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asked how he had notified other members concerning this meeting, he declined to comment. Oswald claimed that Hidell had written him on August 7, 1963, and asked him to distribute some Fair Play for Cuba Committee literature in the downtown New Orleans area. Oswald said he had accordingly undertaken to distribute this literature on August 9, 1963. He had previously received it from the Fair Play for Cuba Committee Headquarters. While engaged in this activity, he had been accosted by three Cubans who subsequently became involved in a heated argument with him. This led to the arrest of Oswald and the three Cubans by local police.

Investigation by the FBI in New Orleans at that time did not disclose the existence of a person in New Orleans named A. J. Hidell.

Publicly Avowed Marxist

During his appearance on the radio program, "Conversation Carte Blanche," broadcast on August 21, 1963, over Station WDSU, New Orleans, Oswald was asked whether or not he agreed with the speech of Fidel Castro on July 26, 1963, in which Castro described President Kennedy as "A ruffian and a thief." In reply, Oswald said: "I would not agree with that particular wording. However, I and the Fair Play for Cuba Committee does (sic) think that the U. S. Government through certain agencies, namely the State Department and CIA, has made monumental mistakes in its relations with Cuba. Mistakes which are pushing Cuba to the sphere of activity of, let's say, a very

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