



# Exile 'looked nervous' after receiving message

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posted very firmly, I want the negatives, too." I figured he really meant it, so I gave them to him."

MRS. REYNOLDS said Gonzalez then put his arm around me and said something as though he was leaving for good." Waiting in the car for Gonzalez and Alfonso was another man whose face was hidden behind a newspaper, Mrs. Reynolds said.

Alfonso, now living in Downey, Calif., said, "It could be possible that I was with him (Gonzalez), but I can't remember."

Gonzalez, last known to be in San Felipe, Venezuela, was not listed in the telephone directory there and could not otherwise be reached for comment.

Reynolds' son, Reginald, said his father's story "seems to remain constant" since he first heard it "so he's been carrying this with him for 15 years."

YOUNG REYNOLDS, who lives in Beaumont, said he met Gonzalez when the former Cuban contractor was working as a custodian at Lincoln junior high school in Abilene. He invited Gonzalez to his home and offered the use of his English language instruction records. The elder Reynolds "then got to know him and got to be pretty close, a comaraderie sort of thing."

"As far as the note (from Oswald), I don't know," Reynolds' son said. "I do know there was a shift in tone. I could feel that something was going on. We didn't see Pedro much any more about this time. Then at one point, he was gone."

The elder Reynolds said he learned of the Oswald note when the landlady of Gonzalez' apartment knocked on the door as he was showing baby photo proofs to Gonzalez, who was eating lunch. He said he opened the door and took a small card from the landlady who said she first saw it wedged in Gonzalez' mailbox two or three days earlier.

"In handwriting it said something like 'call me immediately, urgent' and had two Dallas numbers written on it," Reynolds said. "I noticed the name 'Lee Oswald' and asked Gonzalez who he was. Seems like he said, 'some attorney from Dallas.'"

"He looked nervous and sweat started appearing on his forehead. So I left to go up the street and deliver some photos. As I was coming back I noticed his car a few blocks from his house and him standing in a pay phone booth."

REYNOLDS ASSUMED Oswald left the card in Gonzalez' mailbox about two days earlier when Gonzalez and other Cuban refugees were at Reynolds' house for Sunday dinner.

Gonzalez' best friend, Alfonso, said Gonzalez "used to talk to me about everything and he never mentioned anything like that (Oswald note)."

Asked whether Gonzalez ever mentioned Kennedy, Alfonso said he didn't "think he was too much involved in politics. In Cuba he was... real big but not that much. Not here he wasn't involved that much at all."

The Rev. Antonio Rodriguez, at whose house Gonzales organized the Cuban Liberation Committee in 1961, said "as far as I knew, he (Gonzalez) never had any relationship with Oswald or any kind of people like this. But he did with organized (Cuban refugee) politicians like Varona and some others who are responsible persons."

Gonzalez was "very anti-Castro and

had a great desire to go back to Cuba," Rodriguez said.

Gonzalez was "very enthusiastic that Kennedy ordered the blockade around Cuba" during the missile crisis in 1962, Rodriguez said.

However, Reynolds said Gonzalez grew increasingly impatient with the Kennedy administration after the president warned in the spring of 1963 that he would not tolerate continued training by Cuban militants in the United States for commando raids on Castro installations.

"This is when Gonzalez' group here started meeting more and meetings grew pretty strong toward Kennedy," Reynolds said.

REYNOLDS RECALLS when Gonzalez and several other refugees were at his house for dinner the Sunday before the assassination. He showed Gonzalez a story on the front page of *The News* headlined, "Incident-Free Day Urged for JFK Visit."

"Pedro got quite excited," Reynolds said, "and although he wasn't supposed to have much knowledge of English, he went into the other room and translated the article into Spanish for four or five other Cubans. They also got excited. He came back waving the newspaper and whistling 'Bridge over the River Kwai.'"

Reynolds also remembered a trip in Gonzalez' car that he, L.K. Brandon — a former fishing companion of Reynolds — and another Abilene friend took to West Texas in the summer of 1963.

"At Sweetwater the fan belt went out and we were sitting there waiting for a service truck when Brandon asked Gonzalez about Kennedy," he said.

"Somebody is going to kill him," Reynolds recalls Gonzalez answering bitterly.

Brandon couldn't remember the trip but said he once had a similar conversation with Gonzalez. He said he thinks it occurred at a service station in Abilene when Reynolds introduced him to Gonzalez.

"I asked him then, I says, 'What do you think of Kennedy and the Bay of Pigs?'" Brandon said. "And I believe he said, 'That son-of-a-bitch, like that. You would have to take it that he didn't like Kennedy. But you would have to feel that after the Bay of Pigs, there would be a lot of people who didn't like him.'"

BRANDON SAID Reynolds also told him he thought he saw Oswald coming down the stairs after one of the closed meetings of the Cuban Liberation Committee at Gonzalez' apartment in Abilene.

"He was a white man and he (Reynolds) was wondering why he was upstairs anyway in a closed meeting when he always said before no one but Cubans could go to those meetings," Brandon said. "They had open meetings, two or three times a week. And Harold went to those open meetings. He would go to the closed meetings and stay downstairs until it was over with."

Reynolds said he saw two white men attending a closed meeting about two months before the assassination. One man resembled the Oswald he later saw on television, he said, but he wasn't certain it was him. The other man "was a little dried-up Anglo from New Orleans, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, not dark-complexioned but a weathered complexion, about 55."

Some of the people who attended the meeting, he said, drove cars with Louisiana and Florida plates.