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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Berman
Assistant to the DNI

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with William B. Pawley,
1230 Hours, 19 February 1960.

1. Pawley called to report that Matthew M. Alpin (mentioned
in a telephone conversation of 18 February with Pawley) had a meet-
ing recently with a group of twelve Cubans, among whom were Lieuten-
ant Colonel Francisco VALENZUELA Rosales and Colo., Vice Admiral RUIZ
Diaz, and told this group that Vice President Nixon was arrange-
ing for $100,000 to be turned over to a responsible Cuban
revolutionary group, which money was to be used to overthrow Fidel
Castro. He told the group neither by inference, but making his point
clear, that this fee for reining such an arrangement would be $100,000.
DIA Tomoyo had attended the meeting at Pawley's request as his rep-
resentative but without the others knowing this.

2. Alpin is party chairman of the Biscayne County Republican
Committee, and because of this, Pawley knew that such information
was to be given to that he knew. Pawley was quite liberated over this matter
and considered it the most explosive incident he has seen in the
current Cuban situation. He also felt that such a statement coming
from a county Republican chairman immediately before President
Eisenhower's visit to Latin America could have very far-reaching and
damaging effects. Pawley said that all those present signed a paper
which outlined their future revolutionary plans and that General DIA
Tomoyo also signed the paper, although reluctantly.

3. Alpin's office is in the Biscayne Building, Room 707,
19 Wigley Street, Miami. Pawley described Alpin as a "lawyer with
a bad reputation."

4. In another telephone conversation with Colonel King later in
the day, Pawley said that Alpin demanded the payment of the $100,000
in advance, and also that the Florida State Chairman of the Republi-
can Committee believed Alpin had direct access to President
Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon.

Ralph R. Cosentino
Deputy Chief
Western Hemisphere Division

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Consent by JCK:

Pawley reported on 21 February that Fablo Poyre (a reliable Cuban contact) had obtained independent confirmation of DIAZ Tenayo's report from his friend Lieutenant Colonel BANGES Mosquiras.
MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Harnan
Assistant to the DCI

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with William B. Pawley,
9:30 Hours, 19 February 1960.

1. Pawley called to report that Matthew A. Slepin (mentioned
in a telephone conversation of 18 February with Pawley) had a meet-
ing recently with a group of twelve Cubans, among whom were Lieuten-
ant Colonel Francisco SÁNCHEZ Mosquera, Vice Admiral RODRIGUEZ
Martínez, and told this group that Vice President Nixon was arrang-
ing for $200,000,000 to be turned over to a responsible Cuban
revolutionary group, which money was to be used to overthrow Fidel
Castro. He told the group rather by inference, but making his point
clear, that the fee for making such an arrangement would be $100,000.
DIAZ Tasayo had attended the meeting at Pawley's request as his rep-
resentative but without the others knowing this.

2. Slepin is county chairman of the Dade County Republican
Committee, and because of this, Pawley fears that such credence can
be given to what he says. Pawley was quite alarmed over this matter
and considered it the most explosive incident he has seen in the
current Cuban situation. He also felt that such a statement coming
from a county Republican Chairman immediately before President
Eisenhower's visit to Latin America could have very far-reaching and
damaging effects. Pawley stated that all those present signed a paper
which outlined their future revolutionary plans and that General DÍAZ
Tasayo also signed the paper, although reluctantly.

3. Slepin's office is in the Biscayne Building, Room 707,
19 Flagler Street, Miami. Pawley described Slepin as a "lawyer with
a bad reputation."

4. In another telephone conversation with Colonel King later in
the day, Pawley said that Slepin demanded the payment of the $100,000
in advance, and also that the Florida State Chairman of the Republi-
can Committee believed Slepin had direct entrance to President
Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon.

Rudolph H. Coxe
Deputy Chief
Western Hemisphere Division

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Rusk
Assistant to the President

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with William B. Pawley,
12:30 Hours, 19 February 1960.

1. Pawley called to report that Matthew N. Klepin (mentioned
in a telephone conversation of 16 February with Pawley) had a meet-
ing recently with a group of twelve Cubans, among whom were Lieutenant
Colonel Ernesto Che Guevara, Vice Admiral J. R. Walsh, and
Hon. Frank W.率为, who told the group that Vice President Nixon was
arranging for $100,000,000 to be turned over to a responsible Cuban
revolutionary group, which money was to be used to overthrow Fidel
Castro. He told the group neither by inference, but making his point
clear, that this fee for making such an arrangement would be $100,000.
Klepin had attended the meeting at Pawley’s request as his rep-
resentative but without the others knowing this.

2. Klepin is county chairman of the Dade County Republican
Committee, and because of this, Pawley fears that much credence can
be given to what he says. Pawley was quite alarmed over this matter
and considered it the most explosive incident he has seen in the
current Cuban situation. He also felt that such a statement coming
from a county Republican Chairman immediately before President
Nixon’s visit to Latin America could have very far-reaching and
dangerous effects. Pawley said that all those present signed a paper
which outlined their future revolutionary plans and that General DIA
Thayer also signed the paper, although reluctantly.

3. Klepin’s office is in the Biscayne Building, Room 707,
19 Flagler Street, Miami. Pawley described Klepin as a “lawyer with
a bad reputation.”

4. In another telephone conversation with Colonel King later in
the day, Pawley said that Klepin demanded the payment of the $100,000
in advance, and also that the Florida State Chairman of the Republi-
can Committee believed Klepin had direct contacts to President
Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon.

Ralph R. Bunche
Deputy Chief
Western Hemisphere Division
Comment by JX:

Paley reported on 23 February that Pablo Peyre (a reliable Cuban contact) had obtained independent confirmation of DIAZ Trujillo's report from his friend Lieutenant Colonel CARREÑO Rosquera.

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