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I think you all have my letter of 1/5 to the Archives, requesting disclosure of these two pages, and the enclosed notes based on the index and Bringuier's book. The Archives, of course, referred me to the FBI, and I wrote Rolapp on 1/24. I got a letter dated 3/25 from Kleindienst (!), enclosing a copy of the pages and adding that they "do in fact report an interview with Mr. Carlos Quiroga concerning Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald." I am quite surprised, since the legal basis I cite for releasing this material - that it had been disclosed in substance in the published documents of the Commission - is at best arguable. Perhaps this improvement in their treatment of my request - compared to that for the 544 Camp pamphlet from the FBI's files, which took many months to get - is a result of the changes in personnel; more likely it was caused by the threat of a suit like Harold's. They were certainly not required to confirm that the unnamed source was in fact Quiroga.

It is hard to see how these pages could have justifiably been withheld under any of the guidelines in the first place.

I will have CD 75 checked for a page listing informants (such as 17H769). If there is one, and ~~he~~ is not listed, that makes ~~him~~ a person who has "furnished reliable information in the past." Keep that in mind! It is not clear what good and innocent reason there was for not using his name in the report.

Who is ~~he~~? Presumably a Special Agent, but not familiar to me from CD 75.

The major oddity in this version of Quiroga's story is his claim that on 8/16/63 he notified "the police" of the leaflet distribution. He told the SS three days later that he had notified the FBI on that occasion, "and the FBI had given him the cold shoulder." (CE 3119, p. 21) I have noted (my memo of 5/7/68) that the Kaack report (CE 826) does not mention the 8/16 incident, and that the DeBrueys report does not cite a source for its description of that incident. Quiroga said that the police arrived after the persons (sic) passing out the handbills had gone. DeBrueys reported that Oswald and his companion remained in front of the ITM for only a few minutes and departed. Did DeBrueys perhaps take Quiroga's word for it?

Quiroga told both the FBI and the SS that he had reported his visit to Lt. Martello. (Martello forgot about that, if it ever happened, in his testimony - see 10H62.) He told the SS that Bringuier had ordered him to infiltrate the FPCC after the 8/9/63 arrest, but the FBI version suggests that this was done on Quiroga's own initiative after the 8/16 incident.

Bringuier told the SS that Quiroga "had gone to Oswald's home on several occasions." (CE 3119, p. 14) Quiroga reported only one contact. I wonder what Garrison got out of him?

Who was the "Representative of Puerto Rico?" Is there an interview of him?

I wonder if the "booklet on Cuba" which Quiroga got from Oswald and gave Bringuier is the Lamont pamphlet with the 544 Camp address? We could ask Bringuier, I guess.

Last sentence of FBI report: any reason to ask about Quiroga's car?

Quiroga was interviewed by SS SAIC Rice before 11/30/63. (CE 3119, p. 21 mentions this.) I don't think I have any report of that interview.

Comment: remember that Quiroga was the key link between Oswald and Ferrie, Arcacha, &c. in Garrison's "case" (I think). If he was a fairly regular FBI informant at the time he visited Oswald, no wonder he didn't end up as a witness before the Commission.

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OSWALD, in speaking about Latin American countries, said there was one government that should be gotten rid of, and that was the Government of Somalia.

NO T-5, on conclusion of his talk with OSWALD, informed Lieutenant FRANCIS MARTELLO, First District, New Orleans Police Department, regarding his contact with OSWALD and told him he would be willing to fill out the application and report any information obtained to MARTELLO in an effort to do away with the FPCC in New Orleans. He said he received no encouragement from MARTELLO and took no further action.

NO T-5 had no further contact with OSWALD and does not know of anyone named HIBBELL, JACK LEON RUBY, or JACK RUBENSTEIN, and knows nothing further about any FPCC in New Orleans.

NO T-5 advised that when he went to see OSWALD he drove his 1958 red and white Chevrolet sedan and parked it in front of 4907 Magazine Street.

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Confidential Informant NO T-5 furnished the following on November 27, 1963:

He is acquainted with CARLOS BRINGUIER, Cuban Student Directorate, New Orleans, and was aware of the arrest of BRINGUIER and two other Cubans along with LEO HARVEY OSWALD on August 9, 1963, when OSWALD passed out fair play for Cuba (FPCC) handbills on Canal Street. Approximately a week later (August 16, 1963), he was seated in Thompson's Restaurant when the Representative of Puerto Rico, who has his office in the International Trade Mart, showed him an FPCC handbill, telling him these handbills were being passed out in front of the International Trade Mart. NO T-5 notified the police, but the police arrived too late, and the persons passing out the handbills had gone.

In order to obtain information regarding the FPCC to turn over to authorities, he drove to the address listed on the handbill for OSWALD and located the residence 4907 Magazine Street. In order to locate the actual apartment of OSWALD, he had to make inquiry at 4907 Magazine Street and learned the apartment location of 4005 Magazine. As he started to enter the yard, OSWALD stood some distance from him and said, "Don't hit me. If you're coming as a friend, come in." OSWALD had been sitting on his front porch and was talking in another language to someone inside. He told OSWALD he had picked up a leaflet at the International Trade Mart, that he was a Cuban who had been in the country for a long time, and was interested in learning about the FPCC. NO T-5 told OSWALD that he knew about the Cubans being arrested with OSWALD, and that he did not think it was right that those persons should have been freed when OSWALD was held.

OSWALD informed him that the Cubans in the United States were all criminals and sarcastically said, "We have fine laws here." He said that FIDEL CASTRO was not a dictator, and that if the United States would invade Cuba, he would fight with CASTRO against the United States. He stated further that the press in the United States is against them (not identifying "them"), that they were in the minority today but one day would be the majority, and then all of the press would be with them. OSWALD claimed to be a student of languages at Tulane University and to be the delegate for the FPCC in New Orleans.

NO T-5 informed him that he was interested in the organization but would like to read some literature before deciding. NO T-5 was given by OSWALD a booklet on Cuba and a blank application to join the FPCC in New Orleans. These are in the possession of CARLOS BRINGUIER.

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