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On November 22, 1963, a confidential source advised that records of the New York City Department of Welfare, 271 Church Street, New York City, file number 102250021, reflect that one PASCUAL RUEDOLO GONGORA appeared at the Welfare Department and informed authorities therein that he was undomiciled and unemployed. His residence was given as 500 West 14th Street formerly 23 West 65th Street, 110 West 111th Street, 169 Beach 115th Street, Rockaways, Brooklyn, and 237 West 109th Street, New York City. GONGORA claimed he had palpitations of the heart, headaches, a blood condition and acknowledged a past history of psychiatric care in Cuba and stated he had been arrested on August 25, 1963, on a narcotics offense. He stated he reports to Roosevelt Hospital for a case of syphilis he received in Cuba in 1956.

On November 29, 1963, JOSEPH R. MC HUGH, INS, made available file number A12 322 950 concerning PASCUAL ENRIQUE RUEDOLO Y GONGORA. This file reflected GONGORA was born March 11, 1918, in Cuba, and that he entered the United States at Miami, Florida, on April 28, 1961, as a refugee. He had Cuban passport number 17422. The file contained English translations of letters written in Spanish by GONGORA to the Miami Police Department, INS and the President of the United States, some obscene and all expressing dissatisfaction with the United States and a desire to be returned to Cuba. He was described as five feet seven inches, 140 pounds, blue eyes, gray hair, Social Security Number 129-34-1094 and his FBI number was given as 5923E. He was arrested October 25, 1961, by the 10th Precinct, New York City Police Department for felonious assault (knife) and on February 8, 1962, sentenced to three months in the workhouse. On August 23, 1963, he was arrested for possession of a hypodermic needle and desoxyn, and on September 16, 1963, given six months' suspended sentence. He was arrested on November 14, 1963, for carrying a concealed knife. No disposition shown.

MC HUGH advised that GONGORA had departed the United States at Idlewild Airport on Iberian Airlines, Flight Number 954 at 6:00 p.m., on November 28, 1963, destined for Havana, Cuba, via Madrid, Spain. He stated GONGORA had departed under INS deportation order.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 23, 1964, wherein you requested that certain investigation be conducted based upon testimony furnished to your Commission by Mr. Carlos Bringuier.

Enclosed are two copies each of the reports of Special Agent James J. O'Connor dated May 8, 1964, at Miami, Florida, and Special Agent Stephen M. Callender dated May 15, 1964, at New Orleans, Louisiana, both of which are self-explanatory. Also enclosed are single copies of the following publications requested by you:

- (1) "Diario Las Americas," dated September 4, 1963
- (2) "Diario Las Americas," dated September 6, 1963
- (3) "Bohemia Internacional," dated February 2, 1964

The pertinent articles contained in these documents and referred to in your referenced letter have been translated and incorporated into the enclosed Miami report.

Item three of your referenced letter concerns an alleged "lapsus linguae" committed by Castro in a speech given at the University of Havana on November 27, 1963, at which time

This is a rather large file, of which the Commission printed only part. It printed the nonsense, trash and junk but suppressed the important parts. It and the FBI joined in suppressing other important and appropriate data, such as a pertinent Castro speech, as described in the text. To the degree possible, the evidence of Cuban-exile involvement was suppressed, here as elsewhere.

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Castro allegedly indicated Oswald had been in Cuba. Enclosed are two copies of a translation of this speech, pertinent portions of which have been included in the enclosed Miami report. A review of this speech fails to indicate any slip of the tongue as alleged. It is noted, however, that page 33, last paragraph, of the enclosed Miami report relating to Castro's speech contains a statement wherein Castro refers to Oswald's visit to the "Cuban Embassy" in Mexico following which he corrected himself indicating he meant the "Cuban Consulate." This could possibly be the basis for the slip of the tongue referred to by Herminio Portell-Vila.

Two copies of a memorandum dated May 15, 1964, setting forth the results of an interview with Herminio Portell-Vila, writer of the article containing the above-mentioned allegation, are also enclosed. You were previously furnished a memorandum dated February 18, 1964, containing additional data obtained from Portell-Vila concerning this matter.

It is noted that Portell-Vila has stated his articles are primarily interpretive analysis, speculation and conjecture based on a review of public source data.

The enclosed memorandum of May 15, 1964, states that according to Portell-Vila, he gave the original of a message received from an unknown source in Cuba pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald's alleged relations in Moscow, Russia, with two Cuban Ambassadors to Mrs. Mariada Arensberg, Secretary of the Cuban Freedom Committee in Washington, D. C. Portell-Vila believed she passed the message on to an unknown Government agency.

On May 22, 1964, a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) advised he recalls receiving such a communication; however, at the time it was received the name Oswald was believed to relate to Osvaldo Dorticos, President of Cuba, rather than Lee Harvey Oswald. Further inquiries are being conducted in this regard.

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Only lack of desire prevented an interview with Bringuier. Ten days before Rankin's letter, the FBI obtained Bringuier's itinerary. He was on a speaking tour with Billy James Hargis, as far to the radical right as Bringuier. That report, with the schedule, is part of this file (984b, pp.16-18). For 11 days prior to his scheduled return to New Orleans, the FBI knew Bringuier would then be home. This, in turn, was two weeks prior to Hoover's letter. In addition, with the schedule, had the FBI or the Commission really desired it, Bringuier could have been interviewed at any time. Contrast this with the treatment of and attitude toward Pena, who had had the courage to complain about the FBI to both it and the Commission. Pena, too, had been available for a

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Interviews with Orestes Pena and Carlos Bringuier have not yet been conducted due to their unavailability. Pena reportedly is traveling in Europe as indicated in the memorandum dated May 1, 1964, at New Orleans concerning Orestes Pena, two copies of which are enclosed. Carlos Bringuier has been away from New Orleans on an extended speaking tour. Both Pena and Bringuier, however, are due to return to the New Orleans area by May 30, 1964, at which time they will be promptly interviewed and you will be furnished the results.

With regard to your inquiry as to whether this Bureau has conducted a thorough investigation into the question of possible contacts between Lee Harvey Oswald and any representative of or known sympathizer with the Castro government of Cuba, you may be assured that this Bureau has thoroughly explored this question. To date, however, no information has been developed indicating Oswald was controlled, directed or employed by any individual so identified.

We will continue to furnish you with communications in duplicate containing the results of our investigations.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Enclosures (13)

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week after Rankin's letter. The FBI "investigation" of him, also in this file (984h), is slanderous in import and contains known error. "Confidential informants" were consulted to get nasty and wrong rumors about Pena; not so with Bringuier, for the radical right is in solid with the FBI.

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Copy to:

Report of: JAMES J. O'CONNOR  
Date: May 8, 1964Office: Miami, FloridaField Office File #: 105-8342Bureau File #: 105-82555Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALDCharacter: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Synopsis: Newspaper articles and investigation set forth concerning FERNANDO FERNANDEZ, mentioned by CARLOS BRINGUIER of New Orleans, Louisiana, in testimony to Counsel for President's Commission. Also set forth is article from magazine BOHEMIA INTERNACIONAL, issue of 2/2/64, wherein allegation is made that FIDEL CASTRO, during a speech on 11/27/63, committed a slip of the tongue in stating "The first time OSWALD was in Cuba....." Employee of USIA, Miami, stated that although all public speeches of CASTRO are monitored, no such slip of the tongue has been detected. He furnished translation of CASTRO's speech of 11/27/63; however no remark was noted implying that OSWALD visited Cuba.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

With Castro's speeches monitored by the government, FBI and Commission failure to mention his reported pertinent speech, quoting Cuban-exile threats against President Kennedy, is not accidental. Instead, pages were devoted to what he didn't say.

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