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Synopsis:

LORAN 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-CASTRO 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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This group of reports should be read with great care and in consultation with the text, for, despite the best FBI efforts (which are quite good), they actually say the opposite of what the FBI sometimes pretends they say. Hall, for example, really affirmed the essence of what the first report attributes to him. The mass of detail

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J. HOWARD interviewed 9/20/64. Admits traveling to Dallas, Texas with LORAN HALL and friend, CELLIOS 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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precludes inaccuracy. For example, his reason for recalling the name "Odio", the correct address of her apartment (she had moved at the time of the FBI interview), and an impressive array of other facts. Despite the FBI misrepresentation, these reports actually establish that Hall was at Sylvia Odio's apartment, a fact about which I anticipate other revelations. All of this explains the delay in making the investigation, the delay by the Commission in asking it, and the delay by the FBI in fully reporting to the Commission (not that its own reports are as full as they could and should have been).

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LORAN EUGENE HALL advised that he presently resides at 55 Rogers Road, Kernville, California, and receives mail at Post Office Box 84, Kernville, California. He is presently employed as a truck driver for the King-Davis Company which is contracting the hauling of logs to the Mt. Whitney Lumber Company at Johnsondale, California. HALL advises he also operates the Rainbow Motel at Kernville, California.

HALL stated that during the latter part of September, 1963, he was in Dallas, Texas in company with LAWRENCE HOWARD and WILLIAM SEYMOUR. HALL had gone to Dallas to solicit aid in the anti-CASTRO movement. HALL said they contacted three professors at the University of Dallas who are Cuban refugees. One of these professor's name HALL recalled, was ODIO. These professors furnished HALL with a list of Cubans living in the Dallas area who could be contacted to solicit assistance in this movement.

HALL said that they consequently contacted about 40 or 50 such persons. HALL said that he, HOWARD and SEYMOUR had been in Dallas about three or four days when he and SEYMOUR were arrested and held by the police. HALL and SEYMOUR were in custody for one day, during which time they were interrogated by various Federal intelligence agents concerning their activities. He recalled that the police took Polaroid photographs of himself and of SEYMOUR. HALL was also under the distinct impression that he had been fingerprinted.

HALL said that he recalled that while in Dallas on this particular occasion, the three of them, HALL, HOWARD, and SEYMOUR, had gone to the apartment of a Cuban woman who lived in a garden style apartment located on Magellan Circle in Dallas. HALL said that he could not picture this woman in his mind now. He said that her name was possibly ODIO. He said that he seemed to recognize this woman's name as ODIO because of the association with the name of the Cuban professor who had the same name, ODIO.

HALL stated that this Cuban woman lived in Apartment A of the same apartments located on Magellan Circle where

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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 some where 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

Sylvia Odio, who had been deeply shocked by the entire affair, was uncertain about the "war" names the men used. She thought they were Leopoldo and Angelo. The names used by Hall and Seymour (next page) are Lorenzo and Alonzo. These names begin with the same letters as those Mrs. Odio, in error, recalled. There is no indication the FBI or anyone else ever asked her if the names could have been Lorenzo and Alonzo, an obvious requirement of any serious, honest investigation. Should the investigation of the murder of a President be any other kind?

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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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