

FORGIVE MY GRIEF

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The FBI agents in the field could not in any way be responsible for the false report. As a matter of fact, it was the diligent work of an FBI agent in Los Angeles, which uncovered the original false

testimony of Loran Eugene Hall.

The Commission felt called upon to first find that Oswald was not an undercover agent for the FBI, despite evidence to the contrary; then having faith in the organization, it took a blatantly false statement and made it a part of their report for history to observe.

Anyone with a sense of justice realizes that the mistaken report filed by the head of the FBI does not in itself prove anything except that a false statement wound up in the Commission report. However, it does make highly suspect all evidence disseminated by Hoover, and consequently, the President's Commission Report, because of the heavy reliance it placed on Hoover's investigation results.

OSWALD AS A GOVERNMENT UNDERCOVER AGENT

The implications of all this assumes monstrous proportion which we find from Commission evidence that the Director deleted FBI agent Hosty's name from a list, represented to be complete, of the names found in Oswald's address book. The list of names, minus Hosty's, was furnished by Hoover to the Commission on December 23, 1963. (9) When the Commission learned of this omission about two months later, Hoover gave this lame answer: "The circumstances under which Hosty's name, et cetera, appeared in Oswald's notebook were fully known to the FBI." (10)

As noted before, Mrs. Odio was an original organizer of JURE, a violent anti-Castro group. Next, add the well known fact of Oswald's attempt to infiltrate an anti-Castro group in New Orleans. Prior to this, FBI agent Warren DeBruey was

testimony of Mrs. Odio leads to the most amazing revelation. The two men accompanying Oswald furnish two prime suspects as accomplices in the conspiracy. Mrs. Odio stated that the two men accompanying Leon Oswald were Latin Americans, either of Cuban or Mexican descent. She felt they were Mexican though because of their appearance and general characteristics. (16) She even remembered the name given by one of them as Leopoldo and the other, not quite so well, as Angelo. (17)

The day after their nighttime visit, Leopoldo called her on the telephone and told her that Oswald had been in the marine corps and that Oswald mentioned that Cubans should have assassinated President Kennedy for the Bay of Pigs incident. Leopoldo further said in this conversation

that they had just come from New Orleans and that they were then about to leave on a trip. (18) This conversation took place less than two months prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

OSWALD, LEOPOLDO AND PRO-BATISTA CUBANS IN NEW ORLEANS

Further corroborating testimony concerning Oswald's Latin companions came from unimpeached and uncontroverted witnesses unknown to Mrs. Odio. The Commission noted the testimony of Evaristo Rodriguez, a bartender in the Havana Bar in New Orleans, to the effect that he saw Oswald in that bar in August of 1963 in the company of a Latin-appearing man.

Rodriguez's description of the man accompanying Oswald was similar in respects to the description given by Sylvia Odio since both testified that the man may have been of either Cuban or Mexican extraction, and had a slight bald spot on the forepart of his hairline. Rodriguez's identification of Oswald was corroborated by the testimony of the owner of the bar, Orest Pena. Pena's brother, Ruperto, also knew of the incident. (19)

The three witnesses said Oswald was the first man ever to order a lemonade in Pena's establishment and Rodriguez did not know what it was. Orest told the bartender how to mix one. After arguments about Pena's price, Oswald became sick all over the place, which caused them to especially remember the incident. (20) Orest Pena had been a member of the Cuban revolutionary council, an anti-Castro organization

embracing several sub-groups of various political leanings. (21) FBI agent DeBruey, according to Pena, was keeping a very close watch on the Revolutionary Council. (22)

Orest was a former acquaintance of Carlos Bringuier, the anti-Castroite who fought with Oswald in New Orleans in August, 1963. (23) Orest Pena had been doing some undercover work for the FBI in keeping them informed on pro-Castro Cubans who patronized his bar. (24)

The Pena brothers were pro-Batista Cubans, while Carlos Bringuier was a former official in the Castro regime. (25) Mrs. Odio, Manolo Rey, and their group were also former Castro supporters who had fought the hated dictator Batista, until his forces were defeated on January 1, 1959. Although Batista's followers are also anti-Castro, there is an intense hatred between them and the other Cuban exile groups. Some of this hatred is evidenced by a scathing personal attack made on Bringuier by pro-Batistists, Pena in his statement to the Commission. (26)

Mrs. Odio said their group was not very popular in Dallas, and she kept rather quiet there while much activity was being financed in Dallas for right wing anti-Castro forces. She said Leopoldo knew fantastic details about her and her family which were not known except by those close to her or to JURE. She wrote her father asking if this man was his friend as Leopoldo had told her, but her father replied he knew nothing of this man. (27)

OSWALD AND LEOPOLDO VISIT NEW ORLEANS ATTORNEY

Dean Andrews, a reputable attorney in New Orleans, stated that Oswald came to his office several times in the summer of 1963 to seek advice on a less than honorable discharge from the Armed Forces, the citizenship status of his wife and his own citizenship status. Andrews, who said that he was contacted on November 23rd to represent Oswald, testified that Oswald was always accompanied by apparent homosexuals. One of the Andrews' employees corroborated his testimony. (28)

Andrews link with this element was Clay Bertrand, whom he described as a business connection. Bertrand frequently phoned him on behalf of the clients to obtain his legal services.

The witness stated that he had never seen the person who was identified as Leopold because he had never seen these people before. (78)