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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

As has been previously reported, OSWALD was registered from September 27, 1963, through October 1, 1963, in Room No. 18 of the Hotel del Comercio, located at Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico, D. F., Mexico.

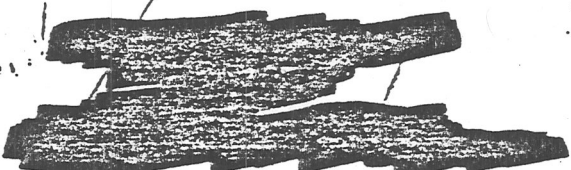
ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ from Reynosa, Tamaulipas, was a guest of the Hotel del Comercio on September 26, 1963. LIMA JUAREZ previously advised that a photograph had been taken of a group of the guests of the hotel.

JULIAN HUERTA OLIVA, a Cuban who was residing at the Hotel del Comercio shortly prior to the arrival of OSWALD in September, 1963, furnished a copy of a photograph of a group of the guests at the Hotel del Comercio in September, 1963.

ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ also advised that he believed that he had seen OSWALD conversing with two Cuban Negroes who were residing at the Hotel del Comercio.

Employees of the Hotel del Comercio stated that ANTONIO OLIVA, a young Negro, possibly a Cuban, had resided in Room No. 4 at the Hotel del Comercio during the period of time that OSWALD was a guest at the hotel. A housemaid at the hotel advised that OLIVA was visited frequently by another young Spanish speaking Negro who may have been a Cuban.

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EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPH
TO EMPLOYEES OF HOTEL DEL COMERCIO

The photograph furnished by JULIAN HUERTA OLIVA was exhibited by a confidential source abroad to SEBASTIAN PEREZ, desk clerk, Hotel del Comercio, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, on August 7, 1964. PEREZ advised that he was personally acquainted with all of the individuals in this photograph as being former guests at the hotel. PEREZ identified them as being, left to right:

FRANCISCO MORALES, the friend of ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ.

GABRIEL CONTRERAS, from Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico.

JULIAN HUERTA, the Cuban who was waiting for a visa to enter the United States.


MANUEL SANTOS, the representative of an agricultural workers union from Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico.

ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ, from Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

The confidential source abroad exhibited this photograph to DOLORES RAMIREZ DE BARREIRO, proprietor of "Loncheria Esperanza," a restaurant located at Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 18, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, and she identified GABRIEL CONTRERAS as the man who sat at the same table as OSWALD on at least one occasion.

INTERVIEWS OF ANTONIO OLIVA ALVAREZ,
JUSTINO RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ, and
IRMA CANSECO ORTIZ

The records of the Visa Section, United States Embassy, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, disclosed that JUSTINO RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ, born August 5, 1919, Quemados de Guines, Cuba, bearing Cuban passport No. 01596, issued



January 17, 1956, at Havana, Cuba, was issued a visa to travel to New York City in April, 1961. RODRIGUEZ was described as being 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing 142 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, and employed as a musician.

The confidential source abroad mentioned above obtained the following information on August 6, 1964:

A photograph of JUSTINO RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ was exhibited to MATILDE GARNICA, the housemaid at the Hotel del Comercio, and she advised that it could be a photograph of the individual who visited OLIVA at the Hotel del Comercio.


JUSTINO RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ, Salado Alvarez 17-10, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, advised on August 6, 1964, that he vaguely recalled ANTONIO OLIVA as a former employee of the night club called "Los Pericos," Mexico, D. F., Mexico, where RODRIGUEZ was employed as an entertainer. RODRIGUEZ claimed that he was not a close friend of OLIVA and did not know his present whereabouts. RODRIGUEZ claimed that he had never heard of the Hotel del Comercio and had never visited OLIVA there.

When photographs of OSWALD were exhibited to RODRIGUEZ, he said that he recognized OSWALD only as the result of seeing his photograph in the newspapers.

It is noted that RODRIGUEZ was barely coherent during this interview and appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, obtained the following information on August 6, 1964:

ANTONIO OLIVA ALVAREZ was encountered by chance at Salado Alvarez 17, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, on August 6, 1964. OLIVA stated that he was born in La Ceiba, Honduras, and entered Mexico in August, 1951, at Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico.



OLIVA stated that he was formerly employed as a cook at the night club called "Los Pericos," Sullivan 13, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, but is presently unemployed. OLIVA stated that he was visiting JUSTINO RODRIGUEZ, a Cuban, residing at Jalado Alvarez 17, Apartment 10, Mexico, D. F., Mexico.

-- The confidential source abroad mentioned above obtained the following information on August 7, 1964:

ANTONIO OLIVA ALVAREZ was interviewed at his present residence in the Hotel Fornos, Revillagigedo 92, Room 17, Mexico, D. F., Mexico. OLIVA stated that he was formerly a waiter at the "Los Pericos" night club and is currently unemployed. He stated that he was born on June 13, 1933, at La Ceiba, Honduras.

OLIVA said that he resided at the Hotel del Comercio from about June, 1963, until January, 1964, in Room No. 4, located on the roof of the hotel, with his common-law wife, IRMA CANSECO.

OLIVA stated that he does not recall ever having seen any Americans residing at that hotel during the time that he was a guest.

OLIVA said that he had read about OSWALD in the newspapers but had never seen OSWALD in person and did not possess any information concerning OSWALD, other than that gained from newspapers.

OLIVA stated that he did not associate with any of the guests at the Hotel del Comercio and did not know any of them by name. OLIVA pointed out that he worked late hours and he and his wife limited their personal contacts with the hotel staff to those contacts that were absolutely necessary.

OLIVA was not acquainted with any Cubans residing at the Hotel del Comercio, nor was he acquainted with any Negroes residing in the hotel. OLIVA stated that he is often mistakenly identified as a Cuban, perhaps because

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he is a Negro and a Spanish speaking foreigner. OLIVA stated that he had a Negro friend, who was in the habit of visiting him at the Hotel del Comercio, but OLIVA could not recall this person's name and did not know his present whereabouts. OLIVA stated that he would locate this individual and make him available for interview.

IRMA CANSECO ORTIZ was interviewed at the Hotel Fornos where she is residing with ANTONIO OLIVA in Room No. 17. She stated that she was born on August 15, 1944, in Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico.

CANSECO confirmed that she had resided with OLIVA at the Hotel del Comercio from approximately June, 1963, to January, 1964. She stated that the housemaid was the only person at the hotel with whom she had any contact.

CANSECO stated that she had never seen an American at the Hotel del Comercio and the only information she possessed concerning OSWALD was obtained through newspaper reports.