

MEMORANDUM

February 9, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: ANDREW J. SCHIMMEL, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: SHIRAZ INVESTIGATION - BY INTERVIEW WITH CLAY SHAW,
12/23/66

On the above-named case I interviewed MR. CLAY SHAW who was brought to the District Attorney's Office by Investigator LESLIE OTTEBIO. MR. SHAW informed me that he was now retired from his prior employment as director of the International Trade Mart and that he was primarily a playwright, doing some work for the La Petico Gallery Circle Theatre. He said that in 1963, his assistant was a MR. J. B. DAUBENHAUER and that in 1963 LEE HARVEY OSWALD talked to MR. DAUBENHAUER and asked him for permission to distribute leaflets in front of the Trade Mart. He said MR. DAUBENHAUER told him that he should not do this, but that OSWALD went downstairs and started to distribute the leaflets anyway. He said that there were several people downstairs with OSWALD and that there was a crowd outside and that WDSU television was on the scene taking pictures. MR. SHAW said that he had never talked to LEE HARVEY OSWALD and did not know him. He also said that at the time of the assassination he was on his way to San Francisco. MR. SHAW said that in 1963, a MR. MARQUEZ was the Cuban consul in the building and that he was very anti-CASERO as CASERO's rise to power in Cuba caused him to lose all of his fortune in Cuba. MR. MARQUEZ died approximately a year and a half ago. He informed me that even though MR. MARQUEZ could not pay the rent, he was allowed to remain in the Trade Mart for a number of months and was very active in the Cuban liberation movement. He said that he did not get to meet any of MR. MARQUEZ's acquaintances. In MARQUEZ' office were his wife, a couple of girls doing clerical work, and one other Cuban fellow. MR. SHAW said that MR. MARQUEZ' wife, who is named ROSA, is now employed at Oschner Foundation Hospital. MR. BRUNCEY, who was consultant to MARQUEZ, is now living in Miami. MR. SHAW informed me that he did not know anyone in the Cuban liberation front but that he did know some lady who placed Cuban refugees but could not remember her name at the present time. MR. SHAW said that he spends most of his time writing plays and in theater work in general and that he is involved in translating a play from Spanish into English. He said that he does not know a BRAN RODRIGUEZ and asked me what does MR. RODRIGUEZ do for a living. He also said that he does not know a MR. GUSTAF. MR. SHAW informed me that the attorney for the White House was a MR. BEN BARKERMAN. MR. SHAW also informed me that if I called MR. J. B. DAUBENHAUER (414-6140), I might be able to get the names of the persons who worked in the Cuban Consulate office with MR. MARQUEZ. MR. SHAW apologized for not having more time to talk with me but said he was leaving for Hammond that afternoon and had to go home, and wished me a Merry Christmas and left.