

**CRAIG T. SHELDON ANTI-CASTRO COLLECTION,
1955-2012**

Finding aid

Call number: LPR208

Extent: 2.2 cubic ft. (3 archives boxes and 1 oversize box.)

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SERIES DESCRIPTION AND CONTAINER LIST
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SERIES A. REPORT ON CUBA, 1964

This series is composed of a document entitled "A Report on Cuba, and Evaluations of the Exile Attack Situation to Date: Delivered to Buck Persons by Craig T. Sheldon of Fairhope, Ala." Dated 1964 July 23, the document is a history of Sheldon's involvement in the resistance movement against Fidel Castro's Communist regime in Cuba.

Box 1, Folder 1

SERIES B. CORRESPONDENCE, 1962-1968

This series contains correspondence to and from Craig Sheldon and is concerned with a variety of topics. Correspondence documenting Sheldon's activities in Alpha 66 and the International Anti-Communist Brigade is in this series. The series also includes copies of letters from Sheldon that he wrote to publications and prominent people about the situation in Cuba and the U. S. response to Castro's regime. The series also includes letters from people responding to Sheldon's letters that appeared in newspapers and other publications. Other letters in this series include those from people interested in contributing money and their services to the resistance, as well as letters from people giving their opinions on events in Cuba, Vietnam, and other locations around the world. Much of the correspondence expresses frustration with the U. S. government. Of particular interest are letters written after John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Correspondents in this series include Dan Smoot, May Orrell, C. E. Whitehouse, Walter McNamara, William Loeb, Jim Buchanan, Claire A. Chennault, and Robert S. Allen. Arranged chronologically.

<u>Box/Folder</u>		
1	2	Dec. 1962
1	3	Jan. 1963
1	4	Feb. 1963
1	5	March 1963
1	6	1-15 April 1963
1	7	17-30 April 1963
1	8	May 1963
1	9	June 1963
1	10	July-August 1963
1	11	Sept. - Oct. 1963
1	12	1 Oct. 1963 letter
1	13	Nov. 1963
1	14	Dec. 1963
1	15	Jan. - June 1964
1	16	July - Nov. 1964
1	17	1965
1	18	1968

SERIES C. CLIPPINGS AND NEWSPAPERS, 1962-2012

This series is composed of clippings and newspapers that document the resistance movement; events in Cuba; Barry Goldwater's run for the presidency; and world events dealing with Communism. There are also clippings of editorials and letters to editors reflecting frustration with the U. S. administration for not being more decisive against Communist governments. One folder contains a 1993 article about a visit Lee Harvey Oswald made to Spring Hill College in July 1963 to make a speech. Craig Sheldon is interviewed in the article about his involvement with anti-Castro militants.

	<u>Box/Folder</u>	
	2 1	1962-1963
	2 2	1962-1964
	2 3	1963-1964
	2 4	1964
	2 5	1964-1965, 1993
	2 6	n.d.
	2 7	n.d.
	2 17	<i>AUM Historical Review</i> (Issue #1, Winter 2012), contains an article entitled "A Pirate's Lfie for Me: Craig T. Sheldon and Anti-Communism"
Oversize #57	1	<i>St. Mary and Franklin Banner-Tribune</i> , 29 March 1964
Oversize #57	2	<i>Grit</i> , 30 June 1963; <i>The Shotgun News</i> , 15 Oct. 1963
Oversize #57	3	<i>Life</i> article "The Coup in Pictures," 15 Nov. 1963; <i>The Independent American</i> , March/April 1963; <i>Chicago Tribune</i> article "Fly Aid to Cuban Rebels," 26 May 1964
Oversize #57	4	<i>The Voice of Cuba</i> (Vol. 1, Nos. 2-4), 15 May 1963, 1-15 June 1963

SERIES D. PUBLICITY, 1962-1964

This series is composed of materials that were used to publicize the groups in which Sheldon was involved. It includes instructions to a printer for signs; bulletins and other material about the International Anti-Communist Brigade; posters, cards, signs, and prepared mail outs about Alpha 66; and reports about the groups and events that they sponsored.

Arranged by type of material.

	<u>Box/Folder</u>	
	2 8	Printer instructions
	2 9	International Anti-Communist Brigade
	2 10	International Anti-Communist Brigade
	2 11	Posters and cards
	2 12	Posters and cards
	2 13	Stickers and bumper stickers
	2 14	Mail out packets
	2 15	Rally, art exhibit, t.v. talk
	2 16	Press releases and reports
Oversize #57	5	Posters, bumper stickers

SERIES E. PUBLICATIONS, 1963

This series is composed of different published works and includes several anti-Communist pamphlets; a book entitled *The Real Story on Cuba* by James Bayard; 4 copies of *The Tasks of the Proletariat in our Revolution*, by Lenin; a copy of the Jan. 1963 issue of *The (New) American Mercury*; 2 copies of a July 1963 newsletter called *American Concept*; and subscription information about different publications.

Arranged by type of publication.

<u>Box/Folder</u>		
3	1	Pamphlets
3	2	<i>The Real Story on Cuba</i>
3	3	<i>The Tasks of the Proletariat in our Revolution</i>
3	4	<i>The (New) American Mercury</i> ; <i>American Concept</i> ; subscription information

SERIES F. SUBJECT FILES, 1955-1964

This series is composed of materials providing different information that Sheldon used during his activities. Included is coastal chart ordering information; a file on the resignation of Jose Miro Cardona from the Revolutionary Council of Cuba; self defense course information; a file of Spanish phrases; and brochures on renting yachts. There is also a file on weapons which includes a flyer from the Deutschland Ordnance Co. One of the weapons offered in the flyer is a Finnish Lahti 20-mm rifle, a weapon that Sheldon owned. This gun is now in the ADAH museum collection.

<u>Box/Folder</u>		
3	5	Coastal charts ordering information
3	6	Index cards
3	7	Resignation of Jose Miro Cardona
3	8	Self Defense Course
3	9	Spanish phrases
3	10	Weapons
3	11	Yacht rental

SERIES G. MAILING LISTS AND DONORS, no date

This series is composed of mailing lists and index cards of donors to Alpha 66 and the International Anti-Communist Brigade.

<u>Box/Folder</u>		
3	12	Bonds for the Liberation, Ala. Delegation
3	13	International Anti-Communist Brigade
3	14	Notebook
3	15	Index cards

SERIES H. PHOTOGRAPHS, no date

This series is composed of ten photographs of Sheldon and some unidentified men possibly engaging in some type of raid.

Box 3, Folder 16

SERIES I. MISCELLANEOUS, 1963-1964

This series contains miscellaneous items such as Sheldon's International Anti-Communist Brigade identification card; Pan Am plane tickets to Miami from Dec. 1963; a Goldwater for president postcard; poems and songs; and receipts. There are also pieces of documents that Sheldon composed in this series.

Box/Folder

3	17	Identification card
3	18	Plane tickets
3	19	Receipts
3	20	Goldwater postcard
3	21	Poems and songs
3	22	Envelopes
3	23	Pieces of documents