

tee had a reasonable basis to believe existed were requested. The most important were the KGB surveillance files on Oswald. It was hoped that these files particularly might have been assistance to the committee in the crucial area of trying to ascertain Oswald's motive in the assassination. Ironically the KGB may well have the most complete file in the world on this crucial aspect of Oswald's personality.

In addition, a request was made to interview officials and Soviet citizens who had contact with Oswald. The Soviet Government denied any relationship with Oswald or complicity in President Kennedy's death but declined to be of assistance, saying that it would be inappropriate for a great power to put itself in the position of having to defend itself against possible suspicion of complicity in the death of the leader of another country.

The committee posed to itself in its investigation in this area, that is, Oswald's trip to Mexico, as the following:

Was the man who visited the Cuban consulate in fact the man later accused of assassinating President Kennedy?

When did the man alleged to be Oswald visit the Cuban consulate?

What transpired at each visit?

Who were the Cuban officials who dealt with him?

Did he in fact express an intent to assassinate the President?

Did the man alleged to be Oswald have any companions in Mexico City?

The first witness who had been scheduled to be heard on Oswald's alleged trip to Mexico City was Sylvia Tirado Bazan, previously Sylvia Tirado Duran.

Ms. Tirado was employed in September 1963 as secretary to the Cuban consul in Mexico City.

Ms. Tirado was born November 22, 1937, in Mexico City. She is presently employed by the Mexican Social Security Office.

Mr. Chairman, I understand that it has not been possible to secure the appearance of Senora Tirado. I understand, however, with your permission, Mr. Cornwell has a short presentation on her testimony.

Chairman STOKES. The Chair will recognize Counsel Gary Cornwell.

Mr. CORNWELL. I might state, Mr. Chairman, that through the assistance of the Mexican Government, three members of the staff did interview Sylvia Tirado, whose present name is Sylvia Tirado Bazan, on June 6, 1978.

The Mexican Government thereafter agreed that she could come to the United States and testify at these hearings today. Mrs. Tirado Bazan also agreed to come. However, an unexpected business engagement of hers prevented her appearance here today.

There is a photo which was made of her at the time of the interview, which is being displayed on the easel and marked JFK exhibit F-433, and we also have a transcript of the interview marked for identification as JFK exhibit F-440A, and a tape recording of excerpted portions of that interview which we have marked for identification as JFK exhibit F-439.

Although the tape recording was not made for the purpose of playing it at these hearings—it was simply at the time intended as

a record of her statements—the investigation that it is of standing of a witness' testimony. Thus, with your permission, that at this time each of those and that we play for the comment.

Chairman STOKES. Without the record at this point, and ing.

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made to interview officials and Soviet about Oswald. The Soviet Government Oswald or complicity in President Kennedy to be of assistance, saying that it has a great power to put itself in the line itself against possible suspicion of being a leader of another country.

How does the Soviet Government position itself in its investigation in this area, particularly in the following:

1. How does the Cuban consulate in fact the man who was President Kennedy?

2. How does Oswald visit the Cuban consulate?

3. Who dealt with him?

4. Did he intend to assassinate the President?

5. How does Oswald have any companions in the area?

6. How did she become scheduled to be heard on Oswald's case? Sylvia Tirado Bazan, previously in New Orleans, Louisiana, was in September 1963 as secretary to the

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10. How will she recognize Counsel Gary Cornwell?

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12. How will she recognize Counsel Gary Cornwell thereafter agreed that she could come to testify at these hearings today. Mrs. Cornwell did not come. However, an unexpected business prevented her appearance here today. How was she made of her at the time of the interview? How was she displayed on the easel and marked JFK exhibit F-440A, and a tape recording of that interview which we have as JFK exhibit F-439.

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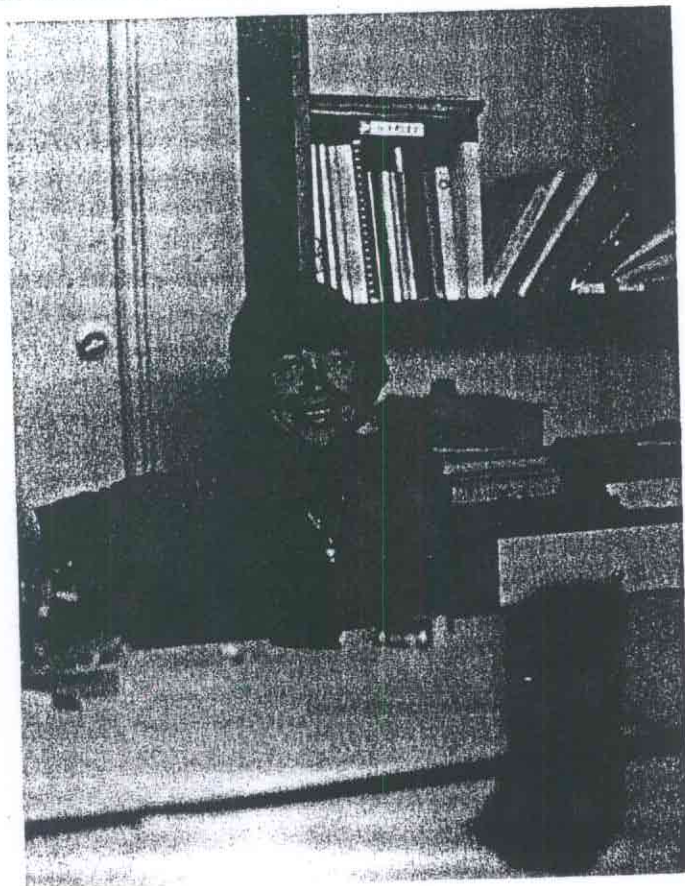
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a record of her statements—the staff has learned over the course of the investigation that it is often possible to gain a better understanding of a witness' testimony if you can hear or speak to the witness. Thus, with your permission, Mr. Chairman, I would ask that at this time each of those exhibits be admitted into evidence, and that we play for the committee selected portions of her statement.

Chairman STOKES. Without objection, they may be entered into the record at this point, and you may proceed to play the recording.

[The tape recording mentioned above, JFK exhibit F-439, is being retained in committee files.]

[The information follows:]



JFK EXHIBIT F-433