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MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Mason Cargill *MC*

Subject: MONGOOSE MATERIALS RETAINED BY THE CIA

Joseph Selzer of the Inspector General staff made available to me all the materials he has been able to assemble from CIA sources concerning Project MONGOOSE. These consist of three file folders and one loose-leaf binder. I have examined them to determine if any reference is made to assassination, liquidation, or elimination of Castro.

The first document in this pile is a copy of the minutes of the August 10, 1962, meeting of the special group augmented, prepared by Tom Parrot. They were forwarded to Dr. Chamberlain, the CIA Inspector General, by Robroy Ratliff, a CIA employee detailed to the National Security Council. A cover memo of April 18, 1975, was attached, may be of some interest, and reads as follows:

"FYI, We received a request from Belin of the Vice President's Commission to examine our files on MONGOOSE and other Cuban and D.R. files. While this request has not been resolved, the preliminary response is not to allow this access. Signed Robroy Ratliff."

The minutes of the August 10, 1962, meeting contained no mention, implicit or explicit, of assassination.

The first complete file examined was a long green cardboard file without a title on it. Inside, however, it is indicated to be a record of Special Group meetings and

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*GRFL: GRFP: Rockefeller Commission Papers, 6.4,
F: "Assassination Materials, Misc (3)."*

Special Group (Augmented) meetings at which General Carter participated and discussions of Cuba and/or Cuban overflights during the period August 15 to November 14, 1962. This file contains a memorandum dated October 16, 1962, from General Carter to the Special Group Augmented, Subject: "Operation MONGOOSE Sabotage Proposals." Paragraph 1c of this memorandum contains a proposal that the CIA undertake "grenade attack on the Chinese Communist Embassy in Havana, to be carried out by a recruited Cuban agent who has access to a roof overlooking the embassy garden and who has volunteered for this mission."

The second file in this collection is entitled simply "MONGOOSE." This contains nothing relevant to the assassination inquiry.

Next in this collection in a large manila envelope on which is written in ink the following notation: "Separate cover attachment to ER75-5938." This envelope contains miscellaneous papers related to MONGOOSE. The documents in this envelope contain, among other things, a long list of potential sabotage targets within Cuba. I found no reference to assassination, either explicit or implicit.

The next file examined is marked "Cuba Special Subject." This file also contains miscellaneous papers relating to Project MONGOOSE, none of which contain any references to assassination.

The last item of this MONGOOSE package consists of a bulky loose-leaf binder of papers assembled for General Carter's reference of significant things that happened during the period of August to October, 1962. In this notebook, the Inspector General has already flagged entries which refer in any way to Operation MONGOOSE. I have examined all such entries.

Rockefeller Commission: Staff analyst Mason Congill - to file

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re CIA denial of access to records of Special Group/Augmented
on Cuba opns.

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