who was that?

Mr. Hubbard. [redacted]

Senator Schweiker. And his first name?

Mr. Hubbard. [redacted]

Mr. Epstein. What did he do at the Department of Justice?

Mr. Hubbard. I think he is in Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

Senator Schweiker. He was assistant to [redacted]

Mr. Hubbard. He was a [redacted] but he was his right hand man.

Senator Schweiker. In?

Mr. Hubbard. In Havana.

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Senator Schweiker. At the embassy.

So he was his right arm you say?

Mr. Hubbard. He was a stabilizing influence on the [redacted] as I understand it.

Senator Schweiker. What kind of -- would [redacted]

[redacted] there have been somewhat similar to the kinds of things you were doing?

Mr. Hubbard. Sir, I don't know. I have never been involved.

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1 in the [REDACTED]
2 Senator Schweiker. Would part of their job be to [REDACTED]---
3 Mr. Hubbard. [REDACTED]

4 Senator Schweiker. For you folks? JFK Act 6 (1) (B)

5 Mr. Hubbard. And I am sure he knew, the handwriting
6 was on the wall there, at that time, prior to Castro's takeover,
7 and I imagine he was quite busy attempting to [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]

10 Senator Schweiker. Did you ever hear of a Cuban intelli-
11 gence agent by the name of Raul Diaz, D-i-a-z?

12 Mr. Hubbard. Sir, that is a fairly common combination.

13 Sdnator Schweiker. It doesn't ring any particular
14 bells as far as any activities or work you had?

15 Mr. Hubbard. Sir, I heard that there was one by that
16 name in the Second Front that was allegedly a double agent of
17 Castro's .

18 Senator Schweiker. In any of your work that you were
19 carrying on at that time, had you ever directly or indirectly
20 come in contact with Lee Harvey Oswald to your knowledge, prior
21 to the assassination, in any wa?

22 Mr. Hubbard. No.

23 Senator Schweiker. Did you ever hear any of your Cuban
24 friends talk of any contact they might have had with Lee
25 Harvey Oswald, or sources?

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1 Mr. Hubbard. The Miami community was swarming with all
2 kinds of characters in those days. So yes, there was Americans
3 in contact, some of them willing to join up, and the soldier
4 of fortune, anti-Communists. There were any number of Americans
5 down there attempting to join these groups. No, so far as
6 the name, no..

7 Senator Schweiker. If the photograph there is of Mr.
8 Darnell -- I'm not saying it is, but if it is, would the
9 kind of contacts Darnell had be more with you than with the
10 station chief, Watlington, in Miami?

11 Mr. Hubbard. As far as I know, he would have no
12 contact with Watlington, since he was in Puerto Rico.

13 Senator Schweiker. I see. He was stationed out of --
14 where was he living at the time?

15 Mr. Hubbard. In San Juan.

16 Senator Schweiker. Okay. So he primarily would have been
17 under your jurisdiction at that time.

18 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir.

19 Senator Schweiker. In fact, you recruited him initially.

20 Mr. Hubbard. (Nods in the affirmative.)

21 Senator Schweiker. Did he speak Spanish?

22 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, fluently.

23 Mr. Epstein. Do we have the name of this company on the
24 record?

25 Senator Schweiker. Yes, Lykes Steamship Line, and they

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1 were operating out of where?

2 Mr. Hubbard. Out of Texas, Galveston, I think, Galveston
3 or Houston. It is a large steamship line.

4 Senator Schweiker. What about his political -- not his
5 political philosophy but his general outlook?

6 Mr. Hubbard. Quite pro-American, very American, very proud
7 of it. He insisted on flying the flag off the balcony every
8 day on the company grounds. He had four or five flagpoles.
9 As I recall, he was declared essential as a ship's captain
10 during World War II, even though he had a Naval commission, and
11 he missed the war and he felt bad about it, even though he
12 made the Murmansk run and things like that.

13 Senator Schweiker. Well, he was out of the Navy.

14 Mr. Hubbard. He never served. He held a commission but
15 he never served.

16 Senator Schweiker. When you said a beach captain, I
17 used to be in the Navy, and I forget what that means.

18 Mr. Hubbard. Well, he was no longer on a vessel. He was
19 onshore.

20 Senator Schweiker. But he had never had an active duty
21 assignment.

22 Mr. Hubbard. Not to my knowledge.

23 Senator Schweiker. He had a Reserve commission.

24 Mr. Hubbard. As I understand it, he held a Reserve
25 Commission.

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1 Senator Schweiker. Do you know how he felt about President
2 Kennedy at the time, what his feelings were?

3 Mr. Hubbard. Well, because of his close involvement with
4 the Cuban situation, he was quite disappointed when the United
5 States policy would not support the guerilla movements anymore,
6 and especially when they had to police them up out of the
7 Caribbean. I was burned on. He thought we were definitely on
8 the wrong track.

9 Mr. Epstein. How were you burned on that? How were
10 you personally burned on that?

11 Mr. Hubbard. Because I was the only American who had been
12 to all of the base camps, and it had to come from me.

13 Mr. Epstein. So you were the guy that was giving the
14 message.

15 Mr. Hubbard. I was the guy that drew the map for
16 President Kennedy, Colonel Boydt, and I believe Mr. McCone
17 briefed President Kennedy, or General Fitch, as I recall, with
18 the ACSI, and they took my map in and President Kennedy was
19 quite happy. Mr. McCone, I believe it was Mr. McCone con-
20 gratulated the Army ACSI, said he wished it had been one of
21 his men as opposed to Army that had that degree of involvement.

22 Mr. Epstein. I don't understand the map.

23 Mr. Hubbard. I drew the map of all of the base camps for
24 the Second Front of the Escambray. That's the way the British
25 Navy knew exactly where to go and pick up these people and

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1 destroy the base camps and the equipment.

2 Mr. Johnston. What month of '63 was this?

3 Mr. Hubbard. I have been searching --

4 Mr. Johnston. Summer, early fall?

5 Mr. Hubbard. As I recall, I returned to Puerto Rico
6 from a trip. I returned on Thanksgiving day of 1963. That is
7 when I knew it and so did all of the people around me that
8 I was burned and had to get out of there.

9 Mr. Epstein. Excuse my ignorance on this, but what I
10 understand you are saying is that some point a requirement was
11 levied on you to draw a map of where all the base camps were
12 that the Cuban exiles were operating out of.

13 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

14 Mr. Epstein. That your understanding is that that map
15 was supplied to the British?

16 Mr. Hubbard. It had to be because they knew exactly
17 where to go from the Bahamas.

18 Mr. Epstein. And that thereafter the British, upon the
19 request of the American government, destroyed all the base
20 camps?

21 Mr. Hubbard. The British were involved. I don't know if
22 the United States Navy or Coast Guard was involved. I was in
23 the process of evacuating my family and keeping them hidden.

24 Mr. Epstein. And that happened in November of '63?

25 Mr. Hubbard. November or early December of '63.

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1 Mr. Epstein. Can you relate it in time to whether it was
2 prior or subsequent to the President's assassination?

3 Mr. Hubbard. No.

4 Mr. Epstein. You say you left Puerto Rico on Thanksgiving
5 eve?

6 Mr. Hubbard. No, I returned to Puerto Rico on Thanksgiving
7 eve.

8 Mr. Epstein. From?

9 Mr. Hubbard. From making one of these tours with the
10 Second Front out to their base camps. I spent a week or ten
11 days out on that trip. I was the only one they had ever
12 taken out.

13 Mr. Epstein. This was after the base camps have been
14 destroyed?

15 Mr. Hubbard. No.

16 Mr. Epstein. This was before.

17 Mr. Hubbard. When I came back, the word was down that
18 President Kennedy had decided not only would they not support
19 them, he wanted the means destroyed from which they were
20 mounting these raids.

21 Mr. Epstein. From where did you hear that? How did you
22 learn that?

23 Mr. Hubbard. Well, that was -- everything we got,
24 operational, come by teletype out of ACSI, so I was given a
25 requirement, draw a map.

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1 Senator Schweiker. How many base camps were there, roughly?

2 Mr. Hubbard. The major base camp, it is a small island
3 off of Andros on the west side that was the main camp. Then
4 there were six subordinate, were not manned, but they had
5 supplies and caches set up on the northern coast of Cuba.

6 Senator Schweiker. Then did our Navy destroy them? I
7 missed part of that.

8 Mr. Hubbard. As I recall, our Navy did not. I think the
9 United States requested the British because it was in the
10 Bahamian area, the British Navy responsibility.

11 Senator Schweiker. Now, you presented a map, and what did
12 McCone say? I missed that part.

13 Mr. Hubbard. Mr. McCone turned to -- I believe General
14 Fitch was the Army ACSI. He turned to him and congratulated
15 him on this and said that I wish that one of my men had
16 produced this instead of the Army.

17 Senator Schweiker. For having this kind of a map kind of
18 thing?

19 Mr. Hubbard. For having the degree of contact and estab-
20 lishing the confidence where they would take me. Evidently his
21 people had not received that degree of rapport after the Bay of
22 Pigs.

23 Senator Schweiker. And you're not sure when that meeting
24 with McCone occurred, roughly?

25 Mr. Hubbard. Well, it was in President Kennedy's office,

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1 so it was in the late fall of '63.

2 Senator Schweiker. So obviously September or October of
3 '63 it had to be.

4 Mr. Hubbard. Well, seasons have no meanings to me in
5 Puerto Rico. I am lost without my seasons.

6 Senator Schweiker. But you would say late fall of '63.

7 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir, I'd say later fall of '63.

8 Senator Schweiker. You were in the President's office?

9 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir, I was advised of this subsequent
10 to the meeting.

11 Senator Schweiker. And who was there again, General Fitch?

12 Mr. Hubbard. General Fitch. Well, now, gentlemen, this
13 has been several years, but I believe it was General Fitch,
14 the Army ACSI, Colonel Boydt, the Commander of Detachment A,
15 and Mr. McCone, and I was told that President Kennedy and the
16 Attorney General Kennedy were present, the only two present
17 when this was briefed to the President, yes, we did have our
18 map showing these locations.

19 Senator Schweiker. And then they acted on that, and
20 you're not sure exactly when that came off, but as I recall
21 there was a frame, and they were raiding Cuban camps in this
22 country.

23 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir, and also off the coast of Mexico.

24 Senator Schweiker. Wouldn't a person like Darnell have
25 been very upset about something like that I think?

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1 Mr. Hubbard. Oh, he was, he was upset.
2 Senator Schweiker. Well, I guess the Cubans would be.
3 Mr. Hubbard. Well, a lot of Americans that had Cuban
4 ties were.
5 Mr. Epstein. Who told you about the meeting?
6 Mr. Hubbard. About what meeting?
7 Mr. Epstein. In the President's office.
8 Mr. Hubbard. It would have come through Detachment A. I
9 don't know whether Colonel Boyd told me, actually. I think
10 I received a teletype saying congratulations. President
11 happy. Or something like that.
12 Mr. Epstein. AND then you left, or had to.
13 Mr. Hubbard. I was, as I say, burned. They gave me a
14 staff job back at Fort Hollabird for a year to cool off.
15 Mr. Epstein. Have you had any contact with any of the
16 people you dealt with down there since leaving?
17 M Mr. Hubbard. Well, on the American side, yes, in the
18 intelligence community.
19 Mr. Epstein. But none of the Cubans.
20 Mr. Hubbard. None of the Cubans, no.
21 Mr. Johnston. Does William Burns look at all like this
22 picture?
23 Mr. Hubbard. No.
24 Mr. Johnston. Are these men tall?
25 Mr. Hubbard. Darnell is.

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1 Mr. Johnston. How tall is he?

2 Mr. Hubbard. Darnell and I were approximately the same
3 height and build.

4 Senator Schweiker. Your height is about what?

5 Mr. Hubbard. About 6'1".

6 Mr. Johnston. Was Darnell, would you describe him as
7 athletic looking?

8 Mr. Hubbard. On the lean side, yes.

9 Mr. Johnston. How about Burns?

10 Mr. Hubbard. No. He was approximately 5'10", 180,
11 190 pounds, British father, Cuban mother, the better features
12 of both. He is a very handsome man, well educated, was
13 educated in England. As I say, I do not recall what position
14 he held first. He was Castro's Minister of Finance, and he
15 was also his ambassador to London, but I do not know what
16 sequence.

17 Senator Schweiker. But he doesn't look anything like
18 that.

19 Mr. Hubbard. No, sir.

20 Mr. Johnston. Did Darnell have access to Cuba before the
21 shutdown in 1961?

22 Mr. Hubbard. Yes. He represented Lykes in Cuba. They
23 moved their base of operations from Cuba to Puerto Rico
24 when Castro took over.

25 Mr. Johnston. To your knowledge, did SNFE or Alpha

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1 66 have chapters around the United States?

2 Mr. Hubbard. Yes. Alpha 66 had a large chapter in
3 Chicago. They were getting a lot of support from the Chicago
4 area, according to them.

5 Senator Schweiker. Did they have one, do you recollect,
6 in Dallas?

7 Mr. Hubbard. I have not heard of it, sir, or if I
8 did --

9 Senator Schweiker. And you said you are not sure or you
10 don't know where Mr. Darnell is now, but at the time you worked
11 with him he was in Puerto Rico.

12 Mr. Hubbard. San Juan.

13 Senator Schweiker. The steamship company he worked for
14 was headquartered either in Galveston or Houston.

15 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

16 Senator Schweiker. In the course of -- when Darnell worked
17 for you, was he on some kind of salary or retainer?

18 Mr. Hubbard. No, no.

19 Senator Schweiker. A volunteer?

20 Mr. Hubbard. Take him out to dinner once in a while, buy
21 him a drink.

22 Senator Schweiker. That was it?

23 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

24 Senator Schweiker. So he wouldn't have been passing on
25 money to anybody in your behalf.

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1 Mr. Hubbard. No. There were no funds that transferred,
2 to the best of my knowledge, from the Puerto Rico station.

3 Senator Schweiker. Is it possible that at some later
4 point in time that Darnell might have been working for one
5 of the other agencies?

6 Mr. Hubbard. Possibly. You see, we closed up the Puerto
7 Rico station in just a matter of months after I pulled out.
8 In early '64, the Department of the Army closed out the
9 Puerto Rico station, and it was dormant for several years, and
10 then they re-established it.

11 Now, all of our coded assets, coded sources would have been
12 up for grabs to any intelligence community that wanted to
13 register operational interest in them. Now, as late as three
14 years ago, I passed his name on to Navy intelligence as a
15 possible source for them to look up in Puerto Rico. Now,
16 whether they did, maybe he was under operational interest to
17 another agency and therefore could not gain access to him, I
18 don't know. I recommended that they contact him.

19 Mr. Epstein. Who in Navy intelligence did you deal with
20 three years ago, do you know?

21 Mr. Hubbard. This was the Navy rap in Defense Intelligence
22 Agency, Commander Huling, H-u-l-i-n-g, but I don't think he
23 took any action on it.

24 Mr. Epstein. Why do you say that?

25 Mr. Hubbard. Because I think he was getting ready to

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1 retire and didn't want to be involved.

2 Mr. Epstein. You didn't hear anything more afterwards that
3 led you to believe --

4 Mr. Hubbard. No.

5 Mr. Johnston. Did Burns and Darnell know each other?

6 Mr. Hubbard. I would think so from a previous association
7 in Cuba.

8 Mr. Johnston. Would you say they were close friends?

9 Mr. Hubbard. No.

10 Senator Schweiker. What would that association have been
11 likely?

12 Mr. Hubbard. Social. As a general observation, the better
13 educated Cubans and the professional Cubans, when they left
14 Cuba, did not come to the United States, or did not come to
15 Miami. They went to Spain, Puerto Rico, South America. We got
16 the cane cutters into Miami primarily. Your educated people,
17 those with money, we had quite a few of them come into Puerto
18 Rico and later really take over. Within a year they were
19 Presidents of firms and now Darnell, by virtue of being married
20 to a Cuban, by virtue of his positions with the Lykes Line,
21 both in Cuba and San Juan, I'm sure their paths have crossed.

22 Senator Schweiker. Anything else?

23 Mr. Johnston. Were you in contact with Menoyo
24 in the fall of '63?

25 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

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1 Mr. Johnston. Did he tell you about a trip to Dallas he
2 made in October of '63?

3 Mr. Hubbard. He told me of a trip, he had been on a
4 fundraising tour, perhaps Dallas was one of them. I do not
5 remember. It is feasible or possible.

6 Mr. Johnston. After the assassination of President Kennedy,
7 did you have any occasion to talk with either Burns or Darnell
8 or Menoyo about it?

9 Mr. Hubbard. I would say that I saw all three of them
10 after that, and I imagine so because it was the topic of
11 conversation. I remember nothing significant about the
12 meetings.

13 Mr. Johnston. Do you know what the attitude of Burns or
14 Darnell was toward --

15 Mr. Hubbard. Well, most of them, were, you know, shocked
16 and in deep sympathy, wondering perhaps of newly appointed
17 President Johnston, whether he would support the Cubans, but
18 I remember nothing significant.

19 Senator Schweiker. In your work in that period of
20 time, did you ever have occasion to go into Mexico City?

21 Mr. Hubbard. Yes, sir.

22 Senator Schweiker. On what basis would you do that?

23 Mr. Hubbard. I think this was a lead through Darnell,
24 that a -- this is rough and off the top of my head -- I believe
25 it was a niece of his wife, married to a native-born

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1 Polish citizen, representing Merck Chemical Corporation,
2 pharmaceutical house, who allegedly owned property that over-
3 looked the Soviet embassy, and I was sent down to take a look
4 at this property to see if we could establish listening
5 devices on their property into the Soviet embassy, and it was
6 a complete waterhole. When I arrived in Mexico City, they
7 didn't live within two miles of the Russian embassy.

8 Senator Schweiker. The niece of his wife, married to --
9 Mr. Hubbard. As I recall, a Polish citizen or a native-born
10 Pole, but now what citizenship, I don't know.

11 Senator Schweiker. Who worked for an American company?

12 Mr. Hubbard. No, Merix, as I recall, M-e-r-i-x. It was
13 a pharmaceutical --

14 Senator Schweiker. Merck, Merck Sharp and Dome?

15 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

16 Senator Schweiker. You don't recall that name, do you?

17 Mr. Hubbard. You say all the records have been
18 destroyed, the dossiers?

19 Mr. Johnston. The dossiers haven't but the operational
20 records have.

21 Mr. Hubbard. Well, if you had Darnell's dossier --

22 Senator Schweiker. Who would have it?

23 Mr. Hubbard. I say if it is still maintained.

24 Senator Schweiker. Who would maintain it, Army?

25 Mr. Hubbard. Well, see, they even disbanded the old

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1 Detachment A. Now, what happened to the records when they
2 disbanded I have no idea.

3 Mr. Epstein. What was Detachment A's mission?

4 Mr. Hubbard. To respond to national level requirements as
5 to local commanders' requirements. We responded to Presidential,
6 Congressional and national level decisions of the department
7 heads, Department of the Navy, Army and Air Force.

8 Mr. Epstein. Was there an overall mission that you had
9 in Puerto Rico?

10 Mr. Hubbard. I am sure we had a mission statement, but
11 that has been too many years ago.

12 Mr. Epstein. Was there a specific mission that you had with
13 respect to Cuba?

14 Mr. Hubbard. All right, specifically, yes. We had our
15 essential elements of information that we had to respond to
16 these requirements, the one I mentioned on the frogman, naturally
17 anything pertaining to missiles. We had a blanket type
18 publication, that is the Operation Treasure Hunt, and this
19 was a publication in which items of interest from Communist
20 Bloc in the line of hardware, anything from a small arms
21 round to a MIG or Soviet vessels were wanted. This was one
22 of the entres I used with the Cubans. If you can obtain
23 this item, we are prepared, and it was specified in the
24 Treasure Hunt book, how much we could pay. I could give you
25 \$10,000 for this, or a million dollars for that or whatever.

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1 This was a very fine publication for those of us in the
2 field. .

3 Mr. Epstein. Okay. Now, those two missions obviously
4 related to e-

5 Mr. Hubbard. Any Communist Bloc.

6 Mr. Epstein. Intelligence collection.

7 Now, was there any counterintelligence operation that
8 was encompassed by your operation?

9 Mr. Hubbard. No, we came up with a very elaborate
10 assassination plan on Castro, but I understand that ran around
11 the Pentagon for about three days, put gas in the air conditioning
12 system, and I had a man to do that, but they didn't want to
13 do that.

14 Mr. Epstein. Was that an assignment levied by headquarters?

15 Mr. Hubbard. No, I just had one of these Cubans that
16 had come out long enough to be recruited, and went back in,
17 and he worked around the headquarters building as an air
18 conditioning repairman. The same thing on the Soviet torpedo
19 boats. I had the opportunity to pick up one of those in
20 response to this Treasure Hunt. I sent this in, and I said
21 I only have really a few questions. If I can get it it would
22 require some degree of risk, but what do I do with the Russian
23 crew. Do I drop them overboard, kill them, do you want to make
24 them prisoners, do I bring the boat into Miami harbord, or
25 do I sink it or what?

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1 Mr. Epstein. With respect to the assassination issue, the
2 air conditioning, was this a plan that was submitted to head-
3 quarters from your station?

4 Mr. Hubbard. I submitted it. I said, look, I have this
5 man that says he can do it. Do you want to follow through on
6 it? And they said no.

7 Mr. Epstein. Did any more happen than that, on your
8 submission?

9 Mr. Hubbard. No. As I recall, my return message was no,
10 we are not in the assassination business, to forget it.

11 Mr. Epstein. And that was the last you heard of it.

12 Mr. Hubbard. Well, I did, I forgot it.

13 Mr. Epstein. What was there within your overall mission
14 in Puerto Rico with respect to Cuba that would have led you
15 to believe that a proposal like that might have been found
16 acceptable?

17 Mr. Hubbard. Well, Castro is the bad guy. As I say, I
18 took this on myself to send this in. It was not generated at
19 this level. I said, look, I've got this guy that says he
20 can do it if anybody is interested, and they came back, no,
21 we are not in the assassination business, forget it.

22 Mr. Epstein. Do you know whether any other Agency
23 ever expressed an interest in that guy?

24 Mr. Hubbard. Not that I am aware of.

25 Senator Schweiker. This niece of Mr. Darnell's wife,

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1 married to a Polish citizen who worked for Merck and Company
2 and lived near the which embassy?

3 Mr. Hubbard. No. He reportedly lived near it. When I
4 got there I found out they did not, therefore denied us this
5 access that had been envisioned. The Agency expressed an
6 interest in being able to set up a listening device.

7 Senator Schweiker. So it didn't work out,

8 Mr. Hubbard. No. It was a complete fiasco.

9 Senator Schweiker. The name there wouldn't have been
10 Charles Pack, was it?

11 Mr. Hubbard. No, it was definitely a Polish name.

12 Mr. Epstein. Are you aware of any assassination plans
13 involving Castro that were run by the Army?

14 Mr. Hubbard. No, personally I am not.

15 Mr. Epstein. Were you aware of any that were planned
16 or attempted by any of the anti-Castro Cubans that you dealt
17 with or had contact with, apart from being facilitated by the
18 Army?

19 Mr. Hubbard. Well, that was through the second front
20 of the Escambray that we came up with the, this guy, the
21 air conditioning repairman. Now, they wanted to go ahead and
22 do it. I said, well, we cannot help you.

23 Mr. Epstein. Do you know whether they went ahead and
24 tried?

25 Mr. Hubbard. They couldn't come up with a suitable poison

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1 the last I heard.

2 Mr. Epstein. Were there any other similar plans?

3 Mr. Hubbard. Oh, the Cubans were always talking, you know,
4 they're going to try to shoot him, blow him up with mines and
5 so forth, but it was 99 percent talk.

6 Mr. Epstein. Was this the only occasion on which the
7 Cubans solicited your help or support on an assassination?

8 Mr. Hubbard. On an assassination, yes.

9 Senator Schweiker. If we were to request the personnel
10 record of Darnell, where would we best go about it, in view
11 of the thing being discontinued?

12 What would your recommendation be?

13 Mr. Hubbard. I would start at the present Army ACSI's
14 office and ask what happened to the old United States Army
15 Field Activities Command? You see, the intelligence organiza-
16 tions changed names, and the last official designation was the
17 United States Army Field Activities Command, and they were
18 headquartered in the Hoffman Building.

19 Senator Schweiker. The Hoffman, H-o-f-f- --

20 Mr. Hubbard. Right here in Washington.

21 Senator Schweiker. Now, in looking at that, how might
22 it have been broken down, under what kind of a filing system?

23 I know you are just guessing.

24 Mr. Hubbard. No, because sources had numbers and
25 alphabetical designation. Puerto Rico was DUP, the letter

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1 designation. Now, his code number I haven't the slightest.

2 Senator Schweiker. DUP?

3 Mr. Hubbard. And then some number.

4 Senator Schweiker. And then a number for his numerical
5 designation.

6 Mr. Hubbard. And don't be surprised if somebody laughs
7 because that has been so many years ago, they have changed
8 coding systems, but they should have a record someplace.

9 Senator Schweiker. And the DUP was the coding system for --

10 Mr. Hubbard. For the Puerto Rican station.

11 Senator Schweiker. Anything else?

12 Mr. Johnston. Yes.

13 When this one Cuban wanted to assassinate Castro and you
14 were told not to, did you then put him in contact with Burns?

15 Mr. Hubbard. No.

16 Mr. Johnston. Did you suggest that he contact Burns?

17 Mr. Hubbard. No. I tried to keep Burns compartmented.
18 Because of his background, he was much more intelligence. See,
19 the average intelligence source is pretty low level, let's
20 face it, and Burns was one of the better educated, and I kept
21 him compartmented. I was using him more against Haiti than
22 I was against Cuba. He had access into Haiti.

23 Senator Schweiker. What kind of job did Veciano do for
24 you as you recollect? Was it good, bad --

25 Mr. Hubbard. Sir, I never had any dealings with him

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1 other than that one introduction.

2 Senator Schweiker. I see. So it might have been more
3 through Darnell, really.

4 Mr. Hubbard. No, I would say through our Miami station,
5 is Colonel Watlington, that was the commander, and you'd have
6 to go that route to find out about Alpha 66. As I recall, the
7 early days, Detachment A, Army, had contact with Veciana,
8 and CIA assumed interest. They just took it over, lock,
9 stock and barrel, and told Army to back off.

10 Now, please, don't pin me down, but that's my understanding
11 of what happened.

12 Mr. Johnston. Were you ever contacted by Mr. Lucey of
13 CIA asking for the individual you had contact with in
14 Puerto Rico?

15 Mr. Hubbard. Possibly, when I returned there were
16 numerous calls and trips to Washington from Hollabird for
17 various reasons. Very possibly. The name does not ring
18 a bell.

19 Mr. Johnston. Let me ask you one final question.

20 Have you ever heard of a businessman named George
21 DeMorenschildt in the Dominican Republic, oil interests?

22 Mr. Hubbard. No.

23 Mr. Johnston. Were either Darnell or Burns in any way
24 tied into the oil business in the Gulf?

25 Mr. Hubbard. Well, Darnell possibly through his position

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1 other than that one introduction.

2 Senator Schweiker. I see. So it might have been more
3 through Darnell, really.

4 Mr. Hubbard. No, I would say through our Miami station,
5 is Colonel Watlington, that was the commander, and you'd have
6 to go that route to find out about Alpha 66. As I recall, the
7 early days, Detachment A, Army, had contact with Veciana,
8 and CIA assumed interest. They just took it over, lock,
9 stock and barrel, and told Army to back off.

10 Now, please, don't pin me down, buttthat's my understanding
11 of what happened.

12 Mr. Johnston. Were you ever contacted by Mr. Lucey of
13 CIA asking for the individual you had contact with in
14 Puerto Rico?

15 Mr. Hubbard. Possibly, when I returned there were
16 numerous calls and trips to Washington from Hollabird for
17 various reasons. Very possibly. The name does not ring
18 a bell.

19 Mr. Johnston. Let me ask you one final question.

20 Have you ever heard of a businessman named George
21 DeMorenschildt in the Dominican Republic, oil interests?

22 Mr. Hubbard. No.

23 Mr. Johnston. Were either Darnell or Burns in any way
24 tied into the oil business in the Gulf?

25 Mr. Hubbard. Well, Darnell possibly through his position

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1 in the shipping field. Burns, Burns was the man with
2 considerable means and was making investments. Darnell had
3 only his income from his -- he was a common working man, really,
4 had no outside source of income. Burns was quite a wealthy
5 man.

6 Mr. Epstein. You were still stationed in Puerto Rico at
7 the time of the assassination.

8 Mr. Hubbard. Yes.

9 Mr. Epstein. Do you recall any requirements or assignments
10 being levied on your operation at that time for information
11 or investigations for intelligence relating to the assassination
12 of President Kennedy?

13 Mr. Hubbard. No, I do not recall.

14 Mr. Epstein. What I had in mind specifically was do you
15 recall ever being requested or instructed to contact any of
16 your assets or sources to determine whether or not, A, they
17 had any information bearing on Cuban Government responsibility
18 for the assassination, or B, Cuban exile responsibility for
19 the assassination.

20 Mr. Hubbard. I do not recall that requirement being
21 levied. It is possible, but no, I do not recall it.

22 Mr. Epstein. Did any information ever come to your
23 attention indicating either the Cuban Government's responsi-
24 bility for the assassination or the responsibility of Cuban
25 exiles, or Cuban exile groups for the assassination of President

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Kennedy?

Mr. Hubbard. No.

Senator Schweiker. I guess that is all we have.

Colonel, we thank you very much for coming, and we hope we did not disrupt your personal life too much.

Mr. Hubbard. You got me off a tractor, sir.

(Whereupon, at 3:12 o'clock p.m., the interview in the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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