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On September 11, 1964, Cesar Odio, age 28, resident at 1600 Southwest 82nd Place, Miami, Florida, and employed in the office of Maule Industries, Miami, stated he is the brother of Sylvia Odio, presently living in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Odio said he left Cuba in October, 1960, and Sylvia, age 27, and her husband and their children left Cuba about December, 1960, and took up residence in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

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The father and mother of Odio were arrested by the Castro regime in October, 1961, for activities against the government and they have been sentenced to 30 and 9 years imprisonment, respectively.

Mr. Odio said he is the oldest of ten children, all now in the United States.

He said Sylvia divorced her husband in 1963 and moved to Dallas, Texas, with her four children about July, 1963. He did not see her again until August, 1964, when he visited Dallas. He said he had no information concerning the incident wherein Sylvia was visited (about September, 1963) at her apartment in Dallas by three individuals, one of whom she believes was Lee Harvey Oswald, who said they were associated with the anti-Castro organization JURE (Cuban Revolutionary Junta). He said he can only presume Sylvia is correct about what she saw. Mr. Odio said he knows no acquaintance of Sylvia or other individual named Leopoldo, who might be identical with the person of the war-name "Leopoldo" stated by Sylvia to be one of the three persons, including Oswald, who had visited her apartment.

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Mr. Odio stated his sisters, Sylvia and Sara, age 23, who recently married James Mier at Dallas, both hoped to see President Kennedy when he visited Dallas on November 22, 1963. They were waiting at the Trade Mart in Dallas when news was received that President Kennedy had been shot. He said his sisters hoped to ask President Kennedy to obtain release of their parents, or at least their mother, from Cuba. He said Sylvia fainted at the news of the shooting and subsequently had a nervous breakdown from which she is still suffering. He said Sylvia's breakdown may also have been due in part to her divorce and to the imprisonment of her parents.

Cuba On September 11, 1964, Mrs. Silvia G. Herrera, 118 Southeast 12th Terrace, Miami, stated she is the mother of Guillermo Herrera, who divorced Sylvia Odio at Ponce, Puerto Rico, in July, 1963. Mrs. Herrera said she had no knowledge of the incident wherein Sylvia Odio believes Lee Harvey Oswald had come to her Dallas apartment with two other men, who said they represented JURE. Mrs. Herrera said she could not think of anyone named Leopoldo who might be identical with the three men who visited Sylvia Odio.

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Mrs. Herrera advised that both her son, Guillermo, and Sylvia and their children, then three, left Cuba before the end of 1960, and settled in Ponce, Puerto Rico, where Guillermo Herrera, age 30, an industrial engineer, graduated from Georgia Tech and obtained employment with Western Fher Laboratories, Inc. In April, 1962, Mrs. Herrera visited her son and family in Ponce, at which time a fourth child was born to Sylvia. Then, in June, 1962, Guillermo Herrera was sent by his employer to Germany for training to last approximately six months. It was during this period, after Mrs. Herrera had returned to Miami and Guillermo had gone to Germany, that Mrs. Herrera learned Sylvia Odio was apparently neglecting her four children. Mrs. Herrera explained that her other son, age 20, was staying at the residence of Sylvia in Ponce, working and attending college at the time.

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Through her son, Mrs. Herrera learned Sylvia had put the children out with friends and was herself going out nights. When Guillermo Herrera returned to Ponce from Germany in December, 1962, he requested Mrs. Herrera to come to Ponce to help care for the children. In March, 1963, Sylvia left Ponce and went to Dallas, Texas, where she obtained psychiatric treatment from one or possibly two doctors; one of these doctors may have examined Jack Ruby, assassin of Oswald. When Sylvia went to Dallas, she said she intended to write novels for magazines, and took a typewriter with her. She frequently telephoned to Ponce to say she could not see her husband and children for two or three years. Her husband, however, had received a letter from Sylvia's psychiatrist in Dallas, advising that Sylvia could lead a normal life. TEXAS

In approximately June, 1963, Sylvia appeared in Ponce without notice. She then filed suit for divorce but her husband filed a countersuit, which Sylvia did not contest. The husband was awarded custody of the four children, but gave Sylvia written consent to take the children to Dallas. The husband had lost his job due to the problems of caring for his family.

Mrs. Herrera stated Sylvia Odio is very intelligent and does whatever she sets her mind to. In Mrs. Herrera's opinion, Sylvia is also very conceited and vain of her physical beauty and of her brains. Also, according to Mrs. Herrera, Sylvia is a naturally excellent actress and succeeds in obtaining sympathy of others.

Mrs. Herrera said that she, herself, and her two sons enjoyed considerable wealth in Cuba, and Sylvia and her family were also very wealthy. Sylvia's father was self-made, having built a substantial trucking business in Cuba. Sylvia's parents have been involved in Cuban revolutionary affairs through several regimes.

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Mrs. Herrera said she believed Sylvia was unable to adjust to the relative hardships of exile from Cuba. Also the imprisonment of her parents had considerable effect on Sylvia's stability. Mrs. Herrera stated that while she could not judge the accuracy of Sylvia's belief that Oswald and two other men had visited her apartment, she is satisfied that Sylvia could intelligently fabricate an incident if so motivated.

On September 11, 1964, Mrs. Grethel Esteves de ^{Cuba} Martinez, 9250 Southwest 31st Terrace, Miami, stated she is a second cousin of Sylvia Odio. Sylvia's youngest sister, age 6, resides with Mrs. Martinez. Mrs. Martinez said she last saw Sylvia when Sylvia and her children passed through Miami en route to Dallas, Texas, from Puerto Rico, in the Summer of 1963. Mrs. Martinez said she could not comment on the accuracy of Sylvia's information concerning Lee Harvey Oswald appearing at her apartment with two other men. She said Sylvia has had psychiatric treatment since going to Dallas, but seemed quite normal when she came through Miami in the Summer of 1963. She said she believes Sylvia has decided to change from Catholic to another religion but did not know if Sylvia's emotional state influenced this decision. Mrs. Martinez said she had no idea who Leopoldo, named by Sylvia Odio as a companion of Oswald, might be.

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