

MEMORANDUM

April 13, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: INTERVIEW WITH MIGUEL CRUZ ON MARCH 19, 1967  
IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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I traveled to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to talk to MIGUEL CRUZ who informed me that he was present when CARLOS BRINGUIER and OSWALD had the fight on Canal Street in front of the Maison Blanche Building. MIGUEL's address in Baton Rouge, is 505 East Stadium Street on the L.S.U. Campus, telephone #388-2097. His New Orleans address is 2526 Mazant Street, telephone 943-0082.

MIGUEL CRUZ is from Camaguay, Cuba and he came to this country December 5, 1962. He says that he does not know CARLOS QUIROGA, ALBERTO FOWLER or RICARDO DAVIS. He said that he had done some work for ALPHA 66, whose leader is ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYA (who was subsequently captured by Castro and may be a prisoner in Cuba at the present time). CRUZ said that the first time he saw OSWALD was when OSWALD and BRINGUIER had the fight on Canal Street; that he was in BRINGUIER's store when he was informed by SELSO HERNANDEZ that OSWALD was distributing leaflets in front of the Maison Blanche Building. CRUZ said that 2 days before this, OSWALD had come into BRINGUIER's store and offered to help him train Cubans for the invasion of Cuba. OSWALD showed BRINGUIER a Marine Training Manual that he had, and OSWALD told BRINGUIER that this manual told how to train people for warfare. CRUZ said that he and BRINGUIER and HERNANDEZ left the store and immediately went to Canal Street where BRINGUIER and OSWALD exchanged a few words and had the fight. CRUZ said that he was arrested along with OSWALD and BRINGUIER and sat right next to OSWALD in the police car on the way to the district. He said that OSWALD never said a word either in the police car or in the district. The next time CRUZ saw OSWALD was when they had to go to court. He believes the following day. CRUZ said at this time OSWALD did not say anything to anybody, sat down and sat down in the colored section of the courtroom with some colored prisoners.

CRUZ said that he had never seen OSWALD with any strong looking Latin-American type individuals, but he could remember a strong looking Latin-American type person around 25 or 30 years old who was a little taller than OSWALD and who weighed close to 200 pounds, standing in front of the Maison Blanche Building with a camera and taking pictures of OSWALD and other people when OSWALD was distributing leaflets there. He asked a few people where they were from and seemed interested in what was going on. He was dressed in a suit and tie and wore dark glasses.

CRUZ said that he did not know ANDREW BLACKMON, and could not identify any of the people in the picture of OSWALD distributing leaflets in front of the Trade Mart. I showed him a picture and he identified BRINGUIER, CLAUDIO CRUZ and himself as being in the picture. He did not know DAVE FERRIE.

CRUZ said that he knows EMILIO SANTANA and he can remember that SANTANA was driving a big, almost new car; that SANTANA told him that he was making money working for the CIA taking people out of Cuba. CRUZ said that SANTANA came to his house one time and wanted him (CRUZ) to give him a letter and some papers which would signify that he (SANTANA) was a member of ALPHA 66. SANTANA said that this would help him collect some money for the group. CRUZ said that after SANTANA got the letter and some papers he never returned to his house. CRUZ said that SANTANA used to hang around the Florida Avenue Project by the B & C Supermarket where there used to be a lot of Cubans. CRUZ said that most of these Cubans have moved to the St. Thomas Project.

CRUZ stated that he knows ARCACHA by name only; that he doesn't know GLORIA FORD, DAVE FERRIE, CLAY SHAW, CLAY BERTRAND, DR. GUITART, or anything about the Cuban training camp across the lake.

CRUZ said that some of the members of ALPHA 66 are:

LOUIS BRETOS:

Who was the head of ALPHA 66 and is now in Miami.

LURDES BRETOS:

Sister of LOUIS BRETOS

EDUARDO DOMINGUEZ:

Now in Los Angeles, California.

ANGEL DEL HIERRO:

Who lived in the Parkchester Apartments in 1962.

DOMINGO EL QUEZABAL:

Who lived on West End Boulevard.

ARBEZU:

Head of the Cuban Union (located on University Street, 4 block from Canal Street)

FRANCIS GONZALEZ:

Who is a Loyola or Tulane professor.

SATO:

Who is now going to L.S.U. in Baton Rouge.

CARLOS WHISHMARCH:

Who went to train in a camp somewhere with MENOYO (a lieutenant in Fidel Castro's army).

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