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CARLOS BRINGUIER, operator of Casa Roca Store, 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that he is active in anti-CASTRO Cuban groups in New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated that on August 5, 1963, he met LEE OSWALD when he came in the Cosa Roca Store and volunteered to assist in anti-CASTRO Cuban matters. The next day he returned and left a U. S. Marine Manual at the store, but he did not meet him.

On August 9, 1963, BRINGUIER stated he observed OSWALD passing out pro-CASTRO leaflets on Canal Street and he attempted to talk to him and this conversation subsequently resulted in a fist fight which resulted in his arrest and two other anti-CASTRO Cuban friends of his as well as LEE OSWALD. He advised that OSWALD appeared at Municipal Court and entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10.00. He stated that when he appeared in Municipal Court, he took a seat among the Negroe people who were present in court and was not represented by an attorney and offered no defense. Subsequent to this arrest, BRINGUIER stated that he arranged for a debate on local radio station WDSU in which they debated the effects of CASTRO's activities in Cuba.

BRINGUIER advised that he knew of no associates of OSWALD with the possible exception of a PHILIP GERACI, III, who resides in Metairie, Louisiana. He described this person as a youth about 16 years of age who came to his store a few minutes before OSWALD appeared for the first time on August 5, 1963, and offered his services to the Cubans who were anti-CASTRO, and during the time he was in the store, he gained an impression that he might be an associate of OSWALD. The only reasons he says he is possibly an associate is because they were both in the store at the same time.

Another individual that might be an associate of OSWALD because he is connected with the New Orleans Committee for Peaceful Alternatives is a [REDACTED] who lives on Alta Street in Metairie. He stated he met this individual when pro-Castros were having a rally in Jackson Square, but he did not see OSWALD at this rally.

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BRINGUIER, Cuban Student Directorate, Casa Roca Clothing Store, 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that on August 5, 1963, OSWALD came into the store and showed him a Marine guide book, stating he was a Marine who could fight against CASTRO and if he could train guerrillas. He put his hand in his pocket to contribute money to the Cuban Student Directorate. BRINGUIER stopped him and told him he had no contributions and that he was the only Cuban Student Directorate in New Orleans. OSWALD told him that "we" can infiltrate you, and BRINGUIER became suspicious of OSWALD and refused to talk with him.

He again saw OSWALD on August 9, 1963, at the store, arrested after OSWALD tried to distribute FPCC handbills on Canal Street. He again saw OSWALD at OSWALD's trial in Municipal Court, Room 33, and then saw him at 6:00 PM, August 10, 1963, at a date in which OSWALD participated over the radio in New Orleans.

He claims he has no information regarding JACK RUBY, JACK RUBENSTEIN, nor any other persons regarding FPCC, New Orleans. He stated that OSWALD and CASTRO Cubans arrested on August 9, 1963, and that OSWALD had only that contact with them.

He stated that he had learned from talking to the proprietor of the Habana Bar, 117 Decatur Street, New Orleans, that OSWALD was apparently in the Bar some time between the 20th and 30th of August, 1963, with a Mexican man whose name is unknown. This Mexican was later seen in the Bar with OSWALD. He also said that from talking to the proprietor, they have frequented the restaurant on Canal Street and Decatur Streets.

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The "Miami Herald," Miami, Florida, in the edition of September 9, 1963, on Page 1, carried an article by Herald Wire Services, datelined Havana, and captioned, "FIDEL Says Cuba Will Fight Back." This article states:

"Prime Minister FIDEL CASTRO said Sunday 'U. S. leaders' would be in danger if they helped in any attempt to do away with leaders of Cuba.

"Bitterly denouncing what he called recent U. S. promised raids on Cuban territory, CASTRO said: 'We are prepared to fight them and answer in kind. U. S. leaders should think that if they are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate Cuban leaders, they themselves will not be safe.'

"The bitterest CASTRO attack yet on President KENNEDY was made early Sunday morning in a rambling, informal post-midnight dissertation following a reception at the Brazilian Embassy."

On November 27, 1963, JOSE ANTONIO GONZALEZ LANUSA stated that he is receiving all his information concerning LEE OSWALD's attempted infiltration of the DRE from CARLOS BRENNER, the DRE delegate at New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated this attempted infiltration by OSWALD occurred in New Orleans, and not in Miami.

LANUSA stated that he had telephoned Dr. GUILLERMO BELT, former Cuban Ambassador to the United States now residing in Washington, D. C., on November 25, 1963, to discuss the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He said he explained to BELT the attempted infiltration of OSWALD into the DRE, but did not indicate to Dr. BELT that OSWALD had ever been in Miami. LANUSA stated that to the knowledge of the DRE, OSWALD had never been in Miami.

LANUSA advised that on November 26, 1963, he received a letter dated November 25, 1963, from CARLOS BRENNER of New Orleans, in which the latter enclosed an original copy of a handbill captioned, "Hands Off Cuba," and inviting membership into the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) through contact with L. H. OSWALD, 4907 Magazine, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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CARLOS BRINGUIER, Cuban Student Directorate, Operator of the Casa Roca Clothing Store, 107 Decatur Street, advised that on August 5, 1963, OSWALD came into his store and gave him a Marine guide book, stating he was an ex-Marine who could fight against CASTRO and if needed, could help train guerrillas. He put his hand in his pocket as if to contribute money to the Cuban Student Directorate, but BRINGUIER stopped him and told him he could not accept contributions and that he was the only member of the Directorate in New Orleans. OSWALD told him not to lie about it, that "we" can infiltrate you, at which time BRINGUIER became suspicious of OSWALD and would talk no more with him.

He stated he again saw OSWALD on August 9, 1963, when OSWALD was arrested after OSWALD tried to distribute Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) handbills on Canal Street. BRINGUIER again saw OSWALD at OSWALD's trial in Municipal Court August 12, 1963, and then saw him at 6:00 PM, August 21, 1963, at the debate in which OSWALD participated over radio station WDSU in New Orleans.

BRINGUIER claims he has no information regarding anyone named HIDEELL, JACK RUBY, JACK RUBENSTEIN, nor any other information regarding FPCC, New Orleans. He stated that the two anti-CASTRO Cubans arrested on August 9, 1963, in the altercation with OSWALD had only that contact with OSWALD.

BRINGUIER stated that he had learned from talking with ORESTES PENA, Proprietor of the Habana Bar, 117 Decatur Street, that OSWALD was apparently in the Bar some time between the 15th and 30th of August, 1963, with a Mexican individual, name not known. This Mexican was later seen in the Bar with another Mexican. He also said that from talking with PENA, OSWALD may have frequented the restaurant on the corner of Iberville and Decatur Streets.

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