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RE: Questions for Brad Ayers

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FYI, here is the revised and updated topic/question list for Brad Ayers.

1. **Bimonthly Reports**

Ayers claims in his book that he was sending bi-monthly reports, cleared by Shackley, to his Army superior at the Pentagon, a Colonel Bond, updating him on his activities. I want to know which unit/office Bond was attached to. **A.** Who received those reports? **B.** Who else besides Col. Bond saw those reports or had access to them? (A possibility is Bond's superior, a General Rosson.) **C.** Were those reports "eyes only" and then destroyed, or were they maintained? **D.** If the reports were kept, where would they be now? (Army intelligence, but which branch or unit?) **E.** Did anyone else beyond Bond or Rosson receive copies of these reports?

2. **"AM" Operations**

Ayers refers to several operations that began with the prefix "AM"... AMTRACK, AMTHUMB, AMARK, and AMCHECK. **A.** What were these operations, specifically, and how involved was Ayers in each? **B.** Which other personnel (i.e., Morales, Shackley, Wall, Rodriguez, etc.) were involved in or in charge of these operations? **C.** Was/is Ayers aware of any operations that took place *during* the Missile Crisis?

3. **Bobby Kennedy**

In his book Ayers claims to have met RFK at least twice at social gatherings for JMWAVE personnel in Miami or Key Largo. **A.** Are there any people now living who could corroborate this story (that RFK was in Miami)? **B.** In what regard were Bobby and John Kennedy held by the CIA staff at JMWAVE? 1) between Bay of Pigs to the Missile Crisis? 2) Missile Crisis to 11/22/63? 3) Post-assassination? **C.** Which groups/people specifically liked JFK/RFK? Disliked them?

4. Gordon Campbell

In his suggested revisions for the re-release of *The War That Never Was*, Ayers suggests that he believes Gordon Campbell, whom he identifies as Deputy Chief of Station, was “Bishop”, based on pillow talk with Shackley’s secretary. **A.** Elaborate on what it was that this secretary said about Campbell. **B.** Outside of the romantic context, did the secretary (or for that matter, anyone else) ever refer to Campbell as Bishop? **C.** Does Ayers know of any documentation of the pseudonyms used by JMWAVE personnel during their operations? Was there a list that existed of who was whom?

D. Does Ayers know how long CIA keeps pseudo identification lists? Is it only during the active service career of an individual, or post-service?

5. David Atlee Phillips/David Morales

A. What were these people up to, i.e., what was their role in JMWAVE/MONGOOSE? (Obviously, Morales was Chief of Operations, but what exactly did that entail?) **B.** How often was Phillips in Miami? Did Ayers ever have any contact with him? **C.** To Ayers’ knowledge, what was Phillips doing in Mexico City regarding MONGOOSE, Task Force W or SAS/SG(Augmented)? **D.** What were relations like between Morales and Phillips? How well did they work together?

6. Cuban exile leaders

In his book, Ayers mentions Arttime as the only exile leader he worked with personally. In his suggestions for revision, he also mentions Orlando Bosch. **A.** Which other exile leaders were working directly with JMWAVE? **B.** Did he ever see, come in contact with or know Antonio Veciana? **C.** Who was the case officer assigned to Veciana, if there was one? **D.** How reliable were/are these people? Whom can we trust to give us the truth? **E.** Where are they? Does Ayers know how we can get in touch with them? **F.** With whom, Cuban exile or American agent, should we talk to learn more about this area?

7. Standard operating procedure at JMWAVE

A few questions on the way the station worked: **A.** Was it unusual for the station to use anyone but Cubans for their operations? That is to say, were there ever any international mercenaries used (let’s go out on a limb... French Corsicans, QJWIN types, OAS, etc.)? **B.** Beyond John Roselli, did Ayers ever see any evidence of other Mafia types (specifically Giancana, Trafficante or their representatives) being involved in any way with the operations at JMWAVE? **C.** To whom did Shackley report? What was his chain of command? Did Shackley have autonomy for station operations, or was he merely carrying out someone else’s orders? Who made the decisions? **D.** How well known was it (among all staff, but especially field personnel) that the

assassination of Castro was part of MONGOOSE/JMWAVE? **E.** How much penetration of the training units or other JMWAVE operations and staff was there by the DGI? How seriously did the Station Chief and leadership view this as a problem? How serious a problem did the field commanders (Ayers, Rodriguez, Robertson) believe it to be?

8. JMWAVE personnel and the death of JFK

Ayers intimates that he and several other personnel at the Miami station felt that some of the people they were working with might have been responsible in some way for John Kennedy's death, but he doesn't elaborate. **A.** Why did Ayers and/or the others believe this? Was there anything specific that led them to believe it? **B.** Can Ayers name anyone else at the station specifically who believed as he did? If we contacted them now, would they testify to that effect? **C.** Who, at JMWAVE or within its scope of operations, did Ayers and the others feel might have been involved? **D.** Did Ayers ever, at any time, see or hear any reference whatsoever to Lee Harvey Oswald?

9. The anti-Castro operation in its larger sense

Regarding the effort to oust Castro in "the big picture" sense: **A.** Did Ayers know then, or does he believe he knows now, of CIA help to exile groups in New Orleans? Tampa? Anywhere else? **B.** Which groups was the agency helping in New Orleans? Which people were they in contact with? **C.** What was being done out of Mexico City regarding MONGOOSE? Were personnel at JMWAVE aware of this? How much did Shackley, Campbell and Morales know about this? **D.** Is Ayers aware of which government personnel were involved in the overall effort, i.e., who might Shackley have been coordinating efforts with? **E.** Can Ayers point us in the direction of any other personnel or contract agents who might be able to provide information to us?

10. Other US government entities

MONGOOSE certainly was not merely a CIA operation. **A.** What were other government agencies (e.g., DIA, G-2, others?, etc.) doing to carry out the goal of OPERATION MONGOOSE?

Other issues that I might raise are the specific dates of Ayers' claimed service at JMWAVE and the extent of his contact and cooperation with the HSCA.