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Mr. Tweedle also advised that inquiry made of the American Express Company on May 1, 1964, revealed the following additional travel information scheduled to be performed by the subject:

Leave New Orleans, Delta Flight 970, on May 1, 1964, for New York City;

Leave New York City for London, England, aboard Alitalia Flight 633, on May 1, 1964;

Leave London on Air France Flight 813, on May 5, 1964, for Paris, France;

Leave Paris, France, May 12, 1964, on IB Flight 161, for Madrid;

Leave May 22, 1964, from Madrid on Flight TW 900 for Rome;

Leave Rome on May 27, 1964, aboard Flight LN 341, for Munich;

Leave Munich on May 27, 1964, aboard Flight BRA (?) 1972 for Berlin;

Leave Berlin on May 30, 1964, on Flight AF 361, for John F. Kennedy Airport, New York;

Leave New York, May 30, 1964, on Eastern Airlines Flight 543 for New Orleans.

On May 1, 1964, Rosemary Barr, Records and Administration Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service (I&NS), New Orleans, advised that she could locate no record in the name of Orestes Pena.

tirely wrong statement or opinion of a faceless person. It did not, of its own knowledge, know that such a person really existed or had actually said what the reports attribute to him. Pena has assured me he never had any intention of going to Moscow and never told anyone he was going to. He suspects he knows the rumor-maker. The FBI's interest should have been directed toward learning who would start such a rumor and for what purposes. From "NO T-1" it could have. It did not. The question mark on this document was made by a member of the staff. Note that in listing the cities Pena would visit, Moscow is not included. Here is where the ? is.

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Mr. Leo Johnson, Investigator, I&NS, New Orleans, advised on May 1, 1964, that he believes Orestes Pena is a naturalized United States citizen.

On May 1, 1964, Mr. Charles Ulfers, Deputy Clerk, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, advised that a check of the Naturalization Records failed to reflect any naturalization information in the name of Orestes Pena.

Set forth below are data previously received relative to Orestes Pena:

Hector Jose Garcia, repairman, Sanborn's Hi-Fi Center, 5551 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas, who resides 6518 Junius Street, Dallas, advised as follows:

One night about two years ago at the Habana Club, located in the French Quarter, New Orleans, Garcia overheard a conversation between (FNU) Orestes and two unknown persons at that club. The latter two unknown persons had made some comment about Fidel Castro of Cuba and Garcia overheard Orestes reply: "Castro should have been notified about that as soon as possible." Garcia assumed the two unidentified men talking to Orestes were merchant seamen. When Orestes saw Garcia standing nearby, he asked Garcia what he wanted and told him to move on. Garcia refused to leave and was struck by Orestes. Garcia called the police, whereupon Orestes told Garcia if he did not leave he would kill him. Garcia left. When the police arrived, according to information Garcia received from friends, they were told by persons at the Habana Bar that a "drunk" had been there and had left. Garcia advised that he was not drinking as he has an ulcer and is unable to do so.

Garcia stated he saw a picture of Orestes in a newspaper in New Orleans a few days later which revealed Orestes as a leader of an anti-Castro organization. Garcia stated that an unidentified waitress at the Havana Club was supposed to have made a long distance call to Fidel Castro personally

While it is not certain, there are indications part of pages 2 and 3 have been obliterated or removed. A line made in Xeroxing and consistent with this is unmistakable on page 2. Both pages are inordinately short. There is no question about the doctoring of the last two pages. The 4th is missing from directly under the bottom of the lowest letter, the "p" in "top", and the resultant Xeroxing line is visible. There are but 6" of typing on the 10 1/2"-page. The page number has been cut off.

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about that time. He stated that the waitress had made comments to customers when Garcia was there that she had done so. Garcia is undecided as to whether Orestes is pro- or anti-Castro. He described Orestes as a Spanish-speaking male, who may or may not be a Cuban, age middle thirties, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches, light complexion, who has a brother named Efrain.

The New Orleans States and New Orleans Item newspapers on December 22, 1960, contained a photograph of various delegates of the Cuban Revolutionary Front in New Orleans, among which delegates was included Orestes Pena.

The Cuban Revolutionary Council was an anti-Castro organization in New Orleans which ceased to exist approximately in December of 1961 and which had headquarters in Miami, Florida.

Orestes Pena, owner of the Habana Bar, 117 Decatur Street, New Orleans, located in the French Quarter, had, during the years 1961 and 1962, furnished information to the FBI Office, New Orleans, concerning persons who he claimed were pro-Castro in his opinion.

Orestes Pena is described as a white male, age 38 - 40, dark or black hair, wears mustache, medium complexion, often uses sunglasses, height 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds. On his departure from New Orleans, on May 1, 1964, he was dressed in a business suit, nondescript in color, which appeared to be a blend of drab olive-green and brown, wearing a brown tie, white shirt, brown shoes, carrying a dark overcoat and light brown expansion-type brief case with handle on top.

It was written in at the top. The same is true of the 5th page, except that no number was written in. At the bottom of this page the piece of transparent tape used to hold a blank piece of paper in place is distinguishable in about the center. Taping on a piece of blank paper masks what is under it. There is no reason consistent with integrity of purpose or performance descriptive of this destruction of evidence or with its official acceptance. Yet it is typical of the "investigation" of the Kennedy assassination.

Pena is strongly anti-Castro. He was active in anti-Castro groups until he discovered the money he raised and contributed was being misappropriated. His picture was front-paged in the New Orleans papers

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because of his work against Castro. The statement attributed to Hector Jose Garcia cannot be correct and should have been the cause of an additional investigation, to learn who was trying to discredit Pena, the man critical of crooks in the anti-Castro ranks and of the FBI, which attended the meetings, and why.

The FBI description of the Cuban Revolutionary Council is incomplete. It was organized by the CIA.

These descriptions of Pena are not accurate. There is no reason why they could not and should not have been, often as the FBI had seen him. For quite some time he served it as an informant on pro-Castro activity. He is not light- but dark-skinned and is of slight build.

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Miss SARAH CASTILLO, 2177 Valley Ridge Drive, Dallas, Texas, advised she at one time was secretary for the Student Directorate of Cuba and on Sunday, October 13, 1963, at 8:00 p.m., her organization held a meeting in the assembly room at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association building in North Lake Shopping Village, Dallas, Texas.

Miss CASTILLO stated among visitors present was former General EDWIN A. WALKER. Miss CASTILLO stated she does not recall LEE HARVEY/OSWALD being present at this meeting but she did not observe all of the visitors. Miss CASTILLO stated that most of the persons present signed a guest roster which has been forwarded to Miss ANNA DIAZ-SILVEIRA who is with the Cuban Student Directorate, whose address is Post Office Box 613, Miami 45, Florida.

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EDWIN L. STEIG, 713 Winifred Street, Garland, Texas, advised he attended a meeting of the Student Directorate of Cuba held on a Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. some time during the month of October, 1963. There were about 75 persons present at this meeting which was held at the First Federal Savings and Loan Association Conference Room in the North Lake Shopping Village in Dallas, Texas. Mr. STEIG stated that he sat in the back of the room and listened to several speakers who talked about the situation in Cuba. STEIG stated that another individual sat in the back of this room who he believes is identical with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. This individual spoke to no one but merely listened and then left. Mr. STEIG stated that most of the persons present signed a guest roster which was taken by a Miss SARAH CASTILLO who held some position with the Student Directorate of Cuba.

on 12/18/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 100-10461  
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Missing are the names of the speakers and what they said, their descriptions and the "guest roster". The Commission pretended an interest in Oswald's presence, giving the missing roster additional importance. Miss Castillo, who had it, was interviewed.

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