

duced to Mrs. Odio as "Leon Oswald," and she was told that he was very much interested in the Cuban cause.⁷¹³ Mrs. Odio said that the men told her that they had just come from New Orleans and that they were then about to leave on a trip.⁷¹⁴ Mrs. Odio testified that the next day Leopoldo called her on the telephone and told her that it was his idea to introduce the American into the underground "because he is great, he is kind of nuts."⁷¹⁵ Leopoldo also said that the American had been in the Marine Corps and was an excellent shot, and that the American said the Cubans "don't have any guts * * * because President Kennedy should have been assassinated after the Bay of Pigs, and some Cubans should have done that, because he was the one that was holding the freedom of Cuba actually."⁷¹⁶

Although Mrs. Odio suggested doubts that the men were in fact members of JURE,⁷¹⁷ she is certain that the American who was introduced to her as Leon Oswald was Lee Harvey Oswald.⁷¹⁸ Her sister, who was in the apartment at the time of the ~~visit~~ visit by the three men, ~~and possibly~~ saw them briefly in the hallway when answering the door, also believed that the American was Lee Harvey Oswald.⁷¹⁹ By referring to the date on which she moved from her former apartment, October 1, 1963, Mrs. Odio fixed the date of the alleged visit on the Thursday or Friday immediately preceding that date, i.e., September 26 or 27. She was positive that the visit occurred prior to October 1.⁷²⁰

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~~It is clear, however, that Oswald could not have been in Dallas on the evening of either September 26 or 27, 1963, and there is considerable evidence that he was not in Dallas anytime between the beginning of September and October 3, 1963. On April 24, Oswald left Dallas for New Orleans, where he lived until his trip to Mexico City in late September and his subsequent return to Dallas. As previously set forth, Oswald is known to have been in New Orleans as late as September 23, 1963, the date on which Mrs. Paine and Marina Oswald left New Orleans for Dallas.⁷²¹ Sometime between 4 p.m. on September 24 and 1 p.m. on September 25, Oswald cashed an unemployment compensation check at a store in New Orleans;⁷²² under normal procedures this check would not have reached Oswald's postal box in New Orleans until at least 5 a.m. on September 25,⁷²³ and the store at which he cashed the check did not open until 8 a.m.⁷²⁴ Therefore, Oswald's presence in New Orleans until sometime between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on September 25 seems well established.~~

~~There is no firm evidence of the means by which Oswald traveled from New Orleans to Houston, on the first leg of his Mexico City trip, but a Continental Trailways bus leaving New Orleans at 12:30 p.m. on September 25 would have brought Oswald to Houston at 10:50 p.m. that evening,⁷²⁵ and his presence on this bus would be consistent with other evidence before the Commission.⁷²⁶ There is evidence, however, that at 2:35 a.m. on September 26, Oswald boarded Continental Trailways bus No. 5133 in Houston and traveled on this bus to Laredo, Tex. Bus company records disclose that one ticket from Houston to Laredo was sold during the night shift on September 25-26, which was the~~

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