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Title:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis:

Records, Tampa, Fla. PD, reflect that JERRY BUCHANAN, who allegedly fought with OSWALD in Miami in 10/62, was released from Florida State Penitentiary on 10/16/62, and was in Tampa during period 10/21-30/62. FRANK FIORINI, head of International Anti-Communist Brigade (IAB), Miami, Fla., has no knowledge that IAB or IAB member JERRY BUCHANAN was involved in any incident with OSWALD at Miami. JAMES C. BUCHANAN, former reporter for the Pompano Beach, Fla. "Sun-Sentinel", stated he has no personal or first-hand knowledge of OSWALD or OSWALD's activities. He stated his newspaper stories on OSWALD were obtained from sources he regarded as reliable, whose accuracy he did not question. He declined to reveal the identity of a printer at Miami whom he alleges printed pro-CASTRO literature for OSWALD. Concerning the alleged fight between his brother, JERRY BUCHANAN, and OSWALD, he maintains this information was received from a Cuban named SANCHEZ, a member of the organization "Los Pinos", and he has never talked to his brother about this alleged fight. He said he knows no person who was a witness to the presence of OSWALD in Miami, but thought his brother, JERRY BUCHANAN, should be contacted in that respect. When informed that his brother had been contacted and had furnished a varying account, BUCHANAN said he knew only what SANCHEZ had told him. Efforts to identify SANCHEZ through anti-CASTRO organization Los Pinos Nuevos (LPN), or through interview of one JESUS SANCHEZ, resulted negatively. Inquiries concerning a

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demonstration involving OSWALD at Miami about 3/63, as alleged by JAMES BUCHANAN, resulted in information from officers of the Cuban Refugee Center, Miami Police Officer and Miami Police records that no such demonstration occurred. Law enforcement agencies, Miami, possess no record of OSWALD.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation is predicated upon information attributed to JIM BUCHANAN, reporter for the Pompano Beach, Florida "Sun-Sentinel", alleging various activities of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Miami, Florida:

As reflected on Page 2 of the report of Special Agent JAMES J. O'CONNOR dated December 3, 1963, at Miami, Florida, in the caption "LEE HARVEY OSWALD; IS - R", an article appeared in the November 26, 1963, issue of the "Sun-Sentinel" by BUCHANAN. This article referred to FRANK FIORINI of the International Anti-Communist Brigade as BUCHANAN's source concerning OSWALD's activities in Miami. FIORINI, upon interview, as set forth in the same report, repudiated the statements attributed to him by BUCHANAN in the news article.

Also, the report of Special Agent O'CONNOR at Miami on January 25, 1964 was devoted to efforts to resolve allegations concerning OSWALD's activities at Miami, Florida, as printed in the "Sun-Sentinel" issue of December 4, 1963. The investigation bearing on the statements of that article resulted in assertions by members of the Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (Students Revolutionary Directorate) (DRE), an anti-CASTRO organization at Miami, that the news article was false in every allegation. Although this article did not appear under the by-line of JIM BUCHANAN, the latter, when interviewed at Miami on April 28, 1964, stated he had written this article, entitled, "Cover-Up by FBI Charged", but that the article had been edited.

Also, in the course of interviews of NATHANIEL WEYL of Delray Beach, Florida, and Mr. JOHN V. MARTINO of Miami Beach, Florida, as set forth in the report of Special Agent O'CONNOR at Miami dated April 4, 1964, references

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were made by both Mr. WEYL and Mr. MARTINO to the fact that some of the information they possessed concerning alleged activities of OSWALD in Miami had been received from JIM BUCHANAN, reporter for the Pompano Beach, Florida "Sun-Sentinel".

The following investigation is set forth as pertinent to the statement by JERRY BUCHANAN that he had been in a fight at Miami in October of 1962 with members of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) including LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Interview of JERRY BUCHANAN was set forth in the report of Special Agent JOSEPH T. BOSTON, dated March 30, 1964, at Mobile, Alabama.

A characterization of the FPCC is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

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AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by IC
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On April 14, 1964 Miss MARTHA BURBIN, Tampa Police Department, Identification Bureau, made available a record card showing that JERRY BUCHANAN, Tampa Police Department Number 98196 was fingerprinted October 30, 1962 as a voluntary criminal registrant. At that time, he indicated he had arrived in Tampa October 21, 1962 for reason of employment and expected to remain indefinitely. He stated he was released from the State Prison at Raiford, Florida, October 16, 1962, where he had been sentenced to a term of three years by the criminal court at Miami, on a charge of Breaking and Entering and Forgery. He was released after serving 31 months as having completed his sentence less good time. He named his nearest relative as his mother, MARY BUCHANAN, 479 Northwest 84th Lane, Miami, Florida.

BUCHANAN stated he was then residing at 212 1/2 Tyler Street, Tampa, and was employed by Darland's Bakery.

The following description of BUCHANAN was recorded at the time of his registration with the Tampa Police Department:

Name	JERRY (no middle name) BUCHANAN
Alias	Jesse L. Murphy
Birth	March 11, 1939 at Brevard, North Carolina
Race	White
Sex	Male
Marital Status	Divorced from BARBARA JANE DIXON, August, 1961, at Norfolk, Virginia
Relatives	Mother
	MARY BUCHANAN, 479 Northwest 84th Lane, Miami, Florida
	Father
	JAMES BUCHANAN, Pensacola, Florida
	Brother
	TONY MARLIN BUCHANAN, Company C327 Infantry, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

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Miss JANE WYLIE, Credit Bureau of Tampa, on April 14, 1964, made available her file on BUCHANAN, which contained only a notation that an inquiry had been received by the Credit Bureau concerning JERRY BUCHANAN, white, male, with common law wife named JOAN or JUDY. No other information was available at the Credit Bureau.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HOWARD K. RUTHERFORD:

Mrs. E. CARLSON, Manager, Sunny South Hotel, 212 1/2 Tyler Street, advised April 17, 1964 that JERRY BUCHANAN registered there in room Number 4 October 21, 1962 and remained for two weeks. He lived alone and gave no forwarding address at the time he left. Mrs. CARLSON said she knows nothing about BUCHANAN's associates or employment.

On April 20, 1964 RONNY PARK, Manager, Darland's Bakery, 5831 South Dale Mabry, advised that BUCHANAN worked there one week commencing November 1, 1962. He said he does not specifically recall how BUCHANAN happened to be employed there but presumed he was sent there by the Florida State Employment Service. He was hired as a dishwasher and part time baker's helper. He told Mr. PARK he was just out of the Army and had learned something about baking while in the Army. He quit voluntarily and Mr. PARK recalls he left one day before his week ended because he said he had a ride to some place up north, where he was going to work. Mr. PARK did not recall the place in the north where BUCHANAN was going, but he said BUCHANAN left with him an address for forwarding of his W-2 income tax form. This address was 101 Northwest Love, Miami, Florida.

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FRANK FIORINI, employed as a car salesman for Guarantee Motors, 5560 Northwest Seventh Avenue, Miami, Florida, advised he was the original founder of the anti-CASTRO organization known as the International Anti-Communist Brigade. He stated GERALDINE SEANNA of Hollywood, Florida, who had been incarcerated for an extended period by the CASTRO regime in Cuba, holds the position of Vice-President of the organization. He stated that JIM BUCHANAN, reporter for the Pompano Beach, Florida "Sun-Sentinel", is the Secretary and Director of Propaganda for the organization. FIORINI stated that in about December of 1963, he "walked out" on the organization, because he considered BUCHANAN to be excessive in his attacks on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), even going so far as to describe former President JOHN F. KENNEDY as a communist. FIORINI stated he believes in utilizing three-fourths truth and one-fourth lie in order to obtain effective propaganda, but he regarded BUCHANAN as having gone far beyond this point in the propaganda which was being written for the International Anti-Communist Brigade.

It was pointed out to Mr. FIORINI that JERRY BUCHANAN, brother of JIM BUCHANAN, upon interview during March of 1964 at Fairhope, Alabama, had stated he was a member of the International Anti-Communist Brigade at Miami, Florida for the past several years, and that during October of 1962, members of the Brigade had engaged in a fight at the Bayfront Park section of Miami with members of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) who were distributing pro-CASTRO literature.

Mr. FIORINI advised he believed such an incident as related by JERRY BUCHANAN would have come to his attention,

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 by SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR:plm Date dictated 4/14/64

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but the fact is that he had no information that the Brigade had ever been involved in such an incident, or that the FPCC had distributed pro-CASTRO literature in Miami.

It was pointed out to Mr. FIORINI that according to JERRY BUCHANAN, LEE HARVEY OSWALD was one of the members of the FPCC who was engaged in the fight in Bayfront Park, and further, that OSWALD was again in Miami as of March, 1963 distributing pro-CASTRO literature.

Mr. FIORINI stated he considered these allegations by JERRY BUCHANAN as ridiculous and without any foundation in fact. He said that as head of the International Anti-Communist Brigade, he would certainly have learned of such incidents at Miami from other members of the Brigade. Mr. FIORINI stated that this was the first he had heard that JERRY BUCHANAN claimed that OSWALD had been engaged in a fight with members of the Brigade in Bayfront Park, Miami.

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to the identity of the printer. He said he would, however, contact the printer, whom he stated is a United States citizen, non-Cuban, neither pro nor anti-CASTRO, to ascertain if the printer is willing to have his identity divulged to the Federal Bureau of Investigation(FBI). Mr. BUCANAN said it was his understanding that OSWALD had engaged in distributing the literature in Miami across the street from the "Freedom Tower", where the Cuban Refugee Center is located in Miami.

It was pointed out to Mr. BUCANAN that he had told Mr. JOHN MARTINO of Miami Beach, Florida that his brother, JERRY BUCANAN, had engaged in a fight with LEE HARVEY OSWALD at Miami, and that MARTINO could use this information in lecture engagements, inasmuch as it was true. Mr. BUCANAN was advised that according to Mr. MARTINO, the fight between JERRY BUCANAN and OSWALD occurred when OSWALD attempted to board a boat being used by JERRY BUCANAN and Cuban exiles in an anti-CASTRO operation.

It was also pointed out to Mr. BUCANAN that NATHANIEL WEYL of Delray Beach, Florida had advised that he (BUCANAN) had informed him that JERRY BUCANAN had a fight with OSWALD in Miami in about January of 1963, when OSWALD was distributing pro-CASTRO literature.

Mr. BUCANAN advised he had never discussed this matter with his brother, JERRY BUCANAN, and in fact, has not seen his brother since the assassination. He said he has talked to his brother, JERRY, on the telephone, but did not discuss the point of the alleged fight between JERRY and OSWALD. He said that his information concerning the fight came from a Cuban exile who was associated with his brother in Miami as of the beginning of November, 1962.

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He stated this Cuban exile has the surname SANCHEZ, but his first name is not known to Mr. BUCANAN. He said SANCHEZ had made a telephone call to him in care of the "Fort Lauderdale News" office at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, about five days after the assassination of President KENNEDY, and told him that JERRY BUCANAN had been in a fight with OSWALD near the Miami River. Mr. BUCANAN said his understanding of SANCHEZ was not perfect, in that SANCHEZ does not speak fluent English, and Mr. BUCANAN's Spanish is imperfect. He said that according to SANCHEZ, the basis for the fight was insistence by OSWALD that he be permitted to join JERRY BUCANAN and other exiles aboard a boat which was to be utilized in an anti-CASTRO operation.

Mr. BUCANAN stated SANCHEZ lived in the area of Southwest Third or Fourth Streets in Miami, not far from the headquarters of an anti-CASTRO organization known as the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR). Mr. BUCANAN stated he has not seen SANCHEZ in over a year. He said SANCHEZ is a member of a Cuban exile organization comprised principally of Negro members, although SANCHEZ is not a Negro. He said the name of the organization is Los Pinos. He specifically stated the organization was not known to him as Los Pinos Bayos. He described SANCHEZ as about twenty-eight to thirty years of age, 5'7" tall and 135 pounds.

Mr. BUCANAN stated that he could not identify the dock where the incident of the fight was supposed to have occurred, and he would not reveal the identity of the boat, because to do so would only result in confiscation of the boat by United States Customs authorities. He said

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OSWALD to an incident other than efforts by OSWALD to join the group at the Boat in Miami. Mr. BUCHANAN said he only knew the information concerning the incident as he had received it from SANCHEZ. He said he had a telephone number among his notes at his residence in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which he used to locate SANCHEZ, and he would try to find this number and make it available when he would visit Miami again on May 1, 1964.

In this same connection, Mr. BUCHANAN said he had told Mr. NATHANIEL WEYL of Delray Beach, Florida, that the information concerning the fight of OSWALD and JERRY BUCHANAN was third-hand to him, but that he thought it was interesting. He said that in fact, it would not be characteristic of his brother, JERRY, to be violent with another person, and so he did not fully believe such a fight had occurred.

Mr. BUCHANAN continued that it was his understanding that OSWALD had been in Miami on two separate occasions, once in the beginning of November, 1962, when the fight with JERRY BUCHANAN was reported to have occurred, and again in March of 1963, when OSWALD reportedly distributed pro-CASTRO literature across the street from the Freedom Tower, where the Cuban Refugee Relief Center is located in Miami. He said he had no witness or evidence concerning this latter event, but believed that the Police Department had taken action to break up the group distributing the literature.

Mr. BUCHANAN said that from the manner in which the FBI appeared to question the authenticity of reports that OSWALD was engaged in pro-CASTRO activity at Miami,

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On May 1, 1964, Mr. JAMES BUCHANAN telephonically left a message at the Miami Office of the FBI that the "individual did not want to comment". This is presumed to refer to the printer in Miami whom BUCHANAN had said OSWALD had utilized in the printing of pro-CASTRO material. BUCHANAN did not leave the phone number which he said he used in contact of (first name unknown) SANCHEZ, the person he claimed told him JERRY BUCHANAN and OSWALD had a fight at Miami.

On May 1, 1964, JESUS SANCHEZ MARTINEZ, born September 1, 1934 at Pinar del Rio, Cuba, advised he arrived in the United States as an exile from Cuba in September of 1962, and took up residence in the apartment of JOSE ANTONIO COSTA, 460 Southwest 11th Avenue, Miami. He stated he lived at that address until approximately December of 1963, at which time he moved to his present address, 959 Northwest Fourth Street, Miami. SANCHEZ stated he had never belonged to the organization Los Pinos Nuevos (LPN), and did not know any member of that organization. He said he had never heard of an organization known simply as "Los Pinos". SANCHEZ stated he is a member of the Movimiento Insurreccional de Recuperacion Revolucionaria (MIRR), with offices located at 403 Southwest Third Street, rear. He stated he was not acquainted with anyone named JERRY BUCHANAN, and did not know any newspaper reporter named JAMES BUCHANAN.

He said that SANCHEZ is a very common surname in Spanish. He said he had never heard any rumor or information that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been in Miami.

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