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MEMO FOR

Gen Fausdale *FL*

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THEIR ACTION. THEY CONSIDER
HIM HELPFUL TO THEIR
CAUSE, EXTRACTS OF
CIA REPORTS ARE SECOND
ATTACHED.

Col Patchell

Thanks

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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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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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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 in Cuba. 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.

Subj erroneously referred to in OO-A(S) 3,170,536 as Jerry P. HEWING, Jr.) informed that he moving Miami, Florida & would arrive there Monday, 20 Mar 61. Subj stated he going contact Jimmy BARNETT, 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 do what he could in Miami had joined various of these movements & were doing it more harm than good while bleeding off 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 heard of heard as organized by radio-bred woman. Most are Americans with leaders command group includes Cubanians, Venezuelans, Cubans and other anti-Communist. Interpenarrison is led by Jerry Patrick, young lieutenant.

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Subj, 27 Mar 61, was seen in Miami, Fla. wearing military uniform, including a flight jacket, and carrying a rifle. He was seen with a group of men who were conducting civil defense survival training courses. (Source: Miami Herald, 28 Mar 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 him because of his strong personality and influence he has over those under his jurisdiction. (NYC 1093, 29 Jun 61, 2/Contact OO report)

Subj is living in apartment house that James GILBY and wife are occupying. GILBY says that subj is not associated in any anti-CASTRO activity in Miami with subj. (NY 77177, 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 HEWING. (SOURCE: UOIA-2192, 24 Aug 61; UOIC-3/767,435)

Subj wrote to Dave Hart, president, Adventurers, Inc., 1011 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles, Calif. Subj said that he was interested in going to Cuba as one of the "adventurers" and that he wanted to be in a position to secure and lead the "adventurers" to Cuba. Subj asked whether the "adventurers" was interested in making a CIA type operation. (ICE-1100, 11 Oct 1961, COA-10473, 214)