

Texts of Oswald's Six Letters

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Following are the texts of letters to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee by Lee H. Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy, as made available last night by Vincent Theodore Lee, national director of the committee.

First Letter

[Undated]

P.O. Box 2915, Dallas, Tex.

Dear Sirs:

I do not like to ask for something for nothing but I am unemployed.

Since I am unemployed I stood yesterday for the first time in my life, with a placard around my neck, passing out fair play for Cuba pamphlets, etc. I only had 15 or so. In 40 minutes they were all gone. I was cursed as well as praised by some. My home-made placard said 'Hands off Cuba, Viva Fidel.' I now ask for 40 or 50 more of the fine basic pamphlets - 14.

Sincerely,

Lee H. Oswald

Second Letter

May 26,

Dear Sirs:

I am requesting formal membership in your organization.

In the past I have received from you pamphlets, etc. both bought by me and given to me by you. Now that I live in New Orleans, I have been thinking about renting a small office at my own expense for the purpose of forming a F.P.C.C. branch here in New Orleans.

Could you give me a charter

Also I would like information on buying pamphlets etc. in large lots, as well as F.P.C.C. applications, etc.

Also, a picture of Fidel, suitable for framing would be a welcome touch.

Offices down here rent for \$30 a month, and if I had a steady flow of literature I would be glad to take the expense.

Of course I work and could not supervise the office at all times, but I'm sure I could get some volunteers to do it.

Could you add some advice or recommendations?

I am not saying this project would be a roaring success, but I am willing to try. [The last five words were underlined.]

An office, literature, and getting people to know you are the fundamentals of the F.P.C.C. as far as I can see, so here's hoping to hear from

you.

Yours respectfully,

Lee H. Oswald.

Third Letter

[Undated]

Dear Mr. Lee:

I was glad to receive your advice concerning my try at starting a New Orleans F.P.C.C. chapter.

I hope you won't be too disapproving at my innovations but I do think they are necessary for this area.

As per your advice I have taken a P.O. Box (N. O. 30061).

Against your advice I have

decided to take an office from the very beginning.

I u c [apparently meaning as you see] from the circular I had jumped the gun on the charter business but I don't think it's too important. You may think the circular is too provocative, but I want it to attract attention even if it's the attention of the lunatic fringe. I had 2,000 of them run off.

The major change in tactics you can see from the small membership blanks, in that I will charge \$1 a month dues for the New Orleans chapter only and I intend to issue N.O. F.P.C.C. membership cards also.

This is without recourse to the \$5 annual F.P.C.C. membership fee.

However, you will lose nothing in the long run because I will forward \$5 to the national F.P.C.C. for every New Orleans chapter member who remains a dues paying member for 5 months in any year.

It's just that the people I am approaching will not pay \$5 all at once to a committee in New York which they cannot see with their own eyes.

But they may pay a \$1 to their own chapter after having received their membership card from my hand to theirs.

Also I think such a dues system binds the members closer to the F.P.C.C. I will promise only a membership card and a chapter vote to future members, that is, I don't expect you to extend them national F.P.C.C. mailings for their \$1 a month.

As you will notice on the membership blank there is a place for those who do wish to subscribe to the national mailings for the fee of \$5, that fee will go directly to you in New York.

As soon as any member has

paid dues adding up to \$5 in any year I will forward that fee to you and then you may handle as if it was a usual application for membership in the national F.P.C.C.

In any event I will keep you posted, and even if the office stays open for only one month, more people will find out about the F.P.C.C. than if there had not been any office at all, don't you agree?

Please feel free to give advice and any other help.

Yours truly

Lee H. Oswald.
4907 L/C Magazine.
New Orleans, La.

Fourth Letter

Lee H. Oswald
4907 Magazine
Aug. 1

Dear Mr. Lee:

In regards to my efforts to start a branch F.P.C.C. in New Orleans.

I rented an office as I planned and was promptly closed three days later for some obscure reason by the renters.

They said something about remodeling, etc. I'm sure you understand. After that I worked out of a post office box and by using street demonstrations and some circular work have substained a great deal of interest but no new members.

Through the efforts of some

Cuban exile 'gusanos' [the Spanish word for worms, used by the Castro regime to denote its opponents] a street demonstration was attacked and we were officially cautioned by police.

This incident robbed me of what support I had leaving me alone.

Nevertheless thousands of circulars were distributed, and many pamphlets which your office supplied.

We also managed to picket the fleet when it came in and I was surprised at the number of officers who are interested in our literature. I continue to receive through my post office box inquiries and questions which I shall endeavor to keep answering to the best of my ability.

Thank you.

Lee H. Oswald
P.O. Box 30061,
New Orleans, La.

Fifth Letter

Aug. 12, 1963

Dear Mr. Lee:

Continuing my efforts on behalf of the F.P.C.C. I find that I have incurred the displeasure of the Cuban exile "worms" here. I was attacked by three of them as the copy of the enclosed summons indicates. I was fined \$10 and

the three Cubans were not fined because of "lack of evidence" as the judge said.

I am very glad I am stirring things up and shall continue to do so. The incident was given considerable coverage in the press and local TV news broadcasts.

I am sure it will be to the good of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Lee H. Oswald
P.O. Box 30061
New Orleans, La.

Sixth Letter

Aug. 17

Dear Mr. Lee:

Since I last wrote to you Aug. 13 about my arrest and fine in New Orleans for distributing literature for F.P.C.C., things have been moving pretty fast. On Aug. 16th, I organized an F.P.C.C. demonstration of 3 people. This demonstration was given considerable coverage by WDSU-TV Channel 6 and also by our Channel 4 TV station.

Due to that I was invited by Bill Stucke [Bill Stuckey, New Orleans television commentator] to appear on his TV show called "Latin American focus" at 7:30 P.M. Saturdays and WDSU Channel 6.

After the 15 minute interview which was filed on magnetic tape at 4:00 P.M. for broadcast at 7:30, I was flooded with callers and invitations to debate, etc., as well as people interested in joining the F.P.C.C. New Orleans branch. That then is what has happened up to this date and hour.

You can I think be happy with the developing situation here in New Orleans.

I would however like to ask you to rush some more literature, particularly the white sheet 'truth about Cuba' regarding Government restrictions on travel as I am quickly running out.

Yours truly

Lee H. Oswald