Oswald Literature Distribution
William Cody Reeves, CD 75:674
New lead for Paul Hoch

12/22/68
Harold Weisberg

What the FBI reports do not say often indicates what should be learned. This report contains the exact language of a throwaway. That, in turn, indicates that Reeves kept it or both, if not other of the Oswald literature. I think he should be interviewed in New Orleans to see if he still has copies and has recollections not recorded. This interview, three moths after the event, does show some interest by Reeves, who did keep what Oswald was handing out. Here again the agent is one of those not most active in this investigation.

His language is less precise then it might have been. For example, did he show Reeves the pictures he describes? If so, then the FBI was also equipped with newspaper pictures, something I do not recall being recorded elsewhere.

The time of day also is missing. Most people who work regularly are at their work during regular hours. Possibly this indicates Reeves saw Oswald during his lunch hour. It is also possible he was going some place on business. It seem not possible to pinpoint the time of day. It also makes no reference to the arrest, indicative this was not at the time Oswald was arrested, but not necessarily not that day.

Perhaps it is worth inquiring of the Archives for a copy of the quoted literature and any other samples Reeves may have given the FBI.

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Mr. WILLIAM CODY REEVES, 6144 Louis XIV Street, was interviewed at his office, The Enochs Sales Company, Inc., 705 Camp Street, at which time he furnished the following information:

Although he does not recall the exact date, he believes that about the middle of August, 1963, he was walking on Canal Street near Grant's Store. There was a man standing on the sidewalk at this location who was passing out some literature. Mr. REEVES said that after seeing all the television and newspaper photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the person accused of assisinating President KENNEDY, he is positive that the individual who was passing out the literature was OSWALD.

Mr. REEVES furnished the following described documents which he received from a man he believes to be LEE HARVEY OSWALD:

(1) A yellow colored throwaway with black printing, approximately 6" X 9" which reads as follows: "Hands off Cuba! Join the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, New Orleans Charter Member Branch, Free Literature, Lectures, Location: F P C C-A J. HIDELL, P. O. Box 30016, New Orleans, La., Everyone Welcome!"

(2) A white colored throwaway with black printing which reads as follows:

"The Truth about Cuba

IS IN CUBA!

"On January 16, 1961, the United States Government imposed a ban on travel by U. S. citizens to Cuba. Failure to abide by the ban is punishable by a fine of $5,000 or 5 years in jail or both. (8 USC 1185, 22 USC 225.)

"This is in clear contradiction to remarks made by President Kennedy before the United Nations on September 22, 1961, when he deplored action by any nation which 'builds a wall to keep truth a stranger and its own citizens prisoners'. It seems also to violate the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations in 1948 which states 'Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own and return to his country'.

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