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MEMO FOR

Gen Fausdale *FL*

IN FOLLOW UP ON JERRY  
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IS O.K. - IS NOT THEIR  
MAN - BUT COVERS THRU  
HIS ACTIONS MUCH OF  
THEIR ACTION. THEY CONSIDER  
HIM HELPFUL TO THEIR  
CAUSE, EXTRACTS OF  
CIA REPORTS ARE SECOND  
ATTACHED.

*Col Patchell*

*Thanks*

*FL*

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

GEN LANSDALE —

AFTER YOU HAVE NOTED  
ATTACHED FROM LT COL  
CHAVEZ - I WILL CHECK  
TO SEE WHAT KIND OF  
A FIX CIA HAS ON  
THIS ITEM.

col Patchell

M/R 30 Jul 62  
Gen Z asked me to  
follow up & get fix - original  
clipping and one from  
delivered to Bruce Cheever on  
1 Aug. JMB

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# Anti-Castro War Camp Ruled Out by Exiles

By JAMES BUCHANAN  
Herald Staff Writer

Anti-Castro Cubans and their American supporters have been forced to drop plans for a large guerrilla warfare training camp near New Orleans, The Herald learned Saturday.

The site, on the north edge of Lake Pontchartrain 40 miles north of New Orleans, was donated this spring by an anonymous U.S. businessman.

The training of anti-Castro Cubans and the camp itself were to have been commanded by Gerald Patrick Hemming, a 25-year-old soldier of fortune well known to Cubans here.

The "stop order" came from the Cuban Revolutionary Council's Miami headquarters which advised its New Orleans associates they could not support any clandestine training sites in the United States.

Preparations for activating the guerrilla warfare school were begun last February as New Orleans' Cuban colony began rounding up arms, ammunition and money for the venture.

Reportedly, they were successful in raising large sums of money and acquiring large stocks of late model weapons.

Patrick made innumerable trips between Miami and New Orleans during the past four months preparing the site, which is complete with an airstrip, for July occupancy.

Plans had called for the training of 50 to 75 Cubans in classes lasting from six to eight weeks.

At the completion of the "courses," the guerrilla fighters would have been ready to infiltrate Cuba where they would work with local underground leaders in sabotage and operations against Castro's army and militia.

Louis Rabell, the New Orleans representative of the Cuban Revolutionary Council headed by Dr. Miro Cardona, confirmed the Council had ordered the camp closed before



Jerry Patrick  
... work for naught?

then another, Patrick finally settled upon the name "International Penetration Force" for his organization and began guerrilla training of Cuban refugees here with money supplied by the Cuban colony.

A 6-foot, 5-inch, 231 pounder, Patrick has abandoned the long hair, painted beard and Australian bush hat he wore for more than a year during his early activities here.

A veteran of four years with the Marine Corps, he now dresses as unobtrusively as possible and is still considered one of the most ardent and effective Americans working with the anti-Castro forces.

public knowledge of the proposed camp became too widespread and the Council wanted to dodge any connection with a large scale operation on which the U.S. State Department and Central Intelligence Agency would frown.

Hemming, who operates under the name Jerry Patrick, has been active in anti-Castro activities here since late 1960. He had been in Cuba since 1958 with Castro's forces and defected.

Leading first one group and

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HEMING, Gerald P.

A 23 yr old U.S. citizen born in Los Angeles, Calif. employed by FAB at San Julian as a parachutist. Engaged in training Nicaraguans. Also a flyer, was a Marine in Korea and at the Guantanamo Bay Base, and had been warned when he was fighting with CASTRO that he could lose his citizenship, but this was not important to him. Eval P-6

Subj met with Eloy GUTIERREZ Menoyo and planned to establish base outside of U.S. for training and future attacks against Cuba. (DEF 91349 & Oct 61 100-9-14)

Subj stationed in head of INTERPEN, has 20 members, planned to set training camp, purpose is to train Cubans in military tech, said he was in Cuba fr Jan 59 to Aug 60, commanding a Cuban Air Force Base and talked against American Imperialists. Subj was thrown out of residence because of police and press inquiry. (DEF 86137, 21 Jul 61 file 19-9-9/1)

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HEMING, Gerald Patrick (Jr.)

Subj ex-U.S. Marine, served 18 months Cuba Army (Paratroopers) & Cuba Air Force from Feb '59 to Aug '60. (Initial debriefs are in OO-E rpts #3/169,982, 3/170,124; 3/170,077)

Subj gives remarks about Nicaraguan revolutionists in Cuba; believes Castro's brothers were. Subj currently resides in Alhambra, Calif.; states that his loyalty is to U.S. but interviewer feels that this is because subj feels that U.S. military methods are superior to any others; seems to be mainly interested in guerrilla warfare.

(OO-A 3/170,536, DCE-13375, 1 Nov '60) (1961 report not in document, see file 1110)

Subj, erroneously referred to in OO-A(S) 3,170,536 as Jerry P. HEMING, Jr.) informed Hendrickson of the Los Angeles Field Office that he was moving Miami, Florida & would arrive there Monday, 20 Mar 61. Subj stated he was going contact Jimmy BRYNET, 95 S.W. Penn St., Apt. 8, Miami, Fla. (Tele: Franklin 4-3265) & that these 2 men were going proceed w/plan of action aimed at organizing small grp of "Professionals" (Experienced revolutionaries) who would attempt conduct certain reconnaissance operations on mainland of Cuba via parachute drops & either light plane or water pick-ups. Subj stated he wanted to know what he could in Miami had joined unite anti-CASTRO forces there & also lessen influence of number of "mercenaries" who much of the available money.

(OO-A 3/183,427, 31 March 1961)

Troop of anti-Castro volunteers, called an Inter-Continental Penetration Force (Interpen) is being organized in Southeast Miami in character of board of board as organized by radio-bred woman. Members are Americans with leaders command group includes Cubanians, Venezuelans, Cubans and other anti-Castroists. Interpen activities is led by Jerry Patrick Heming, Jr.

HEMING, Gerald Patrick (Jr.)

Subj, 27 yr old, Subj, there and here is Heming, officially maintained his own, who wear Marine fatigue uniforms and paratrooper boots purchased at Army surplus stores, are conducting civil defense survival training courses. Firmed by he admits that his fund is being drilled for commando-type action against Fidel CASTRO and to train Cuban rebel groups.

(Washington Post, 28 June 61)

See FBI reports: 10-9-9/1; DEF 71030, 18 May 61 and DEF 74893, 11 May 61

Subj described as a CASTRO G-2 infiltrator. People in Miami afraid to have against his because of his strong personality and influence he has over those under his jurisdiction. (NYC 1093, 29 Jun 61, C/contact OO report)

Subj is living in apartment house that James GILBY and wife are sharing. GILBY says that Subj is not associated in any anti-CASTRO activity in Miami with subj. (NY 77377, 29 May 1961 Miami, Fla.)

Jim Bruce, Pat Stenachick and Bill Dumsney, who wished to volunteer to fight for the liberation of Cuba, claimed to be friends of Gerald Patrick HEMING.

(SOURCE: UOIA-2192, 24 Aug 61; UOIC-3/767,435)

Subj wrote to Dave Hurt, president, Adventurers, Inc., 5011 Hollywood Blvd, a number of paragraphs. Subj said Hurt and wife was interested in getting into one of Hurt's small planes. HURT wants to be in a position to capture and kill the story wide to cover up the security. Subj asked whether Hurt's wife was interested in making a CIA type type of plane.

(ICE-1100, 11 Oct 1961, COA-1473, 214)