

## **Operation Mongoose: Government Corruption and the CIA**

George H. W. Bush was a CIA operative involved in Operation Mongoose during the Kennedy Administration.<sup>i</sup> The Zapata Corporation—the Bush oil company—was a key player in the CIA’s mission to spark anti-communist revolutions in Latin America.<sup>ii</sup> With that being one of its goals, it was only fitting that the company should be named after the Mexican revolutionary Zapata. In fact, the involvement of Bush and his oil company in the Bay of Pigs invasion was so great that it was appropriate for the CIA’s official name for the invasion to be “Operation Zapata.”

The crazy conspiracy theory that 9/11 was an “inside job” seems to have some credibility since George H. W. Bush was involved in project Northwoods, one of the objectives of which was to stage terrorists attacks (including hijackings) in order to justify the United States going to war.<sup>iii</sup> Doesn’t it seem a little suspicious that a terrorist attack just happened to occur while *his* son was president, and that that same terrorist attack was used to justify us going to war with people that *he* happened to have some beef with from back in the day? Bush may claim that he had no involvement with the Soviet War in Afghanistan, but his word is not trustworthy. After all, he says he had no involvement with Operation Mongoose, Operation Northwoods, and Operation Zapata, but declassified government documents provide sufficient evidence for one to conclude otherwise. The political domination of Afghanistan by America was a major goal of both Bush Administrations.

### **Operation Mongoose<sup>iv</sup> & Operation Northwoods<sup>v</sup>**

According to official government documents which have been declassified and released to the American public, *Operation Mongoose* or the “Cuba Project” was an attempt (under the Kennedy Administration) of the CIA “to mount sabotage efforts” against the Cuban government and “to develop new and imaginative approaches to the possibility of getting rid of the Castro regime.”<sup>vi</sup>

*Operation Northwoods* was a subordinate effort under the Cuba Project that was directed at providing a “justification for US military intervention in Cuba.”<sup>vii</sup> On March 13, 1962, the Joint Chiefs of Staff drafted a document that laid out a plan for how Operation Northwoods should be implemented. The document stated the following:

World opinion, and the United Nations  
forum should be favorably affected by developing the inter-  
national image of the Cuban government as rash and irresponsible,  
and as an alarming and unpredictable threat to the peace of  
the Western Hemisphere.

And, again:

3. This plan, incorporating projects selected from the attached suggestions, or from other sources, should be developed to focus all efforts on a specific ultimate objective which would provide adequate justification for US military intervention. Such a plan would enable a logical build-up of incidents to be combined with other seemingly unrelated events to camouflage the ultimate objective and create the necessary impression of Cuban rashness and irresponsibility on a large scale, directed at other countries as well as the United States. The plan would also properly integrate and time phase the courses of action to be pursued. The desired resultant from the execution of this plan would be to place the United States in the apparent position of suffering defensible grievances from a rash and irresponsible government of Cuba and to develop an international image of a Cuban threat to peace in the Western Hemisphere.

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The first suggestion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was to coax the Cubans into attacking the United States by making them think that we were going to invade Cuba:

1. Since it would seem desirable to use legitimate provocation as the basis for US military intervention in Cuba a cover and deception plan, to include requisite preliminary actions such as has been developed in response to Task 33 c, could be executed as an initial effort to provoke Cuban reactions. Harassment plus deceptive actions to convince the Cubans of imminent invasion would be emphasized. Our military posture throughout execution of the plan will allow a rapid change from exercise to intervention if Cuban response justifies.<sup>x</sup>

The document of the Joint Chiefs of Staff goes on to say that if the Cubans will not attack the United States first, then the CIA should stage terrorist attacks and blame the Cuban government for them:

2. A series of well coordinated incidents will be planned to take place in and around Guantanamo to give genuine appearance of being done by hostile Cuban forces.

a. Incidents to establish a credible attack (not in chronological order):

(1) Start rumors (many). Use clandestine radio.

(2) Land friendly Cubans in uniform "over-the-fence" to stage attack on base.

- (3) Capture Cuban (friendly) saboteurs inside the base.
  - (4) Start riots near the base main gate (friendly Cubans).
  - (5) Blow up ammunition inside the base; start fires.
  - (6) Burn aircraft on air base (sabotage).
  - (7) Lob mortar shells from outside of base into base. Some damage to installations.
  - (8) Capture assault teams approaching from the sea or vicinity of Guantanamo City.
  - (9) Capture militia group which storms the base.
  - (10) Sabotage ship in harbor; large fires -- naphthalen
  - (11) Sink ship near harbor entrance. Conduct funerals for mock-victims (may be lieu of {10}).
- b. United States would respond by executing offensive operations to secure water and power supplies, destroying artillery and mortar emplacements which threaten the base. xi

Other suggestions under Operation Northwoods were to "blow up a US ship in Guantanamo Bay and blame Cuba"<sup>xii</sup> and to "blow up a drone (unmanned) vessel anywhere in the Cuban waters" and use the media to help deceive the American people.<sup>xiii</sup>

The proposals of the Joint Chiefs of Staff regarding Operation Northwoods even go so far as staging terrorist attacks and blaming the Cubans:

4. We could develop a Communist Cuban terror campaign in the Miami area, in other Florida cities and even in Washington. The terror campaign could be pointed at Cuban refugees seeking haven in the United States. We could sink a boatload of Cubans enroute to Florida (real or simulated). We could foster attempts on lives of Cuban refugees in the United States even to the extent of wounding in instances to be widely publicized. Exploding a few plastic bombs in carefully chosen spots, the arrest of Cuban agents and the release of prepared documents substantiating Cuban involvement also would be helpful in projecting the idea of an irresponsible government. xiv

Among the proposals is staging hijackings and blaming America's enemies:

7. Hijacking attempts against civil air and surface craft should appear to continue as harassing measures condoned by the government of Cuba. Concurrently, genuine defections of Cuban civil and military air and surface craft should be encouraged. xv

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<sup>i</sup> George H. W. Bush had an extensive career in the CIA and was Director of Central Intelligence from January 30, 1976 to January 20, 1977

<sup>ii</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bush\\_Sr\\_tip\\_on\\_JFK\\_1963.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bush_Sr_tip_on_JFK_1963.jpg) &

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bush\\_Sr,\\_JFK\\_-\\_J\\_Edgar\\_Hoover\\_memo\\_2.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bush_Sr,_JFK_-_J_Edgar_Hoover_memo_2.jpg)

<sup>iii</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bush\\_Sr,\\_JFK\\_-\\_J\\_Edgar\\_Hoover\\_memo\\_2.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bush_Sr,_JFK_-_J_Edgar_Hoover_memo_2.jpg)

<sup>iv</sup> [http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/cuba\\_mis\\_cri/620119%20Meeting%20with%20the%20Attorney%20Gen..pdf](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/cuba_mis_cri/620119%20Meeting%20with%20the%20Attorney%20Gen..pdf)

& [http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/cuba\\_mis\\_cri/621004%20Minutes%20of%20Meeting%20of%20Special.pdf](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/cuba_mis_cri/621004%20Minutes%20of%20Meeting%20of%20Special.pdf)

<sup>v</sup> <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20010430/doc1.pdf>

<sup>vi</sup> [http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/cuba\\_mis\\_cri/621004%20Minutes%20of%20Meeting%20of%20Special.pdf](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/cuba_mis_cri/621004%20Minutes%20of%20Meeting%20of%20Special.pdf)

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<sup>xii</sup> <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20010430/doc1.pdf>

<sup>xiii</sup> The official document states: "Casualty lists in the US newspapers would cause a helpful wave of national indignation." (<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20010430/doc1.pdf>)

<sup>xiv</sup> <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/news/20010430/doc1.pdf>

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