

# CUBA EXILE TELLS OF OSWALD BOAST

## Reports He Said He Would Aid Castro Against U.S.

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A Cuban exile leader said tonight that Lee H. Oswald had boasted that if the United States attempted an invasion of Cuba, he would defend Fidel Castro.

The accused assassin of President Kennedy made the statement in a conversation with an anti-Castro Cuban who was posing as a Castro supporter, according to Carlos Bringuier, New Orleans delegate to the Cuban Student Directorate.

The Directorate, based in Miami, is an exile organization that describes its mission in the United States as telling the truth about the Castro regime.

The authorities have already learned that Oswald, during a summer in New Orleans before going to Dallas, tried to join the anti-Communist group. Mr. Bringuier regarded Oswald with suspicion and later saw him distributing pro-Castro literature on a downtown street.

Oswald, an acknowledged Marxist, was arrested by the police last Friday, shortly after the assassination of the President in Dallas. On Sunday he was shot and killed by a Dallas resident as he was being transferred from one jail to another. Before his death, he denied murdering the President.

Mr. Bringuier, a 29-year-old Havanan who manages a dry-goods store here, said Oswald walked into the store last August and inquired about the exile organization.

"He said he wanted to help me," the Cuban said in an interview.

Oswald's offer to help was turned down.

A week or so later, Mr. Bringuier said, one of the organization's intelligence agents was sent to see Oswald. The two men talked several minutes. But Oswald later came out badly in a radio debate, Mr. Bringuier said, and his importance declined in the eyes of the Cubans. The interview was forgotten.

On Friday, after the President's assassination, the agent wrote down his recollections of the visit to Oswald. The report was turned over to the Secret Service.

### Tells What Was Said

The agent said he had told Oswald he was interested in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. It was the committee's literature that Oswald was handing out on Canal Street. (Fair Play for Cuba Committee officials have said Oswald was not a representative of the group but, might have had access to materials.)

The agent told Oswald he was a Cuban, but he implied he was not an anti-Castro Cuban.

The agent gave some of the conversation as follows:

Agent: "What is your plan, and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee's plan, in relation to Cuba?"

Oswald: "Because of the imperialist propaganda, Fidel Castro is being blamed as a criminal. But that is not true, because in Cuba all the people are for Fidel Castro. There is only a minority group that doesn't adjust—agree—to the socialist and Marxist regime.

To those that don't like the Cuban system, let them go. That is the reason why we have here these groups of exiles—because they are criminals."

Agent: "I don't believe Fidel Castro could be a dictator, because all the people are with him."

Oswald: "That's right. Fidel Castro is not a dictator. What's happening here is that when there is a drastic change, there has to be a little bit of repression. But since all the Cubans are working in a voluntary way for the Government, the country will be rebuilt quickly."

Agent: "What is the program of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee?"

Oswald: "What we are looking for is that the United States will not invade Cuba. In the case that that would happen, I would defend Fidel Castro, because no government has the right to invade any other one, whether Fidel is a Communist or not. I'm not against the Cubans, without help from other governments, invading Cuba."