

MEMORANDUM

From: Dr. Carlos Bringnier.

To: District Attorney's Office. New Orleans, La.

Subject: Investigation in regard to a possible New Orleans plot to take the life of President Kennedy.

Date: February 20th., 1967.-

A) POSSIBLE REASON WHY LEE HARVEY OSWALD CONTACTED ME IN AUGUST 5th., 1963:

1) As there was a Castro's spy infiltrated in an anti-castro training camp in existence at that moment across the Lake Pontchartrain, and the Castro's Spy (Mr. Fernando Fernandez Barcenas alias "el Chinito") was sending his information to the Cuban ambassador in Mexico city (Mr. Carlos Lechuga), it is possible and logical that the Cuban government could have put that situation in the acknowledgment of any of the pro-Castro organizations in this Country. In that way Lee Harvey Oswald; from the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, could have received the order of infiltrate the anti-castro movement in New Orleans, La. We could not forget that Oswald visited that very same Cuban Embassy at Mexico City where the Castro's spy was sending his information, and that Oswald visit was carried out just few weeks before the assassination.

2) On the spring of 1963 I went to the Jackson square in a Sunday in which was supposedly to be carried out a march hel by the "New Orleans Council for Peaceful alternatives". That march was not allowed in that day because the city of New Orleans was holding a celebration in the Cathedral. At the time I was watching the celebrations from the Jackson Square I met a man by the name of Donald Savery (Quaquer) who was among the "pacifists" that gathered there. I gained Mr. Savery sympathy when I introduced myself to him as a pro-castro Cuban. Mr. Savery invited me to drink some coffee at the "Cafe Dumonde". During our conversation Mr. Savery explained to me that the communist will take over the United States by evolution, because, according to him, 75% of the American people have a "robot mentality", that that 75% just take care of making some dollars and will not pay attention to the communist infiltration and that when the communist would already had taken over, then those 75% will try to survive and the other 25% would be wiped out by the communists. Some weeks later, on a Saturday afternoon, the "New Orleans Council for Peaceful alternatives" held his march this time on Canal St. IN 1963. As they gathered just half a block from the place where I worked I found out about the march and joined them but with an anti-communist placard, in other words I went to picket against them. Amongst them was Mr. Donald Savery and Mr. Bruce Waltzer. After the march was over they disbanded it just in front of the place where I was working, and I recall Mr. Savery telling me that if he would have known that I was an anticommunist he would have not pay my coffee at the Cafe Dumonde. This means that members of

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of the New Orleans Council for Peaceful alternatives knew that I was an anti-castro cuban and even they knew where I was working. All of this just few weeks before Oswald came to my place of business asking if there were the offices of the Cuban exile headquarters.

B) POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS OF LEE H. OSWALD IN THE CITY OF N.O.

1) Testimony of Lt. Francis L. Martello-Volume X, p51-62 W.C.  
 \*Oswald was asked how many members of the FPCC were in the New Orleans Chapter and he stated there were 35. I asked him to identify the members of the FPCC in New Orleans and he refused to give names of the members or any identifying data regarding them. Oswald was asked why he refused and he said that this was a minority group holding unpopular views at this time and it would not be beneficial to them if he gave their names. Oswald was asked approximately how many people attended meetings of the New Orleans Chapter of the FPCC and he said approximately five attended the meetings, which were held once a month. He was asked where and he said at various places in the city. He was asked specifically at what addresses or locations were the meetings held and stated that the meetings were held on PINE ST. He was asked at whose residence the meetings were held and he refused to give any further information. It should be noted at this time during prior investigation conducted, while I was a member of the Intelligence unit, information was developed that FPCC literature was found in the 1000 block of PINE ST. N.O. which was near the residence of Dr. LEONARD REISSMAN a professor at Tulane University. This investigation was conducted by me. *La*  
 \*As I remember, Dr. REISSMAN was reported to be a member of the ~~New Orleans COUNCIL FOR PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES~~ which is a "ban the bomb" group recently established in the city and had conducted meetings and two or three demonstrations in the city. Knowing that Dr. REISSMAN was reportedly a member of the ~~NEW ORLEANS COUNCIL FOR PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES~~, I thought there might be a tie between this organization and the FPCC. When Oswald stated that meetings of the FPCC had been held on PINE St. the name of Dr. REISSMAN came to mind. I asked Oswald if he knew Dr. REISSMAN or if he held meetings at Dr. REISSMAN's house. Oswald did not give me a direct answer to this question, however I gathered from the expression on his face and what appeared to be an immediate nervous reaction that there WAS POSSIBLY A CONNECTION BETWEEN DR. REISSMAN AND OSWALD; this, however, is purely an assumption on my own part and I have nothing on which to base this. I also asked OSWALD if he knew a DR. FORREST E. LA VIOLETTE a professor at Tulane University. I asked him this question - because I remembered that LA VIOLETTE allegedly had possession of FPCC literature during the year 1962. *La*

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2) INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY MR. RAFAEL AZNAREZ, 118 S. Pierce, N.O. La. This man had referred to me that he saw Lee Harvey Oswald working at the Bookstore that is in Canal St. near Royal St.

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- 3)a) Richard ~~Payne~~ in which house Oswald lived on keek ends just prior to the assassination admitted that his father is either a communist or a troskyste, says that he is a member of the Unitarian Church in Dallas, and member of the American Civil Liberties Union. He said that he visited his father at Los Angeles, Calif. just a few months before the assassination and they expend one whole week end discussing the REVOLUTION that is going on in the United States headed by the racial conflicts. At that meeting where some other persons were presents they started talking good in regard to Castro and the Communist Revolution in Cuba. The Cuban Student Directorate received information that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was holding their meetings at the local of the First Unitarian Church in Los Angeles, Calif. and that in one of their meetings the members of the FPCC decided to infiltrate the Delegation of the Alpha 66 in los Angeles, Calif. *aka Payne IRVING, TEXAS*
- b) Ruth ~~Payne~~ wrote to Mrs. Ruth ~~Kloepfer~~, Clerk of the Quaker meeting in New Orleans, and possible working with the Unitarian Church in Eew Orleans, and to Mrs. Paul ~~Blanchard~~, Secretary of the Unitarian Church in N.O., to help the Oswalds while in New Orleans. ( Which by the way contradict your theory that Lee Harvey Oswald was brought to New Orleans by "conservative" new orlenseans and more specifically that he could not have brought by Mr. Riley from the Riley Coffe Co. as you mentioned to me in our meeting of February 14th., 1967). *La.*
- 1) Mrs. Ruth Kloepfer, who is a Quaquer as Mr. Donal Savery is it too, (the smae one from the New Orleans Council for Peaceful alternatives) visited Oswald while in New Orleans, she went with her daughter who had came back recently from Russia;
  - 2) Mrs. Paul Blanchard: Belong to the Unitarian Church to which also belong Mr. Richard Payne, and it which local in Los Angeles, Calif. the FPCC held meetings and conspired to infiltrate the Delegation of Alpha 66.
- 4) As I heard Silvia ~~Odio~~'s name pronounced by you at our conversation of February 14th., 1967. I would like to suggest to you the questioning of: Mr. Loran ~~Eugana~~ Hall, Lawrence ~~Howard~~ and William ~~Seymour~~ to clarified that situation. *TEXAS Cuba*
- 5) Saturday evening ( February 18th., ) Mr. Sergio Arcacha call me to explain that ha had talked to your office, and he expressed to me that he was willing to come and clarify any thing that you want. He prefers if is possible that someone from your office go to Dallas and question him, because in that way he would not have to lost any day of work. *TEXAS*
- 6) In the today's papers it is already printed the possibility

that some cubans refugees could have been disapointed with the Kennedy's rol on the Bay of Pigs Invasion and that they could have plotted to elixinate President Kennedy. As I told you on our two conversations this theory is the theory that the communist would like the best to fit their interest in brainwash the american people in regard to the Kennedy's assassination. I believe that you should pay some attention to the following:

"As Far as the other author, United States imperialism and its President, Kennedy, who admitted this great crime and took the responsability for it, they will not be tried here. But President Kennedy and the U.S. Imperialists will have to answer for their crime before the court of the peoples of the worl which will punish them fully as their crimes merit". [ April 3rd., 1962- Statements by Santiago Cubas, Cuban Attorney General.] (-

"~~From the same source as above~~ United States leaders should think that if they are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate cuban leaders, they themselves will not be at safe"; Fidel Castro; beginning of September 1963, less than three months before the assassination;

As I told your office, I don't know the evidence that you could have, but to my aknowledge it is impossible any anti-castro involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy. Beside the human consideration and the Christian point of view that nobody should take the live of any person by his own hand, and less than all to assassinate, besides that point is st a political point of view. What could have been gained by any cuban anti-castro with the killing of President Kennedy? As far as Kennedy would be President of The United States he had a moral obligation to the cuban people. I will tell you by my own thoughts and reactions when Kennedy was in power I always had the hope that in wne way or other Fidel Castro would disapear as the Cuban leader, after Kennedy was killed I have not had the slightest hope to return to our country;

#### RECOMENDATIONS

Questionning of the following persons:

- 1) Fernando Fernandez Barcoenas (alias "El Chinito").
- 2) Donald Savery, quaker, member of the New Orleans Council for Peaceful alternatives.
- 3) Bruce Waltzer, Chairman of the New Orleans Council for Peaceful Alternatives.
- 4) Dr. Leonard Reissman.
- 5) DR. Forrest E. La Violette.
- 6) Mr. Rafael Aznarez, 118 S. Pierce.
- 7) Mrs. Ruth Kloefer.

- 8) Mrs. Paul Blanchard;
- 9) Edward S. Butler, from INCA, who debated Oswald with me while Oswald was in New Orleans;
- 10) Loran Eugene Hall.
- 11) Lawrence Howard;
- 12) William Seymour
- 13) Edward ~~X~~ Voebel, who testified to the Warren Commission and whom it <sup>La</sup> is possible, but I am not sure, could have been present at the time of the trial of Bombrowsky, Smith & Waltzer;
- 14) Check on you files to see if Lee H. Oswald contacted that office in 1963.-  
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Finally I would like to ask you for a testimony or certification of the results of the lie detector test ~~mm~~ at which I volunteered on February 14th., 1967. Also I would like to know the situation of the person who according to informations that I have threatened Carlos Quiroga life.

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Respectfully yours;

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