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The President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY by letter dated August 28, 1964, requested investigation be conducted in order to determine the reputation for veracity of SYLVIA ODIO. Miss ODIO has previously furnished information to the President's Commission regarding a visit to her apartment around the latter part of September, 1963, of three individuals, one of whom she believes to have been LEE HARVEY OSWALD and two other men whom she does not know but who identified themselves to her as members of the Cuban underground movement.

In its efforts to resolve this question of the true identity of the American individual, who had visited her apartment on the night in question and whom Miss ODIO believes was OSWALD, the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has researched its files in an effort to identify any particular individual who might have been in the Dallas area during the period in question in an effort to determine whether it was possibly someone other than OSWALD who appeared with the two men at Miss ODIO's apartment.

The records of the Dallas Office of the FBI reflect that one LORAN EUGENE HALL was arrested by the Dallas Police Department on October 17, 1963, on a charge of investigation for violation of the Dangerous Drug Law. HALL was arrested in the company of WILLIAM HOUSTON SEYMOUR. Subsequent investigation determined that LORAN EUGENE HALL has been active in the anti-CASTRO movement and in 1963 had travelled between Miami, Florida, and Los Angeles, California, making speeches and soliciting funds to finance Cuban exile raids.

In mid-1963, HALL left the Los Angeles area and became active in the organization known as the "Committee to Free Cuba", which is described as a group attempting to raise funds to channel to any legitimate organization attempting to overthrow FIDEL CASTRO.

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On November 11, 1963, Dallas T-1 , who is acquainted with various individuals active in anti-CASTRO activities in the Miami area, advised that HALL and WILLIAM HOUSTON SEYMOUR visited Dallas, Texas, in October, 1963, to collect financial donations under the guise of representing an anti-CASTRO organization.

An associate of HALL's is LAWRENCE HOWARD, a soldier of fortune, who also uses the nicknames of "LARRY" and "MEXICAN". HOWARD is described as an individual of Mexican-American descent who, during the summer of 1963, went with HALL to California.

It is noted that SYLVIA ODIO has advised that she believes that the two "Cubans", who accompanied the individual she believes to have been OSWALD to her apartment in September, 1963, were not actually Cubans, but possibly Mexicans.

ODIO has previously noted that the individual she believes was OSWALD spoke only a few words in Spanish to her.