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<p>Eladio del Valle</p> 	<p>Supporter of Fulgencio Batista. Served as a congressman in Havana.</p> <p>Had worked for two police services. Involved in narcotics. Captain in merchant marines. Associate of Trafficante.</p>	<p>Active in the <i>Free Cuba Committee</i> (organization formed by Sergio Arcacha Smith)</p> <p>Friend of Rolando Masferrer who started Anti-communist <i>Cuban Liberation Movement</i> (Prio and Varona). Linked to many DRE members.</p> <p>Worked for Trafficante.</p> <p>Worked with David Ferrie in bombing of Cuban sugar fields and arms smuggling to Cuba.</p> <p>Possible <i>Operation 40</i> member.</p>	<p>Fingered by David Ferrie (Garrison Investigation)</p> <p>And later by Tony Cuesta of Alpha 66 in 1978 when under Cuban capture.</p> <p>Talked of necessity to kill Kennedy to Cuban informant in 1962. Said to have been in Dallas in November with Herminio Diaz.</p> <p>Visited Camp street address where Ferrie worked and where Oswald set up his FPCC office.</p> <p>Murdered in 1967 when Garrison sought him for questioning.</p>
<p>Herminio Diaz Garcia</p> 	<p>Bodyguard/hitman for Trafficante in Cuba</p> <p>Worked in his hotels. Diaz was involved in plots against the Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo and the Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista.</p>	<p>Provided weapons to anti-Castro groups. Worked for Tony Varona- Part of <i>Triple A Group</i> with Eufimio Hernandez- both Trafficante contacts. Worked for Trafficante in U.S. also.</p> <p>Killed during raid of Cuba in 1966.</p> <p>Possible <i>Operation 40</i> member.</p>	<p>Tony Cuesta (AMDENIM-14) fingered Diaz a shooter to Escalante. Another Cuban exile confirmed this to Robert Blakey (HSCA). Was with del Valle in Dallas two days before the assassination. <i>Herminio Diaz stands out for his curriculum vitae, but it's unlikely that a very fresh Cuban exile had been recruited for such a very sensitive plot as killing a sitting U.S. President.</i> —(Araldo M. Fernandez)</p>
<p>Antonio Veciana</p> 	<p>He worked as an accountant in a Cuban bank owned by Julio Lobo. Counter-revolutionary for MRP- Recruited by David Atlee Phillips (aka Maurice Bishop) of the CIA.</p>	<p>(AMSHALE-1). Founded <i>Alpha 66</i> in Miami under Phillips. Merged with <i>Second National Front</i> led by his friend Eloy Gutierrez (AMOT-31).</p> <p>Manuel Oscarberro headed his <i>Alpha 66</i> Dallas office. Tony Cuesta links to <i>Alpha 66</i>.</p> <p>Run by David Atlee Phillips- part of <i>Project Liberio</i> through agent Jose Mederos.</p> <p>Was on CIA payroll. Involved in numerous covert activities against Cuba. Possible <i>Operation 40</i> member.</p>	<p>Crossed paths with Oswald while with D.A. Phillips shortly before assassination.</p> <p>D. A. Phillips is the CIA agent with most traceable links to Oswald. <i>Alpha 66</i> opens a base in Dallas shortly before assassination (where Oswald was seen in the vicinity of) by Dallas deputy sheriff.</p> <p>Survived shot to the head after speaking to HSCA.</p> <p>Phillips asked Veciana to help frame Oswald through Cuban diplomat Guillermo Ruiz in Mexico City. His friend Tony Cuesta fingered Diaz as shooter.</p>
<p>Manuel Oscarberro aka Manolito Rodriguez <small>Manuel Rodriguez Orcarberrio</small></p> 	<p>Joined Artime MRR in 1960. Had been involved in anti-Batista activities and was jailed. Worked for <i>Coca Cola</i>. Sought asylum in Brazil embassy along with CIA agents Ricardo Navarrete (AMDESK-1) and Isidro Simo.</p>	<p>Leader of <i>Alpha 66</i> in Dallas- linked to Veciana- Cuesta.</p> <p>Also linked to Bringuier.</p>	<p>Since April 24, 1963, had been reported to <i>the Secret Service</i> as security risk to President Kennedy. Arms dealer John Masen reported to agent of <i>Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms</i> that he was trying to buy arms before assassination. FBI memo describes him as violently anti Kennedy. Admitted involvement to Cuban informant during HSCA investigation.</p> <p>Oswald seen near Dallas Office in Sept. 63. Links indirectly through Bringuier, Veciana.</p>

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<p>Fermin de Goicoechea Sanchez a.k.a. George Perrel</p> 	<p>Came from wealthy Family in Sancti Spiritus. Studied in U.S. Studied Architecture in Havana in 1959, where he was part of spy ring in Cuba- (Savat, Artime, Manolito Reyes, Manuel Guillot, Perdo Boytel).</p>	<p>Headed DRE in Dallas in late 1963, had links with other DRE members in New Orleans and Miami, and <i>Alpha 66</i> members. Arms smuggler John Masen links him to Manuel Salvat (also DRE) and Joaquin Pinillos In arms dealings. Also joined the <i>Minutemen</i>.</p>	<p>Was in Dallas with Salvat and Pinillos seeking arms in October 1963 supposedly to liberate Cuba. Studied at <i>University of Dallas</i> with Sara Odio- sister of Silvia. May have tried to link Oswald to JURE (linked to Manual Ray- unpopular with CIA) Was overheard by Elisabeth Cole saying: <i>The President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was to be assassinated in Dallas. The place chosen was a book building of some kind, from a nest on the 5th floor. An individual had been chosen as a patsy whose background could not be traced to them. Two names [Spanish] of individuals in Dallas that would be participating were mentioned. Another individual is spoken of, but not named, in a high position of authority in both Texas and Washington, sympathetic to the Cuban cause, who could be counted upon to provide protection.</i></p>
<p>Isidro Borja Simo Isidro Borja</p> 	<p>Had contact with Phillips in Cuba, 1958-59-. Of Mexican origin, moved to Cuba in early 1950s. <i>University of Havana</i> grad. Civil engineer Joiner MRR- then DRE in Cuba- arrested along with Juan Muller (brother of head of DRE) ACU member, Manuel Salvat, Isidro Borja and Antonio Veciana all linked with Phillips in 58-59</p>	<p>(AMHINT-5) Part of DRE meetings in Miami, New Orleans and Dallas (mid 1963). Prominent DRE member in U.S. propaganda front, met with Phillips in Mexico City in 1962. Possible <i>Operation 40</i> member.</p>	<p>May have helped sheep-dip Oswald as pro-Castro and with DRE PR efforts. Was in Dallas with Sanchez and Pinillos seeking arms in October 1963 supposedly to liberate Cuba. Similar looking to man handing out FPCC leaflets with Oswald.</p>
<p>Manual Salvat Roque</p> 	<p>Had contact with Phillips in in Cuba. 1958-59 Graduate of University of Havana 1959 (Law)- ACU and MRR member- Counter- revolutionary (Involved in bombings of Havana- by Sturgis)</p>	<p>(AMHINT-2.) Principal DRE leader in 1963- Links with Bringuier, Roque and Sanchez- Joined the FRD- Connects with Artime. Part of <i>Mongoose</i>- Close to Tony Varona, Prio and Oscar Echevarria (AMDENIM-1).</p>	<p>DRE played role in sheep-dipping Oswald as pro-Castro and anti Castro PR right after JFK assassination. Travelled to Dallas from Miami in summer of 63 Interviewed by Fonzi HSCA.</p>

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<p>Carlos Bringuier</p> 	<p>University of Havana graduate 1957, Law, opposed Castro.</p>	<p>Brother Juan, captured after <i>Assault Brigade 2506</i> assault. Propaganda secretary for CRC headed by Jose Luis Nunez, Arcacha Smith, Frank Bartes. Accompanied Salvat, Echevarria on terrorist missions in Madrid Met David Ferrie. H. Harold Hunt financed his book. DRE coached by Phillips run later by Joannides, CIA funded. DRE colleagues entangled with CIA DRE propaganda coached by D. A. Phillips. Possible <i>Operation 40</i> member.</p>	<p>Public scuffle with Oswald on Canal Street- Debate on WSDU radio through CIA linked INCA Possibly seen in meeting with Oswald. CRC offices near Banister's at one time. Tried to discredit Garrison. Participated in Oswald sheep-dipping and blame assassination on Castro PR. Joannides (CIA) ran DRE- obstructed HSCA.</p>
<p>Victor Hernandez Espinosa</p> 	<p>Born in Cardenas Cuba in 1937. Joined opposition of Batista where he met Rolando Cubela, Alberto Blanco, Jose Luis Gallarreta, Jorge Robreno, Rolando Martinez, Jose Aleman.</p>	<p>(AMHINT-24) Linked to Orlando Bosch and Frank Sturgis group through pilot Alex Rourke. Associate of Carlos Bringuier in New Orleans. Part of DRE under Salvat. Trained by CIA in demolition. Arrested on base owned by Trafficante-linked gangster Mike McLane. Linked to Mafia via Trafficante, Roselli and Aleman. Joined CIA special Counter-revolutionary missions. May have been in on AMLASH plot with Cubela.</p>	<p>Was with Bringuier during Canal Street scuffle. May have been the Hernandez who visited arms dealer Robert McKeown, with Oswald shortly before assassination to buy Castro-tainted rifles. May have connected with Oswald earlier in Dallas and been involved with the FPCC.</p>
<p>Sergio Arcacha Smith</p>  <p>Died in 2000</p>	<p>Born in Havana, Cuba, on 22nd January 1923. Moved to the United States in 1945 and attended college in Texas. Served as Cuba's counsel in India under Fulgencio Batista.</p>	<p>Head of CRC- joined Prio and Varona after leaving Cuba. Was part of a plan with Ferrie, del Valle, Orlando Piedra, Jose Rabel and Higinio Diaz to attack a U.S. naval base, posing as Castro-Cubans. Friends of Edwin Walker, Marcello (paid him for future considerations), Alton Ochsner, Prio and Varona. Founded <i>Friends of Democratic Cuba</i> with Guy Banister. CRC was key umbrella group of Cuban exiles. Very involved in finances. Not trusted by exiles after fraud allegations.</p>	<p>Introduced David Ferrie to Carlos Bringuier. Contact of Banister. Linked to Bringuier-Oswald incident through friend Frank Bartes who met Oswald in courthouse. Jim Garrison was unsuccessful in having Arcacha-Smith extradited from Texas for questioning. His assistant Carlos Quiroga brought Oswald FPCC flyers. Charged with burglary of Houma munitions bunker with Ferrie and Novel.</p>
<p>David Atlee Phillips</p>  <p>Died in 1988</p>	<p>1958- stationed in Havana – under cover as adman- directed by David Morales (out of the Embassy)- Recruited counter-revolutionaries like Salvat, Borja and Veciana. Began organizing plots to kill Castro before leaving Cuba.</p>	<p>AKA Maurice Bishop Part of PBSUCCESS (overthrow of Arbenz), part of cadre with Hunt, Angleton, Morales, Dulles, Harvey, Rip Robertson, Barnes. Involved in multiple Castro assassination plots. Took charge of psychological warfare, Radio Swan. Became chief of anti-Cuban operations, stationed in Mexico City (1961). Worked closely with Morales out of JMWAVE and probably Joannides. Became head of Western Hemisphere. Very linked to DRE- <i>Alpha 66</i> and many Cuban exiles persons of interest. Frank Sturgis hated Phillips. Phillips' direction of <i>Alpha 66</i> to attack Russian targets in Cuba was intended to provoke a direct U.S. - Russian conflict that would result in the liberation of Cuba.</p>	<p>Organized plan to incriminate Cuba in JFK assassination, met Oswald in company of Veciana, in 1962. Directly linked to DRE, <i>Alpha 66</i>, INCA touch points with Oswald. Seen in a training video with Oswald, Banister in camp. Part of Oswald Mexico City charade, post assassination propaganda efforts. Links to Oswald through DeBrueys, AMSANTA (FPCC- monitoring). Links with 6 other FPCC-connected potential patsies. Quasi-confessed to conspiring, outed by E. H. Hunt. Possible visitor on Camp street. Lied to HSCA. Linked to Freeport Sulphur, as are Ferrie and Clay Shaw.</p>

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<p>E Howard Hunt</p>  <p>Died in 2007</p>	<p>In 1959, Hunt visited Cuba and decided that Fidel Castro posed a serious threat to the security of the United States.</p>	<p>Part of PBSUCCESS (overthrow of Arbenz), part of cadre with Phillips, Angleton, Morales, Dulles, Harvey, Rip Robertson, Barnes. Linked Phillips to DRE. Wrote Dulles response to firing after failed Bay of Pigs. In 1960, was involved in Anti-Cuba projects. In 1963, led Covert operations in <i>Domestic Affairs Division</i>. Part of the plumbers, linking him directly to McCord (CIA), Bernard Barker, Virgilio Gonzalez, Frank Sturgis, Eugenio Martinez</p>	<p>Confessed benchwarmer role in assassination to his son. Outed Phillips, Morales, Cord Meyer, Lyndon Johnson, Sturgis and William Harvey. Said shooters were Corsican. Victor Marchetti, claimed that CIA was going to throw him, Hemming and Sturgis under the bus. Loss of Liberty Lobby trial, proved he was in Dallas during assassination and CIA complicity according to jury members.</p>
<p>David Sanchez Morales AKA El Indio</p>  <p>Died in 1978</p>	<p>Appointed to CIA station in Havana. Oversaw Phillips where he organized many covert operations.</p>	<p>Part of PBSUCCESS (overthrow of Arbenz), part of cadre with Phillips, Hunt, Angleton, Dulles, Harvey, Rip Robertson, Barnes. Became Chief of operations at JMWAVE. Involved in <i>Phoenix Program</i>. Worked with organized crime in attempt to kill Castro (along with Rosellii and Harvey). Met AMLASH in Paris. Recruited Felix Rodriguez to track down and remove Che Guevara. Trained many Cuban exiles in sabotage and assassinations (<i>Operation 40</i>).</p>	<p>Admitted to friends that <i>We took care of the Kennedys</i> while in drunken rage. In a letter sent to John R. Tunheim in 1994, Bradley E. Ayers claimed that nine people based at JMWAVE "<i>have intimate operational knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the assassination</i>" (of John F. Kennedy). Ayers named David Sanchez Morales, Theodore Shackley, Grayston Lynch, Felix Rodriguez, Thomas Clines, Gordon Campbell, Rip Robertson, Edward Roderick and Tony Sforza (AMRYE-1) as the men who had this information. Outed by Hunt.</p>
<p>Richard Helms</p>  <p>Died in 2002</p>		<p>The strategy to overthrow Castro was organised by Bissell and Helms. (<i>Operation Mongoose</i>). Became head of CIA under Johnson.</p>	<p>Boss of Phillips, Harvey, Hunt and Morales. Hid a lot of information from Warren Commission. Very involved in regime change plots. Tasked Harvey to develop executive action plans. Lied to HSCA. Lied to Committees, considered impossible to prosecute.</p>
<p>Santos Trafficante Jr.</p>  <p>Died in 1987</p>	<p>In 1940s, Trafficante Sr. joined up with Lucky Luciano, Frank Costello, and Meyer Lansky to set up gambling operations in Cuba. Linked with Martino, Diaz, Tepedino, Prio, Varona, del Valle, Ruby, McWillie and Loran Hall while in Cuba.</p>	<p>In 1961, Roselli persuaded Trafficante to join the conspiracy to kill Castro. Based in Tampa. Reconnected with Cuban network.</p>	<p>Just before Kennedy was assassinated, Jack Ruby made contact with people closely connected to Trafficante, and other Mafia leader, Carlos Marcello. Diaz was his bodyguard, John Martino who confessed minor role in assassination worked with him. Friends of Varona and Prio. Linked to Ruby, Hernandez, Bernard Barker, Sturgis, Masferrer, Hall, Roselli, Giancana: all persons of interest in the assassination. His close contacts were communicating a lot with Ruby just before November 22.</p>

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<p>Carlos Marcello New Orleans based Don</p>  <p>Died in 1993</p>	<p>Close associate of mobsters Frank Costello and Meyer Lansky.</p>	<p>Marcello bribed Archacha Smith to position himself after the overthrow of Castro. Hated the Kennedys. Was exiled to Central America. David Ferrie worked for him. Very connected to Jack Ruby. Oswald's uncle worked for him.</p>	<p>Robert Blakey (HSCA) believes Marcello organized the assassination. Marcello made many threats about killing the Kennedys. Ruby contacted many mob figures connected to Marcello during days leading up to assassination. FBI described him off as a tomato salesman. Campisi (Dallas mobster- connected to Marcello) was Ruby's first visitor in jail. <i>He told informant Edward Becker that a dog will continue to bite you if you cut off its tail. Whereas if you cut off the dog's head, it would cease to cause you trouble. Becker reported that Marcello "clearly stated that he was going to arrange to have President Kennedy murdered in some way." Marcello told another informant that he would need to take out "insurance" for the assassination by "setting up a nut to take the blame". (Spartacus)</i></p>
<p>Sam Giancana Chicago based Don</p>  <p>Murdered in 1975</p>	<p>Giancana was a late arriving mobster in Cuba, shortly before the revolution</p>	<p>The top Don in U.S. for decades. Roselli connected him with CIA in Mafia plots to kill Castro. Employee Richard Cain assisted CIA in wire-tapping. Roselli was good friend of William Harvey and Morales and, also, a Robert Maheu contact.</p>	<p>May have recruited members of hit-team. Giancana was murdered, along with John Roselli and his hit man Nicoletti before appearing before the Church Committee. Senator Hart of Church Committee felt this was no coincidence.</p>
<p>Jimmy Hoffa</p>  <p>Likely murdered in 1975</p>	<p>President of <i>Teamsters Union</i>.</p>	<p>One of the Mafiosi targeted by Kennedys. In December, 1971, President Richard Nixon ordered Hoffa's release. Later, FBI records revealed that Nixon had received illegal campaign donations from the Teamsters Union in exchange for a presidential pardon.</p>	<p>It is possible that Jimmy Hoffa was killed in 1975 to stop him from testifying in front of the <i>House Select Committee on Assassinations</i>..</p>