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C. FBI involvement in Bay of Pigs, Lansdale planning, etc.

1. As Church report was being completed, we were just beginning to learn about how deeply the FBI was apparently involved in U.S. anti-Castro action. Possibility here that this could provide another clue in re FBI's original reluctance to investigate retaliation more fully. For instance we now know that FBI had learned about CIA's interest in using organized crime to kill Castro long before RFK told Hoover about it (Hoover had professed surprise in 1963), but there's some indication he may have already known). One FBI witness even told us that a high FBI official had even proposed the plot idea "in jest." At a minimum, the paper record shows FBI was informed about idea of using org. crime figures to provide Cuban intelligence and that, according to the paper record, FBI recommended against it. Trafficante has now claimed that FBI agents came to him seeking Cuban intelligence. This must be followed up, agents interviewed, and FBI memo's, etc., examined.

D. CIA files

I always had the impression that Jim Johnson felt there were more CIA documents which he hadn't seen. We must go over the items, one by one, with Johnson, to find out just where we stand on the question of whether or not we've seen everything. Do any of us really fully understand the entire CIA filing system so as to know whether we've been

shown everything, or indeed, whether they have even been looking for everything? And how about the field office files, i.e., JMWAVE files in Miami, New Orleans and Mexico City files, DC local CIA station files, and FBI field office files?

II. Rosselli-organized crime-Trafficante-Cuba

A. Organized crime files

1. Full assessment of all travel, contacts, relationships, etc. of all major organized crime figures in and around the time of the assassination of JFK. This would include a review (with appropriate system for protecting privacy interests) of all microphone surveillance logs on organized crime figures during key months in 1963, e.g., Fred Black, Trafficante, Rosselli, Giancana, Las Vegas casinos, etc. (Rosselli was very defensive in his testimony about some comment he says he made on the phone to someone upon first learning that JFK had been killed; he indicated he had been "coming out of a deep sleep and said something about communists did it." Of course he now knows that that call may have been tapped and is trying to explain. No one had ever asked for.