



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

For the further completion of your records, there are enclosed two copies each of the reports in the Lee Harvey Oswald Case of Special Agent Calvin W. Evans dated September 20, 1964, at Phoenix, Arizona; of Special Agent Stephen M. Callender dated September 23, 1964, at New Orleans, Louisiana; and of Special Agent Harry H. Whidbee dated September 25, 1964, at Los Angeles, California. There are also enclosed two copies each of memoranda dated September 26, 1964, and October 2, 1964, at Miami, Florida.

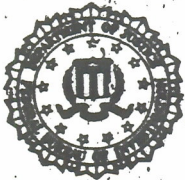
The enclosed material deals with our investigation into the allegations of Sylvia Odio. The investigation recorded in the enclosed material, together with the inquiries set forth on pages 176 through 214 in the October 8, 1964, report at Dallas, Texas, of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling, completes our investigation into the statements of Sylvia Odio.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Edgar Hoover", is written below the typed name.

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If delay could assure that nothing else could happen, Hoover assured it. He forwarded September reports in the case of The False Oswald in November. The reader is referred to the text for analysis of the documents. With this file, that cannot be done adequately in brief footnotes. Despite the contrary pretenses of the FBI, these reports, meaning what it chose to say of what answers it got to only those questions it elected to ask, actually confirm Mrs. Odio's story and make a prima facie case of the involvement of these men. At the time this is being prepared for publication, readers of my earlier books have offered private confirmation and other evidence that may be startling.



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Miami, Florida  
October 2, 1964

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It is recalled that SYLVIA ODIO has advised that on an evening in the latter part of September, 1963, she was visited at her apartment in Dallas, Texas, by two Cubans or Mexicans, accompanied by an American whom she believed to be LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

LORAN EUGENE HALL, upon interview on September 16, 1964 at Johnsondale, California, stated he had been in Dallas, Texas in September, 1963 in the company of LAWRENCE HOWARD and WILLIAM SEYMOUR, and has contacted many Cubans in the Dallas area, including a Cuban woman, a Mrs. ODIO, who lived in apartment A, located on Magellan Circle, Dallas in the same building with a Cuban friend of HALL, named KIKI FERRER. During a second interview on September 20, 1964, HALL stated that during his visit in Dallas in September, 1963, he was accompanied by LAWRENCE HOWARD and a Cuban whom he knew as "WAHITO," and was not accompanied at that time by WILLIAM SEYMOUR. He also said he recalled no contact with ODIO.

Upon interview at Los Angeles, California on September 20, 1964, LAWRENCE JOHN HOWARD advised that he accompanied HALL to Dallas, Texas in September, 1963 with a Cuban refugee named CELLIOS ALBAS who was also known by the name "QUARITO." HOWARD recalled no contact with a Cuban woman named ODIO at an apartment on Magellan Circle in Dallas.

WILLIAM SEYMOUR of Phoenix, Arizona, during interview on September 18, 1964, stated he and LAWRENCE HALL were in Dallas, Texas in October, 1963, rather than September, 1963, and SYLVIA ODIO was unknown to him.

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Review of record of Beach Welding and Supplies Company, Miami Beach, Florida, on September 22, 1964, confirmed WILLIAM SEYMOUR's employment with that company throughout the period September 5 to October 10, 1963.

On September 24, 1964, CELIO SERGIO CASTRO ALBA, employed at the South Florida Sugar Company, Belle Glade, Florida, stated he had traveled with LORAN HALL and LAWRENCE HOWARD from California to Dallas, Texas, to Miami, Florida in September, 1963, but he had not met any person at Dallas named ODIO, nor had he heard the name ODIO mentioned by HALL or HOWARD in Dallas.

On October 1, 1964, SYLVIA ODIO, presently residing at 1711 S.W. 83rd Avenue, Miami, Florida, stated she had moved to Miami from Dallas, Texas, with her four small children, about a week ago.

Mrs. ODIO was shown photographs of LORAN EUGENE HALL, taken at Wichita, Kansas on December 16, 1961; LAWRENCE J. HOWARD taken at Key West, Florida on December 4, 1962; WILLIAM HOUSTON SEYMOUR taken in March, 1959 at San Diego, California; and CELIO SERGIO CASTRO ALBA taken in November, 1961 at Miami, Florida.

Upon viewing the photographs of HALL, HOWARD, SEYMOUR and CASTRO, Mrs. ODIO stated that none of these individuals were identical with the three persons, including the individual she believed to be OSWALD,

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who had come to her apartment in Dallas in the last week of September, 1963. She said she is not certain that she could identify photographs of the two individuals accompanying the one she believed to be OSWALD, because of the passage of time since the incident and because photographs sometime differ from the real appearance of an individual.

Mrs. ODIO added she did believe, however, she could recognize the individual who gave his name as LEOPOLDO. She indicated that the photograph of CELIO CASTRO was similar to the appearance of LEOPOLDO but that LEOPOLDO's hair line was receding at the temples. She also thought that the photo of CELIO CASTRO did not give the Mexican appearance that she recalled LEOPOLDO to have.

Mrs. ODIO stated she did not know anyone named KIKI FERRER, or FERROR, either resident in the apartment building at 1084 Magellan Circle, where she resided, or elsewhere. She stated there was a Cuban family of man, wife and two children with the surname MASFERRER, who also lived in the Crestwood Apartments on Magellan Circle, about 5 or 6 buildings down from the building in which Mrs. ODIO lived. She said that on occasion the Cuban families living in the Crestwood Apartments would have get-togethers and she recalled that on one occasion the son of the aforementioned MASFERRER became involved in a fight with another individual and the get-together deteriorated into a general disturbance to which the police were called. She stated she did not know the first name of Mr. MASFERRER.

Also on October 1, 1964, the photographs described hereinbefore were displayed to ANNIE LAURIE ODIO, younger sister of SYLVIA ODIO, who stated she had opened the door

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of the ODIO apartment in Dallas to the three individuals including one believed to be LEE HARVEY OSWALD, who called at the apartment in the last week of September, 1964. ANNIE LAURIE ODIO stated none of the photographs appeared similar to the three individuals in her recollection.

When telephonically contacted on the morning of October 1, 1964 in order to arrange an interview, SYLVIA ODIO advised that she had an appointment at 11:30 AM that date with her doctor. The interview was then set for 1:00 PM. Shortly after making this arrangement for interview, Mr. MAURICE FERRE, a member of the FERRE family with extensive industrial holdings in South Florida and Puerto Rico, contacted the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to state he is a personal friend of SYLVIA ODIO. He wished to advise that ODIO was then under the care of Dr. IRWIN JACOBS, psychiatrist, at Miami, and had attempted suicide during the past week.

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In this archive to the murder of this President, there are no original documents. Xeroxed copies are used instead. I have cited frequent cases of illegibility that result. Here is what may be another problem, in the present search for truth and in history, in the future. The horizontal lines across this page are consistent with the laying of a piece of blank paper across it. The blank paper would then mask whatever might have been typed or written underneath. There are other cases where this happened (Exhibits 3094 and 3104, for example). Whether it happened in this case we cannot know, in the absence of the original document. When the murder of a President is investigated, and when that subject, in a democratic society, must always be open to investigation, such questions are impermissible and their existence and grounds for their existence are in themselves suspect and impermissible.

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