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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

CARTER, General

DATES:

9/14/62

CATEGORIES: 3

MONGOOSE
Special Groups Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

As reflected in the minutes of the SGA's meeting of 14 Sept. 1962, General
CARTER stated that "CIA would examine the possibilities of sabotaging airplane
parts which were scheduled to be shipped from Canada to Cuba."

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SOURCE:

Minutes of meeting of SGA on Operation Mongoose (00048)

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9/14/62

STAFF:

DATE:

PGW
6/30/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Carter ✓

DATES:

16 Oct 1962

CATEGORIES:

Mongoose
Special Group (Augmented)

OCCURRENCE:

DCI Carter proposes that CIA undertake as soon as possible a grenade attack on the
~~Communist Embassy~~ in Havana, to be carried out by recruited agent who has access to a roof
overlooking the ~~Embassy~~ garden and has volunteered for this mission.

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SOURCE:

Memorandum from Marshall Carter to Special Group (Augmented), dated
Oct ~~FILE~~ 1962 (00725)

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PGW
DATE: 6/29

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

MCCONE
CASTRO ✓

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE
SGA

OCCURRENCE:

MCCONE TESTIFIED that the SGA approved a program to contaminate with Carbon dust cylinders in trucks and locomotives which CASTRO has purchased ~~from Europe~~. This was to be done at the ~~time of shipment~~. The program met with some success. MCCONE could not recall where the actual sabotage of the purchased equipment took place (22-2)

SOURCE: McCone, Testimony, 6/6/75

STAFF: Rhea

FILE:

DATE: 6/27/75

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<p><u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> (See list of names below.)</p>	<p><u>DATES:</u> Apr 17, '61 -</p>	<p><u>CATEGORIES:</u> TOP SECRET CASTRO CUBA - SYNDICATE/PHASE II -- KNOWLEDGE OF PHASE II CARD 1 of 3</p>
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OCCURRENCE: The list of persons with knowledge of PHASE II of the CASTRO ASSASSINATION OPERATION differs from those who knew of PHASE I. Those with knowledge of PHASE II are:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RICHARD HELMS, DD/P 2. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, Task Force W 3. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security (He knows that Harvey took over the operation and delivered pills, arms, and equipment in April 1962. He does not know of developments after May 1962.) 4. SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security (He knows of the fact of the turnover to HARVEY, but states he knows nothing of developments thereafter.) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He stated in our interview with him that he knew that HARVEY was having meetings with members of the gambling syndicate in 1962.) 6. BRUCE CHEEVER HARVEY's deputy in 1962 (CHEEVER knows that HARVEY was meeting with gangsters in Reno (sic) in the winter of 1962.) 7. TED SHACKLEY, Chief, JMWAVE (He assisted HARVEY in the delivery of arms and equipment to VARONA in April 1962, but presumably did not know the identities of the recipients nor (con't.) |
|--|---|

<p><u>SOURCE:</u> I.G. REPORT 1967 8-55 - 56</p> <p><u>FILE:</u></p>	<p><u>STAFF:</u> Baron</p> <p><u>DATE:</u> 28.6.75</p>
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

(Same instruction as card 1.)

DATES:

Apr 17, '61

CATEGORIES:

CARD 2 of 3

OCCURRENCE:

SHACKLEY, cont: the purpose for which the material was to be used.)

8. [redacted] TSD ([redacted]) participation was limited to furnishing the pills to O'CONNELL on 18 April 1962.)

9. ANTONIO VARONA, the Cuban exile leader (He presumably was not aware of government sponsorship.)

10. VARONA'S SON-IN-LAW (He too was presumably not aware of government's role.)

11. MACEO, ROSELLI's "Man" (MACEO probably knew there was a government connection, but may not have identified CIA as the agency.)

(con't.)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> Walt ELDER, RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE, MCGEORGE BUNDY, BRUCE CHEEVER (CIA),	<u>DATES:</u> 9/14/62	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> MONGOOSE Special Group Augmented
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OCCURRENCE:
Possibility of sabotage of [redacted] spare parts allegedly ready for shipment to Cuba
by Canada is being looked into--Chief, Task Force W says this activity is underway.

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<u>SOURCE:</u> Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting, 14 Sept 1962- Walt Eler <u>FILE:</u> Cage 00049	<u>STAFF:</u> PGW <u>DATE:</u> June 30, 1975
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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
<u>William Harvey</u> <u>Gen. Lansdale</u> <u>Walter Elder</u> <u>DCI</u>	<u>KIRKPATRICK</u> DDP Nov. 21, 1962 <u>CHEEVER</u> <u>10/30/62</u>	Special Group Augmented Operation Mongoose Cuba

OCCURRENCE:

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SOURCE: would logically have led to the discussions at the time of the Matahambre operation."

STAFF:

Paul Wallach

Memorandum dated Nov. 21, 1962 (01151)
FILE:

DATE: July 1, 1975

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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 Lawrence~~
~~Kievs)~~ had been turned over to USIA for operational use.

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SOURCE: Oct 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen Lansdale
(00744)

FILE:

STAFF: Wallach

DATE: July 3, 1975

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
William Harvey Gen. Lansdale Walter Elder DCI	<u>KIRKPATRICK</u> DDP Mr. Halpern <u>CHEEVER</u>	Special Group Augmented Operation Mongoose Cuba
	Nov. 21, 1962 <i>11/14/62</i> <i>10/30/62</i>	

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

MCCONE, HARVEY, RUZ

de Cunha, Virginia

DATES:

July 10, 1962
~~June 11, 1962~~
~~July 1, 1962~~
~~May 1962~~

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE:

Efforts were made to establish contact with [redacted] of Fidel and Raul Castro Ruz, because [redacted] opposed the strong Communist nature of the Cuban regime. According to Mrs. Virginia Leitao de Cunha, she contacted [redacted] and obtained [redacted] on the Cuban political leadership and to work against the Cuban Communist regime, ⁰⁰short of engaging in activity which might result in [redacted] Arrangements were being made for direct recruitment of [redacted] in Mexico.

SOURCE:

Memorandum for McCone from William Harvey re:

Juana Castro Ruz 10 July 1962 (02561)

FILE:

STAFF:

DATE: di Genova
July 1, 1975

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22-3-97
(Card 393) *en*

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

Oct. 6, 1960

Special Group
MONGOOSE
Presidential Authorization

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OCCURRENCE: (cont.)

including some Germans in this group and that we would talk informally to General Gehen about it. He emphasized that he was asking for no Special Group approval at this time in this specific connection."

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SOURCE:

Minutes of Special Group meeting October 6, 1960
FILE: Cage

STAFF:

DATE: Bob Kelley
June 29, 1975

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

(See the 13 names listed below)

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DATES:

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(APPROXIMATE)

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

Castro (Card 1)
~~CUBA~~ - PHASE I

OCCURRENCE: The I.G. REPORT identified the following persons who knew, in late 1960 or early 1961, of the PHASE I plan to assassinate CASTRO:

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|--|---|
| 1. ALLEN DULLES, DCI ✓ | 10. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, FI/D |
| 2. GEN. C. P. CABELL, DDCI | 11. SIDNEY GOTTLIEB, Special Assistant to the DD/P (GOTTLIEB's name was encountered repeatedly in this inquiry, but he denies knowing of the operation in 1960-61.) |
| 3. RICHARD BISSELL, DD/P | |
| 4. SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security | 12. ROBERT BANNERMAN, DD/Security |
| 5. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security, the case officer | 13. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He too denies knowing of the operation at the time.) |
| 6. J. D. ESTERLINE, Chief, WH/4 | |
| 7. CORNELIUS ROOSEVELT, Chief, TSD | |
| 8. [REDACTED], Chemical Division, TSD | |
| 9. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Medical Services | |

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 34-35

STAFF: Baron

FILE:

DATE: 28.6.75

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> CARTER, MARSHALL ✓ KAMCHATKA FIREFLY	<u>DATES:</u> 9/20/62	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> SPECIAL GROUP
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OCCURRENCE: Special Group meeting on 20 September, the proposed use of ~~FIREFLY~~ against ~~KAMCHATKA~~ was disapproved. The A-DCI raised the possibility of using ~~this vehicle~~ against Cuba, but no decision was made, although the Group appeared favorably inclined.

SOURCE: Memorandum by Carter, 9/21/62 (02637)

STAFF: WALLACH

FILE:

DATE: 7/2/75

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Maheu Edwards Rosselli Giancana Trafficante <i>Breckinridge</i>	3 or 4-61	Castro

OCCURRENCE: *that was*
 Breckinridge testified, Maheu on retainer to CIA "in the early days" (Tr. 99) ('50's?) and "on one occasion he ~~obtained a female companion for an important foreign leader.~~" (Tr. 99) Edwards contacted Maheu who contacted Roselli who contacted Giancana who contacted Trafficante, who "travelled to and from Cuba," (Tr. 100) and who "had a source inside Cuba (who) ...was believed to have access to Castro and a poison pill was developed that he was to insert into Castro's food." (Tr. 101)

TOP SECRET

<u>SOURCE:</u> Testimony of Wm. Colby, 5/23/75	<u>STAFF:</u> John Bayly
<u>FILE:</u>	<u>DATE:</u> 7/2/75