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January 5, 1970
Attention: NND

Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff
Director; Legislative, Judicial, and
Diplomatic Records Division
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Mr. Eckhoff:

The Archives has previously advised me that there is no material in the name files of the Warren Commission for Carlos Quiroga, except possibly CE 1414 and CE 3119, both of which are Secret Service reports. (See my letter of March 4, 1968, and the reply dated March 21.) Quiroga is the anti-Castro Cuban who visited Oswald's home in New Orleans, indicating interest in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (WR 408), and it has seemed most unlikely to me that he would not have been interviewed by the FBI. I now believe that CD 75, pages 705-706, which are withheld, do reflect an FBI interview of Quiroga. This conclusion is based on a comparison of index references for these pages with material from other sources. (See attached page.)

Quiroga did ask the Secret Service not to reveal his name, and when his friend Carlos Bringuier testified about Quiroga's contact with Oswald, his name was not put in the record (10H39-42). Quiroga's meeting with Oswald was widely publicized in connection with the recent "investigation" in New Orleans, with his name used; also, in his just-published book, "Red Friday," Carlos Bringuier no longer conceals Quiroga's identity. Thus it would appear that the probable reason for withholding an interview of Quiroga at the Archives, to protect the confidentiality he requested, is no longer applicable.

I am, therefore, asking that you make these two pages available under section 2c of the Attorney General's letter of April 13, 1965, which provides that "all unclassified material which has been disclosed ... in substance in the ... published documents [of the Commission] should be made available to the public on a regular basis." The determination of what has been so disclosed is apparently to be made by the Archives, not by the agency of origin.

Should this request be denied, I wish to ask that the FBI reconsider its position that these pages should be withheld, and that you transmit this request to the FBI on my behalf.

I hope that you can tell me at this time whether the pages in question are in fact a report of an interview with Quiroga, with his name given; an interview with an unnamed individual; an interview with some other named person (e.g., Carlos Bringuier); or not an interview report at all.

Also, please tell me under which of the Guidelines 3A, 3B, and 3C (which together apply to all the withheld pages of CD 75) these specific pages are withheld. If CD 75 has a table of contents and/or a synopsis, please send me a copy. In case I have not done so explicitly before, I wish to request a list of the pages which become available as a result of the review scheduled for this year.

Sincerely yours,

Paul L. Hoch

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NOTES ON CD 75, PAGES 705-706

On the basis of this hypothetical reconstruction, I suspect that these pages reflect an interview with Carlos Quiroga.

Source material: (underlining added)

From "Red Friday," by Carlos Bringuier, pages 32,35. Essentially the same material appears in Bringuier's testimony, 10H39-42.

"On August 16th, Lee Harvey Oswald carried on another demonstration, this time in front of the Old (sic) International Trade Mart ... One of the leaflets he was handing out was brought to the Thompson Cafeteria where several Cubans were eating their lunches and one of them, Carlos Quiroga, brought it to the store for me to see ..."

(Referring to Oswald's conversation with Quiroga:)

"... Oswald said that he was studying languages at Tulane University, which later proved to be a lie. Oswald accused us, the anti-Castro Cubans, of being criminals and also showed special animosity against the Somoza regime in Nicaragua. He defended Castro's oppression of the Cuban people.... Oswald gave Quiroga ... an application to become a member of Fair Play for Cuba Committee"

From CE 3119, p. 20 (Secret Service interview):

"Carlos [Quiroga] said he had been willing to join the Fair Play for Cuba group provided it was done with the backing of the FBI or the local police force. He said he had made this known to Lt. Martello, NOPD, who apparently forgot about it."

"He stated he was furnishing the following information in confidence for the reason his father is in prison in Cuba"

References from
Index to CD 75:

International Trade Mart (705)
Thompson's Restaurant (705)

Bringuier, Carlos (705)

Tulane University (705)

Somoza, Government of (706) (si)

Castro, Fidel (705)
Fair Play for Cuba
Committee (705,706)

Martello, Lt. Francis (706)

(If he said this to the
FBI, that would explain
the absence of an index
listing for Quiroga.)

The only other index references to these two pages are "Hidell, (FNU)", "Ruby, Jack Leon," and "Rubenstein, Jack." Of course, the FBI frequently asked witnesses who had known Oswald if they knew Ruby or anyone by the name of Hidell (which may also have been on the literature Quiroga saw).

Paul L. Hoch
January 5, 1969

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From CE 3119, p. 21: "He said he did not contact the FBI for the reason on a previous occasion he had notified their office that Oswald was handing out what he assumed to be pro-communist literature in front of the ... [ITM] ... and the FBI had given him the cold shoulder." There's more here than meets the eye. Perhaps at the time the FBI already had a man at the scene. If, however, Quiroga turns up on these pages as "a source who has provided reliable information in the past," we've got something to think about. Very interesting.

The passage about Quiroga's father quoted above continues as follows: "and if the wrong persons should learn that he is cooperating with the Government, he feels that the Castro Government might harm his mother and father." You would have to be fairly paranoid to think Castro would get upset by someone cooperating with the Secret Service in such a case. If he was referring to his work with Bringuier and the other anti-Castro Cubans, his fear may be justified, but was his work a secret? If, however, he was referring to being an FBI informant

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408



DATE: January 21, 1970
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: NND
SUBJECT: Records of the Warren Commission. (Your letter of January 5, 1970).

TO: Mr. Paul L. Hoch
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Your question concerning the withholding of pages 705 and 706 of Commission Document 75 should be addressed to the FBI.

Guidelines 3A, 3B and 3C apply to the withheld pages in Commission Document 75, but there is no break-down for specific pages withheld.

Enclosed find the Synopsis and Table of Contents for Commission Document 75, requested in the above dated letter.

We will send you a list of any pages that become available as a result of the review of the withheld records. The review is expected to begin in May of this year.

Sincerely,


MARK G. ECKHOFF

Director
Legislative, Judicial and
Diplomatic Records Division

Enclosure

2537 Regent St., Apt. 202
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January 24, 1970

Mr. R. Richards Rolapp
Special Assistant to the
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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Rolapp:

I have received Mr. Kleindienst's letter of January 9, replying to my request for access to certain items in the FBI's 97-74 files.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter of January 5 to the National Archives, which is a request for disclosure of certain pages in an FBI report to the Warren Commission which are presently withheld at the request of the FBI. Mr. Eckhoff of the Archives replied that "your question concerning the withholding of pages 705 and 706 of Commission Document 75 should be addressed to the FBI." Since you have handled my previous requests, I am asking that you direct my questions to the appropriate spokesman for the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

Paul L. Hoch

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

March 25, 1970

Mr. Paul L. Hoch
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Dear Mr. Hoch:

In your letter of January 24, 1970 addressed to Mr. R. Richards Rolapp, Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General, you request disclosure of pages 705 and 706 of Warren Commission Document 75.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the pages you requested. These pages do in fact report an interview with Mr. Carlos Quiroga concerning Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General

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Confidential Informant NO T-5 furnished the following on November 27, 1963:

He is acquainted with CARLOS BRINGUIER, Cuban Student Directorate, New Orleans, and was aware of the arrest of BRINGUIER and two other Cubans along with LEE HARVEY OSWALD on August 9, 1963, when OSWALD passed out Fair Play for Cuba (FPCC) handbills on Canal Street. Approximately a week later (August 16, 1963), he was seated in Thompson's Restaurant when the Representative of Puerto Rico, who has his office in the International Trade Mart, showed him an FPCC handbill, telling him these handbills were being passed out in front of the International Trade Mart. NO T-5 notified the police, but the police arrived too late, and the persons passing out the handbills had gone.

In order to obtain information regarding the FPCC to turn over to authorities, he drove to the address listed on the handbill for OSWALD and located the residence 4907 Magazine Street. In order to locate the actual apartment of OSWALD, he had to make inquiry at 4907 Magazine Street and learned the apartment location of 4905 Magazine. As he started to enter the yard, OSWALD stood some distance from him and said, "Don't hit me. If you're coming as a friend, come in." OSWALD had been sitting on his front porch and was talking in another language to someone inside. He told OSWALD he had picked up a leaflet at the International Trade Mart, that he was a Cuban who had been in the country for a long time, and was interested in learning about the FPCC. NO T-5 told OSWALD that he knew about the Cubans being arrested with OSWALD, and that he did not think it was right that those persons should have been freed when OSWALD was held.

OSWALD informed him that the Cubans in the United States were all criminals and sarcastically said, "We have fine laws here." He said that FIDEL CASTRO was not a dictator, and that if the United States would invade Cuba, he would fight with CASTRO against the United States. He stated further that the press in the United States is against them (not identifying "them"), that they were in the minority today but one day would be the majority, and then all of the press would be with them. OSWALD claimed to be a student of languages at Tulane University and to be the delegate for the FPCC in New Orleans.

NO T-5 informed him that he was interested in the organization but would like to read some literature before deciding. NO T-5 was given by OSWALD a booklet on Cuba and a blank application to join the FPCC in New Orleans. These are in the possession of CARLOS BRINGUIER.

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OSWALD, in speaking about Latin American countries, said there was one government that should be gotten rid of, and that was the Government of Somoza.

NO T-5, on conclusion of his talk with OSWALD, informed Lieutenant FRANCIS MARTELLO, First District, New Orleans Police Department, regarding his contact with OSWALD and told him he would be willing to fill out the application and report any information obtained to MARTELLO in an effort to do away with the FPCC in New Orleans. He said he received no encouragement from MARTELLO and took no further action.

NO T-5 had no further contact with OSWALD and does not know of anyone named HIDEELL, JACK LEON RUBY, or JACK RUBENSTEIN, and knows nothing further about any FPCC in New Orleans.

NO T-5 advised that when he went to see OSWALD he drove his 1958 red and white Chevrolet sedan and parked it in front of 4907 Magazine Street.

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