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operational lead, not intelligence, was a Mr. John Martino, born 5 August 1911 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. AT the time in question, that is, April 20 June of 1963, he was a resident of Miami Beach, Florida, and, as I told you in my previous testimony, he provided a series of operational leads to some Soviets who were allegedly defectors from a missile site and were in the Province of Oriente in Cuba, which we were attempting to establish contact with. Mr. Martino is the only individual that I am aware of during my tenure as the Station Chief in Miami that we were in touch with who was involved with gambling syndicates in Cuba prior to his arrival in the United States.

Mr. Baron. And was Mr. Martino connected in any way, to your knowledge, with any assassination efforts against Fidel Castro?

Mr. Haley. Not that I know of.

Mr. Baron. There was one other matter that we asked before we began today, and that is a remark that you made at page 30 of the transcript of your previous testimony, where you said, "I never recall discussing assassinations with John McCone. Now, in terms of discussions with Richard Helms, these were conversations in which atmospherics in Miami and problems like that would be discussed and I am sure somewhere in some of these conversations the mood of the community, the subject of assassinations undoubtedly came up.

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