

April 23, 1964

TO : Inspector Kelley

FROM : Special Agent William H. Patterson, Dallas

RE : Interview with Special Agent [redacted] of Alcohol & Tobacco Tax Unit

On April 17, 1964, I had been working with Mr. Bert Griffin of the Warren Commission. He was interviewing different people in Dallas to obtain information about Sylvia Odio, a Cuban refugee who is living in Dallas. Mr. Griffin said he was conducting the interviews for another member of the Commission's staff that was in Mexico but did not elaborate on who it was.

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I had driven Mr. Griffin to the home of Mrs. [redacted] a friend of Miss [redacted] and then to Southwest Medical School to talk to Dr. [redacted] Kiss [redacted] psychiatrist. At the completion of these interviews it was decided that Mr. Griffin should talk to Special Agent [redacted] of the Alcohol Tax Unit. The interview with [redacted] was prompted by the fact that most of the Cubans whom [redacted] had contact with belong to some type of active anti-Castro group and attempting to purchase guns for counter revolutionary activities in Cuba in violation of the Federal Firearms Act which is handled almost exclusively by [redacted]

We could not locate [redacted] at work so we interviewed him at his home from approximately 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Mr. Griffin asked [redacted] about any information he might have regarding Cuban groups in this area and their activities. [redacted] talked about 30 or 45 minutes about a local gun dealer he had arrested recently for dealing in illicit weapons. [redacted] indicated the dealer is a member of the "Minute Men" and may be associated with the "John Birch Society". He said he had furnished this information to the F.B.I. but did not know if anything had been done about it. He indicated no information had been furnished him by the FBI about these groups or their activities in regard to gun buying activities. He said Griffin would have to go see SA Hosty of the FBI for any other information since no one had sent any to him. He said he was surprised so little was known about these groups by the FBI. It appeared to me that his remarks seemed to indicate he felt the FBI had information but was not letting it out.

[redacted] information about Cuban activities tended to be that guns were being bought and that Dallas was an assembly point for these guns. He furnished no names or information about these Cubans.

To the best of my knowledge Mr. Griffin asked only a few questions, all in regard to the Cubans, and I said only a few words, since Mr. Griffin was conducting the interview.

I do not recall any specific conversation about there, being no cooperation by the FBI. I felt the entire interview left this impression, even if it was not stated.

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