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MEMORANDUM

TO: Messrs. Leon D. Hubert
and ~~Walter E. Griffin~~

DATE: March 11, 1964

FROM: Wesley J. Liebeler

SUBJECT: Contacts Between Oswald and
Cuban or Gangster Elements

At page 532 of Commission Document 73, one Vance Blalock relates the incident of Oswald's appearance at the headquarters of the Cuban Student Director (CSD), at which time Oswald spoke of training guerillas to oppose the Castro regime. Blalock said that Oswald spoke of guerilla operations of various types, described how easy it would be to derail a train and mentioned that he knew how to blow up bridges, etc.

Blalock said that Oswald mentioned that he knew all about guns, however, Blalock could not recall the exact details of what was discussed on that subject. Blalock said, however, that he recalled Oswald having made some reference to Florida, but once again he could furnish no details regarding those comments, but he did seem to remember Oswald mentioning something to him about recently visiting the Casa Nostra (phonetic), "a Cuban organization in Florida." Blalock's recollection was vague regarding further details on that matter, as was, apparently, either his knowledge of the exact title of the Mafia (or perhaps it was the misinformation of the FBI agent (Marrigan) that led to this misspelling).

If the above statements can be given any credence, which is somewhat doubtful in view of the tone of Blalock's statement, it certainly seems to help your notions concerning possible contacts Oswald might have had with the underworld, or with the Cubans.

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