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look like a heart attack or by natural causes. Rosselli contacted a little

#1 Cuban whose relative was a chef for Castro. At this time, Cubans could still

travel between Florida and Cuba. It was agreed that the CIA would manufacture

the poison capsule. It would be turned over to O'Connell to Maheu, to Rosselli,

and finally to the Cubans. Maheu brought the capsule from Florida to the

Fontainebleau Hotel. The Cubans came up to the room, Maheu opened his purse

case, with Rosselli and the Cubans present, and gave them capsules. This \$10,000

dollars. The money had come from the CIA and was considered partial payment

for the job of assassinating Castro. At this meeting, Maheu described the

method of using these capsules, making sure the Cubans understood the capsules

could not be put in food that was boiled. At this meeting,

there was no discussion with the Cubans, at this meeting,

about \$250,000 dollars. That figure was used by

Maheu after his first meeting

with the Cubans, described what the CIA put up to help the families

of men injured or killed in this assassination. Rosselli thinks that

the money and capsules was after the election. The number one

Cuban contact that Rosselli had would from time to time, make requests of Rosselli

to be relayed to the CIA for equipment. The CIA did provide, for instance,

a spare radio, which was supposed to be used by the Cubans in Florida to

advise Cubans in Cuba about the success or failure of the poison pill mission.

Rosselli was sure that the pills were sent to Cuba but he has received no

information as to what happened.

#2 Another project was for the Cubans to receive plastic explosives from the

CIA and give them to frogmen on their side that in turn would place them on ships

in Havana Harbor and blow them up. The CIA refused to do this because of the

ease with which plastic explosives could be traced back to the government agencies

such as the CIA. Maheu did address discuss the use of cigars that would make

Castro's hair drop off, according to Rosselli. Maheu's ability to govern the

country. Another proposal was that there be a booby trapped desk. Each of these

latter projects were proposed by Cuban refugees who said they had people

in positions vis a vis Castro who could achieve the assassination.

Prior to the Bay of Pigs, there was no discussion of arms. Rosselli claimed

to have a better idea than Maheu, namely that with far fewer men than were involved

in the Bay of Pigs, perhaps a hundred, they could land in Cuba and do the job

successfully. Rosselli's Cuban contact at the time was traveling to New York and

New Orleans for meetings. Rosselli was not sure about what the meetings were

about but said that they were related to the overthrow of Castro. Another proposal

put forward was to purchase a speed boat and use some type of exploding capsule.

The night before the Bay of Pigs Rosselli went to his number one Cuban's

house and spoke with him. The Cuban contact said, "See you in Havana." Rosselli

expressed serious reservation about the possibility of success for the operation.

Rosselli left Florida right after the Bay of Pigs. His total time on this

particular anti-Castro operation in Florida was about four months.

Rosselli felt sorry for the poor bastards left on the beach. He felt

indirectly responsible for having encouraged them any of them to participate

in the operation. He went home and stayed in Las Vegas and Los Angeles for a while.

A few weeks after the Bay of Pigs, Rosselli was contacted by Maheu or O'Connell,

he's not sure. He did meet with Jim O'Connell in Florida a few weeks later. They

made arrangements to meet at the Airport Hotel. Rosselli was not sure as to what

his name was, what name he registered under, but at this meeting, Rosselli was told

new CIA man named Harvey. The first time Harvey met Harvey Rosselli was told

Post-Bay of Pigs

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