

FORGIVE MY GRIEF

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FALSIES OF THE FBI

There are documents now on record in the National Archives which definitely prove J. Edgar Hoover personally submitted false evidence to the Warren Commission in attempting to refute the evidence of two key witnesses. Mrs. Sylvia Odio and her sister had sworn to President Johnson's Commission on the assassination that Lee Oswald, accompanied by two Latins, had come to her home in Dallas on the 26th or 27th of September, 1963, seeking her aid in organizational work to overthrow Castro. Lee Oswald had been introduced to her as Leon Oswald. Because of their conversation, she stated she knew these three men were involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. (1)

Sylvia Odio attended the original organization meeting of anti-Castro JURE in Puerto Rico in 1961 and had been active in anti-Castro work. Her father was one of the organizers of JURE, having served with Castro in the mountains but opposed him when he discovered Castro was a Communist.

On September 21, 1964, J. Edgar Hoover wrote and had hand carried the letter to the President's Commission which read as follows:

"Reference is made to your letter dated August 28, 1964, dealing with the claim of Sylvia Odio that Lee Harvey Oswald and two other individuals visited at her apartment in Dallas, Texas, on September 26 or 27, 1963. Sylvia Odio in testifying before the Commission stated that the man believed by her to be Lee Harvey Oswald was introduced to her as 'Leon Oswald'. . . .

. . . On September 16, 1964, we located one Loran Eugene Hall at Johnsondale, California. Hall has been identified as a participant in numerous anti-Castro activities. He advised that in September, 1963, he was at

...will note that the name Loren Hall bears
some phonetic resemblance to the name Leon

...in mind that the letter from J. Edgar Hoover
was dated and carried by the Commission on the
21st day of September, 1964. The Commission
report on the assassination was completed and
released on the 27th of September, 1964, some six
days later.

Yet, on September 21, 1964, the day that
Hoover's letter was prepared, the FBI had in its
possession its own report wherein J. Edgar Hoover
stated unequivocally that he had had no
contact with Mrs. Sylvia Ohio. (4) In addition,
William Seymour, one of the men mentioned in the
Hoover letter of the 21st day of September, 1964,
in Dallas, stated to the FBI that Sylvia Ohio was

unknown to him. This statement was made to the FBI on September 18, 1964. (5)

Also, on September 21st, the FBI had in its possession a statement, dated the day before, from Lawrence John Howard, the third member of the Hall group, stating that he had had no contact with a Cuban woman named Odio at an apartment in Dallas when he accompanied Hall and Seymour to Dallas in September, 1963. (6)

One must ask the questions: Why did Hoover omit these statements from his letter of the 21st and what motives guided Hoover in choosing to disregard these statements in preparing his report to the Commission?

Quietly reposing in the National Archives is an FBI agent's report which says:

"... During a second interview on September 20, 1964, (Loran Eugene) HALL stated that during his visit in Dallas in September, 1963, he was accompanied by LAWRENCE HOWARD and a Cuban whom he knew as 'WAHITO', and was not accompanied at that time by WILLIAM SEYMOUR. He also said he recalled no contact with ODIO.

Upon interview at Los Angeles, California on September 20, 1964, LAWRENCE JOHN HOWARD advised that he accompanied HALL to Dallas, Texas in September, 1963, with a Cuban refugee named CELIOS ALBAS who was also known by the name 'QUARITO'. HOWARD recalled no contact with a Cuban woman named ODIO at an apartment on Magellan Circle in Dallas.

WILLIAM SEYMOUR of Phoenix, Arizona, during interview on September 18, 1964, stated he and LAWRENCE HALL were in Dallas, Texas in October, 1963, rather than September, 1963, and SYLVIA ODIO was unknown to him.

Review of record of Beach Welding and Supplies Company, Miami Beach, Florida, on September 22, 1964, confirmed WILLIAM SEYMOUR'S employment with that company throughout the period September 5 to October 10, 1963.

On September 24, 1964, CELIO SERGIO CASGRO ALBA, employed at the South Florida Sugar Company, Belle Glade, Florida, stated he had traveled with LORAN HALL and LAWRENCE HOWARD from California to Dallas.

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