

Odio insists she told at least two people, before the assassination, that three men, including Oswald, had visited her apartment. One of the people she told was Lucille Connell. But when the FBI questioned her in 1964, Connell said that Odio only told her about Oswald after the assassination, and then said she not only knew Oswald, but he had given talks to groups of Cuban refugees in Dallas.⁴⁶ The second person Odio contended she told before the assassination was her psychiatrist, Dr. Einspruch. He was not questioned until 1978, by the Select Committee, fifteen years after the event. He said he was certain she had told him of the three visitors, but he did not remember hearing the name Leon or about the Leopoldo telephone call before the assassination.⁴⁷

On the day JFK was killed, Odio suffered one of her emotional seizures, passed out, and was hospitalized. "My mind was going around in circles," she recalled.⁴⁸ Dr. Einspruch spoke to her the day after the assassination, while she was still hospitalized. That is when he first remembered that Odio, who had a tendency to "exaggerate," connected her visitors to Oswald and the assassination "in a sort of histrionic way."⁴⁹ One of Odio's brothers, Cesar, described how his sister suffered a nervous breakdown after the Kennedy assassination, and that she still had the effects nearly a year later.⁵⁰ He blamed her divorce and the imprisonment of their parents in Cuba for her emotional collapse. Silvia Herrera, her mother-in-law, went so far as to say that Odio was an excellent actress who could intelligently fabricate such an episode if she wished.⁵¹ A confidential FBI informant, who was an Odio friend, told the Bureau "that one of her main difficulties [is] that she cannot rationalize herself to the fact that she is no longer the daughter of a wealthy individual who will grant her every request, and she will perform various actions in an attempt to become the center of attractions."⁵² The informant advised the FBI that Odio's family is "split in their opinion . . . some being of the opinion that she is almost crazy, and the others offering their condolences at her troubles and offering her assistance."⁵³ Another friend confirmed to the FBI that Odio was extremely lonesome in Dallas, sought to gain attention from others, and had an excellent imagination and a tendency toward exhibitionism.⁵⁴