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LAWRENCE JOHN HOWARD, Jr., advised he was born January 17, 1935, at Los Angeles, California, and currently resides with his wife, ROSE HOWARD, and two young daughters at 3191 Blanchard Street, Los Angeles, California. HOWARD stated he is currently employed at the I.T.E. Circuit Breaker Company, in East Los Angeles.

HOWARD stated that in January, 1963, he was in the Florida Keys engaged in training activity with a group of men planning for an anti-CASTRO invasion of Cuba. HOWARD stated that he did not want to identify these men further by name or description. HOWARD stated that he met and briefly conversed with LORAN EUGENE HALL at a bar in Miami, Florida, during one evening and this was the first time he had ever met HALL. This conversation could not have extended for more than 15 minutes. HALL told HOWARD that he had been with FIDEL CASTRO in Cuba during the revolutionary period of 1958. HALL related to HOWARD how he had defected from CASTRO prior to the revolutionary victory when he discovered that CASTRO was a Communist. HALL, according to HOWARD, appeared to be sincerely interested in the anti-CASTRO movement and offered to obtain medical supplies and funds to support a 'small invasion group.' HOWARD said he thought nothing more of HALL's remarks at this time in January, 1963.

HOWARD said that he returned to Los Angeles, California, to be with his family during late August, 1963. He recalled that he remained in Los Angeles for about 17 days prior to departing for return to Florida. During this time, HALL contacted HOWARD and stated that he had gathered some medical supplies for the anti-CASTRO movement and had contacted an unknown man in Dallas, Texas, who was willing to furnish a boat for the group's invasion attempt.

HALL desired to have HOWARD accompany him with these supplies on the trip back to Florida. HOWARD stated that one CELLIOS ALBAS, a Cuban refugee who is also known as 'QUARITO' and who was one of a group of anti-CASTRO persons training to land in Cuba, had come with HOWARD

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from Florida and had been visiting at HOWARD's home. HOWARD states that ALBAS was last known residing at 218 Northwest 15th Avenue, Apartment 307, Miami, Florida.

On about September 17, 1963, HOWARD, LORAN HALL and CELLIOS ALBAS, departed Los Angeles driving HALL's 1956 Oldsmobile and pulling a luggage carrier. HALL planned to stop in Dallas to pick up additional supplies, funds and contact an unknown man regarding a boat. They arrived in Dallas on about September 20, 1963, and all three thereafter registered at a motel located near a memorial park on the main highway leading out of Dallas toward Florida. HOWARD could not remember the name of this motel. HOWARD said they remained in Dallas for about ten days, during which HALL was busy making contacts to obtain additional supplies and attempted to contact this unknown man whom HALL had previously stated would furnish a boat large enough for a small invasion group. HOWARD said that HALL was most secretive about this unknown man and never named him or further described him. HOWARD said that on some of those contacts by HALL, he and CELLIOS ALBAS were present. On other such contacts, HALL insisted on going alone. HOWARD said that at this time he, HALL, and ALBAS all had heavy beards.

HOWARD stated that he recalls no contacts which he made with 'a Cuban woman named ODIO at an apartment on Magellan Circle in Dallas.' HOWARD is certain he would have remembered such a contact if it had occurred. HOWARD stated that the circumstances concerning a Cuban refugee woman living in Dallas would have certainly spurred his memory and therefore he is positive that he has no knowledge of such a personal contact.

HOWARD stated that the only KIKI FERRER he knows is one KIKI MASFERRER, a well known Cuban refugee and dentist now residing at Miami, Florida. This KIKI MASFERRER, according to HOWARD, is the brother of ROLANDO MASFERRER, who is well known in the anti-CASTRO movements. HOWARD states he has never known this KIKI MASFERRER to have resided in Dallas, Texas.

HOWARD stated he had no personal knowledge of, or acquaintance with LEE HARVEY OSWALD until after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and then only to the extent of what he had read in the local press.

HOWARD said that he, HALL, and ALBAS departed Dallas around September 30, 1963, and drove in HALL's automobile to the Florida Keys. HOWARD stated he was anxious to return to the training activity with this invasion group. HOWARD specifically recalls that they left behind in Dallas, the luggage carrier with the medical supplies. HOWARD stated that later during the middle of October, LORAN HALL and BILL SEYMOUR, another member of the anti-CASTRO group in training in the Florida Keys, drove HALL's automobile back to Dallas to pick up the luggage carrier and make further arrangements for a boat.

HOWARD later learned that HALL and SEYMOUR were arrested in Dallas by the police shortly after their arrival and were charged with possession of "dangerous drugs." HOWARD said they told him that they were released after one day. HOWARD said that HALL and SEYMOUR then returned to the Florida Keys with the luggage carrier and medical supplies. HALL told HOWARD that he had not been successful in obtaining a boat from the unknown benefactor in Dallas, Texas. HOWARD recalled that HALL and SEYMOUR arrived back in the Florida Keys late in October, 1963.

HOWARD stated that he has no knowledge that LORAN HALL or BILL SEYMOUR had any knowledge of, or were acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD during September, 1963.

LAWRENCE HOWARD furnished the following description of himself:

Name:	LAWRENCE J. HOWARD, Jr.
Born:	January 17, 1935, Los Angeles, California
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	29

Height: 5' 11"  
Weight: 222 pounds (200 in September, 1963)  
Hair: Black, wavy  
Eyes: Brown  
Complexion: Medium olive  
Characteristics: Mustache, had beard in September, 1963, speaks English fluently and also Spanish fluently  
Build: Fat

HOWARD furnished the following description of  
CELLIOS ALBAS:

Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Nationality: Cuban  
Age: 35  
Height: 5' 10"  
Weight: 160 pounds  
Hair: Light brown  
Eyes: Dark brown  
Complexion: Dark  
Characteristics: Speaks little English.

HOWARD stated ALBAS bears no resemblance to  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

HOWARD furnish shapshots of himself, CELLIOS  
ALBAS and BILL SEYMOUR taken during 1963 somewhere in  
the Florida Keys.

LAWRENCE HOWARD stated that he has not been on  
friendly terms with LORAN EUGENE HALL since about January,  
1964, in that HALL is basically responsible for having  
destroyed the effort which HOWARD, SEYMOUR and others of  
an invasion group had made to effect a successful invasion  
of Cuba. HOWARD said that HALL is "a scatter brain,  
unreliable, emotionally disturbed and an egotistical liar."