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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis:

LOAN EUGENE HALL advised 9/16/64, that in September, 1963, he was at Dallas, Texas, in company of LAWRENCE HOWARD and WILLIAM SEYMOUR to solicit aid in anti-CASIRO movement. HALL contacted many Cubans in Dallas area. HALL recalled meeting a Cuban woman, Mrs. ODIO, who lived in Apartment A, located on Magellan Circle and the same apartment building where a Cuban friend named, KIKI FERROR, was then residing. HALL specifically denies that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was with him during his visit to Mrs. ODIO's apartment. On 9/20/64, HALL reinterviewed and advises that information furnished by him on 9/16/64 was incorrect and was furnished by error. After reflection concerning his many trips to Dallas, Texas, he has resolved that LARRY HOWARD and BILL SEYMOUR not in Dallas at the same time in HALL's company. He admits his presence in Dallas in September, 1963 with LARRY HOWARD and one WAHITO, a Cuban refugee. HALL recalls visiting a friend, KIKI FERROR and that FERROR had introduced HALL to a Cuban living in lower front apartment in same apartment occupied by FERROR. HALL denies this Cuban woman was ever contacted by him or his group for assistance. LAWRENCE

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J. HOWARD interviewed 9/20/64. Admits traveling to Dallas, Texas with LORAN HALL and friend, GELLIOS ALBAS, a Cuban refugee, during September, 1963. HOWARD denies that he accompanied HALL to meet a Cuban refugee named SYLVIA ODIO. HOWARD states he and BILL SEYMOUR were not present in Dallas with HALL at the same time during 1963. HOWARD denies any personal knowledge or acquaintance with LEE HARVEY OSWALD until after assassination of President KENNEDY and then only what he read in local press.

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a Cuban friend of his by the name of KIKI FERROR was living with two or three other Cuban men. He visited KIKI FERROR and on one occasion was introduced to this woman in passing outside of the apartments. Later, HALL, in company with WILLIAM SEYMOUR and LARRY HOWARD, went to her apartment to ask her assistance in the movement. HALL did not recall whether she was on the list given by the professors or if their previous introduction to her had prompted them to contact her. He said this contact was very brief and he did not believe that they even went into her apartment. HALL said that this would have been about three days before he and SEYMOUR were arrested.

HALL said that the above described incident would undoubtedly be the same incident which has been referred to by SYLVIA ODIO, but that he certainly would not have been the person whom SYLVIA ODIO could have mistaken as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. HALL explained that it now occurs to him that WILLIAM SEYMOUR is a person who might be said to generally resemble OSWALD. HALL described SEYMOUR as being white, male, American, age about 25 or 26, five nine to five ten in height, 155 to 160 pounds, slender build, light hair and blue eyes. HALL said that he does not know where SEYMOUR is at the present time. He said that SEYMOUR is from Phoenix and is probably living somewhere at Phoenix, Arizona. He said SEYMOUR works as a welder and might be living with a stepfather who has a different name than SEYMOUR. HALL thought it possible that LAWRENCE HOWARD, who lives in East Los Angeles, California, and may be listed in the telephone directory, might be able to furnish further information as to SEYMOUR's current address.

HALL stated that in his work in the anti-CASTRO movement, he used the name LORENZO PASCILLO. HALL said that when he was in Dallas on this occasion he had grown a full beard. HALL also said that he speaks Spanish fluently and although he does not have the Cuban dialect or use of Spanish colloquialisms mastered, he nevertheless has, on occasion, been mistaken for being a Cuban by other Cubans. He admitted that some Cubans would likely mistake

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him for a Mexican. HALL said that LARRY HOWARD is of Mexican decent and speaks Spanish fluently. SEYMOUR, according to HALL, has a very limited ability in the Spanish language.

HALL furnished the following physical description of himself on September 19, 1964:

Name: LORAN EUGENE HALL
Anti-CASTRO name: LORENZO PASCILLO
Race: White
Sex: Male
Born: January 4, 1930, Newton, Kansas
Height: 5' 11½"
Weight: 200 pounds (215 in September, 1963)
Build: Large
Hair: Black
Eyes: Hazel
Complexion: Dark
Peculiarities: Has worn mustache since 1960; had full beard in September, 1963.

HALL furnished the following description of LAWRENCE HOWARD:

Anti-CASTRO name: ALONZO ESCURIDO
Race: White
Sex: Male
Nationality: American, of Mexican decent
Age: 27 or 28
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 235 pounds
Build: Large, fat
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Dark

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HALL added that when they contacted persons in Dallas, Texas, during September, 1963, he believed that SEYMOUR was introduced to these persons as BILL SEYMOUR.

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LAWRENCE JOHN HOWARD, Jr., advised he was born January 17, 1935, at Los Angeles, California, and currently resides with his wife, ROSE HOWARD, and two young daughters at 3191 Blanchard Street, Los Angeles, California. HOWARD stated he is currently employed at the I.T.E. Circuit Breaker Company, in East Los Angeles.

HOWARD stated that in January, 1963, he was in the Florida Keys engaged in training activity with a group of men planning for an anti-CASTRO invasion of Cuba. HOWARD stated that he did not want to identify these men further by name or description. HOWARD stated that he met and briefly conversed with LORAN EUGENE HALL at a bar in Miami, Florida, during one evening and this was the first time he had ever met HALL. This conversation could not have extended for more than 15 minutes. HALL told HOWARD that he had been with FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba during the revolutionary period of 1958. HALL related to HOWARD how he had defected from CASTRO prior to the revolutionary victory when he discovered that CASTRO was a Communist. HALL, according to HOWARD, appeared to be sincerely interested in the anti-CASTRO movement and offered to obtain medical supplies and funds to support a small invasion group. HOWARD said he thought nothing more of HALL's remarks at this time in January, 1963.

HOWARD said that he returned to Los Angeles, California, to be with his family during late August, 1963. He recalled that he remained in Los Angeles for about 17 days prior to departing for return to Florida. During this time, HALL contacted HOWARD and stated that he had gathered some medical supplies for the anti-CASTRO movement and had contacted an unknown man in Dallas, Texas, who was willing to furnish a boat for the group's invasion attempt.

HALL desired to have HOWARD accompany him with these supplies on the trip back to Florida. HOWARD stated that one CELLIOS ALBAS, a Cuban refugee who is also known as 'QUARITO' and who was one of a group of anti-CASTRO persons training to land in Cuba, had come with HOWARD

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from Florida and had been visiting at HOWARD's home. HOWARD states that ALBAS was last known residing at 218 Northwest 15th Avenue, Apartment 307, Miami, Florida.

On about September 17, 1963, HOWARD, LORAN HALL and CELLIOS ALBAS, departed Los Angeles driving HALL's 1956 Oldsmobile and pulling a luggage carrier. HALL planned to stop in Dallas to pick up additional supplies, funds and contact an unknown man regarding a boat. They arrived in Dallas on about September 20, 1963, and all three thereafter registered at a motel located near a memorial park on the main highway leading out of Dallas toward Florida. HOWARD could not remember the name of this motel. HOWARD said they remained in Dallas for about ten days, during which HALL was busy making contacts to obtain additional supplies and attempted to contact this unknown man whom HALL had previously stated would furnish a boat large enough for a small invasion group. HOWARD said that HALL was most secretive about this unknown man and never named him or further described him. HOWARD said that on some of those contacts by HALL, he and CELLIOS ALBAS were present. On other such contacts, HALL insisted on going alone. HOWARD said that at this time he, HALL, and ALBAS all had heavy beards.

HOWARD stated that he recalls no contacts which he made with a Cuban woman named ODIO at an apartment on Magellan Circle in Dallas. HOWARD is certain he would have remembered such a contact if it had occurred. HOWARD stated that the circumstances concerning a Cuban refugee woman living in Dallas would have certainly spurred his memory and therefore he is positive that he has no knowledge of such a personal contact.

HOWARD stated that the only KIKI FERRER he knows is one KIKI MASFERRER, a well known Cuban refugee and dentist now residing at Miami, Florida. This KIKI MASFERRER, according to HOWARD, is the brother of ROLANDO MASFERRER, who is well known in the anti-CASTRO movements. HOWARD states he has never known this KIKI MASFERRER to have resided in Dallas, Texas.

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HOWARD stated he had no personal knowledge of, or acquaintance with LEE HARVEY OSWALD until after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and then only to the extent of what he had read in the local press.

HOWARD said that he, HALL, and ALBAS departed Dallas around September 30, 1963, and drove in HALL's automobile to the Florida Keys. HOWARD stated he was anxious to return to the training activity with this invasion group. HOWARD specifically recalls that they left behind in Dallas, the luggage carrier with the medical supplies. HOWARD stated that later during the middle of October, LORAN HALL and BILL SEYMOUR, another member of the anti-CASTRO group in training in the Florida Keys, drove HALL's automobile back to Dallas to pick up the luggage carrier and make further arrangements for a boat.

HOWARD later learned that HALL and SEYMOUR were arrested in Dallas by the police shortly after their arrival and were charged with possession of "dangerous drugs." HOWARD said they told him that they were released after one day. HOWARD said that HALL and SEYMOUR then returned to the Florida Keys with the luggage carrier and medical supplies. HALL told HOWARD that he had not been successful in obtaining a boat from the unknown benefactor in Dallas, Texas. HOWARD recalled that HALL and SEYMOUR arrived back in the Florida Keys late in October, 1963.

HOWARD stated that he has no knowledge that LORAN HALL or BILL SEYMOUR had any knowledge of, or were acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD during September, 1963.

LAWRENCE HOWARD furnished the following description of himself:

Name:	LAWRENCE J. HOWARD, Jr.
Born:	January 17, 1935, Los Angeles, California
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	29

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LORAN EUGENE HALL, 55 Rogers Road, Kernville, California, was reinterviewed. HALL said that he had been in error in previously stating that the incident referred to by SYLVIA ODIO had probably involved a contact by himself, WILLIAM SEYMOUR and LAWRENCE HOWARD. After reflection regarding trips made by him to Dallas and Miami, he now recalls that he was accompanied by WILLIAM SEYMOUR and by LAWRENCE HOWARD in Dallas on separate trips to that city.

HALL said he actually has no independent recollection of the date when he and BILL SEYMOUR were arrested in Dallas, or for any other of his experiences. He recalls now that he left Los Angeles in his 1956 Oldsmobile, pulling a small trailer of supplies, about the middle of September, 1963. He was accompanied on this trip by LARRY HOWARD and one "WAHITO", who claimed to be a Cuban refugee, but who HALL has now concluded was a CASTRO plant. They reached Dallas about two and a half or three days later and stayed in Dallas about four days. He said that he did not now recall any contacts made by this trip for the purpose of soliciting assistance, especially since he did not trust WAHITO.

HALL said that on this visit to Dallas, as on each of his visits there, he got in touch with KIKI FERROR. HALL is now unable to recall that HOWARD or "WAHITO" were with him when he saw KIKI, and believed he recalled that they waited in the car when he went to KIKI's apartment. He said that he believes that it was on this visit that KIKI had introduced him to the Cuban woman living in the lower front of KIKI's apartment building. However, now he does not believe that this woman was ever contacted by him or his group for any type of assistance.

HALL said that KIKI FERROR is no relation to the dentist, KIKI MASFERRER (phonetic), who lives in Miami and who is the brother of EL TIGRE. According to him, KIKI FERROR was employed by the Texas Optical Instrument Company of Dallas. HALL described the apartment where KIKI lived

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HALL said that his recollection now is that while he and SEYMOUR were in Dallas, they made no contacts with any Cubans regarding assistance. He said that he made a few contacts with personal friends, including KIKI FERROR. However, he does not think that SEYMOUR was ever in the apartment building where FERROR was living. He said he thinks that SEYMOUR waited for him in the car when he went in to see KIKI, and that they located KIKI at a phone booth about two blocks away from the apartment and drove KIKI over to his girl friend's house where they dropped him off.

HALL explained that recalling specific information concerning incidents and persons and places involved in Dallas and Miami is complicated for him by the numerous and extensive traveling he did during 1963. He said that he is now able to recall that it was probably in April, 1963, when he contacted the three Cuban professors at the University of Dallas and was provided with a list of Cubans residing in Dallas from whom he later solicited assistance. On this occasion he was by himself and flew in from Miami and back. He said that he recalled visiting Dallas five times during 1963, in January, April, June, September, and October.

HALL said that, having eliminated the confusion of his associates of the September and October visits from his recollection, he now does not remember any incident where he, in company of two other individuals, may have made a contact such as the one described by SYLVIA ODIO. He maintained that the name ODIO and information concerning a father being a prisoner on the Isle of Pines is familiar to him, but that he is now unable to relate this to any experience which he had in Dallas.

HALL said that based on his calculation concerning travel made by him, HOWARD and 'WAHITO', they very possibly could have been in Dallas on or close to September 26, and 27, 1963. He said that compared with HOWARD and 'WAHITO'

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he would be the one in this trio who would be taken for an American as HOWARD is definitely latin appearing and 'WAHITO' has an extremely dark complexion. However, he emphasized that both he and HOWARD wore full beard at the time.