

CUSCO, Jose, 524-6255; 2317 Corondolat, phone conversation 12/17/57

Cusco is a doct inaire, unthinking Cuban exile who is also unwilling to think. He now acknowledges that no oneman could have committed the assassination and, whether or not he so acknowledges, was a bit set back by understanding of Oswald's role and that i to which he has been cast. I doubt if he will volunteer anything in the future, but he might, as I have encouraged him to. I tried to explain that it was to the interest of all Cubans to see to it that they are not all made to suffer for the crime in which there can have been but a very few involved, that their interest, like everyone else's, is served by truth and its establishment.

He knows Ricardo Davis well, <sup>often</sup> ~~always~~ saw him with Piedra. They are friends, but he thinks that today Piedra would not get involved with Davis (he considers Davis a joke). He knows Wilfredo Mas, but I could learn nothing about Mas from him. Laughed at the mention of Arcacha's name. Thinks it unlikely Arcacha would return to ~~Hiami~~ New Orleans, from fear of what fellow Cubans would do to him. I think he ~~xs~~ estimated A's haul here at \$10,000.

He asked who had suggested that I contact him. I told him Ernesto, Jr., had given him a good character. At this he also laughed, saying it was intended as a joke on one of us because he has punched Ernesto. Ernesto pretends a strong dislike of Arcacha. However, Cusco told me this story, which I recall from another source. Ernesto tapes meeting of anti-Arcacha Cubans who sought this removal and then gave the tapes to Arcacha. One of the men of this group that he named is Ledo.

He saw Ferric and Arcacha together on several occasions. One that he recalls specifically is at a small restaurant next to the Barter (sic) Bldg. There, in 1962, Arcacha introduced him to Ferric.