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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Colonel B. W. Tarwater, USAF  
J-5, OJCS

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Documents

1. Enclosed are the following documents:

Attachment A - A brief narrative of the air activity (TS-155685-A) #86

Attachment B - A chronological sequence of events (TS-155685-B) #87

Attachment C - A report returned from Tide on aircraft, crew, target and departure time (TS-155685-C) #88

Attachment D - Training received by the pilots #89

Attachment E - Support drop missions flown from D-Day through D+2 #90

Attachment F - A list of personnel involved in the training of the pilots and their background (TS-155685-D) #91

Attachment G - Composition of base unit at Tide. This does not include the air unit, which consisted of twenty people, the majority of which were the Operations Staff. (TS-155685-E) #92

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Colonel, USAF

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PERSONNEL

**I. Development Projects Division (DPD) - Agency air operations (Washington)**

**A. ~~JMGLOW~~ Headquarters, Washington, Personnel Support**

Direct - 14 total (Security, Cover, Admin, Finance, Materiel,  
6 operations)

Indirect - All sections - Operations, Weather, Intell, Admin,  
Security, etc., plus facilities

Organization - JMLOW Hqs. Washington  
Normal

1. ~~Unit~~, i. e., Operations, Materiel, Admin, etc.

Experience - JMLOW Hqs. Washington

1. Chief - Lt. Colonel G. Gaines, Command Pilot, 5,000 hours
  - a. 19 years service; extensive experience covert operations since 1951; Air Sea rescue; 26 combat missions WW II.
  - b. Operations staff all highly qualified USAF air operations officers.
  - c. All support chiefs within DPD long experienced in covert operations

**B. JMTIDE**

Total - 316 (157 Cuban, 159 American)

Organization

1. Air Unit - ~~Operations Staff~~ - Chief and Deputy (20)
  - a. B-26 - 3 operations officers - 1 navigator
  - b. Transport (C-54 - C-46) - 3 operations officers - 1 navigator
  - c. Administration - Commo, Security
  - d. Maintenance
  - e. PEO
  - f. Ordnance

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Narrative of Air Activity

1. On 8 April 1961 a briefing was conducted for the Deputy Director (Plans), Acting Chief, WH-4, and Acting Chief, DPD, which outlined the proposed plan of air operations for Project JMATE and Sub-Project JMFURY. Targets were as cited in DPD Air Operations Plan 200-1 with the exception that Targets 1, 2, and 3 were to be struck on D-3 as a portion of Project JMFURY. Project JMFURY involved target 1, San Antonio de Los Banos, two aircraft; target 2, Campo Libertad, two aircraft; target 3, Santiago de Cuba, two aircraft.

2. On 9 April the briefing team departed Washington for JMTIDE. The purpose of this trip was to brief the combat elements of the proposed plan of activities. After two days target study at JMTIDE, a recommendation was submitted to Headquarters which recommended assignment of three aircraft each to Targets 1 and 2. This change was effected.

3. On 15 April Project JMFURY was implemented with strikes occurring at dawn. A 24 hour delay received 13 April changed air strikes from D-3 to D-2. Results of that strike were believed to have been destruction of 70 to 80 percent of GOC's combat air capability. Damages sustained by attacking aircraft were as follows: one aircraft and crew destroyed by anti aircraft fire eventually crashing into the sea approximately 30 miles north of the Cuban coast attempting to reach Boca Chica Naval Air Station. One aircraft landed at Grand Cayman short of fuel. One aircraft landed at Boca Chica Naval Air Station, no battle damage had been incurred. The reason for landing at the Boca Chica Naval Air Station was due to this aircraft attempting to escort a crippled B-26 to Boca Chica which later crashed into the sea. The aircraft which landed at Boca Chica and Grand Cayman were eventually returned to the launch base.

4. On D-1 eleven targets were assigned the B-26 strike force designed to destroy the remainder of GOC operational air capability. Between the hours of 2100 local and 0100 local during the night 16-17 April the target assignment was changed prohibiting air strike of any airfields the morning of D day. All aircraft were committed to sustain air support over the beachhead area.

5. On D day 5 C-46's and one C-54 successfully dropped the airborne battalion at the appointed DZ's within the objective area. These aircraft returned to the launch base. B-26 aircraft were rotated over the beachhead throughout the day. The B-26 aircraft reporting the sinking of one gun boat, the destruction of one Sea Fury and one B-26, numerous strikes on ground

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*[Person says it was a B-26 not a C-46 and this would open some debate]*

targets and one C-46 aircraft by evasive attack caused an attacking Sea Fury aircraft to crash into the sea. Four B-26 were lost late on D day to enemy T-33 aircraft. One aircraft landed at Grand Cayman with one engine shot out. One aircraft landed at Boca Chica due to pilot fatigue. It should be pointed out that all Cuban air crews had at this point been up 36 to 48 hours without sleep. Thirteen (13) actual combat sorties were flown on D day. All sorties were in support of the amphibious landing on the beachhead. At this point it became clear that enemy air activity utilizing T-33 aircraft could destroy the more obsolete B-26 type aircraft with relative ease and a decision was made to attempt to destroy the remaining GOC aircraft at night on the ground through successful bombing raids. Six aircraft were scheduled to strike the main base of operations in two waves of three each during the night of 17-18 April. The aircraft aborted on take off. Heavy haze and low clouds prevented three aircraft from finding target and one aircraft attacked San Antonio de Los Banos.

6. On D plus 1 it became necessary to utilize American civilian pilots to protect the beachhead area due to the fact the Cubans were either too tired or refused to fly. Six sorties were flown during the afternoon of D plus 1. Reported damage by GOC sources indicated 1800 casualties and destruction of seven tanks.

7. On the morning of D plus 2 American pilots again were pressed into service for protection of the beachhead area for two reasons (1) the reluctance of the Cuban pilots to fly more combat sorties without air to air cover and (2) the Americans were attempting to build morale and develop a will to win. Two American crews were shot down with no survivors in the morning of D plus 2. Both aircraft were lost to T-33 aircraft. All sorties flown on the morning of D plus 2 were scheduled during the one hour period Navy air cover was supposed to have been provided the beachhead area.

8. In the afternoon of D plus 2 a radio message was received from the ground Brigade Commander stating that he was destroying his equipment and "heading for the hills". Upon receipt of this message all air activities in support of the beachhead area were terminated.

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# CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>Time</u>	<u>Scheduled</u>	<u>Flown</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Emerg. Base</u>	<u>Total A/ In-comm</u>
1. Prior to D-10	15 targets scheduled 15 aircraft committed for D-Day				
2. D-10	12 targets scheduled (Deleted 9-10-11)* 14 aircraft committed for D-Day				
3. D-9	Fury Project scheduled for D-2 (8 aircraft - 3 targets)				
4. D-2 (15 April)	3 aircraft - Libertad 3 " - San Antonio Los Banos 2 " - Santiago de Cuba 1 " - Special Project	9+ (1 abort)	1 (AA)**	2	15
5. D-1 (GLOW 9896)	11 targets scheduled (Deleted 5-9-10-11)* 10 aircraft committed for D-Day				
6. D-1 (GLOW 9913)	4 targets scheduled (1-2-8-8A)* 5 aircraft committed for D-Day				
7. D-Day (17 April) (GLOW 9923)	No day targets (strategic) All aircraft committed support beachhead for D-Day	13+ (1 abort)	4 (T-33's)***	3	11
8. D-Day (GLOW 4660)	Max effort night attacks on air- fields 6 aircraft committed 17/18 April	4+ (2 aborts)			

\* Target numbers above are listed in Appendix 2 to Annex B to Air Operations Plan No. 200-1

\*\* Loss due to antiaircraft fire (AA)

\*\*\* Loss due to T-33 fighter aircraft

See Cables & documents supplied to command (from 9000 18 Apr 61)

MISSION	AIRCRAFT	CREW	TARGET	ATD Z	REMARKS
NT-26-1	933	P-COSME, BATISTA	SAN ANTONIO	154743Z	ELIMINATED BY HAZE, PRECLUDED MISSION; SUCCESS.
	931	P-RENE, ARDOIS	DE LOS RANOS		MODERATE DAMAGE TO AIRFIELD. (CABALLERO LANDED GRAND CAYMAN)
	935	P-CABALLERO, MISA			
NT-26-2	933	P-CRESPO, PEREZ	CAMPO LIBERTAD	154730Z	DID NOT FIND FIELD. LANDED BOCA CHICO
	935	P-PIEDRO, FERNANDEZ			MON. PEREZ SHOT DOWN. CRESPO IN TO BOCA CHICO
	931	P-MON, PEREZ			BLACKOUT AND HAZY HAZE PRECLUDED MISSION SUCCESS.
	923	P-PONZO, PUJOL			
NT-26-3	929	P-HERRERA, LOPEZ	SANTIAGO	154720Z	HEAVY DAMAGE TO AIRFIELD FACILITIES.
		P-ZUNIGA (SPECIAL)	MIAMI	154740Z	INFLECTED ON CONVOY.
NT-26-6	935	P-VIANELLO, PEREZ	SPARE		ABORT
NT-26-8	945	P-VARELA, AFOIT	BLUE BEACH RED BEACH	170830Z	BOMBED RED BEACH NORTH
NT-26-9	929	P-HERRERA, LOPEZ	BLUE BEACH	170830Z	BOMBED RED BEACH UP NW ROAD
NT-26-10	985	P-RENE, ARDOIS	INTERDICT SHIP- PING ISLE OF PINES	170840Z	1 PE (BAIRE) SUNK AND WENT OVER RED BEACH AND KILLED 6 TRUCKS
NT-26-11	930	P-CORTINA, MIRALLES	" "	170840Z	1 PE (BAIRE) SUNK AND BEACH PATROL
NT-26-19	945	P-ZUNIGA, VEGO	BLUE BEACH	171240Z	1 SEA FURY DAMAGED. ZUNIGA LANDED AT GRAND CAYMAN.
NT-26-20	915	P-FARIAS, GONZALEZ	BLUE BEACH	171240Z	SHOT DOWN 1 B-26 AND 1 TRUCK. FARIAS WAS SHOT DOWN, SURVIVED, JOINED BRIGADE AT BLUE BEACH. AIR LIFTED OUT 19 APR 61. CO-PILOT KILLED.
NT-26-21		P-PONZO, PUJOL	BLUE BEACH	171240Z	CONTACTED TANGO - WAVE COVER TO SHIPS FOR 2 & 23 - ORD DROPPED AT SEA WHEN ATTACKED BY T-33.
NT-26-22	928	P-ROJAS, BOVO	BLUE BEACH	171240Z	GOT TO BEACH BUT JETTISONED TANKS AND RJ TANKS HUNG ON ROCKETS. DROPPED ORD IN SEA.
NT-26-23	935	P-VIANELLO, BENETRIO	BLUE BEACH	171540Z	SHOT DOWN. NO SURVIVORS
NT-26-24	947	P-SOTO, RODRIGUEZ	BLUE BEACH	171540Z	LANDED GRAND CAYMAN, BOMBS AND ROCKETS DROPPED ON CIENFUEGOS AIRPORT
NT-26-25	947	P-CRISPIN, NARIEL	BLUE BEACH	171630Z	EMERGENCY LANDING BOCA CHICA
NT-26-26	923	P-KABRO, KAPEA P-VARELLA P-ROJOS P-CORRO	BLUE BEACH SAN ANTONIO " "	171630Z 181610Z	ABORT MADE NIGHT DROP - BOMBS AND ROCKETS. ABORT ABORT

[JUAN M. GONZALEZ ROMERO]

NT-26-27	985	P-VARELLA, AFONT	SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS	172207Z	BLACKOUT AND HVY HAZE PRECLUDED MISSION SUCCESS.
NT-26-28	927	P-CORTINA, MIRRALES		172230Z	DID NOT FIND FIELD. LANDED BOCA CHICO
NT-26-33	923	P-HERRERA, LOPEZ	JOSE MARTI	180630Z	BLACKOUT AND HVY HAZE PRECLUDED MISSION SUCCESS
NT-26-37	945 927 960 965 950 955	P-SIMPSON, UNK P-PETERS, SODO P-PONZOA, NOVE P-RENE, ARDOIS P-ZUNIGA, VILLAFANA P-SOTO, GONZALES	BLUE BEACH	181907Z	INTERDICTED CONVOY OF TANKS AND TRUCKS WEST OF BEACHHEAD.. HEAVY DAMAGE INFLECTED ON CONVOY.
NT-26-38		SIMPSON, PETERS SAFRANEK SIBBITS, BRAT- ROSTAN, BERLISS HERRERA GELETER STUD	BLUE BEACH	191030Z 191030Z 190900Z 190900Z 190700Z 190845Z 190845Z	ENCOUNTERED CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION FROM AAA AND AIRCRAFT. SHOT DOWN, NO SURVIVORS " " " "
NT-26-20		P-CRESPO, PEREZ P-PIEDRA, FERNANDEZ	BLUE BEACH	171940Z 171940Z	SHOT DOWN, NO SURVIVORS " " " "

Don - shows 4 downed on 17<sup>th</sup>  
+ 4 more land. (2 Boca Chico; 2 Grand Cayman)  
Shows 2 downed on 18<sup>th</sup> (10:55 pm)

A. PILOT

B. TRAINING HOURS

C. GUNNERY SORTIES/RDS

D. ROCKET SORTIES/RX

E. BOMB SORTIES/BOMBS

F. PREV EXPERIENCE/HOURS FLYING TIME

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13/17 mil.

1. THE FOLLOWING INFO ON EACH A/C COMMANDER IS KEYED AS ABOVE AS REQUESTED PARA 1 REF.

(OPR NOTE: FOLL IN THREE COLUMNS SEPERATED BY DASH)

A. B-26

A VARELA (SQ CMR) - A COSME (CH CUBAN OPS) - A HERRERA

B 130 - B 110 - B 150

C 8/1800 RDS - C 8/1800 RDS - C 10/2000 RDS

D 4/32 ROCKETS - D 4/32 ROCKETS - D 4/32 ROCKETS

E 8/36 BOMBS - E 8/36 BOMBS - E 10/40 BOMBS

F 1800 MIL HRS - F 5000 MIL & CIV HRS - F 11000 CIV HRS

A PONZOA - A GARCIA - A ZUNIGA

B 145 - B 100 - B 50

C 9/1900 RDS - C 8/1800 RDS - C 8/1800 RDS

D 4/32 ROCKETS - D 4/32 ROCKETS - D 4/32 ROCKETS

E 9/38 BOMBS - E 8/36 BOMBS - E 8/36 BOMBS

F 11000 CIV HRS - F 5000 CIV & MIL HRS - F 4000 MIL (600-B-26)

A CABALLERA - A CARRO - A ROJAS

B 50 - B 50 - B 60

C 8/1800 RDS - C 8/1800 RDS - C 8/1800 RDS

D 4/32 ROCKETS - D 4/32 ROCKETS - D 4/32 ROCKETS

E 8/36 BOMBS - E 8/36 BOMBS - E 8/36 BOMBS

F 3000 MIL HRS - F 3000 MIL HRS (300-B-26) - F 1200 MIL HRS

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A SOTO - A FARIAS - CORTINAS

B 60 - B 110 - B 110

C 8/1800 RDS - C 8/1800 RDS - C 8/1800 RDS

D 4/32 ROCKETS - D 4/32 ROCKETS - D 4/32 ROCKETS

E 8/36 BOMBS - E 8/36 BOMBS - E 8/36 BOMBS

F 1500 MIL HRS(500-B-25) - F 1600 MIL HRS(400-B-26) - B 200 MIL HRS

A CRISPIN - A CRESPO - A VIANELLO

B 50 - B 120 - B 110

C 8/1800 RDS - C 8/1800 RDS - C 8/1800 RDS

D 4/32 ROCKETS - D 4/32 ROCKETS - D 4/32 ROCKETS

E 8/36 BOMBS - E 8/36 BOMBS - E 8/36 BOMBS

F 1500 MIL HRS(500 B-26) - F 2000 MIL HRS(500-B-26) - F 400 MIL HRS

A PIEDRA - A MON

B 90 - B 120

C 8/1800 RDS - C 8/1800 RDS

D 4/32 ROCKETS - D 4/32 ROCKETS

E 8/36 BOMBS - E 8/36 BOMBS

F 2000 MIL HRS - F 5000 CIV HRS

#### AMERICANS

A DONICRAN - A SAFRANEK - A SIBBETS

B 4000 FLYING HRS - B 7000 FLYING HRS - B 4000 FLYING HRS

C 200 B-26 HRS - C 1700 B-26 HRS - C 1500 B-26 HRS

D 40 HRS THIS PROJECT - D 15 HRS THIS PROJECT - D 35 HRS THIS PROJECT

F BLANK - F BLANK - F SHOT DOWN 15 APR 51

A HARMER - A LAMANTOUR - A LANDRAIN

B 4000 FLYING HRS - B 2000 FLYING HRS - B 4000 FLYING HRS

C 950 B-26 HRS - C 230 B-26 HRS - C 850 B-26 HRS

D 50 HRS THIS PJCT - D 50 HRS THIS PJCT - D 50 HRS THIS PJCT

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A GALENTER - A WESSER - A ROSTAN

B 2700 FLYING HRS - B 3000 FLYING HRS - B 2000 FLYING HRS

C 425 B-26 HRS - C 450 B-26 HRS - C 300 B-26 HRS

D 75 HRS THIS PJCT - D 60 HRS THIS PJCT - D 75 HRS THIS PJCT

BLANK - BLANK - F SHOT DOWN 19 APR 61

A PETERS (HBILKA) - A SIMPSON (HBILKA)

B 3000 FLYING HRS - B 15000 FLYING HRS

C 15 B-26 HRS - C 450 B-26 HRS

D 15 HRS THIS PJCT - D 200 HRS THIS PJCT

E. C-46

A PILOT

B TRAINING HOURS

C TRAINING SORTIES

D AIRDROPS-TRAINING/MISSIONS

E PREV EXPERIENCE

A FERRER (SQ CHDR) - A TELLECHEA - A NAVARRO

B 10 - B 5 - B 10

C 20 - C 10 - C 20

D 25/6 - D 25/7 - D 20/4

E 11000 HRS - E 3500 HRS - E 4000 HRS

A GOMEZ - A LUIACES - A GARCIA

B 10 - B 10 - B 10

C 20 - C 20 - C 20

D 20/4 - D 10/8 - D 25/7

E 6000 HRS - E 6000 HRS - E 2500 HRS

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A GINEBRA - A SOLIS - ECHEVARRIA

B 4 - B 4 - B 4

C 8 - C 8 - C 8

D 25/3 - D 25/4 - D 25/9

E 2100 - E 1500 HRS - E 1000 HRS

A SECADES - A VAZQUEZ - A PELLON

B 4 - B 4 - B 4

C 8 - C 8 - C 8

D 15/1 - D 15/4 - D 15/3

E 1000 HRS - E 800 HRS - E 500 HRS

C. C-54

A PILOT

B TRANSITION

C SOLO

D MISSION

A MENENDEZ(SQ CHDR) - A VALDES - A CERECEDA

B 10:20 - B 11:35 - B 20

C 17:55 - C 22:50 - C 79

D 11 - D 5 - D 5

A CASTELLANOS - A PONZOA - A TELLECHEA

B 11:45 - B 13:07 - B 13:20

C NONE - C 28:45 - C 4:35

D 1 - D 1 - D 5

A GARCIA - A EDUARDO FERRER - A SEDA

B 3:50 - B 19:40 - B 14:25

C NONE - C 25:15 - C 88:00

D 2 - D 4 - D 7

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A TO GARCIA - A AFON - A CARRERA

B 8:30 - B 10:00 - B 14:35

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C 5:55 - C NONE - C NONE

D 6 - D NONE - D 2

A SOLIS - A LAZO - A WHITEHOUSE

B 5 - B 10:55 - B 15

C 25:15 - C 24:45 - C NONE

D 2 - D 5 - D 2

A BOURNE - A ALEXANDER - A BALBOA

B 2 - B 9 - B 2

C NONE - C NONE - C NONE

D 1 - D 1 - D 1(C-46)

D. C-46 AMERICANS

A SIMPSON (HBILKA) - A PETERS (HBILKA) - A TEETS (HBILKA)

B 16000 FLYING HRS - B 6000 FLYING HRS - B 16000

C 8000 C-46 HRS - C 4000 C-46 HRS - C 8000 C-46 HRS

C-54 AMERICAN

A SIMPSON - A PETERS

B 16000 FLYING HRS - B 6000 FLYING HRS

C 4000 HRS - C 1600 C-54 HRS

A TEETS - A CHORAK - A NUFFIELD

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B 16000 FLYING HRS - B 6000 FLYING HRS - B 7500 FL INC HRS

C 4000 C-54 HRS - C 2000 C-54 HRS - C 1200 C-54 HRS

A OEEENLOCH - A ELICOP - A PICKEDAM ~~SECRET~~  
B 4000 FLYING HOURS - B 6000 FLYING HRS - B 8000 FLYING HRS  
C 1800 C-54 HRS - C 125 C-54 HRS - C 100 C-54 HRS

2. RE PARA 2 REF

AIR COMMANDER - TEEGEN

PLANS STAFF

OPS SECUR - [REDACTED] (Stombridge)

OPS COMMO - O'BANNON ([REDACTED])

CONTROL - GILLISON, MOMSTON ([REDACTED])

INTEL/PI/TGTS - DAMBRA ([REDACTED])([REDACTED])

OPS STAFF

CHIEF FLT OPS - SIMPSON (Siegfried)

B-26 OPS - DONIGRAN, <sup>Wester</sup> SAFRANEK, <sup>Shannon</sup> SIBBITS <sup>Shenburger</sup>

C-54/C-46 - <sup>Peters</sup> PETERS/TEETS <sup>Teets</sup>

AIR RESCUE - TEETS

PDO'S - WINBY (Wall)

MAINT - TOFFOLO (Turk)

ARMAMENT - SASSAMAN (Swain)

EXPERIENCE CAN BE OBTAINED HQS ON STAFF AND AIR COMMANDER,  
NAVIGATORS MAINLINE, KCAHEL, PETERS AND TEETS CONDUCTED  
MISSION NAV PLANNING WITH CUBAN NAVIGATORS.

SIMPSON, PETERS, TEETS FLYING EXPERIENCE LISTED ABOVE.  
ALL HAVE 10 YEARS OR MORE CLANDESTINE SERVICE OF WHICH HQS  
IS AWARE.

3. RE PARA 3

AMERICAN STAFF - 20

CUBAN STAFF - 16

4. CUBAN STAFF EXPERIENCE INCLUDED IN B-26/C-54/C-46

PILOT EXPERIENCE.

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1. PER REF FOLLOWING SUBMITTED:

- A. DATE
- B. AIRCRAFT TYPE
- C. AIRCRAFT NBR.
- D. PILOT
- E. TARGET
- F. REMARKS

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B. C-46

C. 855

D. FERRER

E. DZ-3 AND DZ-4

F. LIGHT GRD FIRE DZ-3. DROPS OK ON TGT.

A. 17 APRIL 61

B. C-46

C. 877

D. NAVARRO

E. DZ3 AND DZ-5

F. DZ-3 LGT GRD FIRE. DROPS OK ON TGT. TWO FRIENDLY TANKS AND THREE TRUCKS.

A. 17 APRIL 1961

B. C-46

C. 788

D. LVAICES

E. DZ-3

F. DROPS OK ON TGT.

A. 17 APRIL 61

B. C-46

C. 878

D. TELLECHEA

E. DZ1-2-3

F. DZ-1, NO DROP DUE FIGHTING, DZ-2, DROPS OK.

JUMPED BY SEA FURY MANEUVERED TO NO DEATH, NO SEVERE



A. 17 APR 61

B. C-46

C. 864

D. GOMEZ

E. DZ-1

F. DZ-1 DROP OK.

A. 17 APR 61

B. C-54

C. 7711

D. CERECEDA

E. DZ-3

F. DROP OK. AIRFIELD SURVEYED OK.

*Playa Giron*

A. 18 APRIL 61

B. C-46

C. 864

D. FERRER

E. PLAYA GIRON AIRFIELD

F. LANDING-ABORTED DUE ENEMY AIR (SEA FURY AND T-33) AND SEARCH

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B. C-54

C. 7711

D. VALDES

E. BLUE BEACH

F. DROP OK

A. 18 APRIL 61

B. C-54

C. 7710

D. CERECEDA

E. RED BEACH

F. BROUGHT BACK 2 BUNDLES GRD FIRE ON 4TH PASS OPPOSITION IN AREA

A. 18 APRIL 61

B. C-54

C. 7107

D. MENENDES

E. BLUE BEACH

F. DROP OK

A. 18 APRIL 61

B. C-54

C. 7711

D. TELLECHEA

E. BLUE BEACH

F. ABORT - DUE DAYLIGHT AND REPORTED ENEMY AIR.

A. 19 APRIL 61

B. C-46

C. UNK

D. GOMEZ

E. PLAYA GIRON

F. ABORT - RECALLED DUE ENEMY AIR.

A. 19 APRIL 61

B. C-46

C. 364

D. LVAICES

E. PLAYA GIRON AIRFIELD

F. ABORT - PILOTS DISCRETION DAYLIGHT.

A. 19 APRIL 61

B. C-54

C. 7711

D. OFE ELDON

E. BLUE BEACH

F. ABORT - DUE ENEMY AIR. 2 B-26'S SHOT DOWN SAME TIME.



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TRAINING UNIT

MR. GAR THORSRUD - Overflight crew member for Agency (PDO); qualified pilot ANG - fighter aircraft; covert air activities since 1952.

MAJOR B. B. CAMPBELL - Air ops officer (command pilot); combat veteran WW II & Korea; B-26 pilot Korea; B-57 Tactical Air Command; operations officer - Squadron to Group - 3800 hrs (1700-2000 B-26); over 50 missions

MAJOR E. E. HECHT - Master Navigator; former T. A. C. RB-66, B-57, B-17 Navigator, 5000 hrs., over 25 missions; combat former Instructor Navigator

MAJOR J. H. AIDAN - Master Navigator; former SAC B-47 B-29 Air Rescue (long range low level - 8th Gp); veteran WW II & Korea; Instructor Nav Tng Cmd

MAJOR K. R. BURTON - IP - Command Pilot - combat veteran WW II & Korea; 25 combat missions; IP - C-54's; former navigator; 7000 total hours

MAJOR TERRY ABELN - IP - Combat Veteran WW II & Korea; experience in Far East with this organization training people in Formosa; over 50 combat missions; B-26 pilot; RB-69, C-54, C-46 qualified. 5,000 total hrs (1700 - 2000 B-26)

CAPT R. J. DURNIN - IP - Instructor in Tng Cmd; fighter pilot Korea - B-26 qualified; over 50 missions; 4,000 hrs (1500 B-26)

CAPT. FRANK JONES - C-54 IP; former MATS pilot - 9,000 hrs; trained in low level cargo drops

MR. D. W. ADDISON - C-54 IP; 7000 hrs.

MR. C. SIEGRIST - WW II - combat experience B-26, C-46, C-54; ATR qualified commercial pilot; covert activities experience; Air America

MR. W. BEALE - Fighters WW II & Korea; Air America

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1. FA-2485 Pilot Perez Monendez, Jose ✓  
 2. FA-2483 Pilot Valdes Y Campanel, Fausto ✓  
 3. FA-2471 Pilot Cerceda Coira, Castro ✓  
 4. FA-2498 Pilot Castellanos de los Reyes-Cavilan, Jose M. ✓  
 5. FA-2400 Pilot Garcia Acosta, Frisan ✓  
 6. FA-3689 Equip-Pers Le yva Urgarriza, Rene A. ✓  
 7. FA-2249 Pilot Cabrera Rodriguez, Timoteo A. ✓  
 8. FA-2474 Nav. Alberty Garcia, Armando ✓  
 9. FA-2226 Op-Rad Alfonso Bobes, Mario A. ✓  
 10. FA-2443 Op-Rad Perez Sonio, Alberto ✓  
 11. FA-2437 Flt-Eng Fernandez Robirosa, Jose A. ✓  
 12. FA-2434 Nav Hernandez Acosta, Jose ✓

C-46 Crew 16

1. FA-2492 Pilot Ferrer Y Gonzalez, Eduardo ✓  
 2. FA-2407 Pilot Iazo Marrero, Reinaldo ✓  
 3. FA-2465 Pilot Gomez Gomez, Fausto ✓  
~~4. FA-2475 Pilot~~  
 4. FA-2475 Pilot Navarro Machado, Manuel ✓  
 5. FA-2496 Pilot Luisces Sotelo, Cesar ✓  
 6. FA-2481 Pilot Garcia Puyada, Sergio ✓  
 7. FA-2460 Pilot Solis Sarioi, Raul ✓  
 8. FA-2466 Pilot Ginebra-Groero Perez, Mario ✓  
 9. FA-2484 Pilot Echevarria Diaz, Esteban ✓  
 10. FA-2477 Pilot Cano Hernandez, Miguel ✓  
 11. FA-2459 Pilot Secades Lopez, Vicente ✓

FA-2497-Te. [unclear]

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Note: Name of NABEL des not show on this or any other list, including Brigade Porter.

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- 12. FA-2406 Pilot Vazquez Martinez, Raul
- 13. FA-2211 Pil-R.O Pellon Y Blanco, Jose L.
- 14. FA-2230 Op-Rad Lopez Castillo, Raul
- 15. FA-2213 Op-Rad Peyno Inclan, Ernesto
- 16. FA-2265 Supply Carbo Yaniz, Ulises

B-26 Crew 34

- 1. FA-2488 Pilot Varela Y Vicytes, Joaquin
- 2. FA-2463 Pilot Herrera Cabrera, Gonzalo (Completed Aug 26 Nov)
- 3. FA-2480 Pilot Crespo Grasso, Jose A. (KIA) (" " " )
- 4. FA-2469 Pilot Farias Riejo, Matias
- 5. FA-2493 Pilot Fonzca Alvarez, Gustavo (Completed Aug 26 Nov)
- 6. FA-2467 Pilot Garcia Fernandez, Rene (Completed Aug 26 Nov)
- 7. FA-2210 Pilot Piedra Negueruela, Osvaldo. (KIA)
- 8. FA-2423 Pilot Carro Y Suarez, Miguel A. (KIA)
- 9. FA-2422 Pilot Caballero Gonzalez, Alfredo
- 10. FA-2473 Pilot Alvarez Cortina, Mario
- 11. FA-2424 Pilot Garcia Y Fernandez, Crispin L. (KIA) [Crashed N.E. returning from Boca Chica #4933 hit dulleite]
- 12. FA-2432 Pilot Rojas Gonzalez, Ignacio
- 13. FA-2490 Pilot Vianello Y Alacan, Raul (KIA)
- 14. FA-2237 Pilot Soto Vazquez, Antonio
- 15. FA-2240 Pilot Escaro Sanchez, Antonio E.
- 16. FA-2429 Pilot-Nav Lopez Dominguez, Angel
- 17. FA-2228 Pil-Nav Rodriguez Rodriguez, Eduardo
- 18. FA-2405 Pil-Nav Gonzalez Ramirez, Eddy [KIA]
- 19. FA-2430 Pil-Nav Afont Rodriguez, Tomas

20. FA 2418 Pil-Nav Perez Lorenzo, Lorenzo (KIA)

21. FA-2451 Pil-Nav Perez Rangel, Gaston (KIA)

22. FA-2202 Pil-Nav Miralles Poveda, Salvador

23. FA-2421 Pil-Nav Barca Guinea, Eduardo

24. FA-2425 Pil-Nav Gonzalez Ramirez, Juan M. [ROMERO] (KIA) (with Crispin L. Garcia Fernandez in crash returning Base to 7th 17 Apr 61)

25. FA-2491 Pil-Nav Vega Vera, Oscar

26. FA-2450 Pil-Nav Garcia Pujol, Rafael

27. FA-2445 Pil-Nav Boyo Caras, Esteban L.R.T.

28. [REDACTED] Pil-Nav [REDACTED]

29. FA-2207 Pil-Nav Gonzalez Y Carvajal, Benito R.

30. FA-2404 Pil-Nav Batista Hernandez, Mildo

31. FA-2431 Pil-Nav Reyes Martin, Arcadio

32. FA-2461 Pil-Nav Prez Rodriguez, Demetrio

33. 2420 Pil-Nav Fernandez Ardois, Luis

34. FA-2218 Pil-Nav Herrera Perez, Eduardo

35. FA-2200 Pil-Nav Salas Baro, Antonio

36. 2439 Pil-Nav Gutierrez Cosasio, Jose

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1. FA 2457 Chief A.F. Villafañe Y Martiniez, Manuel

2. FA-2458 Adtaoche Zuniga Y Rivas, Mario

3. FA-2470 Ops Chief-Cosme Y Toribio, Luis - (Completed by 21 Nov)

4. FA-2409 Intel Chief Alberty Garcia, Alberto (Miami)

5. FA-2416 Sec-Off Villoldo Sampera, Gustavo

6. [REDACTED] Priest [REDACTED]

7. FA-3189 Doc Matos Gonzalez, David

8. FA-2478 Pera Seda Reyes, Leonardo

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Pers (hqtrs)

9.	[REDACTED]	Lawyer	[REDACTED]
10.	FA-2494	Moral Off	Fernandez Mon, Daniel (KIA) sample 11/26/60
11.	FA-2216	Trans Off	Puig Fernandez, Fernando
12.	FA-2238	Mail Nurse	Uria Hernandez, Luis
13.	[REDACTED]	Doc	[REDACTED] (Miami) might not come back
14.	FA-2479	Trans	Rutierrez Cabeza, Armando

  

		PDO's	19
1.	FA-2244	PDO	Merrill Anguero, Eddy
2.	FA-2412	PDO	Revuelta San Emeterio, Manuel
3.	FA-2414	PDO	Perez Martinez, Alberto
4.	FA-2442	PDO	Ginebra-Groero Perez, Francisco
5.	FA-2449	PDO	Hernandez Camotea, Jesus
6.	FA-2452	PDO	<del>Chavez V</del> Regalado Chavez, Luis
7.	FA-2206	PDO	Varona Fernandez, Hector
8.	FA-2224	PDO	Balbona, Jose A.
9.	[REDACTED]	PDO	[REDACTED]
10.	FA-2235	PDO	Bengochea Perez, Arturo
11.	FA-2217	PDO	Gonzalez Rebull Y Sanchez, Julio
12.	FA-2231	PDO	Fernandez Corredera, Rolando
13.	FA-2415	PDO	Ferra Matar, Nabe
14.	FA-2448	PDO	Valera Yanes, Alberto
15.	FA-2462	PDO	Lopez Celi, Santiago
16.	FA-2487	PDO	Cortes Silvera, Cainilo
17.	FA-2464	PDO	Garrido Infante, Rolando
18.	FA-2223	PDO	Cisneros Herrera, Salvador
19.	FA-2239	PDO	Giner Alonso, Otto

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1. ~~FA-2245~~ Mech ~~FA-2245~~
2. FA-2246 Mech Rodriguez Perez, Reinaldo
3. FA-2256 Mech Navarro Gomez, Daniel
4. FA-2257 Mech Rogue, Luis

Mechs.

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- ~~1. FA-2497 Mech~~
1. FA-2440 Mech Rosa Gonzalez, Jose
2. FA-2403 Mech Astudillo Ojsda, Pablo
3. FA-2456 Mech N uñez Aquia, Reinaldo
4. FA-2204 Mech Fermoso Da Prieto, Juan A.
5. FA-2205 Pichardo Vazzuez, Roberto
6. FA-2208 Mech Lopez Valdes, Lorenzo C.
7. FA-2209 Mech Avila Y Ruiz, Manuel
8. FA-2495 Mech Calejo Urgelles, Manuel
9. FA-2212 Garcia Perez, Roberto L.
10. ~~FA-2401~~ Mech ~~FA-2401~~
11. FA-2402 Mech Leon, Labador Labrador, Rodovaldo
12. FA-2411 Mech Ramirez Sosa, Jose
13. FA-2413 Mech Fernandez Alvarez, Segiberto
14. FA-2417 Mech Acosta Ruiz, Julio (KIA)
15. FA-2426 Mech Hernandez Reyes, Hector
16. FA-2427 Mech Lethbridge, Aguilera, Douglas H.
17. FA-2428 Mech Gonzalez Gonzalez, Evaristo
18. FA-2435 Mech Llaena Coya, Alfredo
19. FA-2436 Mech Garcia Lopez, Benigno
20. FA-2438 Mech Cires Pou, Lazaro
21. FA-2201 Mech Sierra Rey, Candido
22. FA-2462 Mech Inigo Garcia, Pedro H.

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23. FA-2476	Mech	Vives Y Ramirez, Roberto
24. FA-2264	Mech	Aguirre Muñoz, Jose S.
25. FA-2252	Mech	Valdes Clare, Pedro E.
26. FA-2254	Mech	Baldomero Alpuin, Celso
27. FA-2215	Mech	Muñoz Rojas, Sergio
28. FA-2454	Mech	Ruiz Alvarez, Antonio
29. FA-2247	Mech	Perez Castro, Francisco
30. FA-2250	Mech	Morales Pelegrin, Miguel G.
31. <del>FA-2258</del>	Mech	<del>██</del>
31. FA-2258	Mech	Rogue, Luis
32. FA-2259	Mech	Martinez Gonzalez, Lutberto
33. FA-2260	Mech	Izquierdo Ramirez, Orlando
34. FA-2261	Mech	Caballero Garcia, Julio
35. FA-2262	Mech	Perdigon Figarola, Pedro
36. FA-2263	Mech	Cirila Houque, Hector

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1. <del>FA-2258</del>	Arm	<del>██</del>
2. FA-2447	Arm	Sanchez Montésino, Ramiro
3. FA-2453	Arm	Couce Linares, Jesus
4. FA-2203	Arm	Caballero Gonzalez, Julio (K/A)
5. FA-2408	Arm	Lopez Gonzalez, Luis
6. <del>FA-2258</del>	Arm	<del>██</del>
7. FA-2486	Arm	Suarez Martell, Orlando
8. FA-2248	Arm	Formoso Fenodo, Juan A.
9. FA-2222	Arm	Martinez Viera, Domingo
10. FA-2229	Arm	Díez Serapion, Eliseo
11. FA-2232	Arm	Rabago Fernandez, Eduardo

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Armament

12. FA-2255	Arm	Lopez del Rincon, Francisco
13. FA-2233	Arm	Pajardo Acanda, Juan F.
14. FA-2234	Arm	Mesa Campos, Rene
15. FA-3781	Arm	Pedroso Amores, Acelo
<del>16. FA-2236</del>		
<del>17. FA-2220</del>		
16. FA-2236	Arm	Gira Puyan, Jorge A.
17. FA-2220	Arm	Jorin Perdomo, Gonzalo
18. FA-2221	Arm	Podraja Hernandez, Antonio
19. FA-2241	Arm	Esp. Fernandez Isla, Ramon
20. FA-2242	Arm	Caballero Silva, Julio
21. FA-2253	Arm	Valle Sabatez, Jorge Del