

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

DATE: Feb. 3, 1970

FROM : Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General

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SUBJECT: Paul L. Hoch - Request for Information in FBI Report

Lee Harvey OSWALD

Attached hereto is a request from Mr. Paul L. Hoch for access to parts of an FBI report submitted to the Warren Commission. He has been directed to our Department by the National Archives which apparently has custody of the documents he is seeking.

Would you please review this request and recommend appropriate action.

*Enclosures returned to
Deputy AG by letter
dated 2/18/70 - JNG:mkl*

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are attached to be retained
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1-06 (Enc-3)*

*Memo Gramson-Sullivan
JNG:mrb 2/6/70*

RECEIVED CALL 9/1/70
January 10 1970

Mr. R. Richards Rolapp
Special Assistant to the
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Rolapp:

I have received Mr. Kleindienst's letter of January 9, replying to my request for access to certain items in the FBI's 97-74 files.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter of January 5 to the National Archives, which is a request for disclosure of certain pages in an FBI report to the Warren Commission which are presently withheld at the request of the FBI. Mr. Eckhoff of the Archives replied that "your question concerning the withholding of pages 705 and 706 of Commission Document 75 should be addressed to the FBI." Since you have handled my previous requests, I am asking that you direct my questions to the appropriate spokesman for the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

Paul L. Hoch

Paul L. Hoch

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Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff
Director, Legislative, Social, and
Diplomatic Records Division
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408

Attn: [unclear] 1011D

Dear Mr. Eckhoff:

The Archives has previously advised me that there is no material in the name files of the Warren Commission for Carlos Quiroga, except possibly CE 1414 and CE 3119, both of which are Secret Service reports. (See my letter of March 4, 1965, and the reply dated March 21.) Quiroga is the anti-Castro Cuban who visited Oswald's home in New Orleans, indicating interest in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), and it has seemed most unlikely to me that he would not have been interviewed by the FBI. I now believe that CD 75, pages 705-706, which are withheld, do reflect an FBI interview of Quiroga. This conclusion is based on a comparison of index references for these pages with material from other sources. (See attached page.)

Quiroga did ask the Secret Service not to reveal his name, and when his friend Carlos Eringuier testified about Quiroga's contact with Oswald, his name was not put in the record (10839-42). Quiroga's meeting with Oswald was widely publicized in connection with the recent "investigation" in New Orleans, with his name used; also, in his just-published book, "Red Friday," Carlos Eringuier no longer conceals Quiroga's identity. Thus it would appear that the probable reason for withholding an interview of Quiroga at the Archives, to protect the confidentiality he requested, is no longer applicable.

I am, therefore, asking that you make these two pages available under section 2c of the Attorney General's letter of April 13, 1965, which provides that "all unclassified material which has been disclosed ... in substance in the ... published documents [of the Commission] should be made available to the public on a regular basis." The determination of what has been so disclosed is apparently to be made by the Archives, not by the agency of origin.

Should this request be denied, I wish to ask that the FBI reconsider its position that these pages should be withheld, and that you transmit this request to the FBI on my behalf.

I hope that you can tell me at this time whether the pages in question are in fact a report of an interview with Quiroga, with his name given; an interview with an unnamed individual; an interview with some other named person (e.g., Carlos Eringuier); or not an interview report at all.

Also, please tell me under which of the Guidelines 2A, 3B, and 3C (which together apply to all the withheld pages of CD 75) these specific pages are withheld. If CD 75 has a table of contents and/or a synopsis, please send me a copy. In case I have not done so explicitly before, I wish to request a list of the pages which become available as a result of the review scheduled for this year.

Sincerely yours,

Paul L. Hoch

Paul L. Hoch

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NOTES ON CD 75, PAGES 705-706

On the basis of this hypothetical reconstruction, I suspect that these pages reflect an interview with Carlos Quiroga.

Source material: (underlining added)

From "Red Friday," by Carlos Bringuier, pages 32, 35. Essentially the same material appears in Bringuier's testimony, 10439-42.

"On August 16th, Lee Harvey Oswald carried on another demonstration, this time in front of the Old (sic) International Trade Mart ... One of the leaflets he was handing out was brought to the Thompson Cafeteria where several Cubans were eating their lunches and one of them, Carlos Quiroga, brought it to the store for me to see ..."

(Referring to Oswald's conversation with Quiroga:)

"... Oswald said that he was studying languages at Tulane University, which later proved to be a lie. Oswald accused us, the anti-Castro Cubans, of being criminals and also showed special animosity against the Somoza regime in Nicaragua. He defended Castro's oppression of the Cuban people.... Oswald gave Quiroga ... an application to become a member of Fair Play for Cuba Committee"

- From CE 3119, p. 20 (Secret Service interview):

"Carlos [Quiroga] said he had been willing to join the Fair Play for Cuba group provided it was done with the backing of the FBI or the local police force. He said he had made this known to Lt. Martello, NCPD, who apparently forgot about it."

"He stated he was furnishing the following information in confidence for the reason his father is in prison in Cuba"

The only other index references to these two pages are "Hidell, (FNU)", "Ruby, Jack Leon," and "Rubenstein, Jack." Of course, the FBI frequently asked witnesses who had known Oswald if they knew Ruby or anyone by the name of Hidell (which may also have been on the literature Quiroga saw).

References from
Index to CD 75:

International Trade Mart (705)
Thompson's Restaurant (705)

Bringuier, Carlos (705)

Tulane University (705)

Somoza, Government of (705)

Castro, Fidel (705)
Fair Play for Cuba
Committee (705, 706)

Martello, Lt. Francis (705)

(If he said this to the
FBI, that would explain
the absence of an index
listing for Quiroga.)

Paul L. Hoch
January 5, 1969

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The Deputy Attorney General

February 9, 1970

Director, FBI ¹⁰⁵⁻⁸²⁵⁵⁵⁻⁵⁶³⁵
EX-103 REC-95
PAUL L. HOCH
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN FBI REPORT

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. K. M. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

Reference is made to your communication dated February 3, 1970, captioned as above.

Mr. Hoch requests disclosure of pages 705 and 706 of Commission Document 75, which he believes report an FBI interview with Mr. Carlos Quiroga. These are pages 705 and 706 of the report of this Bureau dated December 2, 1963. This report concerns Lee Harvey Oswald and was made at Dallas by Special Agent Warren C. DeBrueys. Pages 705 and 706 do, in fact, report an interview with Mr. Quiroga. I am enclosing copies of the two pages in question for your information. You will note that Mr. Quiroga's identity is concealed by a "T" symbol.

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COMM-FBI

These two pages are presently included in that material of the Warren Commission still withheld from the public. They were withheld from the public because of Mr. Quiroga's specific statement, made at the time he was interviewed on November 27, 1963, that he was furnishing this information on a strictly confidential basis, inasmuch as his father was imprisoned in Cuba and his mother was still living there.

Our New Orleans Office is being instructed to locate and interview Mr. Quiroga to determine whether or not he still desires that the interview be kept on a strictly confidential basis. You will be immediately advised of the results of the recontact of Mr. Quiroga.

For your information, the two pages in question were withheld from the public under Guideline 3(C) of the guidelines established in 1965 to govern the public disclosure of Warren Commission records.

Enclosures - 2
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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
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- Mr. Casper
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FBI REC'D OFFICE

Handwritten notes and signatures: "WEL", "3/11/70", "T.N.G.", "W.A.B.", "C.D.D.", "A.R.", "K.M.R.", "W.C.S.", "T.N.G.", "W.A.B.", "C.D.D.", "A.R.", "K.M.R.", "W.C.S." with checkmarks.

2 - New Orleans (100-16601) (Enclosures - 3) SEE NOTE PAGE TWO
1 - Dallas (100-10461) (Enclosures - 3)

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SEE NOTE FOR NEW ORLEANS AND DALLAS ON PAGE TWO

The Deputy Attorney General

NOTE FOR SACs, NEW ORLEANS AND DALLAS:

Enclosed for recipients are the following:

One copy of Justice Department communication dated 2/3/70, captioned as above;

One copy of letter of Paul L. Hoch dated 1/24/70, addressed to Mr. R. Richards Kolapp;

One copy of letter of Paul L. Hoch dated 1/5/70, addressed to Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff.

Recipients are referred to Dallas report of SA Warren C. DeBruys dated 12/2/63 concerning Lee Harvey Oswald. Pages 705 and 706 of this report are the pages in question in this matter.

Recipients are also referred to the seven-page New Orleans teletype to the Bureau and Dallas dated 11/28/63 at 2:10 a.m. This teletype reports the results of the 11/27/63 interview conducted by SA John T. Reynolds of Carlos Quiroga, 3134 Derby Place. This teletype relates in paragraph one that Quiroga furnished his information on a strictly confidential basis since his father was imprisoned in Cuba and his mother still lived there.

New Orleans locate and interview Quiroga. Call his attention to the 11/27/63 interview and to his request made at that time that it be kept strictly confidential. Determine from him if he still desires that it be kept strictly confidential, and if so, determine his present reasons for this.

Handle immediately so Justice Department can be promptly advised.

Copy for Dallas is for its information.

NOTE:

See memorandum W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, same caption, dated 2/6/70, prepared by TNG:mkl.