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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Jake <u>Estel</u> line	March-July 1960	Cuba ✓

OCCURRENCE:

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J. D. (JAKE) ESTERLINE, who was head of the Cuba Task Force in pre-BAY OF PIGS days, was regarded by the IG Report as probably the most reliable witness on general timing of these schemes because "he seems at least to have known of all of them." (9).

The IG Report was: "unable to establish even a tentative sequence among the schemes; they may, in fact, have been under consideration simultaneously." (9)

<u>SOURCE:</u> 16 Report '67	<u>STAFF:</u> Parson
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

~~CASTRO, Fidel~~
~~BERNER, Ray~~
~~SORCIA, Jerry~~

March-July
1960

CUBA
(Miscellaneous Schemes)

OCCURRENCE:

Depilatory: A chemical depilatory (Thallium Salts) was procured and tested for surreptitious use on CASTRO. The plan was to "dust Thallium powder into CASTRO's shoes when they were put out at night to be shined" (13) on a trip outside CUBA; the powder would be absorbed into his skin causing his beard to fall out and thereby destroying CASTRO's image. (13).

~~Ray Treacher~~ recalls this scheme; ~~Henry Berner~~ recalls something about Thallium Salts.

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
██████████, Ray TSD ██████████, Henry ESTERLINE, Jake	March-July 60	CUBA (Misc. Schemes)

OCCURRENCE: Aerosol attack on radio station: A scheme was discussed at CIA to "contaminate the air of the radio station where CASTRO broadcast his speeches with an aerosol spray of a chemical that produces reactions similar to those of Lysergic Acid (LSD)." (10) "Nothing came of the idea." (10) ~~██████████~~, of TSD, remembers the discussion and discouraged the scheme "because the chemical could not be relied upon to be effective." (10) Others who may be knowledgeable: 1. ~~Henry Bortner~~ (TSD) recalls general experimentation with psychic energizers. 2. Jake Esterline.

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

GUNN, Dr. Edward
~~TREICHLER, Roy~~
TSD

DATES:

August 16,
1960

CATEGORIES:

CUBA
(Lethal Cigars)

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OCCURRENCE:

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DR. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Office of Medical Services, has a notation that on 16 August 1960, he received a box of Cuban cigars to be treated with a lethal material. (21). He understood them to be CASTRO's favorite brand. (21). GUNN's notes show that within the next month he contacted ~~Roy Treichler~~, of TSD, (Sept. 6, 1960) and gave him the box of cigars (21). ~~Treichler~~

recalls "that he did contaminate a full box of 50 cigars with Botulinum Toxin, a virulent poison," (21) which would kill the intended victim upon merely putting it in the mouth. ~~Treichler~~'s notes showed delivery of the box on February 13, 1961, although they do not indicate to whom. (22).

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

~~REICHLER, Raymond~~
TSD

DATES:

pte - August
'60

CATEGORIES:

CUBA ✓
(Leads)

OCCURRENCE:

FAOS: Shouldn't we call ~~RAYMOND REICHLER~~ as a witness, at least for single senator testimony. He was in TSD and has knowledge of several pre-August 1960 schemes, at least.

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Helms, Richard
Harvey, Mr.

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

Castro ✓

OCCURRENCE:

Helms testified that he does not recall whether he selected Harvey to head the Cuban operation, but that he did certainly approve Harvey's selection. Prior to receiving the commitment Harvey had been in charge of a staff in the foreign intelligence staff whose function was to mount operations against Embassies and installations of foreign powers overseas to acquire secrets and ciphers by surreptitious entry. (49-50)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

BISSELL, Richard

~~British T-6~~
KGB

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

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GENERAL THEMES ✓

OCCURRENCE:

In response to a question from SENATOR GOLDWATER, BISSELL said that he shared GOLDWATER'S opinion that actions such as assassination are practiced by every intelligence organization. This includes ~~the British T-6 and~~ the KGB, although BISSELL could not cite a specific assassination carried out by either one (61).

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STAFF: Baron

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> MOSS, Edward K. ZRMAJOR	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> CUBA (Leads)
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OCCURRENCE:

BURT WIDES

The IG Report of 1967 indicates that EDWARD K. MOSS, a Washington public relations counsellor, was used "by C.A. Staff under Project ZRMAJOR, a program for the exploitation of sensitive consultants." (30).

Do you already know about this project?

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Lansdale Harvey Colby NSC	'62 '52-'55	Castro ✓ Mongoose SGA NSC

OCCURRENCE:

Colby testifies that Gen. Lansdale was Assistant to Secretary of Defense at time of Harvey Aug. 14, 1962 memo, ~~though Gen. Lansdale was with CIA from '52-'55~~ (Tr. 27). After '65, Lansdale became assistant to U. S. Ambassador in Vietnam where Colby & CIA "were associated with him but he was not a CIA officer at that time." (Tr. 28)

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<u>SOURCE:</u> Testimony of Wm. Colby 5/23/75	<u>STAFF:</u> John Bayly
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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
James P. O'Connell Niarchos Maheu Onassis	'54	Castro ✓

OCCURRENCE:

O'Connell testified that Maheu furnished CIA with information about Onassis derived by non-technical means from Maheu's work for his private client, **Niarchos**, in re oil rights. (Tr. 14-15, 111)

<u>SOURCE:</u> Testimony of James P. O'Connell 5/30/75	<u>STAFF:</u> John Bayly
<u>FILE:</u>	<u>DATE:</u> 6/30/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

DATES:

CATEGORIES:

1956

CASTRO ✓

OCURRENCE:

DISCOVERY LEADS:

Copy To Anne Karyalekas: Robert Maheu apparently received help from the CIA (by making Agency ~~communications and~~ pouch facilities available to him) in developing a black propaganda campaign against Onassis ~~in behalf of Marinos' attempt~~ to void a contract under which Onassis would control 90% of all Saudi Arabian oil shipments. (71-72).

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The CIA intervened in a libel suit before the New York Supreme Court in early 1956 (Onassis v. Catapodis), which involved affidavits that had been passed through the CIA pouch system (72).

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Bautzer O'Connell Maheu Edwards	/59-/65	Castro ✓

OCCURRENCE:

O'Connell testified that Maheu helped CIA to supply women for foreign leaders. Request came to O'Connell from Edwards. Greg Bautzer introduced royal foreign leader to Starlet at Hollywood cocktail party at Maheu's request. CIA arranged for Starlet to go to N.Y.C. to be with leader for rest of his stay in America. CIA monitored mail thereafter between royal visitor and Starlet unbeknownst to either. (Tr. 144-151)

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 CIA, again through Maheu, set up cocktail party for 2nd leader in San Francisco.

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SOURCE:
Testimony of James O'Connell, 5/30/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

TSD
~~TREICHLER, Raymond~~
EDWARDS, Sheffield
O'CONNELL

GIANCANA

DATES:

Late
January
1961

CATEGORIES:

CUBA ✓
(Syndicate/Phase I)

OCCURRENCE:

TSD prepared poison pills (of Botulin) rather than liquid
poison. (24).

~~Treichler~~ remembers meeting with EDWARDS and O'CONNELL in
EDWARDS' office to discuss the requirement "(24) for poison
pills, which had initially been the preference of GIANCANA.

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

BISSELL, Richard GOTTLIEB, Sidney
HARVEY
WHITE HOUSE

DATES:

February 1961
(HARVEY's rough
estimate)

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

EXECUTIVE ACTION / ZRRIFLE
CASTRO ✓
~~LEWIS CONGO~~

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OCCURRENCE:

the
BISSELL assigns to HARVEY / developing of "an EXECUTIVE ACTION capability, i.e.,
a general stand-by capability to carry out assassinations when required." (37)

"HARVEY's notes quote BISSELL as saying, 'The WHITE HOUSE has twice urged me to create such
a capability.' BISSELL recalls discussing the question of developing a general capability
with HARVEY." (37)

"HARVEY says that BISSELL had already discussed certain aspects of the problem with ~~AROLD~~
~~SILVER~~ and with SIDNEY GOTTLIEB." (37-38).

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SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 37-38

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

HELMS, Richard

DATES:

Feb 61

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

OCCURRENCE: (continued from card 1)

HARVEY used ~~SOVER~~ in developing the EXECUTIVE ACTION capability (38).

RUGS states that
Sometime shortly after this initial meeting, and while HARVEY was still discussing the development of EXECUTIVE ACTION with BESSELL, "he briefed Mr. HELMS fully on the general concept but without mention of the then on-going plan to assassinate CASTRO." (38)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

(See the 13 names listed below)

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DATES:

FEB. 1961
(APPROXIMATE)

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

Castro ✓ (Card 1)
-CUBA - PHASE I

OCCURRENCE:

The I.G. REPORT identified the following persons who knew, in late 1960 or early 1961, of the PHASE I plan to assassinate CASTRO:

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. ALLEN DULLES, DCI | 10. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, FI/D |
| 2. GEN. C. P. CABELL, DDCI | 11. SIDNEY GOTTLIEB, Special Assistant to the DD/P (GOTTLIEB's name was encountered repeatedly in this inquiry, but he denies knowing of the operation in 1960-61.) |
| 3. RICHARD BISSELL, DD/P | 12. ROBERT BANNERMAN, DD/Security |
| 4. SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security | 13. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He too denies knowing of the operation at the time.) |
| 5. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security, the case officer | |
| 6. J. D. ESTERLINE, Chief, WH/4 | |
| 7. CORNELIUS ROOSEVELT, Chief, TSD | |
| 8. RAY BRICHER Chemical Division, TSD | |
| 9. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Medical Services | |

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 34-35

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
A.M. LASH STEWART, JACK	March 9, 1961	CASTRO ✓ 1 of 2

OCCURRENCE:

~~JACK STEWART~~, an officer assigned to the Mexico City station, met in Mexico City with a high officer in the Cuban armed forces who was subsequently to become a CIA asset known as A.M. LASH-1.* ~~STEWART~~ met with A.M. LASH to sound out his views on the Cuban situation. A.M. LASH was in Mexico City to attend a "leftist-sponsored" conference. (78).

The March 1961 meeting was inconclusive, but it led to other meetings out of which Project A.M.LASH was created. A.M. LASH-1 "repeatedly insisted that the essential first step in overthrowing the regime was the elimination of CASTRO himself, which /A.M. LASH-1/ claimed he was prepared to accomplish. He repeatedly requested that we /CIA/ furnish him the special equipment or material needed to do the job." (79).

The IG REPORT concludes that: "The Agency offered both direct and indirect support for /A.M. LASH's/ activities" (80). (Continued on next card)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
<i>Trafficante</i> <i>Verona</i> <i>Roselle</i> <i>O'Connell</i> <i>Esterline</i> <i>Offa</i> <i>Edwards</i> <i>Bannetman</i>	<i>Late March -</i> <i>April 1961</i>	<i>Cuba</i> <i>(Syndicate / Phase I)</i>

OCCURRENCE:

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whom ROSELLI deal with under pseudonym (32).

EDWARDS recalls that VERONA's contact worked in a restaurant frequented by CASTRO and was to put the pills into CASTRO's food or drink (32). "EDWARDS believes tht the scheme failed because CASTRO ceased to visit that particular restaurant." (32).

* Dr. Manuel Antonio d'Verona e Loredo, head of the Democratic Revolutionary Front, a CIA supported group which was part of the larger Cuba operation (29).

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Maheu Edwards Rosselli Giancana Trafficante <i>Breckinridge</i>	3 or 4-61	Castro ✓

OCCURRENCE:

that was
Breckinridge testified Maheu on retainer to CIA "in the early days" (Tr. 99) ('50's?) and "on one occasion he obtained a female companion for an important foreign leader." (Tr. 99) Edwards contacted Maheu who contacted Roselli who contacted Giancana who contacted Trafficante, who "travelled to and from Cuba," (Tr. 100) and who "had a source inside Cuba (who) ...was believed to have access to Castro and a poison pill was developed that he was to insert into Castro's food." (Tr. 101)

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SOURCE:

Testimony of Wm. Colby, 5/23/75

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> (See list of names below.)	<u>DATES:</u> Apr 17, '61 -	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> TOP SECRET ✓ CUBA - SYNDICATE/PHASE II -- <u>KNOWLEDGE OF PHASE II</u> CARD 1 of 3
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OCCURRENCE: The list of persons with knowledge of PHASE II of the CASTRO ASSASSINATION OPERATION differs from those who knew of PHASE I. Those with knowledge of PHASE II are:

1. RICHARD HELMS, DD/P
2. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, Task Force W
3. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security (He knows that Harvey took over the operation and delivered pills, arms, and equipment in April 1962. He does not know of developments after May 1962.)
4. SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security (He knows of the fact of the turnover to HARVEY, but states he knows nothing of developments thereafter.)
5. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He stated in our interview with him that he knew that HARVEY was having meetings with members of the gambling syndicate in 1962.)
6. ~~BRUCE CHEEVER~~, HARVEY's deputy in 1962 (CHEEVER knows that HARVEY was meeting with gangsters in Reno (sic) in the winter of 1962.)
7. TED SHACKLEY, Chief, JMWAVE (He assisted HARVEY in the delivery of arms and equipment to VARONA in April 1962, but presumably did not know the identities of the recipients nor (con't.))

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967 0 55 - 56

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

(Same instruction as card 1.)

DATES:

Apr 17, '61

CATEGORIES:

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OCCURRENCE:

SHACKLEY, cont: the purpose for which the material was to be used.)

8. RAY TRELSCHLER, TSD (TRELSCHLER's participation was limited to furnishing the pills to O'CONNELL on 18 April 1962.)

9. ANTONIO VARONA, the Cuban exile leader (He presumably was not aware of government sponsorship.)

10. VARONA'S SON-IN-LAW (He too was presumably not aware of government's role.)

11. MACEO, ROSELLI's "Man" (MACEO probably knew there was a government connection, but may not have identified CIA as the agency.)

(con't.)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Sam Gold Dr. Edward Gunn Juan Orta Dr. Raymond Treichler Cornelius Roosevelt	September 25, 1961	Castro ✓

OCCURRENCE: In discussing the possible methods of accomplishing the mission, Sam Gold suggested that they not resort to firearms, but ~~that~~ if he could be furnished with some type of potent pill that could be placed in Castro's food or drink. Sam indicated that he had a prospective nominee in the person of Juan Orta, a Cuban official, who had been receiving back payments from the gambling interests who still had access to Castro, and was in a financial bind. Cornelius Roosevelt, Chief, TSD was consulted and assigned ~~Dr. Raymond Treichler~~ to develop a pill that had the elements of rapid solubility, high lethal content, and little or no traceability. Six of these items were produced and after being checked out for their effectiveness by Dr. Edward M. Gunn, three pills were ultimately turned over to Sam for the mission. Neither TSD nor Dr. Gunn was briefed on the ultimate use of the pills.

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SOURCE: CIA Justice File R-153 Memorandum by Howard J. Osborn to Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Subj: Robert A. Maheu dated June 24, 1966.

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Zoghey Harvey Kennedy, Robert Bissell HALPERN	1961 October	Castro ✓

OCCURRENCE:

Halpern testified that in the fall of 1961 he attended a meeting with Bissell and Mr. Chose Zoghey. Zoghey was the Branch Chief (S). The meeting occurred in the middle of Oct. of 1961. Bissell stated at the meeting that he had recently "been chewed out in the cabinet room of the White House by both the President and the Attorney General for as he put it, sitting on his ass and not doing anything about getting rid of Castro and the Castro regime. His orders to both Mr. Zoghey and to me ^{was} to plan an operation to accomplish that end." (S) Halpern testified that no limitations were put on the term "get rid of". Nothing was forbidden (S). The meeting involved only general discussions and not tactics.

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Halpern Gen Lansdale Bissell Zorbov	Oct 1961	Castro ✓

OCCURRENCE:

Shortly after ^{Halpern's} meeting with Bissell, Halpern, and ~~Zorbov~~ were introduced to Gen Lansdale who was the new Chief of Operations for an effort to remove ~~the~~ the Castro regime. The initial meeting was concerned with only organizational matters.

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
[redacted] Harvey Halpern Helms MCCONE	Dec 1961	Castro ✓

OCCURRENCE:
 [redacted] sometime in Dec of 1961, described to Halpern a meeting at the director's office in which McCone had stated that Helms would henceforth "be his man on Cuba." (13) [redacted] told Halpern that Helms had no inkling that he would be appointed head of the Cuban operations before this meeting (13). Sometime after the meeting Helms came to [redacted]'s office, checked into the organization of [redacted]'s operations and directed that Cuba would be a separate activity and no longer part of the WH Division (14).

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:
HELMS, LANSDALE, ✓

DATES:
Feb. 1, 1962

CATEGORIES:
Special Group Augmented
MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Memo for Richard Helms from Gen. Lansdale concerning ~~NSA~~ cover. The memo alludes to a conversation on the previous day, Jan. 31, 1962, about ~~NSA~~ cover for the Cuba Project. It indicates that Cuba cover is top priority. It indicated that this was not possibly known to the members of the United States Intelligence Board. The problem seemed to be to be able to decide how much of ~~NSA (National Security Agency)~~'s assets were needed to provide cover for the Cuban project.

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SOURCE: Memorandum for Richard Helms from Brig. Gen. Lansdale, dated Feb. 1, 1962 (00122)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Halpern
Harvey

DATES:

1961

CATEGORIES:

CASTRO ✓
(Harvey biographical)

OCCURRENCE:

Samuel Halpern was executive assistant to Harvey who was in charge of the Cuban operation. Prior to 1961 Halpern was in the Far Eastern Service of

~~the CIA~~ (7)

In the fall of 1961 he was assigned to the branch covering the Western Hemisphere including Cuba and other Caribbean Islands.

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SOURCE: Halpern 6/18/75

FILE:

STAFF: Rhea

DATE: 7/1/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Breckinridge
Helms

DATES:

'61 - 62
'62

CATEGORIES:

Castro ✓
ZR Rifle

OCCURRENCE:

Breckinridge testified that 'Mr. Helms was the person who formally approved ZR Rifle... (which) had a dual purpose.. to steal codes' and to provide lethal executive action capability. (Tr. 67, 69-70) Rifle meant rifle (gun) and rifle (rummage through files). [TR 67]

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SOURCE:

Testimony of Wm. Colby, 5/23/75

STAFF:

John Bayly

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

BRECKINRIDGE, SCOTT
HARVEY, WILLIAM

DATES:

2/61

CATEGORIES:

CASTRO ✓
EXECUTIVE ACTION/ZRRIFLE

OCCURRENCE: Breckinridge testified that from his review of the files of Project ZRRIFLE, the "controlling character" (80) of the Project was to steal codes rather than to develop the capability for assassination. (80)

Breckinridge testified that on the face of the documents relating to Project ZRRIFLE, the Project was only directed at stealing codes. The fact that it related to developing the capability to assassinate came out in interviews with William Harvey. (81)

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SOURCE: BRECKINRIDGE testimony, 6/2/75

STAFF: WALLACH

FILE:

DATE: 7/5/75