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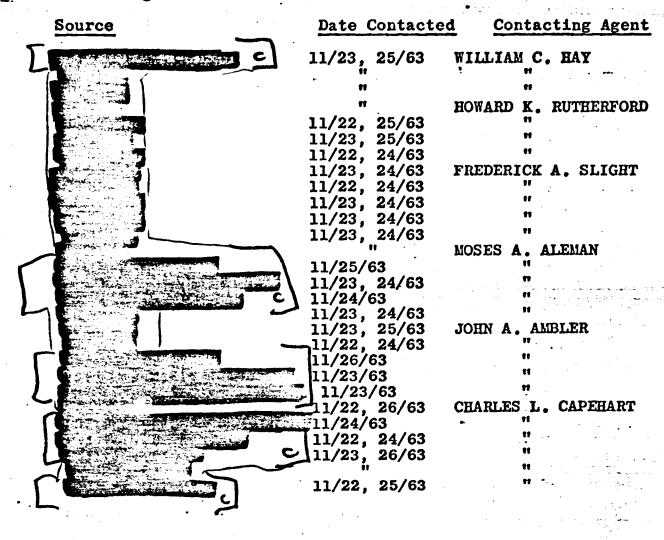
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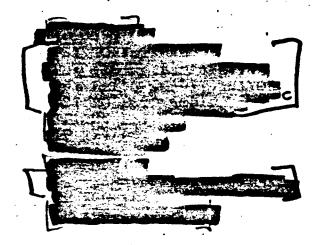
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DETAILS:

On November 26, 1963, DON SIDER, reporter for the St. Petersburg Times, daily newspaper, published at St. Petersburg, Florida, and reporter for Time Magazine, advised SA JOHN H. MILLER that on the night of November 22, 1963, at about 11:30 p.m., he, SIDER, telephoned the home of MANUEL and CRISTINA AMOR in Tampa, Florida for the purpose of obtaining their comments concerning LEE OSWALD. According to SIDER, MANUEL AMOR answered the telephone and denied any knowledge of OSWALD and also denied any present knowledge of the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC-TP). SIDER stated that MANUEL AMOR said that he and his wife had left the FPCC-TP "a long time ago." SIDER stated that MANUEL AMOR did not make further comment concerning this matter and refused to call his wife to the telephone, saying that she was asleep.

SIDER advised that on the same night after talking with MANUEL AMOR, he telephoned LILIAN MCFARLAND at her

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home in Clearwater, Florida. SIDER stated that LILIAN Mc-FARLAND readily admitted her membership in the FPCC-TP, saying the group was quite active, and that she is the secretary of the group and MARYIN BROWN is the president of this group. McFARLAND told SIDER that OSWALD is not known to her and to her knowledge, OSWALD was never associated with the FPCC-TP in any way.

A characterization of the FPCC and FPCC-TP are included in the appendix.

According to TP T-1, MANUEL AMOR and CRISTINA AMOR formerly were chairman and secretary respectively of the FPCC-TP. At the present time, CRISTINA AMOR is editor of the news-letter issued by the FPCC-TP, and meetings of this group are frequently held at the AMOR home in Tampa.

TP T-1 has advised that LILIAN COOK Mc-FARLAND is currently secretary of the FPCC-TP and that MARVIN MONTIE BROWN is currently the chairman of the FPCC-TP.

On November 26, 1963, JACK KANE, news reporter for Tampa, Florida Radio Station WLCY, telephonically contacted the Tampa Office and advised that at 5:00 a.m., that morning, his assistant, whose name was not furnished, received an anonymous telephone call from a man who stated he believed he had seen OSWALD in a Tampa bar about two weeks previously. This individual stated that the bar was about a block from Las Novedades Restaurant and that his attention was attracted when a heated conversation occurred among three or four men, one of whom he believes was OSWALD and the individual he believes was OSWALD became enraged and lost his temper at the other men in the group. The individual calling the radio station refused to give his name and stated he was a businessman in Tampa and did not want to jeopardize himself. JACK KANE advised he wanted to furnish the information to the FBI for any action they considered necessary.

On November 26, 1963, Special Agents FREDERICK A. SLIGHT and HOWARD K. RUTHERFORD, surveyed the neighborhood near Las Novedades Restaurant, which is located at 15th Street and Broadway, in the Ybor City section of Tampa in an

effort to identify the bar the anonymous caller referred to. It was determined that the only bar within a block of Las Novedades Restaurant is that in the Centro Espanol (Spanish Club) at 16th and Broadway.

On November 26, 1963, Mr. FRANK SERRA, secretary at the Centro Espanol, advised Special Agents SLIGHT and RUTHERFORD that there has been no heated discussion or argument there in the previous two weeks and OSWALD, to his knowledge, has never been seen in the Centro Espanol. SERRA stated that he had observed pictures of OSWALD on television as had most other people in the preceding few days and he was certain that he would recall if he had seen OSWALD and that some mention would have been made if OSWALD had been in the club in the past.

Observation by Special Agents SLIGHT and RUTHER-FORD determined that the only other bars within a two-block radius of the Las Novedades Restaurant were two Negro bars, the Cuba Cafe at 13th and Broadway, owned by GUY TERMINA, and the Seaman's Tavern at 6th Avenue and 14th Street, owned by LOUIS FERNANDEZ. Both GUY TERMINA and LOUIS FERNANDEZ advised on November 26, 1963, that the incident mentioned above did not occur in their respective establishments and to their knowledge, OSWALD has never been in these bars.

Information received from Miami by teletype on November 28, 1963, advised that HERBERT BACKHUS, 700 S.W. 22nd Road, Miami, had on that date, advised that on November 26, 1963, he had stayed at the Holiday Inn Motel in downtown Orlando, Florida. He stated that personnel at this motel had told him that the motel manager's son is a resident of Dallas, Texas and that the son reportedly had telephoned his father, saying that on November 21, 1963, OSWALD and JACK RUBY were observed conversing together in a Dallas radio store. According to BACKHUS's information, the son asked his father's advice as to what he should do and the father flew to Dallas to confer with his son.

TP T-2 advised on November 28, 1963, that the manager of the Holiday Inn in Orlando, located at 929 W. Colonial, is Z. T. STUART, who TP T-2 believed had left Orlando in his personal automobile on November 24, 1963 to attend the funeral of his wife's sister, name not known to TP T-2, in Jackson, Mississippi, and then STUART was believed to be going to Dallas to visit his son, DONALD STUART, employed at some radio station in Dallas.

On November 28, 1963, Mrs. LETTIE CSCH, secretary to Sheriff DONALD S. GENUNG of Pinellas County, Florida, advised SA JAMES P. O'NEIL that on that date, an anonymous call was received at the Sheriff's Office and the caller stated that in viewing television films of the capture of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by the Dallas Police Department, in the theater in Dallas, the caller noted a figure hastily leave the presence of OSWALD as officers approached him. This caller stated there was a marked similarity in the dress of this individual and that of JACK RUBY as noted in the film of the shooting of OSWALD in the Dallas Police Department.

On December 2, 1963, the Tampa Office received a letter, enclosing a newspaper clipping of a photograph which appeared in the 'Florida Catholic", a weekly newspaper. This photograph was one of President KENNEDY and his family attending St. Stephen's Church in Middleburg, Virginia on October 27, 1963 and also appearing in the picture was an unidentified man who appears to resemble LEE HARVEY OSWALD, according to DANIEL L. ALARCON, 1704 29th Avenue, Tampa, Florida, who sent the letter enclosing this newspaper photograph.

Sources of the Tampa Division who have some familiarity with matters of a security nature have been contacted in this matter, but none was able to furnish any pertinent information.

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Mr. GEORGE B. CHURCH, 2427 Sunset Drive, Tampa, who is a teacher at Oak Grove Junior High School, Tampa, advised that he and his wife, BEAUFORD T. CHURCH, had taken a vacation trip to Europe in the latter part of September, 1959, after he retired from 25 years' service in the U. S. Army as a Colonel. Mr. CHURCH stated that he and his wife had left New Orleans, La., on the SS MARION LYKES and that there were only two other passengers on this ship, one was LEE HARVEY, OSWALD and the other was a young man by the name of BILL/LORD. Mr. CHURCH stated that he had never seen OSWALD before and has not had any contact of any kind with OSWALD since the passengers left the ship at Le Havre, France. Mr. CHURCH stated that OSWALD and LORD did not appear to be traveling companions and that they shared the stateroom because these arrangements were probably made through the steamship company.

Mr. CHURCH stated that OSWALD had said that he was going to Switzerland to attend school, but when questioned about what school he would attend and what he would study, OSWALD did not appear to know and gave vague answers in this respect.

Mr. CHURCH said OSWALD claimed he had been in the Marine Corps.

Mr. CHURCH stated that in looking back, it is hard for him to characterize OSWALD because OSWALD left very little impression on him. He stated that he did not know if OSWALD was naturally retiring or if he was making a conscious effort to appear so, but that he seemed preccupied in that he made no effort to be agreeable and was not at all talkative or particularly friendly. Mr. CHURCH stated that all four passengers took their meals in the officer's mess and ate at the same table, but that OSWALD never contributed anything to conversation voluntarily, never asked any questions, and only spoke when he was asked a direct question. He stated part of the time OSWALD did not appear for meals and it was CHURCH's understanding

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that he suffered to a considerable extent from seasickness during this trip. He stated that OSWALD and BILL LORD were extremes in social behavior in that LORD was friendly and an interesting conversationalist. Mr. CHURCH stated that he and his wife played cards with each other during this trip and that they invited both OSWALD and LORD to join them in their card game, but that LORD declined because he wanted to study French; that he was going to France to attend school to study French and he said he wanted to be a writer. Mr. CHURCH stated that OSWALD gave no reason for declining to play cards.

Mr. CHURCH stated that he believes he had far less contact with OSWALD during this trip than usually would be the case under suc conditions involving the close confines of a steamship and the small number of passengers.

He stated further that he did not recall any discussions with OSWALD concerning world conditions, international relations or political matters. He stated that he knew of no contacts OSWALD had with members of the ship's crew and he does not recall any conversation he may have had with LORD or others on the ship concerning OSWALD. Mr. CHURCH advised that this trip lasted ten days to two weeks from the time they left New Orleans. He advised he was unable to place the date of departure exactly, but recalls that it was a day or two after his birthday, which is September 17.

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Mrs. BEAUFORD T. CHURCH. 2427 Sunset Drive,
Tampa, Florida, who is employed part-time as a manual
processor at the Tampa Public Library, advised that she
and her husband, GEORGE B. CHURCH, took a trip to Europe
after her husband retired as a colonel from the U. S. Army
after 25 years of service. Mrs. CHURCH stated they left
New Orleans sometime in the latter part of September, 1959,
on the SS MARION LYKES with Captain ALLEY (phonetic) (first
name unknown) in command. Mrs. CHURCH stated that she could
not recall the exact date they departed from New Orleans,
but that she recalls her children were all enrolled in school
before they left.

Mrs. CHURCH stated there were four passengers on this trip. The other two, besides her husband and herself, were LEE HARVEY OSWALD and BILL LORD. Mrs. CHURCH stated that she had never known or had any contact previously with either OSWALD or LORD, and that after all the passengers left the ship at Le Havre, France about two weeks after leaving New Orleans, she never saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD again, nor has she had any contact of any kind with him. Mrs. CHURCH stated that she subsequently received a letter from BILL LORD in which LORD commented something to the effect that OSWALD had turned communist. Mrs. CHURCH stated that OSWALD claimed he was going to Switzerland to study, but did not know where he would study or what subjects he would study except he mentioned he might study philosophy or psychology.

She stated this was in contrast to LORD who advised he was going to France and wanted to study French. She stated that LORD spent a great deal of time during the voyage studying French, whereas OSWALD did not appear to have any interest in learning French or in studying anything. She stated he did not talk very much, did not read and did not play cards. She stated that OSWALD and LORD shared a stateroom, but did not seem compatible in that they had no interests in common. Mrs. CHURCH advised that she never heard any cross words between them.

She stated that she and her husband during the trip, played gin rummy and asked both LORD and OSWALD to join

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them, but LORD declined because he wanted to study French and OSWALD declined, but gave no particular reason. She said OSWALD sat at another table and practiced shuffling playing cards. She stated that on one occasion, she had loaned OSWALD a book because he did not seem to have anything to read when the other passengers were reading and later when she asked him about the book, he made some remark to the effect that they were all alike, which indicated to Mrs. CHURCH that he did not care for the book; however, she stated he did not return the book to her.

Mrs. CHURCH stated that the passengers' meals were served at a common table; that she and LORD sat side by side and her husband and OSWALD sat on the opposite side of the table. She stated that the conversation seemed natural for those sitting on the same side to converse with one another and that she conversed more with LORD and she believed her husband conversed more with OSWALD than she did. She pointed out, however, that OSWALD had very little to say at anytime.

She stated that she and her husband took pictures, both movies and snapshots during this trip and she recalls that she has pictures of LORD, but does not recall that OSWALD appeared in any of the pictures the CHURCHes took. She stated that at the end of the trip, she asked both LORD and OSWALD for their addresses and LORD readily gave his address, but OSWALD declined at first to furnish her with his address, asking why she wanted his address. She told OSWALD that she wanted to send Christmas cards and he rather reluctantly gave her his mother's address in Fort Worth. At that time, he told her his name was spelled OSWALT.

Mrs. CHURCH advised that she considers she did not get to know OSWALD well. She stated she believes that under the circumstances of the close confines of the ship and the small number of passengers, that people would ordinarily become better acquainted. She advised that she would characterize OSWALD as quiet. She stated that she did not hear him make any statements concerning world conditions, international affaires or political matters. Mrs. CHURCH stated that in her opinion, OSWALD was not surly or unfriendly, that he made comments she considered somewhat bitter concerning what a hard time his mother had during the years of the depression, but Mrs. CHURCH advised that actually, she believed he was repeating things he had heard others say,

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because he had not been born during the worst part of the depression. She stated she also recalled that he made some comment to the effect that he did not like serving in the Marine Corps, but he did not say much in this regard and she thought it was probably because her husband was a retired service man.

Mrs. CHURCH advised that both she and OSWALD were seasick for a period of perhaps three days during this trip and that both of them stayed in their respective cabins during this time.

Mrs. CHURCH said she did not notice that OSWALD had any unusual or extensive contact with members of the ship's crew. She said that on one occasion, the chief engineer, name not recalled, made a remark to the CHURCHes that OSWALD was a smart kid. Mrs. CHURCH said she was somewhat surprised that the chief engineer should make such a remark because they had not discussed OSWALD with the chief engineer and she had never noticed any association between OSWALD and the chief engineer.

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960 edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening In Cuba," placed by the Fair Play For Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the aforementationed advertisement.

On May 16, 1963 a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. However, during the past year this source observed there has been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that today their influence is negligible.

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that the National Head-quarters of the FPCC is located in Room 329 at 799 Broadway, New York City. According to this source, the position of National Office Director was created in the Fall of 1962 and was filled by VINCENT "TED" LEE, who now formulates FPCC policy. This source observed LEE has followed a course of entertaining and accepting the cooperation of many other organizations including the CP and the SWP when he has felt it would be to his personal benefit as well as the FPCC's. However, LEE has indicated to this source he has no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. LEE feels the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other mations, but not support the Caban Revolution per se.

The CP and the SWP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE TAMPA BAY CHAPTER (FPCC-TP)

The Sunday "Tampa Tribune" newspaper for May 15, 1960, carried an advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening In Cuba?", which purported to show the United States press had given a false picture of conditions in Cuba with regard to communism, confiscation of property, and chaotic living conditions. The advertisement was signed "The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, 60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York" (FPCC).

On June 24, 1960, Mr. LOUIS FRITZE, Tampa Art and Music Company, 205 East Tyler Street, Tampa, Florida, advised he placed the aforementioned advertisement in the "Tampa Tribune", with the assistance of funds contributed by pro-Cuban groups in Tampa. FRITZE said there was no FPCC in Tampa on that date.

On January 9, 1961, a source advised that on January 5, 1961, sixteen men and women met and organized the Tampa Bay Chapter of the FPCC. This source subsequently advised the Tampa Bay Chapter of the FPCC is affiliated with the national organization known as the Fair Play for Cuba Committee of the Institute for the Improvement of Inter-American Relations, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, having contributed funds and submitted financial reports to the national organization. The same source reported June 2, 1961, that a charter from the national FPCC was presented to the Tampa Bay Chapter at a meeting in Tampa, June 2, 1961.

This source advised in May, 1963, the Tampa Bay Chapter continues to hold meetings and to act in pursuance of the same aims as the national FPCC; that is, to spread the "Truth" about the present government of Cuba and counteract anti-Cuban information in the U. S. Press.

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