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Mrs. MARY LUCILLE BASS CONNELL, also known as Mrs. C. L. CONNELL, 6949 Lake Shore Drive, advised she first met SYLVIA ODIO shortly after ODIO arrived in Dallas in March, 1963, from Puerto Rico.

Mrs. CONNELL stated she is active in local Dallas charitable activities pertaining to mental health. Through this activity she met Miss SYLVIA ODIO, a young Cuban exile divorcee, who had been referred to her for possible assistance in receiving mental treatment.

Mrs. CONNELL stated she was able to have ODIO's case accepted by the local Southwestern Medical School's psychiatric section at Parkland Hospital even though she did not meet the standard requirements of residency in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. CONNELL stated that Miss ODIO was treated by Dr. EINSBRUCH, a psychiatrist intern at Parkland Hospital.

She stated that in view of her interest in Miss ODIO's case, she had conversed on several occasions with Dr. EINSBRUCH regarding ODIO's progress. She stated that the doctor told her that Miss ODIO's condition was very serious and it might be as long as two years before she was completely cured. Dr. EINSBRUCH described her condition as that of a person suffering from "Grand Hysteria", that is, a mental condition common to women of European descent where the accepted social custom is for the women of the family to take a secondary place in society to the men. The doctor stated this mental condition does not prevail among women in the United States due to the differences in family environment and American social standards.

The doctor explained to Mrs. CONNELL that women suffering from this condition often try to build up their ego by various means, such as making up things to make themselves appear important in the eyes of others.

Mrs. CONNELL stated she personally feels that Miss ODIO used her for all that she could get out of her, and when Miss ODIO thought she had nothing further to gain from their association, she dropped Mrs. CONNELL from her group of friends.

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Mrs. CONNELL stated she has had very little contact with Miss ODIO in the past year and has only talked to her by telephone on several occasions.

She stated that on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1963, Miss ODIO telephoned her and told her about LEE HARVEY OSWALD having talked to various small groups of Cuban exiles previously where he had been well received. She also mentioned that a friend of hers (ODIO's) had telephoned another Cuban friend in New Orleans at which time the Cuban in New Orleans had warned ODIO's friend to beware of OSWALD in Dallas as he was suspected of being a "double agent" trying to infiltrate the Cuban exile movement.

Mrs. CONNELL stated that most positively, Miss ODIO had made the afore-mentioned statements to her.

She stated that she actually had never placed much credence in this information as she had caught ODIO in so many lies in the past she had lost confidence in what she said.

Mrs. CONNELL noted that once Miss INSUA, the daughter of a Cuban active in Cuban Catholic Charities in Dallas, had told her about two men coming to Miss INSUA's door looking for Miss ODIO who was then also living on Oran Street. Miss INSUA later related that Miss ODIO had told her the two men were from the Cuban underground and wanted her to join their movement.

Mrs. CONNELL stated that Miss ODIO appears to her to be a person who creates things to make herself look important in the eyes of others. She will resort to anything to gain notoriety. She even once disappeared from a local movie theatre where she was attending a movie with her friends, and when her family became concerned over her whereabouts, they called Mrs. CONNELL, knowing she was a friend of Miss ODIO. Mrs. CONNELL called her (ODIO's) doctor and he told Mrs. CONNELL not to worry about her as she would show up after she got the attention she wanted to gain by such a disappearance.

Mrs. CONNELL stated that Miss ODIO would faint and be out for anywhere from a few seconds to hours when she heard something she did not want to hear. She has even fainted in Mrs. CONNELL's home upon being faced with a topic unpleasant to her.

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Mrs. CONNELL stated that Miss ODIO used to use tranquilizers abundantly.

She stated that ODIO had two other sisters in the Dallas area. One, SARITA, graduated from the University of Dallas and was recently married, and the other, ANNIE, graduated from high school in Dallas and used to live with SYLVIA ODIO. Mrs. CONNELL stated that the two sisters are just like SYLVIA and apparently suffer from "Grand Hysteria" as SYLVIA does.

Mrs. CONNELL noted that she does not know whether Miss ODIO is still living in the Dallas area, as she has been saying for a year that she was going to move soon to Miami, Florida, with her entire family.

She described Miss ODIO as a very brilliant person who speaks Spanish, English, French, Italian and Portuguese.