

We would also like to have your assurance that you have conducted a thorough investigation into the question of possible contacts between Lee Harvey Oswald and any representative of or known sympathizer with the Castro government of Cuba, together with an indication of the result of that investigation.

3. At pages 45-47, Bringuier testified about a magazine article which reported Fidel Castro as having committed a lapsus linguae in a speech given at the University of Havana on November 27, 1963. Castro was reported to have said, under the influence of cognac, "The first time Oswald was in Cuba"

We would appreciate it if you would determine through appropriate sources whether or not Castro made a speech at the University of Havana on November 27, 1963, and whether or not he made the remarks set forth above.

If you could provide us with a copy of Bohemia International magazine for February 2, 1964, together with a translation into English of the article indicated in Bringuier's testimony, it would be very much appreciated.

4. We note that reports of interviews of Dean Andrews, Esq., are set forth at pages 20-36 of Special Agent John J. Reynolds' report dated December 6, 1963, at New Orleans, and at pages 195-196, 198, 230, 234-235, and 305-306 of Special Agent Warren C. De Brueys' report of December 2, 1963, at Dallas. Mr. Andrews has also been interviewed by the Secret Service.

We note also that Mr. Andrews states that Lee Harvey Oswald came to his office on several occasions during the summer of 1963 and was accompanied by several different people, including a person of Mexican extraction. Andrews also states that he received a telephone call from one Clay Bertrand, asking that Andrews represent Oswald in his defense of the charges placed against him in Dallas. The most recent report (page 33 of Reynolds' report of December 6, 1963) indicates that Andrews had concluded that the above call was a figment of his imagination.

Mr. Andrews now states that he met Clay Bertrand in the street subsequent to the date of such report but was unable to detain him long enough to bring him to the FBI office. Mr. Liebler has previously advised Mr. Maynor of the above.

Consideration should be given to the possibility that the Mexican alleged to have accompanied Oswald to Andrews' office may be the same man with whom Oswald was allegedly seen in the Havana Bar. If you are able to identify the Mexican or Mexicans seen by the owner of the Havana Bar or by his brother (and this should be possible if the statements of the latter as to their previous contact by the FBI in respect to the Mexicans are correct), Andrews should be asked whether he is able to identify either of such Mexicans as the person who was with Oswald when Oswald came into Andrews' office.

We realize that Andrews has indicated that he would not be able to identify the Mexican who was with Oswald, but in that connection we wish to call to your attention the reports of the Secret Service Special Agents Gerretts, Counts, and Rice, dated December 6, 1963 (Secret Service Control No. 467), in which Andrews does not seem to demonstrate this inability.

We will probably wish to examine Mr. Andrews after you have conducted the investigation requested in this letter.

5. Consideration should also be given to the possibility that the Mexican or Mexicans who may have been associated with Oswald, if the stories of Rodriguez and Pena are correct, may have been involved in the distribution of FPCC literature on August 16, 1963. We note that at least one of the individuals who was so engaged has not yet been identified.

Your continued cooperation in the work of this Commission is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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From: Director, FBI (105-82555) - 3487

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Enclosed for recipients is one copy each of a letter dated 4-23-64, from J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, President's Commission, to this Bureau, and its enclosed transcript of testimony of Carlos Brinquier taken 4-8-64 in New Orleans, both of which are self-explanatory.

New Orleans promptly review testimony of Brinquier and handle any additional investigation not previously conducted which may be warranted in addition to that specifically requested by Commission.

With regard to Commission's request, New Orleans is instructed to immediately initiate necessary investigation in accordance with items 1, 2, 4, and 5.

Miami is instructed to handle item 3 through [redacted] or other sources capable of furnishing the desired data. It is noted "Bohemia International" magazine referred to in item 3 is possibly "Bohemia Libre," known to the Miami Office.

Herminio Portell-Vila, referred to in item 3 as the writer of the article reporting speech of Fidel Castro, was previously interviewed 2-17-64 by WFO in connection with investigation of subject concerning an article by Portell-Vila in the 12-22-63 issue of "Bohemia Libre" captioned "President Kennedy's Strange Assassination." During this interview, Portell-Vila stated his

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article was based on public source data such as American and foreign newspapers and publications, and that many of the statements made therein were merely conjecture based on personal analysis. Portell-Vila also stated he had read in a November 29, 1963 publication that in a speech on November 27, 1963, Castro, whether through a slip of the tongue or as a result of the influence of liquor made a comment which suggested Oswald may have previously made a visit to Cuba. He conjectured this trip could have taken place when Oswald was in Mexico last year or in Russia; however, he had no additional information in this regard.

Miami also attempt to obtain copies of newspaper articles requested on page 2, last paragraph of enclosed letter.

Miami and New Orleans review files and report any pertinent information contained therein as well as any additional investigation warranted concerning Fernando Fernandez. It is noted page 51 of enclosed testimony indicates "Miami Herald" may have conducted interview of Fernandez.

With regard to paragraph 1, page 3 of relet, field comments are not desired as this will be handled by Bureau upon receipt of above investigation.

Handle immediately, sutel any additional leads warranted and surep results by 5-8-65.

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BUREAU NOTE:

Commission has furnished transcript of testimony of Carlos Brinquier, anti-Castro Cuban in New Orleans who was involved in picketing of Oswald in New Orleans 8-9-63, resulting in arrest of all concerned. Commission has requested additional investigation resulting from testimony of Brinquier, specifically to resolve certain points of testimony and obtain certain publications referred to. Commission has also requested additional investigation previously discussed with SAC Maynor in New Orleans by Mr. Liebeler of the Commission.