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72527 to MEXI from DIR dated 10/1/63

1. Basic Hdqtrs position -- assist any responsible anti-Castro group. JURE qualifies. L/2 can give covert assistance but not jeopardize his ops utility. Recommend Lanier contact be maintained.

2. Julio Lanier Hevia one of original members Pro-Unidad Cubana en Exilio formed February 1962.

3. Manolo Ray and Ernesto Betancourt (MEXI 6255) of ELC have had dealings in past and jointly held discussions with U.S. govt. on Cuban problems. Possible therefore Lanier and Betancourt approaches related.

#79557 to MEXI from DIR, dated 31 October 1963

1. Do not wish MEXI station intervene with Mexi foreign minister behalf JURE reps as this would obviously establish official U.S. support JURE. Hdqtrs not aware Litamil/2 has foreign minister contact but if he can assist on visa problem no objection. Might be useful L/2 make pretense of helping in order appear cooperative to Lanier.

2. Angel Luis Guiu Figueredo was chief military operations MRP in Cuba until took asylum May 1961. WAVE asset mid 62 to mid 63. Rogelio Cisneros Diaz is member JURE Executive Board and former national coordinator MRP in Cuba.

#6455 to DIR from MEXI, dated 9 October 1963

1. JURE rep in Mexico, Julio Lanier Hevia, told Litamil/2 that long-range seaplane lined up for use against Cuban soil. Currently used commercially haul shellfish. Based near Tampico. Two JURE leaders coming Mexico soon to inspect it. L/2 will try elicit more details.

c/s Comment: Requested timely reporting re any air strikes being planned or mounted against Cuba by anyone.

Cuban Ambassador to Mexico, 1963 - Joaquin Hernandez Armas

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Third Agency Deletions

1. FBI document (DBC-00999) dated 21 Feb. 1967, Classification: not given
Subject: ~~Assassination~~ Assassination/JFK Nov. 22, 1963, Dallas, Tex.
File # - not given.
2. FBI document (DBB 78198) dated 30 March 1967, Classification: not given
Subject: Assassination/JFK Nov. 22, 1963 Dallas, Tex.
FBI File # : (S) 62-10960 (Bureau)
3. FBI document, DBB-77295, dated April 10, 1967
Classification: not given
Subject: Assassination/JFK, Nov. 22, 1963 Dallas, Texas
FBI File #: Not given

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1. Search Request on 4/6/67
2. Report deleted, dated 7/19/61 - Third Party Information
3. Sergio visits survivors of Cuban exile infiltration of U.S. who landed in New Orleans and were hospitalized because of their weakened condition. He tried to see them on 3 May 1961 but entrance to the hospital was denied until his bona fides could be established. Visited them on 10 May 1961. Arcacha then head of New Orleans chapter of CRC.
4. Washington Start article, dated 1 April 1967 on Garrison proble - warrent issued for Arcacha's arrest on charges of conspiring to burglarize munitions bunker in 1961 with Gordon Novel.
5. Bio memo - undated. Sergio Arcacha Smith one of promoters of Friends of Democratic Cuba in New Orleans, 6 January 1961. Investigation conducted by a reliable Miami Station asset concluded that FRC organized for personal gain.
6. FBI memo on FRD, 1/18/61, New Orleans, deleted.
7. Memo dated 31 May 1967 by Ramond G. Rocca
Subject: Garrison and the Kennedy Assassination - Gordon Dwane Novel

A. Summary - Novel has both claimed and denied CIA affiliation -- a thorough check of CIA records shows no affiliation. It is possible that NBC is supporting Novel to get a large audience for expose of Garrison. Novel may have exaggerated his presumed relationship with Sergio Arcacha Smith who also is not CIA affiliated.

B. Novel is mysterious -- little information -- 29 year old former owner of bar in French Quarter and an electronics expert.

C. In Columbus, Ohio, Novel is free on \$10,000 bond - living in a rent-free apartment and drives a car with dealer tags. Rocca questions where money is coming from.

D. Novel in McLeans, Virginia 25-26 March 1967. Given a polygraph by Lloyd Furr. Furr and Richard L. Bast operate firm Redex -- sell audio and counter audio devices.

E. CIA finds no evidence of ever having an Evergreen Advertising Agency which Novel claims he worked for and was CIA front.

F. Records show CIA never recruited or paid Arcacha directly but since he was associated with FRD in New Orleans, which was created with CIA assistance, guidance and financial support may have been given him through the Miami FRD incirca May 1960.

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8. Memo dated 28 September 1967 from Donovan E. Pratt
 Subject: Garrison Investigation - Queries from Justice Department

Questions prepared by Deputy Assistant Attorney General/ Criminal Division.

- A. During 1948-56 period of his association with CIA, what services did Clay Shaw perform for agency?
 (Shaw submitted information on international trade which was incorporated into 8 reports -- East German directory of firms engaged in such trade; a Czechoslovakian Trade Exhibit; foreign exchange problems in Peru, etc.
- B. What was his remuneration? DCS has to supply this information.
- C. What were his contacts:
 (Contacted by DCS representative in New Orleans seven times 1949, twice 1950, five times 1951, nine times 1952, once 1953, twice 1954, twice 1955 and twice 1956.
- D. What was reason for cessation of relationship? Files don't answer - DCS must furnish answer.

Questions about Sergio Arcacha Smith - same memo.

- A. What was his exact relationship with Agency? Never a direct one. Miami FRD headquarters may have mentioned CIA sponsorship to him.
- B. What was Agency interest in and support of FRD? Answered above. In the CRC? Had direct access to and support of White House and CIA.
- C. CIA interest/support of Crusade to Free Cuba Committee?
 No record - check with WH/COG

Questions about Gordon Novel - same memo. No CIA connection with Novel or his attorney, Steven Plotkin or his former business partner Rancier Blaise Ehlinger.

Questions about Jack Ruby - No CIA relationship or file.
 David Ferrie - No CIA relationship
 Richard Rudolph Davis - No CIA relationship
 Alvin Beaufouef - No CIA relationship
 Guy Banister or Hugh Ward - no CIA relationship
 White Russians - no - see pp. 716-23 W Report
 De Mohrenschildt - no

Is CIA tapping Garrison's phone - no

Marine training site at Atsugi was removed from the U-2 area to which the Marines did not have access.

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