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MEMORANDUM - February 4, 1978

TO: G. Robert Blakey

FROM: Fonzi & Gonzales

RE: Addendum to Memorandum of January 16,  
1978 re CROZIER interview

Central Intelligence Agency  
has no Objection to Release  
Date: 2003 *sanitized*

During the course of the initial interview with Ross Crozier, former CIA case officer for the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE) whose primary duty station was the JM/WAVE base in Miami, it was decided to withhold certain key questions concerning cover names of other agents until the validity of Crozier's candidness and apparent cooperation could be ascertained.

Subsequently, on January 18th, Gonzales called Crozier and asked him if he could identify the true names of three individuals: "Bishop," "Knight" and "[03]" (Bishop is the name used by the Alpha 66 contact Antonio Veciana observed with Oswald; Knight was the name given to David Phillips by E. Howard Hunt in his book Give Us This Day; and [03] was the true name of a CIA officer in Havana.) When first asked about the names, Crozier said he believed, but wasn't certain, that Bishop was the name used by David Phillips. Knight, he said, was a name which E. Howard Hunt had used, but he was less certain about that. [03] he remembered as a former CIA officer in Havana. However, Crozier said, he was scheduled to have lunch with a former CIA associate, also retired, the following day and he would check with him. (We have subsequently determined that the former associate's name is Delphine Componada (spelling not verified), who also worked out of the Miami JM/Wave station.

On January 20th, Crozier was recontacted by Gonzales. At this time Crozier said he was now almost certain that David Phillips had used the name Maurice Bishop (Crozier had not been given Bishop's first name by us); he still believed, but could not get confirmation, that E. Howard Hunt used the name of Knight; and he was sure that [03] was the real name of a CIA officer in Havana.

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On January 31st, Crozier was recontacted by Fonzi and asked again about the cover names. At this time Crozier said he had given additional thought to the names and was more certain about the validity of the information he had given us. Now, he said, he was almost positive that David Phillips used the name of Bishop. And he was still fairly sure, but not certain, that Hunt used the name of Knight. The reason he was sure about Bishop, he said, was because he had since recalled working at the JM/WAVE station with a young CIA associate ("clean-cut Navy officer type") whose cover name was Doug Gupton. Crozier said that Gupton was David Phillips' assistant in the "PW" (psychological warfare) section. Crozier said he now recalls discussing at times field and agent problems with Gupton and Gupton at times saying, "Well, I guess Mr. Bishop will have to talk with him." Crozier said: "And, of course, I knew he was referring to his boss, Dave Phillips."

Crozier said he had reaffirmed that in his mind recently when he had lunch with another former CIA employee (Delphine Camponada) who had worked directly under Gupton. Crozier said he doesn't recall Gupton's true name but assumes he is still with the Agency.

Crozier said another possible source for confirmation of the Phillips-Bishop cover name was the CIA employee in charge of Radio Swan, the Agency's propaganda outlet on Swan Island. Crozier said he doesn't recall his name but assumes he is also still with the Agency. He also worked directly under Gupton.

Further investigation is planned by the Miami station. Recommend initiating Agency interview request re employee who used the cover name of Doug Gupton in 1961-62 and employee in charge of Radio Swan at same period.

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