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Report of: SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER Office: NEW ORLEANS
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Field Office File No.: NO 100-16601 Bureau File No.: 105-82555
Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Synopsis:

RUPERTO JERONIMO PENA, brother of the owner of the Habana Bar, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that about one year ago, two unknown men entered the Habana Bar. PENA states one of these persons appeared to be of Mexican nationality, and the other appeared to be a Cuban. He stated he overheard their discussion in which they spoke favorably of FIDEL CASTRO and mentioned that things were going well in Cuba under CASTRO. Because of this discussion, PENA was left with the impression that these two unknown men were pro-CASTRO and pro-communist. PENA states that on the following day he called either the FBI or Immigration and Naturalization Service (I&NS) at New Orleans and furnished information regarding the two unknown men. PENA could not be positive which agency he called, however, about four or five days later, he observed these same two unknown men in a car passing the Habana Bar, and he obtained the license of this vehicle. Thereafter, he gave the license number to CARLOS BRINGUIER and requested BRINGUIER to call the FBI. PENA stated that at this time he explained to BRINGUIER the information about their previously being in the Habana Bar and also told BRINGUIER that he had called the FBI. PENA was unable to explain why he did not know whether he had called the FBI or I&NS but was able to recall advising BRINGUIER to call the FBI, except that he had the impression he had called the FBI. PENA stated he has never observed OSWALD in the Habana Bar and had no information about OSWALD's being in the Habana Bar. PENA