

Cuba Notes

8/15/97 TJJ calls Fernando Ramirez at interests section. Told that he is on vacation in Cuba until the beginning of September.

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Kimberly Stanton suggestions on January 24, 1997:

Institute of History (of the Cuban Communist Party)
Bay of Pigs project

Fidel's personal historian
Pedro Alvarez Pabio
Archives attached to Fidel's office

Ministry of Interior
(staffed by armed forces)
Centro de estudios sobre asuntos

Stanton call on February 3, 1997.

Spoke with Colonel who is head of Research Center. Nothing done on JFK during past year.
Said to go through interests section.

Lechuga says docs are at Min Interior.

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notes from conversation on 1/28/97\

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According to Hamburg, Escalante thought person handing out leaflets with Oswald may have been Sr. Borha.

Former Cuban officials

Fabian Escalante

Arturo Rodriguez

Carlos Lechuga

According to Escalante and Rodriguez, Cuba performed no research for WC or HSCA, although it did answer HSCA requests.

Cuba has now conducted research and gathered records.

HSCA areas of interest

Oswald in Consulate

Ruby and Trafficante in 1959

-- Cuba has Ruby entrance card for 1959

ARRB areas of interest

-- obtaining documents

-- Trafficante in prison

-- Oswald in Consulate

internal Cuban cables, memos, correspondence

photos, electronic recordings

communications with Soviet officials

documents both pre- and post-assassination

-- Information on foreign intelligence surveillance of Cuban compound

-- microphone surveillance

-- Cuban intelligence activities in US circa 1963

-- Solo visits

-- Cuban re-staging of the assassination

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left message describing Board and work. March 10, 1997.

knows public archivists

we need to talk to people at Council of State
Ricardo Alarcon, President, Ntl. Assembly
Abel Prieto, Minister of Culture
relatively liberal; intellectual

Fair Play for Cuba Committee

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left message March 10, 1997.

Paterson telecon March 13, 1997

He recommends contact with the *Instuta de Cuba* (Institute for History)
distinguished historians on staff

Oscar Zanetti (well connected historian in US and Cuba)

LA Studies Association (LASA) project at U Pittsburgh

forthright; could speak with him by phone

We may wish to contact those involved with the Cuban Missile Crisis conf. who
may have contacts in Cuba.

James Blight

Phillip Brenner (at AU)

Proposed agenda for meeting with Cubans

1. JFK Act background.
 - Uncertainty in US about what happened.
 - Congress wants records to be declassified and made available to public
 - Declassified CIA, FBI, ONI, NSA records
 - We have a cooperative but separated relationship with agencies
 - Created independent agency to declassify and search records
 - Congress wanted foreign governments to be asked
 - We have spoken to Belarus, Russia, and others
 - The Review Board is not attempting to reach any conclusions, but just to collect records and information.

2. Cuba is important to the story.
 - Oswald
 - Contacts with Cuban exiles
 - Pro-Castro activities in US
 - Visit to Cuban consulate
 - Solo
 - Organized crime
 - Assassination attempts against Castro
 - Cuban exile groups
 - raids on Cuba
 - activities in the US