

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Cuba research project "mission statement"

The Cuba mission statement follows.

Mission Statement

Locate, acquire and declassify records related to Cuba, Anti-Castro activities, paramilitary activities and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Such an effort is based on the precept that individuals and groups which were associated with Cuba may be linked to the assassination. For example:

- the alleged assailant, Lee Harvey Oswald, has associations with both pro and anti Castro organizations, had visited the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City in order to obtain a visa to travel to Cuba, and had engaged in pro-Castro activities in New Orleans,
- Both pro-Castro and anti-Castro Cuban organizations have been alleged to have reason to assassinate President Kennedy,
- U.S.-based Organized Crime groups, the Central Intelligence Agency, and anti-Castro groups worked independently and together in attempting to harass and eventually overthrow the Revolutionary Government of Cuba. Part of this effort included targeting Fidel Castro and other Cuban leaders for assassination. Many have theorized that Kennedy's murder may have been a retaliatory measure by Castro.

File searches shall include, but are not limited to:

- Government and private files on Central Intelligence Agency activity in Cuba in the years 1961-1964. This would also include files on the cooperation between the CIA and U.S.-based anti-Castro groups;

- Government and private files on the independent paramilitary activities of anti-Castro organizations in 1963;
- Government and private files related to pro-Castro groups and activities located in the United States, such as the Fair Play for Cuba Committee;
- Government and private records on the relationship between U.S.-based organized crime groups, anti-Castro organizations, relevant U.S. government agencies;
- Government and private records on Lee Harvey Oswald's links to anti-Castro and pro-Castro Cuban groups.
- Records of communications between the government of Soviet Union and the government of Cuba regarding the assassination of President Kennedy.