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INTERVIEW WITH LORAN HALL, MAY 6, 1968, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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A. I had hepatitis and I showed him my arm and everything and he says you've got hepatitis and then I went -- in fact I wasn't even going to go to court the next day and my attorney you little t--d, you are going, so I wound up going to court the next day for the final hearing and then that next morning I was in Vets Hospital.

Q. Would did the doctor conclude about the cause of the hepatitis? Did he speculate?

A. Jim, yeah, he did. You see if you've got infectious hepatitis they put screens around you and all this stuff and they put you in a restricted ward. But with me they didn't. And the only thing they kept telling me was how long have you been an addict, and I said what, and they said well you have to have been an addict. And I said why's that and they said because you've got (serian) hepatitis. And I said so what?

Q. You get it from a needle or something?

A. Yeah. Then he started talking and he said are you an addict? And I said hell, no, I'm not an addict. And he said have you had any blood transfusions in the last six months and I said no, I haven't. And he says well have you had any shots or anything like that, and I said my doctor gave me a shot for a cold that I had about three or four months ago, and he said that wouldn't have been it. And he said it sure looks to me like you've been hit with a needle. So then when it starts darning on me what he's trying to tell me, about four or five weeks later I asked him for a letter, and like I don't want to be involved. So I said fine, what the hell, you can't push those people.

Q. We've already asked you about TED SLACK and JOHN BLOOMER. You don't know these people, right?

A. I don't think that I do. I haven't seen a picture of them or anything.

Q. The names don't sound familiar.

A. The only one that could possibly sound familiar is BLOOMER.

Q. From St. Louis.

A. Well, I wouldn't have met him in St. Louis. I would have met in Kansas City in '59, yeah. I would have met him in '59, or the early part of

Q. It was hardly worth it.

A. It really wasn't.

Q. Here's a picture of GENERAL WALKER's house with the car parked in back. That hole was punched in the film after the Federal government got hold of the picture, so that you can't see the license. The car I think is around a '57 Chevrolet. Did you ever see that with any of those individuals when you went there?

A. No, because I went as I recall I took my -- when we went up there I'm almost positive that we went in "BOATS" WELCH's car.

Q. What kind of car did he have?

A. I don't recall. I'm positive it was not a, I should say I'm almost positive it was not a '57 Chevrolet.

Q. You don't recall seeing that car?

A. No, I don't recall ever seeing that car.

Q. Did you ever hear of someone named FRANK KILHIR?

A. No, I don't recall.

Q. What about this picture?

A. No, I don't recall. You know this is the first time I've ever seen the Volumes, this is one of the Volumes from the 26?

Q. It's really not worth wasting your time on. It would be better to read WEISBERG and LANE and some of the critics.

A. I tried to read WEISBERG, I can't do it.

Q. He's hard to read but...

A. I know there's a wealth of information there, I realize that. You can pick up things but God damn I tried to read...

Q. Read Rush to Judgment, have you read that?

A. Yeah, MARK LANE's. The two that I thought, the three that I thought was real good writing was Rush to Judgment, Turner's article on you, in fact, that was the best I've read, and PENN JONES' Forgive My Grief, 1 and 2.

Q. (T.B.) Tell me when did the FBI first interview you after the assassination?

A. September of 1964.

Q. (T.B.) Did you ever manage to determine how they got on to you?

A. I know now, but not in '64. I didn't know until about a month ago that the FBI had checked, had started to check on me, or that there was a report made on me on the 22nd or 23rd of November of 1963. I did not know until about 3 or 4 weeks ago that PATRICK had called and said MORRIS had told him to call. I did not know that PATRICK had called MR. LOGUE and told him to get me out of Dallas, Texas, on the day of the assassination. I didn't know none of this existed until the last three or four weeks. I thought that -- in fact I couldn't figure out in the hell they even knew about me in '64. I figured the God damn thing was over, finished and done and when I came down off the hill and the FBI man wanted to talk to me, it really shook me up a little.

Q. (T.B.) Have you ever read those FBI reports?

A. I read one where it said yes, I knew MRS. ODIO and then I say no, I don't know MRS. ODIO.

Q. (T.B.) That was the second one. Did they correctly report what you said? What's the explanation?

A. Well, I said that it's possible that I met a MRS. ODIO but I never said I was there with SEYMOUR and HOWARD at the same time. Someone goes so far as to say in one of the reports that I knew her parents or something in prison in Cuba. Is that in one of the...

Q. (T.B.) That's what the person at MRS. ODIO's says.

A. Well, you see I wasn't even in Cuba in 1960. I got out of Cuba I think in September...

Q. (T.B.) But the interesting thing is that you do state, it says, "HALL stated that this Cubanwoman lived in Apartment A of the same apartments located on Magellan Circle where a Cuban friend of his by the name of KIKI FERROR lived."

A. Now here's how that came about. He said, "Do you know a MRS. ODIO?" And I said, "It's quite possible I do, I don't know." And, "What about Magellan Circle?" And the name did sound familiar to me and I said, "If it is the same place that one of my Cuban friends lived at, it's possible that I met her." And he said, "What were the circumstances on this?" So I explained to him that it was one of the new apartment buildings, you know, one of the new modern type, and it was a square deal and in the center was I think, a swimming pool and an open area and like he lived on the north side of the apartment building close to the front entrance and I remember one time that I did ask a lady, I think she was about 40, oh,

I'd say in her late forties, and I asked her where this person lived and she told me so I went and knocked on the door and I went in. But I never met any other woman there and I was in there twice and I still don't know if that was the name of the street or not, Magellan Circle. I'd sure as hell like to found out if it was. -- He came back later and wanted to know where it was at and I said to the best that I can recall it was north Magnum Store, -- isn't it Magnum, the big store in Dallas? -- anyway I told him it was approximately 12 to 14 blocks north of that and about 10 or 12 blocks to the west of it. And this is where this Cuban lived. And he said that fits, that fits right to the letter and so this is how that got into the report.

Q. KIKI FERROR did live on...

A. That was not his name. I thought that that was his name, but I'm almost positive that it wasn't.

Q. Do you suppose they got that from KIKI MASFERRER?

A. I don't know. I think KIKI MASFERRER's name is in there.

Q. There's a KIKI FERROR, They took the MAS off. What about this that says, "HALL said that they contacted three professors at the University in Dallas who were Cuban refugees. One of the professors was named..."

A. I said that. I said that I thought possibly that one's name was ODIO. This Cuban that lived there in this apartment house took me out there. And this is when I was trying to -- I talked to LOGUE and we were talking about setting up a Cuban government in exile and getting all of the raider groups together that we could, go ahead and pull the invasion into Cuba, hold an area for like 24 hours and then get on the radios and everything with the President of the Cuban exiles in Cuba and ask for assistance from the OAS and from the United Nations. And what I was trying to do was to get support from these three professors, to try to help write up a Constitution and all that stuff and would they be for it and would they back this thing and this is what I went to see them for.

Q. Let me go back to California for a moment. When you were with these people, did any of them indicate that they knew GENERAL WALKER?

A. Not that I recall that they knew him but they knew of him and they were interested in him.

Q. Did they know anybody else in Dallas like Mr. MORRIS?