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Cuban Ambassador to UN = Pedro Garcia Trucillo

Chronology - "The Bay of Pigs"

June 19, '62 - Kennedy tells Harry-Ruiz Williams to get a lawyer to represent the committee to Castro -- names Donovan

June 20, '62 - business man, Rob't W. Kean, Jr. on behalf of the committee telephoned JED's office at 9 & makes appmt. for 3 that afternoon -- for 2 hrs. /R.K., President of Elizabethtown Water Co., married to Luz Maria Sylvanio, whose brother a Cuban prisoner. - 4 in office - incl. 2nd in Com

April
 in the same month negotiations for Tractors for Freedom had failed

JED STUDIES 1) Castro 2) whether his mission wld conflict w gov't policy 3) whether in conflict w Logan Act - 4) Brigade

June 26, CFC formally announces sponsors

June 27, '62 - Kennedy approves at Press Conference the CFC's efforts

" " " - Berta Barreta returns to Havana w memos detailing committee's activities & 5 page letter fr JED to her, in which last paragraph direct appeal Castro
miscellaneous

July 2, '62 - Harry Williams arranges mtg btwn JED & RFK - Press Conference

July 3, '62 - at 9:30 JED & RFK meet - RFK assures him that the mission in national interest & negotiations w Castro not in violation of Logan Act. -- lat that day, discussions w state dep't. Bob Hurwitz

highest govt levels - State Dept, Justice Dept, + Pres. Council. that accomplishments of this mission will be in national interest

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July 7	Hamilton	5:00
15	Hamilton	5:00
20	Hamilton	5:00
24	Hamilton	5:00
26	Hamilton	5:00
30	Hamilton	5:00
31	Hamilton	5:00

Sanchez
Hamilton
5:00 Sanchez
+ 4:50 - Ambassador - 6:00 R-Williams 9:00 Sanchez
- 2:00 - various press club

Aug. 14, '62 - D contacts Cuban Delegate to UN & receives answer that C wld see D at any time tho shld be prior to Aug. 30

Hamilton
 15 *Hamilton* - 11:50 outside of FBI - 11:45 Sanchez
 20 *Hamilton* - 17 - in letter fr Alvara
 23 *Hamilton* - 17 - in letter fr Alvara
 24 *Hamilton*

Chronology-The Invisible Gov't

Aug 30 ^{4:45 PM} - 5:15 PM - Havana

Aug 29, '62 - 1st talks w C. stayed in Miramar. met at Presidential Palace w C. offer drugs & baby foods for men, but no cash or tractors
31 4 hrs.

pt. 1, '62 - tlks continue in Celia Sanchez' apmt. - C agrees to accept food & medicine. using world market as basis for prices; the Ministers of Health, Welfare & Commerce wld prepare list of products needed by Cuban peeps submit it to D. NOTHING TO BE REGARDED AS FINAL COMMITMENT HOWEVER. IN RETURN D PLEDGED TO FULFILL REQUIREMENTS OF LIST.

pt. 2, '62 - D returns in morning to await list. at 9 that nite, Freyre, Sanchez & Berta given by Alberto Mora the Minister of Commerce, a list of products in 7 different categories, indicatg desired quantities. this list sent "by hand" via Capt. of 1st Pan Am flight leaving next morning

Sept. 3, '62

Sept. - difficulties: 1) shipping food not feasible
a) at least 30 to 40 ships necessitated & neither Amer gov't nor people prepared to become involved to this extent in view of deterioratg relations w Cuba

b) embargo on shipping to Cuba

c) threat of longshoreman's strike fr Maine to Fla.

d) possibility of drugs explored: visit w John E. McKee head of Chas. Pfizer Co. who lives in same aptmt bld, John T. Connor former head of Merck, Sharp & Dohme, also called in -- both offered to donate drugs

Sept. 18, '62

2) JbD enters Senatorial race against incumbent Javitz
a) Republican criticism: D usg prisoner xchange as mea to further career

b) Democratic disapproval: D not spendg enuf time on campaign b of Cuban negotiations

Oct. 3, '62 - D in Havana in the afternoon

Oct. 4, '62 - at Berta's hse D, CFC meet w Dr. Santiago Cubas & Capt'n Abrahantes, Sub-Secretary of Minister of Interior. D announces that Drugs, not food be exchanged b of shipping problems. D tks of 2 letters of credit w Royal Bank of Canada: 1) covering debt of 60 wounded prisoners 2) guaranteeing delivery of drugs & medicine enuf to fulfill ransom

Oct. 5, '62 - Abrahantes takes D to private conference w C at Varadero Beach, Mantanzas Province where DR. Vallejo waiting. Joke: Don't tl people we're friends, I a few friends like you, I don't need any enemies - 8 hrs. - C agreed w substitution of medicine, but wanted them at wholesale prices so could get more for same amt.

Oct. 6, '62 - Abrahantes comes to Berta's villa at noon w proposition that the office be held until exchange completed as guarantee which D immediately rejects that nite 4 hr telephone conversation w Celia



Oct. 7 '62- morning flies back to Miami sick w fever-checks in at Dupont Plaza Hot using Harry Wms name. xamined & treated there & advised to enter hospi but
at 2, 52. ... concerned w Antitrust action - He can ask permission 2 de w Aug Assoc. I already 4.

Oct. 8, '62- returns to Havana (3)

Oct. 10, '62- mtg. at 4 w C at Presidential Palace. hostile atmosphere b of present hard-line ministers, Alberto Mora & Dr. Machado Ventura, Minister of Public works - D reports that i obtained credit increase & backing of highest official banking org. in Canada

--- presents Castero w memo of agreement : --

1) Castro wld receive drugs at 60% discount (wholesale)

2) insurance, packg & shippg costs borne by CFC

3) baby food included in agreemt.

4) bankg. arrangemets wld guarentee completion of paymet. fr 6-9 mos. after start of operation.

5) as act of faith delivery of 20% before one prisoner freed

C's objections:

1) wholesale prices too high -- reduction of 35%

2) against release for only 20%

3) merchandise planned for 1st shipmt not necessary in Cuba

4 Freyre took over & continued in Spanish until D walked out in anger

Oct. 11, '62- D sends personal message thru Mora asking C to determine necessary drugs & to indicate readiness to continue negotiations. D returns to US

Oct. 12, '62- lists of medicines Cuba wants sent to D

Oct. 13, '62- D waits for new medicine requirements.

Oct. 14, '62- U2 plane flyg over Cuba spots missiles

Oct. 19 '62- Freyre delivers new list of drugs & medicines to Harry Wms at Miami airport

Oct. 20, '62- Harry flies to NY & delivers list to D in mornng. list impossible! quote prices fr Japan, Poland, Italy which are lower than world market
"at the only market"

Oct. 22, '62- Kennedy's appearance on TV re missile crisis - D learns of it in Onea upstate NY where giving speech before college audience

during crisis negotiations kept open - nothg really accomplished - false letters sent back & forth describg imaginary progress

Nov. 16, '62- Sanchez visits prisoners in Isla de las Pinas & discovers them in pit shape

Nov. 19 '62- 4 Barretos fly back

Industry

Nov.30- '62- meetg of top officials of Depts of State, Justice, Treasury & CIA

- Kennedy arranges w Louis Oberdorfer, asst. Att. General in charge of tax division of dept of justice, to expedite release of prisoners
- top officials - Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
Stanley Surrey of Treasury
Rob't Hurwitch of State Dept.
Mitchell Rogovin of Internal Revenue
Larry Houston of CIA
- bitterness of CFC - restlessness of Us Cuban colony - D orders High Mas: which Sanchez arranges

Oberdorfer approached Lloyd Cutler, counsel to Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Assoc., abt contributions by Drug cos. Lloyd made it clear that the cos wld have to be able to work together w/out fear of anti-trust actions. wld need assurance from administration that they wldn't be attacked, since put in unfavorable light by 1960,61 investigations of Keefauver subcommittee

Dec.3, '62- Oberdorfer reported this to RFK
 Dec.6, '62- D confers w RFK
 Dec.7, '62- RK met w officials of Pharmaceutical Assoc. - emphasized the US responsibility for Bay of Pigs Prisoners, their courage, the non-strategic value of drugs, assured them that sight of returning prisoners wld silence criticism -- contributions voluntary

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Dec.6, '62- D acquires assistants: John E. Nolan of Steptoe & Johnson
E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr.
John Douglas, Sen. Paul Douglas' son
Raymond J. Hasenberger

they solicit for pledges & contributions from Oberdorfers office

Rob't Knight, formerly gen. counsel for Treasury, headed similar team of volunteer lawyers in NY

to obtained clearance fr Civil Aeronautics Board & Interstate Commerce Commission to permit charitable contribution of air & surface transportation of drugs to Miami

Dec.9, '62- Kennedy tlks to Baby food manufacturers

Dec.11, '62- Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Mortimer Caplan rules that drug contributions deductible at value of lowest wholesale prices of products

Dec.11, '62 - Oberdorfer & D attend mtg. of bd of Directors of Pharmaceutical manufacturers Assoc. w list of drugs wanted by C totaling 237 pages & including 10,000 items - Eli Lilly pledged 1 million dollars in drugs

Dec 12, '62- 14 drug companies committed to deliver 14 million \$ of drugs - Gerber promised & Beechnut 2,000,000 - Atlas Chemical, \$150,000 - Amer. Assoc. of to supply transportation. SKF to supply medical equipment - Red Cross as Amer. Fin. - San Continental Cans to contribute tin cans

D w/ re s Celia to improve care & feeding of prisoners

Dec. 16-17 16, Oberdorfer orders 1st shipment of drugs transported to Fla. & loaded on planes at Opa-Locka airport (the same CIA airbase used as jumpg off pt. for Bay of Pigs ins trainees) & SS African Pilot at Port Everglade

D Confers w officials in Wash. & on to Miami where during 16 & 17 stays at CIA hse. in Miami telephong to Miami Havana

Dec. 17, '62- SS African Pilot sails fr Baltimore to pick up Amer. Red Cross medicine at Port Everglades

Dec. 28, '62- Oberdorfer, his asst. Frank Michelman, John Nolan & a CIA attorney arrive at D's Miami hse bearing 10 vials of medicine fr Walter Reed hospital & sick child of 1 of C's negotiators at 5 am. they brief D & he leaves Havana w Sanchez & Mrs. Barreto & Mrs. Virginia Betencourt

④ met w Castro 4 4 hrs. & reached tentative agreement.

Dec. 19, '62- C lifts ban on gifts of food & clothg to prisoners'

D meets w C at Minister Boti's home -- Vallejo reports that list unacceptable b no surgical equipmt. & no specification of what baby foods involved

⑤ D returns to Miami w Vallejo's analysis & consults w Dr. Leonard Scheele former surgeon genl of US.

Dec. 20, '62- D & Scheele return to Havana -- Scheele actg as consultant to explain n drugs on list

Dec. 21, '62- noon, Royal Bank of Canada formally issued letter of credit & delivered it to purchasing agents in Havana & immediately confirmed by Castro gov't

late afternoon D calls Wash to inform them that he & C signed Memorandum of agreement pending inspection of supplies by Fidel's technicians.

little after midnight 3 Cuban ^{Osorio's} Red Cross officials in olive drab flew secretly into Miami, met by Dr. Scheele & Barrett Prettyman -- shown supplies at Opa-Locka airport - Harry Wms. actg. as translator & Robert Ben Lovejoy of Red Cross

Dec. 22, '62- until day break checkg supplies at Port Everglades -- atmosphere of ill will - Cubans objected to subh thgs as Listerine, Alka-Seltzer, Aspirin - but Americans insisted that needed by Cuba.

at 5am Cubans announced that they wished to stay the day, whereon Cuban & Americans adjourned to Barrett Prettyman's Harold Johnson motel rm to discuss. Nolan pointed out that adverse press (i.e. large Cuban colony in Fla.) due to their stayg over wld not help negotiations any, since am people not that favorable to the deal anyway. Cubans conferred alone, then said they wanted to call Cuba. After two attempts, they finally succeeded & were ordered home. They flew back at 9am.

that night in Havana C showed up w bottle of Scotch & he, D, Sanchez, B & Vallejo celebrated

SS African Pilot sailed for Havana
release of prisoners began

Dec. 23, '62-early Nolan & Prettyman joined D in Havana

Castro met African Pilot in afternoon 5pm- 1st plane left S. Antonio de los Baños airport for Homestead Air Force Base --(for D's sense of humor at this time see, Bay of Pigs, p.322) D watching the 1st plane of prisoners: "Just watching the 1st plane take off made it all worth it. It was like the slave trade. All they lacked were the chains. It really choked me up."

C let 1000 relatives of prisoners go back on the African Pilot as Xmas bonus

4 plane loads of prisoners, 426 men, left Cuba by night fall

ec. 24, '62-2,900,000.00 in ransom money for 60 prisoners released in April had to be paid else the airlifts might be stopped.

2am Nolan, driven to airport by Boti, flew to Miami w Harry Wms. -- met Oberdorfer -- Kennedy contacted Cardinal Cushing who donated 1 million Clay borrowed remaining 1,900,000 then solicited Amer. business firms to cover it: Texaco, Standard Oil of N.J., & Ford Motor Co. each contributed 100,000 -- had to be raised by 3pm --

administration afraid of being attacked for helping Castro -- therefore played down the big role it played.:

1 Jan. '63-Ag Dept. gave 5,000,000 lbs dried milk to R.C. & pledged more as needed

in all; Ag contributed 35,000,000 lbs surplus food: 15,000,000 dried milk -- 20,000,000 shortening

2 8 Jan. '63- A.D. announced that CFC would reimburse it. actually 1st lowered cost of milk & shorteng. from price it bought it at to price on world market -- then accepted insecticide called S e v i n which Union Carbide had contributed to RC which RC could not send to Cuba & turned them over to Agency for Int. Devel. which sent them to India, Pakistan & -Israel & Algeria -- This does not equal funds"

after Bay of Pigs, a conservative estimate of what it cost the gov'

29,93,000:

20,000,000 tax loss

5,666,000 skim milk & shortening

4,000,000 in secret CIA payments to families of Brigade over 20 month period

138,000 costs to Dept. of Health, Ed & Welfare upon return of prisoners (each prisoner got a 100.000 check

gov't masked its participation by acting thru D -- "even an act of humanity had to be approached with utmost political caution"

March & April, '63 - D won release of 30 or more Americans held in Cuban jails incl. 3 CIA men -- a total of 9,703 persons finally released