

ROBERT RAY MC KEOWN

Information concerning reported contact between Jack Ruby and McKeown was furnished the Commission on March 2, 1964, in a report dated February 18, 1964, at Dallas, Texas, made by Special Agent Manning C. Clements, under the title "Jack L. Ruby, aka.; Lee Harvey Oswald, aka. (Deceased) - Victim." Our files reveal no other contact or association of Ruby and McKeown.

Bureau files reveal that McKeown was one of the subjects in an extensive investigation conducted by this Bureau since 1952 concerning the activities of Carlos Prio Socarras. This investigation involved neutrality matters and possible violation of the Registration Act. Prio, a former President of Cuba and supporter of Castro, was engaged with others, including McKeown, in attempting to assist Castro in his revolutionary action against the Batista regime in Cuba. McKeown is reported to know Prio and Castro personally.

A summary of McKeown's admitted participation in efforts to procure guns, ammunition and other war material for Castro's use prior to Castro's overthrow of the Batista regime is set forth in the above-mentioned report and in a statement in this report which was taken from McKeown on January 28, 1964, <sup>of SA Clem. G.</sup> <sup>interview with M. Ke.</sup> <sup>as stated</sup> <sup>is included in the report</sup>

Inasmuch as the investigation by the FBI did not develop violations within the jurisdiction of this Bureau by individuals involved in the smuggling activities on behalf of Castro, the information in our investigation was furnished to the Bureau of

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Internal Revenue. We subsequently received information that Agents of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, Bureau of Internal Revenue, continued the investigation in this matter and charged various individuals, including McKeown, with conspiracy to smuggle guns and related equipment to Cuba. The defendants in this action were as follows:

Dr. Carlos Prio Socarras, aka Carlos Prio, age unknown, male, resident of Miami, Florida, citizen of Cuba.

Jorge Enrique Sotus Komero, aka Jorge Soto, Commander Jorge, S. Komero, age 24, male, resident of Miami, Florida, citizen of Cuba.

Orlando Garcia Vasquez, aka Orlando Vasquez, F. Valdez, Ramos, age unknown, male, resident of Miami, Florida, citizen of Cuba.

Angel Banos, age unknown, male, resident of Miami, Florida, citizen of the United States.

Robert K. McKeown, aka Dick McKeown, Max, J. T. Brown, H. J. McAllister, age 47, male, resident of Galena Park, Texas, citizen of the United States.

Mario Silverio Villamia, aka Frank Guzman, Frank George, John Jordan, R. Castillo, age 34, male, resident of Miami, Florida, citizen of the United States by naturalization.

Manuel Arques, aka Manny, age 23, male, resident of Miami, Florida, citizen of the United States.

Evelyn Eleanor Archer, aka Mrs. Manuel Arques, Ruby, age 36, female, resident of Keyport, New Jersey, citizen of the United States.

Pedro Luis Chaviano Keyes, aka Luis Chaviano, F. Castillo, Gilbert Pawtoja, age 44, male, resident of Miami, Florida, citizen of Cuba.

Abelardo Pujol Barrera, aka Joe Sanco, Jose Sauco, Jose Alonzo, age 42, male, resident of Miami, Florida, citizen of Cuba.

Francisco Gonzales Obregon, aka T. Gonzales, F. Gonzales, age 38, male, resident of Cerro, Cuba, citizen of Cuba.

Mrs. Ethel Jane McKeown, age unknown, female, resident of Galena Park, Texas, citizen of the United States.

Our investigation in this matter did not reveal any contact by Ruby with the individuals listed above, other than that information contained in the report furnished you on March 2, 1964.

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