

Date 11/29/63

MANUEL GIL, employee, Information Council of the Americas, Inc., 620 Gravier Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD personally and could not say that he had ever personally conversed either in person or by telephone with OSWALD. GIL stated he had become aware of OSWALD in approximately August, 1963 at which time OSWALD had been arrested by the New Orleans Police Department in connection with the passing out of leaflets by OSWALD and a fight which had developed between OSWALD and other individuals at that time. GIL stated subsequent to the arrest of OSWALD the Information Council of the Americas, Inc., had prepared a tape of a debate or interview between OSWALD, EDWARD BUTLER, Staff Director of the Information Council of the Americas, Inc., and other individuals. GIL stated the tape which they had prepared was for dissemination use in Central American countries and the debate or interview had actually occurred on a radio program, New Orleans radio station WDSU.

GIL stated there was a time when he thought an individual who had made numerous telephone calls to him was OSWALD and at that time he had related his suspicions that the person who had made the telephone calls to him was OSWALD to Mr. EDWARD BUTLER. GIL explained that the reason he had felt that the person making the telephone calls was OSWALD was simply on the basis that the voice of OSWALD which he had heard at the time of the interview, sounded very similar to the voice of the individual who had made the telephone calls to him previously.

GIL stated the person making the telephone calls to him had a first name of STEVE, but he could not recall what the last name had been. GIL advised that STEVE had first started making telephone calls to him in approximately November or December, 1961 and continued to make telephone calls until approximately January, 1962. GIL stated he had considered STEVE a "crack pot" but STEVE had called him so many times requesting that he, STEVE, be put in touch with the head of the "Cuban Resistance Group" that he, GIL, had finally referred STEVE to SERGIO ARCACHA, who was "head of an anti-Castro Cuban organization" in New Orleans, Louisiana.

On 11/27/63 at New Orleans Louisiana File # 89-69
 by SA EARL L. HASSELL /mk Date dictated 11/29/63