

To Jim Garrison, from Harold Weisberg

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Interview with Jaime Casas

Because he had been a part-time bartender at the Habana, I interviewed Casas last night. I think he is now paranoid and do not know how dependable his recollections and observations might be. Pena had told me he has a good memory.

Casas left New Orleans about a month before the assassination. He is a Cuban and a seaman who worked at the Habana when not at sea.

He thinks he recognized Howard and connects him with a bar in California.

Garner: thinks he saw him ^{at} the Habana, served him drinks, and "I cannot forget his eyes".

Thinks he saw Banister there but unsure.

Martens: thinks he saw him the the Habana when his hair was longer (I showed the mug shot), when Martens ordered nothing - just looked around and then left.

Thornley: Thinks he saw but uncertain. It was not in bar. ^(Reverse picture)

Hicks: says he saw.

Steve Wilson: reacted to group shot and said he had rented one of the rooms atop the Habana. However, the man he recalls in this connection, he thinks, had a more effeminate face.

In the group shot he identified the jacketed ^{gun} man to the left of Howard as one he had seen in New Orleans, in 1962, not recently.