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CARLOS BRINGUIER, Director, Cuban Exiles Student Revolutionary Group, employed Casa Roca Clothing Store, 107 Decatur Street, advised that as Director of the above-named Cuban organization, he was in a position to be acquainted with persons of Cuban nationality living in New Orleans, Louisiana.

He stated that he was not himself present in the area of the International Trade Mart, 124 Camp Street, on August 16, 1963, when LEE HARVEY OSWALD and possibly others passed out handbills marked, "Hands Off Cuba", but added that he had viewed television coverage of this activity on New Orleans television station Channel 6 on the evening of August 16, 1963. BRINGUIER was furnished photographs taken at the International Trade Mart on this occasion by a photographer of WDSU Television Station, and he advised that he was not familiar with any person represented in these photographs, with the exception of OSWALD, whom he said was known to him through television and newspaper coverage of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN LESTER/QUIGLEY at New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 3, 1963:

Major PRESLEY J. TROSCLAIR, JR., Commander, Intelligence Unit, New Orleans Police Department, advised that he was familiar with the Cuban Student Directorate and its director, CARLOS BRINGUIER; however, he had no information regarding PHILLIP GERACI. He stated further his files did not reflect any information with respect to anyone being stopped and told they could not sell bonds for the Cuban Student Directorate without a permit.

Mr. HENRY A. DIEBOLD, Tax Administrator, Bureau of Treasury, City of New Orleans, City Hall, informed that his department normally handles the granting of permits in connection with parades and solicitation of handbills and products in the city of New Orleans; however, occasionally persons come to his office to obtain permits to solicit funds or make complaints with reference to individuals soliciting without a permit. Mr. DIEBOLD said that his files did not reflect any information with respect to anyone being stopped from soliciting funds for the Cuban Student Directorate in New Orleans. He further said the names of CARLOS BRINGUIER and PHILLIP GERACI did not appear in his files.

Mr. DIEBOLD stated if such a complaint had been received in his department he would have known about it.

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JOSEPH M. ORLESH, Secretary to Director of Finance, City of New Orleans, City Hall, advised that his files reflected a notation to the effect that in August (exact date not noted) he received an anonymous telephonic tip to the effect that the Cuban Student Directorate and CARLOS BRINGUIER, whose place of business is at Casa Rocca, 107 Decatur Street, were soliciting or selling bonds for the purpose of raising funds to help people in Cuba free themselves from the FIDEL CASTRO Regime.

Mr. ORLESH stated the notation in his file showed that on August 15, 1963, he personally went to 107 Decatur Street and saw CARLOS BRINGUIER and told BRINGUIER he had received a complaint to the effect that the Cuban Student Directorate, of which BRINGUIER was understood to be the head of, had been either soliciting or selling bonds in order to raise money for Cubans to fight CASTRO. Mr. ORLESH stated that BRINGUIER told him this was not correct, and neither BRINGUIER nor the Cuban Student Directorate were selling or soliciting bonds for any purpose. Mr. ORLESH stated that he cautioned BRINGUIER about any solicitation or selling bonds without securing a permit and as he left he gave BRINGUIER an application for a permit to solicit funds.

Although he does not have any further notations with reference to this, Mr. ORLESH recalled that several days later BRINGUIER came to his office in City Hall and told him that he was not planning to file an application for the purpose of soliciting in New Orleans at that time but was going to discuss the securing of a permit with the officials of the Cuban Student Directorate in Miami, Florida, for the purpose of ascertaining if such a permit should be secured. Mr. ORLESH said that since that time he has had no contact with BRINGUIER nor has BRINGUIER or anyone representing the Cuban Student Directorate filed an application for a permit to solicit funds.

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This series of reports shows that Bringuier lied to the FBI, the FBI was inaccurate in its reporting, or both. My hunch, despite a low opinion of Bringuier's credibility, is that the FBI in this aspect of the investigation, jealously guarded its unblemished reputation for inaccurate reporting, complained about universally, including by Secret Service agents. The inconsistencies about the permit and the sale of bonds are clear. File 6, p.430.

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Mr. CARLOS BRINGUIER, Cuban Student Directorate, operator of Casa Rocca, 107 Decatur Street, advised that he is the head of the Cuban Student Directorate in New Orleans and is aware of its activities. Around the first part of August an American boy, age about 15, PHILLIP GERACI, came to him and asked what he could do to help. He gave GERACI some ten dollar bonds which are put out by the Directorate to raise money to help Cuban refugees. GERACI sold these bonds and came back for more. He then gave him some twenty dollar bonds. Just before LEE HARVEY OSWALD came into the store on August 5, 1963, GERACI came in and told him that he was stopped by an officer who told him that he could not sell the bonds without a permit. As a result the bond selling was then discontinued. GERACI was present when OSWALD came in the store and at the time GERACI had mentioned that he had not told his father about the work he was doing for the Directorate whereupon BRINGUIER lectured GERACI like a "Father Confessor" and told GERACI he should abide by his parent's wishes.

Mr. BRINGUIER advised that he was not served nor was the Directorate served with any papers in connection with the bond selling. He did go to the permit office and obtained a permit form but never submitted it. He said that he suspected that someone might have made a complaint to the permit office about the selling of the bonds but had nothing to substantiate this. He said they were not selling any such things as invasion bonds.

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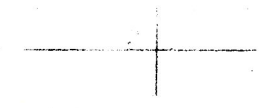


EVELIO LEY, an officer in the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE) (Students Revolutionary Directorate), an anti-CASTRO organization with offices at 1705 S. W. 3rd Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised on November 22, 1963, that LEE H. OSWALD in August, 1963, at New Orleans, Louisiana, had offered his services to the DRE delegate at New Orleans, Louisiana, in the capacity of military instructor, based on OSWALD's former United States Marine Corps experience.

According to LEY, CARLOS BRINGUIER, DRE delegate at New Orleans, discovered OSWALD's association with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), and OSWALD was rejected for affiliation with the DRE. LEY stated OSWALD reportedly spoke both Spanish and Russian. Also, according to LEY, following the discovery by the DRE at New Orleans that OSWALD was a CASTRO sympathizer, he, OSWALD, engaged in a debate with CARLOS BRINGUIER over New Orleans radio station WDSU during August, 1963.

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The story grew and grew, making Bringuier more and more of a hero in Cuban-refugee and radical-right eyes. Bringuier "discovered" nothing. Oswald's "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" was a fake. Likewise, DRE "discovered" nothing. Oswald was ostentatious about all of this, part of his establishment of an intelligence "cover". And the FBI, which knew better, dutifully reported this hero-building fiction as though it were fact.



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