

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Frank Sturgis Allegations Concerning Visits
of Jack Ruby to Cuba

Based on a July 9 article in the Washington Star in which Frank Sturgis alleged that Jack Ruby had visited Cuba in 1959 and again in 1963 and had, in fact, met with Fidel Castro. I contacted a member of the Senate Select Committee staff (Jim Johnston).

Johnston told me that he remembers seeing this report and surrounding CIA and FBI memoranda in both Agency and Bureau files. As he recalls he also remembers them in the Warren commission files (now held at the Archives). It was his recollection that included in this information was the fact that Frank Sturgis had made an allegation in early 1964 similar to the one made in the July 9 Washington Star, and that the FBI had in fact interviewed sources in the Miami Cuban Community including Sturgis, and had concluded that the information could not be substantiated. Johnston also indicated that information he now possesses (which he believes to be of some relevance to the Oswald case) does not pertain in any way to Jack Ruby.

It was Johnston's opinion that this episode is a non-starter.

(Received from Captain John Matheny, NSC Staff, in mid-July 1976)

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Taken from the Washington Star

Ruby Met With Castro, Sturgis Says

MIAMI (UPI) — Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis says that Jack Ruby met in Havana with Fidel Castro 10 weeks before the assassination of President Kennedy and discussed "removal of the president" along with arms purchases for Cuba and smuggling of illicit drugs into the United States.

Sturgis said in a telephone interview yesterday that he "and other agents" passed that information on to various government agencies early in 1964, before the Warren Commission completed its hearings, but he is uncertain whether the information was ever made available to the commission.

Sturgis said he had been assigned to investigate possible involvement of Cuban exiles in the Miami area in the Kennedy assassination. He said neither his investigation nor that of fellow agents turned up any Cuban exile tie with the shooting of Kennedy.

He refused to say for what agency he was working, or who gave him the assignment. Records have indicated that he was working for the CIA at about that time.

He said the investigation did produce evidence that Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and Ruby, who shot Oswald while he was in police custody in Dallas, "were involved in the same conspiracy, along with