

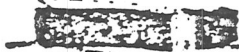


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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

As has been previously reported, on September 27, 1963, OSWALD registered at the Hotel del Comercio, Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico City, under the name of LEE, HARVEY OSWALD. His name was contained in the guest records of the hotel through October 1, 1963. He occupied room No. 18.

According to the guest records of the hotel, FERNANDO VALENZUELA, Chihuahua, State of Chihuahua, Mexico, occupied room No. 6 from September 26 through October 1, 1963.

INTERVIEW OF FERNANDO VALENZUELA

On July 10, 1964, FERNANDO VALENZUELA, Calle 33 No. 2213, Chihuahua, State of Chihuahua, Mexico, furnished the following information to a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

VALENZUELA stated he resided at the Hotel del Comercio during the last week of September, 1963, and the first part of October, 1963, but could not recall the exact dates.

VALENZUELA viewed a series of photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and stated he knew who this individual was as a result of the publicity concerning him following the



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assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. VALENZUELA said he did not recall ever having seen the subject.

VALENZUELA said he did recall that there were a few Americans, or at least persons who spoke English, at the hotel during the period of time he was there. VALENZUELA also recalled that a Cuban family and possibly one or two young Cuban men were also there, but he could not recall the names or descriptions of these individuals, other than the Cuban family.

VALENZUELA recalled that a political dispute arose between a tie salesman of unknown origin and the Cuban, who was awaiting passage for Miami, Florida, with his family. VALENZUELA recalled that this discussion led to some comments concerning communism and vaguely recalled that the tie salesman was trying to convince the Cuban concerning a point about communism. VALENZUELA did not recall any of the details of the discussion, but it was his impression that the Cuban who was planning to travel to Miami, Florida, apparently opposed any communist ideas.

VALENZUELA stated he could not furnish any additional identifying information regarding any of the other guests at the hotel or any of the activities at the hotel which may have concerned OSWALD, during the period of time that VALENZUELA was a guest at the hotel.

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