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Dr. AUGUSTIN GUITART, physics instructor, Xavier University, 7325 Palmetto, advised on September 9, 1964, that he resides at 1931 General Pershing, New Orleans, Louisiana. He advised that he is acquainted with SYLVIA ODIO and has known SYLVIA since she was a small girl who had formerly resided in Cuba. Dr. GUITART stated that SYLVIA ODIO is the niece of his wife, HELEN GUITART. Dr. GUITART stated that SYLVIA ODIO's parents are AMADOR and SARA ODIO, and that prior to the CASTRO regime in Cuba, her father was a millionaire who owned and operated a large trucking company and owned a considerable amount of land.

He stated that SYLVIA ODIO's parents, prior to the rise of CASTRO, maintained an excellent reputation in Cuba and that he considered SYLVIA to be a highly intelligent individual who maintained an excellent reputation.

Dr. GUITART stated that after CASTRO came to power in Cuba, SYLVIA's father and mother were imprisoned and that they are still in prison in Cuba. As a result of CASTRO, SYLVIA's family, including herself, lost all of their possessions and money and that SYLVIA and her former husband, GUILLERMO HERRERA, fled Cuba and came to reside in Miami, Florida, sometime in 1961 for a short period of time. Thereafter, SYLVIA and her former husband moved to Puerto Rico in 1961 where SYLVIA's husband obtained a job as a chemical engineer with an unknown company.

Dr. GUITART stated that while in Puerto Rico SYLVIA began having domestic trouble with her former husband and thereafter, sometime in 1962, date unknown, her husband was sent to Germany for some type of training by his company at which time he abandoned SYLVIA and their four children. As a result of this, SYLVIA and her husband were divorced.

Dr. GUITART stated that as a result, SYLVIA was left in Puerto Rico with these four children, the oldest being six years of age and with no means of support. Dr. GUITART stated that as a result of her mother and father being in jail in Cuba and the radical change in living

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conditions from what they formerly were when she resided in Cuba and because of her being abandoned by her husband, SYLVIA suffered a very serious emotional breakdown. As a result of this emotional breakdown, SYLVIA required psychiatric treatment in Puerto Rico; however, he did not believe that she was at any time placed in an institution.

Dr. GUITART stated that to the best of his recollection, it was either in February or March, 1963, that SYLVIA left Puerto Rico with her four children to reside in Dallas, Texas, with her sister ANNIE LAURIE ODIO. While en route to Dallas the airplane on which she was traveling made a stop at the New Orleans International Airport for a few minutes, and Dr. GUITART went to the airport and saw SYLVIA.

Dr. GUITART stated that during the summer and fall of 1963, SYLVIA ODIO would, on occasion, telephonically contact him and his wife from Dallas. The general conversation had to do with members of the family.

Dr. GUITART stated that sometime after the assassination of President KENNEDY in 1963 and prior to January, 1964, SYLVIA's sister brought SYLVIA's four children to New Orleans to stay with him and his wife inasmuch as SYLVIA had an operation at Dallas at an unknown hospital for the removal of her female organs. Dr. GUITART stated that during the fall of 1963 SYLVIA was not well physically because she was having trouble which resulted in the operation previously described.

Dr. GUITART stated that in either February or March, 1964, the date not recalled, SYLVIA ODIO came to New Orleans to take her children back to Dallas. He recalled that while at his residence, SYLVIA observed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in a newspaper and upon seeing the photograph made the statement to him that OSWALD and two other males had on one occasion come to her residence in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. GUITART stated that this was the first time SYLVIA had ever mentioned this to him and that SYLVIA indicated that the other males accompanying OSWALD gave the appearance of being more Mexican than Cuban in their physical appearance. SYLVIA told him that these three



individuals came to her residence during the evening at the time she was busy getting ready to move to another residence. Dr. GUITART stated that SYLVIA did not indicate the date of this occurrence nor did SYLVIA state to him that OSWALD had ever actually introduced himself to her as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Dr. GUITART stated that according to SYLVIA, she made the identification of OSWALD only through observing photographs of OSWALD in the newspapers.

Dr. GUITART stated that he could not recall any specific conversation he had with SYLVIA regarding her statement that OSWALD had come to her residence in Dallas but recalled that it was sometime prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY and subsequent to August 12, 1963. Dr. GUITART explained that on August 12, 1963, he was present in Municipal Court in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the time OSWALD was charged with disturbing the peace as an aftermath of his altercation with CARLOS BRINGUIER on Canal Street in New Orleans.

Dr. GUITART stated that he could not recall whether SYLVIA ODIO made any mention of the purpose of the visit of these three individuals nor could he furnish any additional information.

Dr. GUITART stated that during his telephonic contacts with SYLVIA ODIO during 1963 and also at the time she came to New Orleans in February or March of 1964, she gave the appearance of having recovered from her previous emotional breakdown. Dr. GUITART stated that he did not believe that SYLVIA ODIO would intentionally make any untrue statements and that he had never known her to do so. He stated that since SYLVIA ODIO made the statement that OSWALD had come to her residence on one occasion, he believed her.

Dr. GUITART stated he believes that SYLVIA ODIO's former husband has returned to Puerto Rico where he is currently working as a chemical engineer for an unknown company.

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CONTACT AT INEXPENSIVE HOTELS  
IN THE VICINITY OF THE GREY-  
HOUND BUS TERMINAL, 1710 TULANE  
AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA;  
THE CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS BUS  
TERMINAL, 1314 TULANE AVENUE,  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; AND THE  
LAFAYETTE SQUARE BRANCH OF THE  
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE,  
610 SOUTH STREET, NEW ORLEANS,  
LOUISIANA

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On September 8 and 9, 1964, the following Special Agents of the New Orleans Office of the FBI contacted the following individuals at inexpensive hotels located in the vicinity of the Continental Trailways Bus Depot, 1314 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans; the Greyhound Bus Depot, 1710 Tulane Avenue, and the Lafayette Square Branch of the U. S. Post Office, 610 South Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. These individuals advised, according to the hotel registers, no individual by the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD had stayed at their respective hotels on the night of September 24, 1963. A photograph of OSWALD was shown to these individuals who advised that they had never observed OSWALD at their hotels.

SA LAWRENCE F. FOLSE - September 9, 1964:

Mrs. ELLA THIBODEAUX and Mr. EDWIN EDWARDS,  
Owner and Manager, Center Hotel, 1315 Tulane Avenue

Mrs. LOUISE NICHOLS, Manager,  
Liberty Hotel,  
137 South Liberty

Mr. THOMAS W. BURNS, Owner,  
Metro Hotel  
102 Common Street

Mrs. M. SALVATORE, Owner,  
Salvatore's Tourist Rooms,  
2502 Tulane Avenue

SA WILLIAM C. ERVIN, September 9, 1964:

Mrs. RUTH WALTERS, Manager  
The Fernwood Hotel,  
2610 Canal Street

Mrs. ALVIN MCGUIRE, Manager,  
The Philip Rooming House,  
2335 Canal Street

Mrs. L. TSECOURAS, Manager,  
Rooming House,  
2331 Canal Street

Ah! that nothing-stops-us FBI! The great effort it went to in chasing Chimeras rather than assassins. Here its fool's errand is the assumption that if Oswald remained in New Orleans overnight it was only at a cheap hotel and near the bus station. For the detailed exposition of its great investigation the FBI found space on six pages for what could adequately have been contained, without excisions, on less than a single page. Here we have 54 of those investigations-interviews so impressive in the 15,000 it conducted for the Commission and another revelation of the futility of solving the assassination and justifying its investiga-

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ALETA MC VEY, Manager,  
Southland Hotel,  
2020 Canal Street

Mr. JEREMIAH HEALEY, Manager,  
The 1930 Hotel,  
1930 Canal Street

Mr. J. S. WALKER, Manager,  
The Cabana Hotel,  
1418½ Canal Street

Mrs. GENEVA HALL, Proprietor,  
Eddie's Hotel,  
1411 Canal Street

Mr. THOMAS NOBLE, Manager,  
Georgian Hotel,  
1416½ Canal Street

Mr. ROLLAND BAHAN, JR., Manager,  
LaSalle Hotel,  
1113 Canal Street

Mr. DON MINER, Co-Manager,  
Mariner Hotel,  
211½ Canal Street

Mr. FRANK J. DAYMAN, Manager,  
Ark Hotel,  
404 Canal Street

Mr. JOSEPH AVON, Manager,  
Ritz Hotel,  
619 Canal Street

SA KEVIN J. HARRIGAN on September 9, 1964:

Mr. ROBERT COTHAM, Manager,  
Teelie Hotel  
409 St. Charles Avenue

tion in statistics. It had plenty of manpower for this - seven agents. But for the real investigations, of Oswald's associates and connections in New Orleans, for the use of the return address that led to anti-Castro Cubans and Americans and the CIA, it had no time, no space in its excessively brief and uninformative reports, like those of "On The Ball Wall", cited and reproduced earlier. Equally remarkably, the Commission, whose essential files are so often partly and even completely illegible, here has the blackest, clearest possible copies where it solemnly reports nonsense with a seriousness and detail that impress the unthinking and uninformed.

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