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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

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2 page letter to FAOS  
from Elder, 7/1/75, re:  
Mongoose, Cuba, Castro,  
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11 July 1975

Mr. Charles Kirbow  
Select Committee To Study Governmental  
Operations With Respect To Intelligence Activities  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Kirbow:

This refers to your 10 July telephone request for:  
1) a newspaper article printed before the death of  
President Kennedy in which Castro indicated that Castro  
was aware of a plot to assassinate Castro; and 2) a news-  
paper article in more recent weeks in which Castro said that  
if the American Congress wanted to know about plots to  
assassinate Castro it only had to ask Castro.

On the first question, Daniel Harker filed from Havana  
a report of an informal interview given to him at a  
Brazilian Embassy reception on Saturday, 7 September 1963.  
This was not a public speech. The Harker item appeared in  
the Washington Star and in the Times Picayune of New Orleans.  
Please see Tab 1. These are accurate transcripts but we  
don't have photographic copies available.

Our answer to your second question may not be precisely  
what you want since it is based on a Swedish newspaper report,  
and not one which appeared in a Cuban or Washington newspaper  
as you had thought. It is attached as Tab 2.

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Sincerely yours,



Jerrold B. Brown  
Assistant to the Director

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Mr. Frederick A. O. Schwarz, Jr.  
Chief Counsel  
Select Committee To Study Governmental  
Operations With Respect To Intelligence  
Activities  
United States Senate  
Room G-308  
Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

The attached is the response to question 20 of your 24 May 1975 request to Mr. E. H. Knoche for a summary of Cuban proposals channeled through the Special Group mechanism. It should be noted that this reflects only those operations against Cuba which are recorded in the Agency Special Group files. It does not, for example, include the Special Group (Augmented). The files and other records of the latter body are believed to be in the custody of the Executive Secretary of the 40 Committee.

Sincerely,

*Walter Elder*

Walter Elder  
Assistant to the Director

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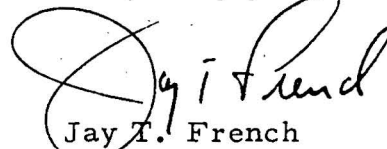
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1975

Dear Mr. Miller:

Transmitted herewith for your use are certain materials compiled by the Department of State as part of our continuing response on the subject of assassination allegations. These materials pertain to possible allegations of assassination of Castro and Lumumba and should be regarded and treated as "assassination documents" under the terms of the agreement we concluded on June 26.

Very truly yours,

  
Jay T. French  
Assistant Counsel

Mr. William G. Miller  
Staff Director  
Senate Select Committee to Study  
Governmental Operations With  
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July 17, 1975

Honorable Frank Church, Chairman  
United States Senate Select Committee  
on Intelligence Activities  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Church:

Pursuant to your requests of June 27, 1975, attached and transmitted herewith are:

- (1) a summary of the material in Departmental file 82-46-5;
- (2) the full text of a May 14, 1962 memorandum from the CIA, and
- (3) a copy of a report dated October 18, 1960, concerning alleged statements by Sam Giancana that Fidel Castro was going to be assassinated.

Sincerely,

*Michael E. Shchegolev*

for K. WILLIAM O'CONNOR  
Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination

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23 July 1975

Mr. Daniel O'Flaherty  
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities  
Room G-308, Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Dan:

In keeping with our conversation and discussion of Monday, 21 July 1975, regarding what I feel could be accomplished by getting together on a more formal basis with the Committee, is as follows.

First, I feel I could definitely show that Robert Kennedy was the major instigator during the Kennedy Administration for sanctioning attempts against Fidel Castro's life by the Agency during that period and, also, in formulating South American policy for his brother.

Second, we can prove that missile installations were being prepared in Cuba as early as March 1961 prior to the Bay of Pigs, and that missiles of the IRBM range were installed prior to the end of that year, i.e., 1961, with the full knowledge of the Attorney General, Robert F. Kennedy, and some select Senators. Needless to say, if the information was passed on from RFK to JFK, it must have put his brother the President in a rather awkward position. At any rate, given the opportunity, we can provide foreign government sources as well as Cuban underground sources to prove that the missiles did exist in Cuba in 1961. I remembered it quite well and would also be willing to testify to the Committee that such was the case. It first became known to me in mid-1961, at the time I rented the house on 36th Street NW for Mario Kohly Sr.

If one analyzes the ramifications of this fact being kept secret by the Administration, the missile crisis must have become a nightmare to the Kennedys. The Russians finally flaunted their missiles in American faces in October of 1962, knowing full well they would have to be discovered along with the large number of their bomber aircraft being assembled in the open on Cuban air fields. Faced with such a situation, the Kennedys were placed in the position where they either had to invade the island risking an all out war

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or, in effect, give up something. They chose to give up something. They chose to allow Cuba to remain an independent state. This resulted in suppressing the exile groups, while outwardly promising equipment and other held. As you know, six major attempts were made on Fidel Castro's life, all sanctioned or known about by our own agencies. Of course, none of these attempts were successful. I feel we have the ability to show the Committee that the Attorney General, Robert F. Kennedy, instructed it to be known to Fidel Castro every time one of these attempts was to be made.

Third, it is my contention that the missiles were never physically removed from Cuba in 1962, but were taken back to previously prepared sites, well camouflaged, well hidden, and out of the sight of either our U-2's or low flying reconnaissance aircraft. Keeping this fact in mind, you can readily see why the Kennedys under no circumstance could allow any exile group to succeed in an invasion, or allow Fidel Castro to be assassinated, thus providing the impetus for an internal take over by the underground. In the event either occurred, the discovery that such installations still existed intact would end the Kennedy Administration.

Faced with the dilemma of the underground continually telling Kohly of the missiles' existence and the Kennedys still promising support and, in fact, in some minor cases, giving it, Kohly managed to maintain a tight reign on his organization, while being continually thwarted. This situation came to a head on 1 October 1963. That's the date when the Administration blew the counterfeiting operation that I personally conducted in Baltimore, and was the last major shot the United Organizations had for recapturing their homeland. This action on the Kennedys' part was completely unreal considering Maxwell Taylor, the CIA, and several high ranking people on the Hill were completely appraised about what was going on.

By covering up the real facts behind the missile crisis, the Kennedys were able to successfully maintain a strong political image; but, in my opinion, it sealed JFK's death warrant.

Certain right wing radical groups associated with the Cuban exiles and American mercenaries, such as the Minutemen in New Orleans and Dallas, the Anti-Communist Brigade in Miami, as well as a myriad of others knowing this information, were incensed that the Kennedys, although overtly seeming to support all types of small paramilitary operations, were

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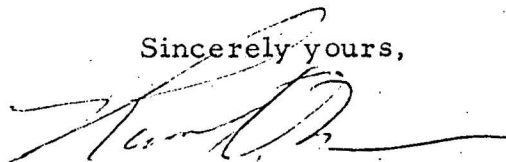
covertly suppressing them. It is my opinion, and there is evidence now coming forth from other sources to bear me out, that one or more of these groups decided to take it upon themselves to carry out JFK's assassination. The persons involved, the techniques, and other information which can be made available to me, should more properly be described to Mr. Miller as we discussed, rather than putting such information as to sources in this document. It is also my opinion that it can now be readily proven that the CIA knew of such intentions on the life of JFK and chose to ignore the information. Likewise, it is my opinion that persons actually on the Agency payroll were directly involved, but not in any sanctioned official capacity.

It is my contention that the proof is there, both photographically and by testimony of some of those people who are still alive who were peripherally, but not not knowingly, involved in the conspiracy and subsequent cover-up. The proof is there to show why such a fateful decision was made on the part of these dissident groups. The proof is there to show why the Agency hierarchy could have felt that the Kennedys were jeopardizing national security on the missile crisis and thus turned their backs. There is also significant proof already starting to surface that other agencies were also informed of impending plots against President Kennedy's life, and that they also did not react to the extent they should have.

Given the cooperation of the Committee and the ability to work with it, I feel that this information could be obtained swiftly and accurately, along with a significant number of qualified witnesses of high integrity to testify in support of the allegations made in this statement.

Awaiting your pleasure, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. D. Morrow', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT D. MORROW

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Review Staff: 75/1661  
28 July 1975

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee Request for Documents  
Pertaining to Diving Suit for Castro; Request  
Made During Breckinridge's Testimony of 3 June  
1975

1. This memorandum is response to the Senate Select Committee request of 3 June 1975 to Mr. Scott Breckinridge for all documents pertaining to the procurement of a diving suit for Castro and all material used to impregnate it.

2. A search for records relating to the procurement of a diving suit or materials with which it might be treated prior to delivery to Fidel Castro has produced no results. Files relating to a CIA project which involved CIA access to materials and techniques for special BW applications at Fort Detrick do, however, reveal work with substances not incompatible with the alleged diving suit ploy. There were no indications, however, that they were actually used in such a fashion.

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Mr. William G. Miller  
Staff Director  
Select Committee To Study Governmental  
Operations With Respect To Intelligence  
Activities  
Room G-308  
Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Miller:

The attached paper is in response to a request for files and materials relating to the 1967 IG Report on Assassinations. The question was posed to Mr. Scott Breckinridge during his 2 June 1975 appearance before the Senate Select Committee.

Sincerely,

*Walter Elder*

Walter Elder  
Assistant to the Director

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Subject: SSC Request to Breckinridge During his 2 June Appearance, for Files and Materials relating to the 1967 IG Report on Assassinations, Including Tab A after Page 77 of the Report.

Response:

A search has been made for the files of the Chief, WH Division in 1967 (Desmond Fitzgerald), and those of Col. J. C. King. At that time Mr. Fitzgerald was alive; he has since died and his files do not exist as an integral collection, although portions may exist in different holdings in WH Division. Col. King had retired at the time of the IG inquiry, but he was still working under a special contract and was at the Headquarters Building at Langley where he had retained some personal files; his files are no longer identifiable.

Other materials, reviewed by the Inspectors in 1967 were limited in nature, some of which have been made available to SSC Staff members in envelopes in which they have been held since 1967. The SSC Staff members have had access to the project files of QJWIN, WIROGUE, ZRRIFLE and EMDEED.

Should they wish access to the files relating to the anti-Diem coup, they can be made available on request.

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Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Miller:

The attached paper responds to a request for information on Agency intercession in behalf of Maheu and/or Giancana and/or Roselli in relation to possible prosecutions other than the 1962 Las Vegas incident. The Senate Select Committee asked Mr. Scott Breckinridge for this information during his 2 June 1975 appearance.

Sincerely,

*Walter Elder*

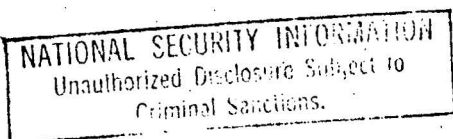
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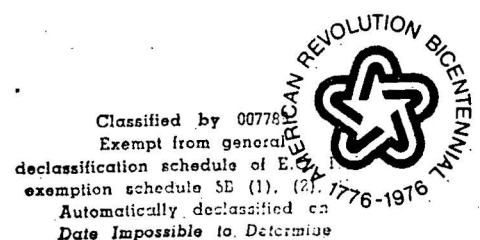
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21 July 1975

Subject: CIA Intercession in Behalf of Robert Maheu and/or Salvatore Giancana and/or John Roselli in Relation to Possible Prosecutions Other than 1962 Las Vegas Bugging Incident--Requested of Mr. Breckinridge During Appearance Before SSC on 2 June.

Response:

A review of Agency files reveal one instance, in addition to the 1962 intercession in connection with the Las Vegas bugging incident, in which CIA representatives approached law enforcement authorities with reference to pending prosecution against any of the above persons.

Records show that on 26 February 1971 the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, was approached concerning action reportedly being initiated for the deportation of John Roselli. The purpose of this was to forestall public disclosure of Roselli's past operational association with CIA. It was agreed that CIA would be kept informed of the progress of all action. No further commitments were made.

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