Interview with Ophelia Navarre

Ophikia is a large Cuban barmaid who has worked at the Habana since late 1959 or early 1960. Pena acted as Ttranslator ekhen necessary. There is a tape. Louis has.

During this interview Pena provided me with moreinfermation on "Mr. Pete" (Pedrecite), who had operated the restaurant where El Cid new is, at the far corner and on the same side of the same block of Decatur St. Pete was a Greek. The ewner of the Athena Reom at 127 Decatur, Captain Young, was a good friend with whem Pete accasionally worked. Young is also a ship's chandler (downstairs in his building). Mr. Pete had a heart attack and Young was present. Young is a good friend of the widow. Tete was not interested in medernizing his ways or place and closed early in the night. He opened early in the morning (5 a.m.).

9phelia found the face of the Negro in the Dilas arrest picture familiar.

In the group picture taken at the key she pointed out Wilson and said she recalled asking himser his ID cardfor he seemed too young.

The man in the center front, with the cap, seemed familiar. Extringuished and a seemed familiar. Extringuished and a seemed familiar. In the cap, seemed familiar. It is a seemed familiar. It is a

She recognized Pepe Mayoral and Shawand said she had seen both at the Marina. It is my recollection that she described epe as a good friend of Andrew Pena.

Banister seemed to knew.

Matrens strong reaction, excited. She identified him as the young man who had tried to rob her once when Orest was not there. She says she grabbed the Habana gun and chased him. Pena also was excited, for the first he knew of the attempted robbery of his own establishment was when he heard it on the car radio. She could not place the time.

Recognized Beckham (picture 102-and I think her recognition, in most if not all cases, except where specified, meant inflabana).

Dalzell\*"Many times, long ago".

Jack Lawrence-"long ago".

Howard-certain identification in a Canal Street restaurant the exact location of which I never got. Pen thinks the address is close to his. The restaurant was known as "Jee's". Her reactions was strong. She picked the Hall cigar picture and said he was in so the same restaurant at the same time, but she placed one at a table, the other at a counter.

She was never interviewed by the FBI although she was working the time of the drunk, as the most perfunctory inquiry would have a revealled. After we finished and were walking to the car she recalled that a girl named Gladys also worked at the Habana then and for a short while later. Evariste Rodriguez's wife also. She suggested a careful approach to one Chara Manguila (approx), former barmaid now stripper, a lesbian who is well-connected with the upper strata of homesexuals of both sexes (with/a suggestion of some knowledge of Shaw). There is a separate memo on her and her friend who is with Delta. She told Pena to keep his mouth closed about events related to the assassination in a manner he took to indicate she was relaying a warning.

Ophelia was quite willing to specify that she didn't knew er didn't recall, yet her rate of identification seems to me to be high. On Banister, I wonder if she had Shaw in mind. The only picture I had of hill is a dark copy of a small newspaper photo.

As the others also did, she took a long look at Novel and then said she didn't know him.