

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/63

M. G. LOWMAN, Executive Secretary, Circuit Riders, Inc., 110 Government Place, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised on November 29, 1963, that on Tuesday, November 26, 1963, he had occasion to be in New Orleans, Louisiana, on personal business and entered into conversation with JOSEPH D. VINSON, a private detective who resides at Metairie, Louisiana. LOWMAN advised he has known VINSON several years and has had many conversations with him during this period. LOWMAN advised during the conversation with VINSON on November 26, 1963, he inquired if VINSON knew of any possible connection between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and the Southern Conference Educational Fund. VINSON replied he had no evidence of any such connection. VINSON added he had recently received information that sometime during the period when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was arrested at New Orleans, Louisiana, after passing out circulars concerning the Fair Play For Cuba Committee (FPCC) it was reported to VINSON that a number of FPCC circulars were found on the street in the 1100 block of Pine Street, New Orleans. VINSON advised LOWMAN that in connection with these FPCC circulars, he learned that the night before the circulars were found, a person believed to be a lady living in the 1100 block of Pine Street, New Orleans, became suspicious of a Ford automobile parked on this street near her home. This person reportedly took the license number of the Ford automobile. The following morning this person noted the Ford automobile had been removed from the space it occupied and that there was found on the street in this space a small pile of FPCC circulars.

VINSON speculated that the FPCC circulars had either fallen out of or been thrown out of the Ford automobile that occupied this space. VINSON also speculated that one LEONARD REISSMAN described by VINSON as a "liberal", resides at 1121 Pine Street, New Orleans, and that FOREST E. LA VIOLETTE resides at 1307 Pine Street, New Orleans. LOWMAN and VINSON discussed the fact that LA VIOLETTE is listed on Page 532 of the book entitled "6000 Educators" published by M. G. LOWMAN as having public record affiliation with the Southern Conference

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Educational Fund. LOWMAN stated neither he nor VINSON knew of any association or connection between OSWALD and REISSMAN or LA VIOLETTE but speculated on the possibility that OSWALD may have been using the Ford automobile which was parked in the 1100 block on Pine Street for transportation in the distribution of FPCC circulars. LOWMAN stated he and VINSON discussed the coincidence that REISSMAN and LA VIOLETTE reside in this neighborhood where the small pile of FPCC circulars were found during the period when OSWALD was arrested at New Orleans for circulating FPCC leaflets.