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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

RE SAN ANTONIO TELETYPE FEBRUARY TWENTY. HOLD INQUIRY RE OSBORNE-BOWEN IN ABEYANCE PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM DALLAS.

DALLAS AND SAN ANTONIO BEING ADVISED BY MAIL.

1 DALLAS (100-10461)

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NOTE FOR SAC, DALLAS:

Include in report re Osborne-Bowen lead for Houston to interview Reverend Amaline.

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NOTE:

Dallas is preparing report concerning all aspects of Osborne-Bowen situation. Advisable for Houston to have full background prior to covering.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-15823)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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DAVID WOLPER, Television Producer, 8720 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, advised SA JOHN S. TEMPLE that he and members of his staff were reviewing a documentary film that his company had produced entitled "Making of the President, 1960." This film which concerned the late President JOHN F. KENNEDY, contains some film clips of KENNEDY's appearance in Houston, Texas, in September, 1960, where KENNEDY gave his famous speech on religion before the Texas Ministerial Council.

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A number of individuals on WOLPER's staff were convinced that one of the spectators sitting in the front row of the large group of people in attendance to hear KENNEDY's speech was LEE HARVEY OSWALD. WOLPER stated "It was either OSWALD or somebody who sure looked like him."

On 2/13/64, WOLPER Products^{corp} furnished the Los Angeles Office with a 7½ by 9½ blowup of a 16mm frame which contains a photograph of the picture whom WOLPER thought to be OSWALD. This picture is being enclosed to Dallas and Dallas should advise the Bureau and Los Angeles whether or not it is a picture of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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DeLoach

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies of a LHM regarding an article which appeared in the December, 1963 issue of "L'unita", a Communist newspaper printed in Italian and published in NY. The article in the December, 1963 issue concerns the paper's interpretation of the LEE HARVEY OSWALD case.

The source who furnished the December, 1963 issue of "L'unita" was [redacted] and the paper is maintained in NY 100-10205-1B141.

The article set out in the attached LHM was translated at the Bureau.

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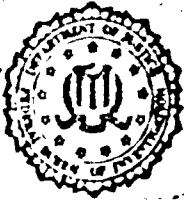
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
February 20, 1964

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Re: Lee Harvey Oswald
Internal Security - R

A source made available the December, 1963 issue of "L'unita", a monthly and/or bimonthly newspaper printed in Italian and published in New York, New York.

A characterization of "L'unita" is attached.

An article appeared in the December, 1963 issue of "L'unita" and was translated from Italian to English as follows:

The World Is Waiting For The Truth About Kennedy's Assassination.

Also The F.B.I. Closes the Case In A Hurry.

The FBI report accusing Lee Oswald of being the man who is solely responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy has already been presented to the Department of Justice and is now in the hands of the Presidential Commission "of seven wise men" headed by Supreme Court Justice Warren. The conclusions of this report have been known for a week now. The fact that the most secretive FBI has not been able to keep the conclusions of its investigation secret (rumor has it that the investigation was concluded one week after the assassination of President Kennedy) thickened the mystery around the Dallas tragedy and added fuel to the flames of disbelief which are sweeping America and world public opinion with respect to the very conclusions of the FBI report. As a matter of fact, a public opinion poll conducted with the well-known Gallup method showed that only

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29% of the Americans are willing to "swallow" the contention of the FBI which, in substance, is the same contention as was put forth by the Dallas police who were unable to protect the life of the President and even allowed the assassination, while they were holding him by the arms, of the man, who could have told a lot of things and shed a lot of light on many incredible facts.

Many are the questions marks which surround the Dallas tragedy. Many disclosures are being made, drop by drop, by hard-digging journalist from foreign countries. Among them, a detail of extreme importance was made public by the Department of Justice a few hours after the first indiscretions about the final FBI report leaked out. At 2:15 AM Sunday, November 24, an unknown man, "whose voice did not appear to be abnormal," telephoned the FBI office in Dallas to warn that an attempt would be made on the life of Lee Oswald. Upon receipt of this information, FBI Headquarters in Washington gave orders to the Federal Agent on duty, J. Gordon Shanklin, to advise the Dallas police. The agent called the police and, also, the office of the County Sheriff. He received assurances that Oswald would be protected while being transferred from the city jail to the county jail. The rest of the story is known. Now Oswald cannot defend himself from any accusations and the question marks have remained what they were.

The Governor of Texas, upon being discharged from the hospital, made a statement to the effect that there are still many unknown aspects of the case. The wounds Governor Connally suffered confirm the suspicion that not one but two shots were fired from an overhead passage and not from a window of the book storage building. There is a glaring contradiction between the earlier statements by the police and the later claim that Kennedy was killed by two of the three shots fired at his back. The FBI impounded the medical reports and categorically ordered Dr. J. J. Humes, who performed the post mortem on Kennedy, not to say anything about the results of his examination.

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Finally there is the above statement by Governor Connally which comes as the latest official testimony pointing to the fact that the hurried conclusions by the FBI are not to be relied upon. As is known, the Governor of Texas was sitting on one of the jump seats in front of Kennedy. He was wounded in the chest, the right wrist and the right thigh. Fully aware of what he was saying, Connally stated that the State Board of Inquiry "may shed and perhaps will shed a lot of light on many details which heretofore are unknown to the public at large." Perhaps, what he means is that he himself furnished to the board presided over by State Attorney Waggoner Carr decisive elements conducive to the reconstruction of the assassination.

Be it as it may, the wounds on his right wrist and in his chest are proofs which the FBI cannot hide. These wounds show that the shot that hit the Governor was not coming from behind: the bullet struck his chest near the stomach, pierced his wrist and lodged itself in his right thigh. Therefore, it must have come from a point located high, on the left side and facing the position of Connally. Probably, it was the same point from which the bullet was fired which struck Kennedy in the throat and lodged itself in his chest. At any rate, they cannot have come from the book storehouse which, at that precise moment, was behind the automobile. It is very likely that the two shots came from the overhead passage under which the car was about to pass and toward which the many agents escorting President rushed immediately after the shooting.

There are so many obscure points that a list is impossible. There is a hodge-podge of contradictions, bits of information which have been denied and bits of information which have not been denied, presenting a picture of confusion which seems to have been painted for the express purpose of hiding the truth.

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There have been discussions and newspaper and magazine articles galore about the shame which has befallen the country because of the event. They point out that this shame is heightened, if at all possible by the liquidation of the true or accused assassin of President Kennedy by the savage practice of a semilegal lynching. However, it now seems that this country is going to hang its head in even deeper shame, should it find out that the people in our government are unable to break the silence which surrounds the reactionary and criminal plot which, as is plainly obvious, was hatched and carried out in Dallas. It looks as though the American people and the world will never know the whole truth.

The Presidential Commission Digs Deeper Than the FBI Report

The Presidential Commission which has been asked to conduct a full inquiry to find out the truth and dispel the mystery surrounding President Kennedy's assassination decided to examine one by one all the documents, information and data which have been used by the FBI to prepare its final report on the Dallas tragedy.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Mr. Earl Warren, who heads the Presidential Commission, upon conclusion of a three-hour hearing, said that the Commission intends to "go beyond" the reports submitted to the Government and added that it will not release to the press "not even a summary" of the FBI report. This means that the members of the Commission are convinced that the FBI report did not provide any reliable answers to the many questions which surround the double assassinations of President Kennedy and Lee Oswald. In other words, it means that the publication of this document may only add to the many doubts which the press and other circles have already raised.

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APPENDIX

"L'UNITA"

A source on May 19, 1958, advised that "L'Unita" is the successor to the Italian language newspaper "L'Unita del Popolo." It is a pro-Communist Italian-American progressive monthly, published by a group of Italian-American Communists. The administrative Committee of "L'Unita," in March, 1958, approved a resolution and submitted it to the National Committee of the Communist Party approving the policies of that committee.

The April, 1963, issue of "L'Unita" reflects that Post Office Box 45, Cooper Station, New York 3, New York, is the address of this newspaper.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, Page 225, describes "L'Unita del Popolo" as among the publications which the committee found "to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system."

It is noted that "L'Unita del Popolo" ceased publication on July 10, 1954.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
February 20, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bureau 105-82555

Title	Lee Harvey Oswald
Character	Internal Security - R
Reference	Memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO SAC SAN ANTONIO
 FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA

RE LEGAT MEXICO CITY CABLE FEBRUARY THREE LAST, COPY TO SAN ANTONIO BY MAIL WITH OTHER COMMUNICATIONS IN THIS MATTER SETTING FORTH ALLEGATIONS OF YLARIO ROJAS VILLANUEVA.

BY CABLE FEBRUARY NINETEEN LAST, LEGAT MEXICO CITY ADVISED TRAVEL OF ROJAS TO NUEVO LAREDO NOW BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PERFORMED AUGUST THREE ONE NINE SIX TWO. ROJAS NOW ADVISED HE REGISTERED IN HOTEL AT NUEVO LAREDO ON THIS DATE AS YLARIO ROJAS VILLANUEVA OR ELADIO VILLANUEVA. HOTEL REPORTEDLY LOCATED NEAR PUBLIC SQUARE WHERE MUNICIPAL OFFICES LOCATED. SAN ANTONIO ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE THIS HOTEL AND CHECK RECORDS.

ABOVE LEADS AS WELL AS ALL LEADS CONCERNING INVESTIGATION IN MEXICO IN CAPTIONED MATTER ARE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY AND RECEIVE CONTINUOUS AND PREFERRED ATTENTION UNTIL RESOLVED. SUTEL RESULTS FOLLOWED BY LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION SO THAT ALLEGATIONS OF ROJAS MAY BE PROMPTLY HANDLED

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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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NOTE:

Rojas is Mexican citizen in Mexico who volunteered information that he knew Oswald in company with unidentified Cubans and an American named Albert, were attempting to smuggle Cuban propaganda material into Mexico and reportedly plotted assassination of President Kennedy. Numerous discrepancies in his account have been developed and San Antonio has been previously instructed to conduct investigation in Nuevo Laredo regarding travels of Rojas. The above additional investigation is warranted at this time.

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To: SAC, Los Angeles (105-15823)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

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Rourtel 12-17-63.

Enclosed herewith are three photographs of Albert Osborne, aka John Howard Bowen. The full face, head and shoulder photograph depicting him in white shirt was taken October, 1963, in connection with passport application. The stand-up, full face and profile photos in which he is depicted in dark suit with striped tie, holding pipe in left hand, were taken 2-8-64 during his interview at Florence, Alabama. Display these photographs to Patricia Winston and Pamela Mumford to determine if they can identify Osborne-Bowen as person who sat next to Oswald on bus from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City 9-26-27, last. Suairtel results following with 302s to Dallas. Describe in detail in 302 the photographs displayed to Winston and Mumford.

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1 - Dallas (100-10461)

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NOTE:

Osborne-Bowen sat next to Oswald during bus trip to Mexico City. He denies this. Our investigation has shown he uses dual identity which he also denies. As he is not being truthful and as he may be mental case, we want to nail down all aspects and probably advisable for Dallas to write a separate report on this phase of our inquiry which has been scattered all over the U. S. and in several foreign countries.

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Have fingerprints of John Howard Bowen been returned to your office by Identification Division? If so, return them immediately to Bureau attention Soviet Section.

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TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD aka		REPORT MADE BY JOHN JAMES O'FLAHERTY	TYPED BY rkh
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - R	

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN JAMES O'FLAHERTY, dated 1/20/64 at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A review of NYO files disclosed that MIGUEL ERICE alias "Nono", referred to in anonymous letter enclosed in Buairtel to NY 1/21/64, is not identical with MICHAEL ANGEL ERICE, a newspaperman, subject of NY file 105-37297; Bufile 62-100695. For information of Dallas, anonymous letter, mentioned above, alleged that one MIGUEL ERICE, a plumber residing in basement apartment at 22 Menahan Street, Brooklyn, had been in contact with subject two weeks before the assassination. In addition, the letter contained accusations that ERICE is a Communist and pro-CASTRO.

See page 12 cc.
ALEXANDER KLEINER
who has been interviewed
see Dallas report 12-8-63
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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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NYO files did reveal, however, that MIGUEL ERICE is identical with subject of NY file 105-60263, captioned "MICHAEL ERICE aka Miguel, Mike; IS - CUBA", inasmuch as this subject is also described as a plumber residing in the basement apartment at 22 Menahan Street, Brooklyn, NY, and having the alias "Nono". Furthermore, a reference appearing in NY file 105-43196 pertaining to MIGUEL ERICE aka "Nono", same address as above, reflects that on 2/9/62, an anonymous letter was received at the NYO stating that ERICE was a member of the Communist Party (CP). Subsequent investigation in both NY files 105-60263 and 105-43196 failed to substantiate allegations re ERICE and cases were placed in a closed status.

ALBERT MORE, referred to herein as an acquaintance of MICHAEL ERICE, is believed to be identical with ALBERTO MORE, NY file 100-99188; Bufile 100-322005.

Anonymous letter dated 12/10/63, referred to herein, and furnished by LUIS MENENDEZ on 1/24/64, is being maintained in NY file 105-60263 for possible future reference.

NYO will continue to conduct investigation re subject based on information received from Bureau, office of origin - Dallas, and other offices.

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Copy to:

Report of: JOHN JAMES O'FLAHERTY
Date: 2/18/64

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File: 105-38431

Bureau File: 105-82555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Synopsis:

Investigation re allegation that MICHAEL ERICE, 22 Menahan Street, Brooklyn, NY, in contact with subject two weeks prior to assassination, set forth. ROBERT TABER, former head of FPCC, interviewed and denies any association with subject. ALEXANDRA TAYLOR, former acquaintance of subject and subject's wife, reinterviewed and same set out herein. Bureau of Customs, NYC, recontacted re information on subject's Customs Declaration and results of contact set forth.

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DETAILS:

In connection with an anonymous letter dated January 8, 1964, and directed to the Attorney General of the United States, alleging that one MIGUEL ERICE alias "Nono" was in contact with subject two weeks prior to assassination of President KENNEDY, the following investigation was conducted by SAS JAMES O. INGRAM and JOHN JAMES O'FLAHERTY:

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On January 23, 1964, CELIDA VILLARINO, ROSA GARCIA and Mrs. M. RODRIGUEZ, all tenants at 22 Menahan Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that MIKE ERICE, a Cuban, approximately 50 years of age, resides in the basement of the above premises and works all day as a plumber, place unknown. They stated that the superintendent of the building is JULIO GUERRA, 222 Seaman Street, New York City. They advised that to their knowledge ERICE has no telephone in his basement apartment. They were unable to furnish any additional information regarding ERICE or his political sentiments.

On January 24, 1964, MICHAEL ERICE telephonically contacted the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and advised that he is presently employed as a plumber for Ambrose and Baron, 164 Driggs Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and that he would be available for interview by the New York Office.

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Date 2/4/64

Michael Erice
 Michael Erice was advised that he did not have to make any statement; that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney.

Erice
 Erice advised he is 58 years of age, born August 12, 1905, Rodas, Cuba; entered the United States at Key West, Florida, in May, 1929; arrived in New York City, May, 1929; and became a naturalized United States citizen in approximately 1938. He stated that he is presently residing alone at 22 Menahan Street, Brooklyn, basement apartment, and has resided there ever since he became separated from his wife, Mary Erice, six years ago. His previous address was 548 West 163rd Street, New York City; where his wife presently resides with their son, Robert, age 16. Erice stated he has another son, Michael, age 20, presently in the United States Navy and stationed in either Los Angeles or San Francisco, California, and a daughter, Camil de Rochemont, husband Eugene, 399 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn. He advised that he is a plumber by occupation and has been employed by Ambrose and Baron for the past three months. Prior to this, he was employed by Parkside Plumbing, 167th Street and Hillside Avenue, Queens, New York.

Erice
 Erice stated that sometime in 1952 he purchased two real estate lots in West Babylon, Long Island, New York, with the intention of building a home thereon. He advised that in 1959 he built a home at 152 New York Avenue, West Babylon, but encountered difficulty when neighbors began to destroy his property and told him to move out of the neighborhood. He remarked that this harassment was due to the fact that the people in the area did not welcome any Spanish speaking homeowners. Erice stated that as a result of these incidents he sold his home sometime in 1959 and returned to 22 Menahan Street, Brooklyn. He commented that he has no telephone at his basement apartment on Menahan Street.

1/24/64

Brooklyn, New York

File # NY 105-38431

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SAS JAMES O. INGRAM & JOHN JAMES O'FLAHERTY:rkh

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Eric advised that he had never heard of Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of President Kennedy and denies ever knowing or being in contact with Oswald. He stated that in May, 1962, he travelled to Mexico with some friends for a one month vacation but reiterated that he has no knowledge concerning Lee Harvey Oswald.

Eric stated that he is not interested in politics and has no interest in what Castro or anyone else is doing in Cuba. He admitted that he has visited the Casa Cuba Club (CCC), New York City, on two occasions, the last time being approximately six months ago, but alleges that these visits were purely social and he never engaged in any political discussions or meetings. He advised that he is not a member of the CCC. He denied membership in any other pro-Castro or Communist organization and stated he has never participated in any picketing at the United Nations building.

Eric furnished the names of two women that he feels are his enemies in the neighborhood, namely Caridad Ortega and Maria Antonia Baluja. He stated that Baluja still resides at 22 Menahan Street and that Ortega formerly resided there but has since moved. He commented that Antonio Soto Rodriguez, 18 Menahan Street, Brooklyn, known as the "Mayor" of the block because he knows everyone, would be able to furnish Ortega's present address. Eric remarked that these two women have objected, on occasions, to some of Eric's female companions. He could offer no explanation for this apparent jealousy.

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A characterization of the CCC appears in the Appendix of this report.

On January 24, 1964, Mrs. VERLENE ^VSOTO RODRIGUEZ, 18 Menahan Street, Brooklyn, advised that her husband was unavailable for interview. She stated that CARIDAD ORTEGA presently resides at 946 Bushwick Avenue, and MARIA ANTONIA BALUJA at 22 Menahan Street, both Brooklyn. She commented that in her opinion both of the women are extremely anti-CASTRO and pro-United States. She stated that MICHAEL ERICE has the reputation in the immediate neighborhood of being pro-CASTRO. She was, however, unable to furnish any specific information regarding ERICE's activities nor any information indicating any association between ERICE and OSWALD.

On January 24, 1964, MARIA ANTONIA BALUJA, 22 Menahan Street, Brooklyn, advised that on several occasions MIKE ERICE has voiced pro-CASTRO sentiments and in her opinion ERICE is still pro-CASTRO although she and ERICE have not been on friendly terms for almost a year. She admitted that on one occasion she manifested her dislike for ERICE by breaking his automobile window. She added that ERICE did the same to her car. She did not know whether ERICE was a member of any pro-CASTRO organization nor was she able to furnish any information pertaining to a possible association between OSWALD and ERICE.

On January 24, 1964, LUIS ^VMENENDEZ, 18 Menahan Street, Brooklyn, brother of MARIA ANTONIA BALUJA, stated that on one occasion ERICE boasted that he was a member of the Communist Party (CP). He added that on another occasion ERICE voiced pro-CASTRO remarks. He stated that a short time after the assassination of President KENNEDY and while he was in a conversation with ERICE, the latter remarked that he thought the accused assassin was identical with a friend of his, one "Tom Oswald", who ERICE reportedly stated he knew from the CCC. MENENDEZ exhibited an anonymous letter dated December 10, 1963, written in the Spanish language, which in effect states that MIKE ERICE is a Communist and unless the tenants at 22 Menahan Street oust ERICE, the tenants will be subjected to harassment, destruction of automobiles, et cetera,

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until ERICE is ejected. The letter set a deadline of December 20, 1963, for ERICE's removal and in addition advised the recipient of the letter to contact the FBI and furnish any information concerning ERICE. MENENDEZ stated that every tenant at 22 Menahan Street received a copy of this letter but he was unable to furnish any information regarding the identity of the writer.

On January 27, 1964, ROSA MARIA ORTEGA also known as "Carie", 946 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. voluntarily appeared at the New York Office of the FBI and furnished the following information:

She stated that she was born in Cuba and entered the United States at New York on October 20, 1957. She advised that she likes the United States and is very anti-CASTRO although her father, ANTONIO ~~PIEDRA~~ MONTES DE OCA, presently in Cuba, is pro-CASTRO. She advised that one DAISY GUERRA, wife of the superintendent at 22 Menahan Street, JULIO GUERRA, informed her that on the evening of November 22, 1963, DAISY and ANNA BOSCH nee GUERRA were conversing in the kitchen of ANNA's apartment at 22 Menahan Street when ERICE entered, apparently intoxicated, and remarked to DAISY and ANNA, "If Oswald talks, what will happen to me?". She was unable to furnish any further information indicating a possible association between ERICE and OSWALD. She stated, however, that about two or three years ago ERICE told her that he was "an active member of the Communist Party", and when she suggested that he go to Russia if he likes Communism, his alleged reply was that he had "a mission here". Mrs. ORTEGA denied writing any anonymous letter to the Attorney General concerning ERICE but did admit that she had thought about it but then decided against it. She did not know whether ERICE was active in any pro-CASTRO

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organization but remarked that he used to associate with one MORE, a newspaperman who she believed to be a Communist.

On January 27, 1964, Mrs. ANNA BOSCH nee GUERRA, 22 Menahan Street, advised that she is acquainted with MIKE ERICE but denied that ERICE made any remarks while in her presence regarding an association with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She stated that she did not know what ERICE's political sentiments were and was unable to furnish any information concerning his activities.

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On January 27, 1964, Mrs. DAISY GUERRA, 222 Seaman Street, New York City, advised that her husband JULIO is the owner of the building at 22 Menahan Street, Brooklyn. She stated that MIKE ERICE is a friend of her and her husband's and that ERICE resides in the basement apartment at 22 Menahan Street rent free inasmuch as he performs maintenance work for the various apartments at 22 Menahan Street in the absence of her husband JULIO. She advised that in her opinion ERICE is in sympathy with the CASTRO Government but she does not believe that he is active in any pro-CASTRO organization in the New York City area. She stated that ERICE did not, on the evening of November 22, 1963, or any other evening, make any remark indicating any contact or association on his part with LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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Michael Erice was reinterviewed regarding the alleged incident on November 22, 1963, in which he reportedly commented "If Oswald talks, what will happen to me?"

He was advised that he did not have to make any statement; that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney.

Erice denied making any statements concerning Lee Harvey Oswald and advised that he never knew or contacted Oswald. He also denied making any statement to the effect that he was a member of the Communist Party (CP). He remarked that his loyalty is with the United States and if there ever is a national emergency he would gladly fight for the United States against any nation, including Cuba. Erice did admit that he occasionally drinks to excess and while in this condition, he has a tendency of being loquacious to the point of exaggeration.

He stated that in approximately May, 1962, he travelled to Mexico for a one month vacation. He stated that an acquaintance of his, ALBERT MORE, had sustained a heart attack and requested Erice to drive him, his wife and mother-in-law to Mexico for a vacation.

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On January 28, 1964, FRANCIS I. MC CARTHY, United Press International (UPI), advised SA FRANCIS J. O'BRIEN that ALBERTO MORE, approximately 60 years of age, is the Latin reporter for UPI at the United Nations and is a close friend of Ambassador to the Cuban Mission, CARLOS LECHUGA.

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On January 31, 1964, Robert ~~Y~~ Taber, former head of Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), 118 West 79th Street, Apartment 10B, New York City, was interviewed regarding information alleging that he was in the company of Lee Harvey Oswald approximately three weeks after the April, 1961, Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. N.Y.

Taber stated that he was temporarily discharged from the military hospital in Cuba during the third week after the April, 1961, invasion. He added that despite the fact that he was using crutches, he admitted that he visited several taverns in Havana, Cuba, and in all probability, "Sloppy Joe's" was one of these. He commented, however, that while frequenting these various taverns, he had never been in the company of any individual known as Oswald. Taber stated that he never heard of Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of President Kennedy and, furthermore, based on newspaper photos of Oswald which he has viewed since the assassination, he does not recall ever meeting any individual who resembles Oswald. He stated that if he had ever met or seen Oswald, he is certain that he would have recalled such an acquaintanceship. He stated that he was not acquainted with any individual known as Lieutenant Harvey Oswald.

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A characterization of the FPCC appears in the Appendix of this report.

On February 5, 1964, ALEXANDRA TAYLOR, care of Texas
*YENO, Dover Plains, New York, was recontacted concerning subject and subject's wife. She furnished the following information to SA LOWELL W. BARTON:

^{filed} She was unable to recall the specific date that she and her ex-husband GARY TAYLOR helped move MARINA OSWALD from Fort Worth to Dallas, other than it was sometime in the late fall, 1962. Texas

She believed they rented the U-Haul trailer at a place on Maple Avenue, Dallas, in a yard which dealt exclusively with U-Haul trailers and which was opposite a service station. She related that MARINA originally had stayed with them for a few weeks while getting her teeth treated at a clinic in Dallas. MARINA then moved to Fort Worth to stay with a Mrs. JOHN ELENA HALL. Mrs. HALL had an accident and MARINA stayed with her for a longer period than originally intended due to the injuries suffered by Mrs. HALL. ALEXANDRA suggested the date of the move may be determined from the date of Mrs. HALL's accident. Texas

It was ALEXANDRA's belief that OSWALD had stayed at the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Dallas, during the period MARINA stayed with the TAYLORS and with Mrs. HALL. She had no knowledge of any other place OSWALD may have stayed temporarily except possibly with her father, GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, and her stepmother. She related that during this period she was not on speaking terms with her father so she had no direct knowledge of whether or not OSWALD stayed with him. Her father then lived on Cooper Street in Dallas, specific address not known to her. She believed GARY TAYLOR would be able to point out the specific house.

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ALEXANDRA advised that when MARINA moved into the apartment on Elsbeth Street, Dallas, LEE OSWALD also moved in with her. She suggested the possibility that the move may have been prior to November 2, 1962, and that OSWALD had occupied the apartment prior to the actual commencement of the rental period. She related this sometimes occurs in Dallas, having experienced such a situation herself. She was sure that the move most likely had occurred on a Sunday inasmuch as neither her husband nor OSWALD was working. She confirmed that they had picked up LEE OSWALD in front of the YMCA in Dallas.

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ALEXANDRA stated that another person who knew LEE OSWALD was an ALEX (Last Name Unknown) (LNU), who was a suitor of Mrs. HALL and who spoke several languages, including Russian. She related ALEX often engaged in violent arguments with LEE OSWALD.

She was unable to furnish any more specific information concerning dates of the move.

On February 4, 1964, Bureau of Customs, New York City, was recontacted in an effort to determine if subject's Customs Declaration reflected any information concerning the purchase, by subject, of a Cuera-2 camera, Serial Number 627250, while subject was in Russia.

On February 4, 1964, THOMAS FARRELLY, Assistant to the Collector, Bureau of Customs, advised that under the customs regulations in effect on June 13, 1962, the date of subject's re-entry into the United States, it would have been necessary for OSWALD to have declared all articles in his possession that he purchased abroad regardless of the cost. This would, therefore, have included subject's camera referred to above.

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It is to be noted that OSWALD's Customs Declaration failed to reflect a listing for any camera purchased abroad and in fact, subject did not list any articles in the declaration form.

On February 6, 1964, THOMAS FARRELLY, Assistant to the Collector, Bureau of Customs, New York City, telephonically contacted the New York Office and advised that in connection with information he previously furnished, as set forth above, concerning subject's Customs Declaration, he wished to furnish the following additional information:

He stated that inasmuch as subject was accompanied by his wife upon re-entry into the United States and as a non-resident entering the country, subject's wife would not have been required to declare any articles that she purchased abroad. The possibility existed, therefore, that a camera in their possession may not have been declared based on the technicality that the camera was the property of subject's wife and not subject's.

He added that a husband and wife entering the country only have to prepare one Custom's Declaration Form.

APPENDIX

CASA CUBA CLUB

On July 26, 1961, a source advised that the Casa Cuba Club (CCC), 691 Columbus Avenue, New York City, was originally founded as a social club by persons of Cuban background living in the New York City area, and was generally regarded as the focal point for Cuban social activities in New York City. During the years when FIDEL CASTRO was struggling to overthrow the BATISTA government in Cuba, the general membership of the CCC was predominantly sympathetic to the revolutionary aims of CASTRO and supported CASTRO's 26th of July Movement by contributing funds and clothing for the needy and oppressed peoples of Cuba.

After CASTRO came to power in Cuba, on January 1, 1959, and it became apparent that he was establishing a Communist form of government in Cuba, the membership of the CCC gradually declined in numbers, and the loyal supporters of CASTRO, and the leaders of the 26th of July Movement, New York City, assumed leadership in the activities of the CCC.

A second source advised, on August 20, 1962, that at a CCC meeting, held on August 14, 1962, CCC member (and later Vice-President) HUGO JIMENEZ, spoke of the need to follow Marxist-Leninist policies.

On October 22, 1962, this same source advised that CCC President JOSE GARCIA, at a CCC meeting held October 17, 1962, discussed holding weekly classes or indoctrination meetings on Marxism-Leninism.

This same source also advised on a number of occasions during October-November, 1962, that the CCC participated in pickets held in New York City during that period to protest United States policy during the crisis which arose from Russian missiles being stationed in Cuba.

On March 26, 1963, a third source advised that at a CCC meeting held on March 20, 1963, CCC Vice-President HUGO JIMENEZ said the CCC should concern itself with orienting its membership in socialism and communism and prepare them for their eventual return to Cuba, to fit into the new society that is now Cuba.

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On May 22, 1963, the second source advised that newly-elected CCC President JUAN GONZALEZ MORALES announced, at a recent CCC meeting, that there would be a series of fifteen forums held at Casa Cuba during the next few months, designed to assist members in understanding the purposes of socialism.

The 26th of July Movement was a revolutionary organization founded and led by FIDEL CASTRO, present Prime Minister of Cuba. It was dissolved during 1962 when it was absorbed into the Integrated Revolutionary Organization in Cuba, along with the Communist Party of Cuba, and the other principal political parties.

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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 Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-PUCH 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 afore-mentioned 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 Headquarters 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 nations, but not support the Cuban revolution per se.

The CP and the SWP have been designated pursuant