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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(OO: DALLAS)

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Re New Orleans coded teletype to Bureau, Dallas and Miami dated 2/20/67, as captioned.

Enclosed herewith are one copy each for the Bureau and Dallas of the following self-explanatory documents which were furnished to the New Orleans Office by _____ on 4/16/67:

1. One type written 9 page document under date of 4/2/67, directed to Mr. E. WILLIS, Chairman, House Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., and signed with type written name Dr. CARLOS BRINGUIER.
2. One typed document of 8 pages entitled, "Appendix to Mr. CARLOS BRINGUIER's letter of March 29, 1967," and bearing signature of CARLOS QUIROGA.

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3. One typed 2 page document dated 4/15/67, setting forth list of questions to be asked of CARLOS QUIROGA during course of lie detector test. This document bears the signatures of CARLOS QUIROGA and MARIA S. QUIROGA.

[redacted] telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office on 4/16/67 and advised that Duty Clerk that it was very important that he talk with an FBI Agent. [redacted] was telephonically contacted by a Special Agent at which time [redacted] said it was most urgent that he talk with an Agent that same day and that while he could not telephonically reveal the nature of his complaint, the information he desired to furnish was most important to the FBI.

Accordingly, SA's CHARLES K. FAHIEN and EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR., contacted [redacted] at his residence, [redacted] New Orleans on 4/16/67.

[redacted] in the presence of his wife, [redacted] reviewed the information set forth in the enclosed documents.

[redacted] who advised that he has been cooperating with District Attorney GIM GARRISON, Orleans Parish, in connection with GARRISON's investigation into captioned matter, is now fearful that GARRISON is turning against him and that [redacted] wants to make sure that he is on record with the FBI.

[redacted] was advised of the no comment policy of the Bureau in connection with the GARRISON Inquiry and he said he was already aware of this.

[REDACTED] said GARRISON's suspicions in this regard are unfounded.

[REDACTED] advised he is presently preparing a letter to the Director, FBI, which will set forth in complete detail his full knowledge of the GARRISON investigation into the KENNEDY assassination. [REDACTED] said he is preparing such a letter in order to be on record with the FBI, an organization which he greatly respects.

[REDACTED] information was accepted without comment by Bureau Agents.

[REDACTED] stated he wanted his identity kept confidential and therefore no LHM is being prepared in connection with the enclosed documents.

Background data concerning both [REDACTED] and BRINGUIER is set forth in referenced New Orleans teletype.

[REDACTED] was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 1/5/67, for the purpose of accessing him as a PSI but the interviewing Agents felt that [REDACTED] possessed a detective complex and [REDACTED] was not operated as a PSI at all, the file being closed following interview with [REDACTED]

New Orleans, April 2nd., 1967-

Mr. E. Willis
Chairman House Committee on Un-American activities;
House of Representatives.
Washington, D.C.-

Dear Sir:

Through this letter I would like to relate to you events that have been going on here in New Orleans for the past few months in regard to the New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of a supposedly plot to kill the late President John F. Kennedy.

Although I am not positive whether the events I am about to - disclosed to you enter into your jurisdiction, I feel it is my duty to relate these facts to a responsible United States Government Committee, such as the House Committee on Un-American Activities. I always have had great faith and admiration in the work performed by the Committee in which you are the Chairman, at the present time.

The following are the facts:

HOW I KNEW ABOUT GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION.

In late December 1966, David W. Ferrie walked into the store, Casa Cuba, that I own here in New Orleans and asked for "Dr. Carlos Bringuier". When I told him that I was Dr. Carlos Bringuier he - looked a little confused because it seems like he was expecting a different type of person. I am certain that at that moment he did not recall we had met in late September or beginning of October of 1961 at his house for a period of approximately 5 to 10 minutes. I went to his house accompanied by Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith (then Delegate of the Cuban Revolutionary Council) and Mr. Carlos Quiroga.

Since I never had a good impression of Mr. Ferrie I asked him what he wanted. He told me that he was interested in finding out the whereabouts of Mr. Arcacha, because he said that Arcacha could - clarify some points in regard to him.

Ferrie told me that the New Orleans District Attorney had been - making an investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy and that Garrison was going to frame him (Ferrie) because Garrison was going to run for a higher office and he needed some publicity.

Then I recall telling Mr. Ferrie that he should not be nervous - because this is a free country and here nobody could be framed - without evidence. Immediately Mr. Ferrie stated that in this Country a man could be ruined just with a bad publicity campaign against him. When Ferrie realized that I did not sympathize with him

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in regard to his statements he left;

A CONVERSATION AT NEW ORLEANS AIRPORT.

In the last days of December 1966 a group of cuban refugges came to New Orleans from Cuba through Mexico.

At the airport waiting for the arrival of the plane there was a group of Cubans and several newsmen. I talked to Sam de Pino, a newsman from Channel 12 T.V. in New Orleans. During our conversation and in the presence of Mr. Carlos Quiroga I mentioned to him that it would be good for him (Sam de Pino) to look around the New Orleans District Attorney's office because as I explained him, there was an investigation going on in regard to the assassination of President Kennedy.

I would like to point out that on this particular day I was under the impression that the investigation of Mr. Garrison was trying to find links of Oswald and the Communists.

Mr. Sam de Pino told me that he already knew about the investigation and even more, that he had been supplying some information to the District Attorney's office.

CUBANS INTERROGATED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

During the following weeks I learned that some cuban refugees had been interogated by the District Attorney. One of them who was not in the United States at the time of the assassination was so nervous about the interrogation that a mutual friend told me that the poor man took a whole bottle of tranquilizers that same night and his family had to call a physician to take care of him.

Another cuban Mr. Carlos Quiroga, was also questioned by the District Attorney's office. The District Attorney Mr. Garrison himself tried to implicate him (Carlos Quiroga) with Oswald. Please refer to the appendix to my letter in regard to this matter.-

AGENT VOLZ VISIT MY STORE- FIRST TIME-

Around the end of January agent Volz from the District Attorney's office visited me at my store and was asking me questions in regard to my testimony to the Warren Commission. He was particularly interested in what I could know in regard to Mr. Sergio Archacha Smith, former Delegate of the Cuban Revolutionary Council in New Orleans.

AGENT VOLZ VISIT MY STORE -SECOND TIME-

Few days later Agent Volz returned to my store and asked me if I could go with him to the District Attorney's offices because they wanted to question me. This happened on a Saturday afternoon. When we arrived at the offices of the District Attorney they took me into a small room that has a mirror in a wall. I immediately figured that the mirror was a one way mirror.

Several investigators were there, among them was Mr. James - Alcock. They started the questioning in a nice way but a few minutes later I found out that instead of being a witness with desire to cooperate I was almost an accused person. I requested the interrogators to stop for a second because they were all wrong. They were particularly interested in Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith, and Mr. Ricardo Davis. They were trying to implicate me in a training camp that Ricardo Davis had across Lake Pontchartrain in the summer of 1963, and in which training camp they assured me that Lee Harvey Oswald was seen. At one point they asked me if I had been there, and when I denied being at the training camp they told me: "How I could tell them that when there are witnesses who say that they had seen me there. My reply was simple and to the point; "If any person testify that, then that person has to be a liar or a s.o.b."

VISIT OF BOB HEAD AND FRED.

On one of the following days I met on the street of my store two Americans that I had previously met at a bar (New World) on the night of September 1st, 1966. That night there was a propaganda film for the Viet Cong to be exhibited. I asked Carlos Quiroga to go that night too in order that we could debate and destroy their view point. When Carlos Quiroga - arrived at the bar he immediately reported our presence and our reasons for being there to a friend of his in the Intelligence Division of the New Orleans Police Department. I debated the organizers of this communist group at that meeting. In fact one of those who stated publicly that he was a communist was a young man which I just know by the name of FRED. The other one is BOB HEAD, who was the organizer of a demonstration - against the Viet Nam war in front of the Jung Hotel during a seminary of the State Department about the foreign policy of the United States, that was held on November 1966.-

When we met on the street we started talking and after a while Bob Head left but FRED came inside my store. We started discussing communism, which discussion lasted for hours, then the conversation changed to the assassination of the late President Kennedy. To my astonishment, Fred's thesis about the assassination was exactly the same thesis that Mr. Garrison himself had told Mr. Carlos Quiroga in two previous occasions and Quiroga had

already advised me of it: The assassination of President Kennedy was the result of an anti-castro plot!

CONVERSATION OF A JUDGE AT A PARTY

Just a few days later Carlos Quiroga called me to let me know that a friend of his fellow worker in the office where he works had attended a party the night before. At this party there was also a New Orleans Judge. According to Quiroga's friend the Judge stated at the party that soon an investigation by Mr. Garrison in regard to the President Kennedy's assassination would be publicized in Life Magazine in an exclusive article.

The investigation would result in the involvement of Cuban - refugees. Please note that this happened prior to the exposure of Mr. Garrison's investigation in the New Orleans newspaper "New Orleans States Item".

WHEN I MET MR. JIM GARRISON IN PERSON

On February 13th., 1967 I decided that it would be a good - idea if I would have the opportunity to talk in person with Mr. Garrison. I had been in this city for six years and I - could help him to clarify any doubt or misinformation that may have been given to him in regard to any person or persons that I could have known. Beside this, I thought it was necessary to stop rumors about the involvement of Cuban refugees in the - assassination that could hurt not only the Cuban refugees in this Country, but could also hurt Americans and even the United States itself.

On this date I called Mr. Volz and I asked him to arrange an interview with Mr. Garrison. A few minutes later Mr. Volz returned my call and told me that Mr. Garrison would be delighted to talk to me on the next day.

On February 14th., 1967, I arrived at Mr. Garrison's office and I was first received by Mr. Alcock and other investigators. I started explaining them about the rumors and the statement of the Judge at the party and how the communists were going to use this investigation to discredit the image of the United States all over the world. Minutes later Mr. Jim Garrison arrived at his office and finally I was introduced to him.

I was completely sure that as soon as I could talk to Mr. - Garrison, everything would be ended. But apparently at this

time is when everything started. Minutes later Mr. Garrison started to outline his case to me. Jim Garrison stated, plain and cool, that Lee Harvey Oswald was not a communist, but instead, Oswald (according to Garrison) was really an ANTI-COMMUNIST. He continued explaining his thesis and stated that Oswald was brought to New Orleans by the CONSERVATIVES. I clearly recall that Mr. Garrison at one point referred to the conservatives as "Patriots" using a very ironic accent in pronouncing that particular word. Garrison then stated the name of a person who, according to him, had brought LEE HARVEY OSWALD to New Orleans. I have never met this person but he also showed to me a list of anti-Castro americans on which appeared this person's name. On this list there were also two Cuban names. The only ones that I recognized on the list, were the two cubans which I had previously met in New Orleans!

Immediately afterwards Mr. Garrison asked me if I knew a "Clay Bertrand". I explained him how I had heard about that name when I was being questioned by the Secret Service just after the assassination in regard to what I knew pertaining Lee Harvey Oswald. Then Mr. Garrison showed me a picture of Clay Shaw, and asked me if I knew him. My answer was the truth that is, I had never met Mr. Clay Shaw before. Another picture that was shown to me was one of a man they identified as Mr. Guy Bannister, a person whom I had never met but that I had heard that at one time was a member of the FBI, later head of the Police Department, and positively a conservative anticommunist. Another person mentioned to me was Mr. Carlos Marquez, a former Cuban consul in New Orleans who had died some years ago.

At that moment I told Mr. Garrison that his thesis was the most ridiculous thing that I had ever heard in my life. I also told him that I knew that his investigation not only was going to finish in ZERO, because I had met Oswald, and I was sure that Oswald was a Communist, but that in the meantime the communists were going to use all the rumors around the investigation to smear the Cuban refugees and hurt the image of the United States around the world. I also explained to him, that when the investigation finish in ZERO, then the communists will tell the world that the Federal Government had put pressure on him (Garrison) not to discover the truth. At one point I told his investigators that they had to be stupid or they were working for the communists!

The situation was becoming more tense between Mr. Garrison and myself. At one point he told me that maybe somebody had been fooling me. My reply was as follows: "Maybe somebody had been fooling me but that maybe somebody was fooling him, and that

I did not know who was the fool He or I; I also suggested to Mr. Garrison that it would be best if he would investigate those who were furnishing him with the wrong information.

Mr. Garrison ends our conversation telling me that he would not discuss anything else with me unless I would volunteer to take a lie detector test. My answer was that he could put me three lie detector tests; if he wanted so.

THE LIE DETECTOR TEST.

Immediately Garrison ordered one of his men to take me to another location to undergo the test. We arrived at the - Southern Marine and Aviation Building, 610 Poydras St. There I was introduced in the room No. 309 in which are located apparently two companies: N.O. Private Patrol Service and another with the name of "Gurvich System". (One of Mr. Garrison special agents is one named William Gurvich). There they proceed to make the lie detector test to me. Some of the questions that were asked to me were as follows: 1) If I knew if Arcacha and Oswald had met; 2) If I knew if Davis and Oswald had met; 3) If I knew if Carlos Quiroga and Oswald had met; I asked that this particular questions should be changed because I knew Carlos Quiroga had met Oswald on August 16th., 1963 when he (Carlos Quiroga) try to infiltrate Oswald's organization! (Please note Mr. Willis, that this is in the Warren Commission.) Therefore, I requested that the question be changed to the - following: "If I knew if Carlos Quiroga had met Lee Harvey Oswald on another occasion than the one I had stated."; 4) If I had met with Lee Harvey Oswald in any other occasions that those stated by me to the Warren Commission. Other questions asked were in regard to Mr. Clay Shaw, Guy Banister and some of them I don't recall exactly.

When they finished all their questions I demanded that one - question be included in this test "If I believe that the investigation of Mr. Garrison was the most ridiculous thing I had ever heard in my life". They emphatically declined to ask me that question.

ARCACHA SMITH CONTACTED.

Immediately after I left the building I decided that the best thing that I could do was to locate Mr. Arcacha and Ricardo - Davis and clear this situation before the investigation would break out into the public. Luckily, the night before the "States Item" published the first news in regard to the investigation, I contacted Sergio Arcacha Smith in Dallas, Texas, by a long - distance telephone call. Arcacha and I had been foes since the

later part of 1961 and we were not talking to each other at the time he left New Orleans in 1962. I asked Arcacha if he had ever met Lee Harvey Oswald. His answer was NO. Then I explained to him that somebody had told the New Orleans District Attorney that he (Arcacha) had had meetings with Oswald in New Orleans during 1963. Arcacha then explained me that the investigators from New Orleans had been asking his whereabouts among cubans in Dallas, and that even at one time he opened the door of his house and saw two of the investigators standing in front of his home. When he opened the door and the investigators saw him, they left immediately, without question him.

LAST TIME I SAW MR. GARRISON.

The following Saturday morning I visited Mr. Garrison's office voluntarily. There I met Mr. Garrison who apologized for the way in which he had treated me at our previous meeting. He also told me that I had passed the lie detector test superbly. In fact, according to Mr. Garrison the lie detector test given to me assured him that I was telling the truth.

I also stated to him that I was glad that at least in the newspaper have not been any involvement of Cuban refugees up to that moment. Then Mr. Garrison answered: SO FAR.

CONVERSATION WITH MR. ALBERTO FOWLER.

Alberto Fowler is a member of the Bay of Pigs Brigade and had been appointed to help Mr. Garrison in the investigation. He is also Director of International Relations of the City of New Orleans. On February 21st. Mr. Fowler came to my store and was expressing to me his doubts in regard to the investigation itself. He stated that the Representative in New Orleans of - Life Magazine had been working with Garrison in the investigation since the beginning. According to Fowler, the wife of the Life Magazine representative is of a french origin and 100% castroito, that is, she is a Fidel Castro sympathizer.

According to Fowler this lady had known some information that he (Fowler) had only mentioned to Garrison himself, and this lady had been asking him for the whereabouts of Sergio Arcacha and for information in regard to the Christian Democratic Movement (Ricardo avis was the Delegate in N.O.) long before the investigation came out to the public. Also Mr. Fowler mentioned that he have had arguments with this lady which arguments he had ended telling her that he did not want to talk any more to her because she was a communist. According to Mr. Fowler this lady also - represents two communist magazines from Europe!

IDENTIFICATION OF JULIAN BUZNEDO'S PICTURE.

On March 9th., 1967, an investigator from Garrison's office showed to Carlos Quiroga a picture of Ferris with another person, which person Mr. Quiroga identified as Julian Buznedo, a Cuban who had been in New Orleans in early 1962, and who is a veteran of the Bay of Pigs invasion. Up to that moment Perry R. Russo had not mention any name of cubans being at the "party" in which the supposedly plot occur at Ferris's apartment. After that, at the time of Mr. Shaw's hearing Russo identified two cubans as being at the party one of them was supposedly this man Julian Buznedo. Later on during the week end of March 18-19, Russo was introduced to a friend of mine Mr. Miguel Cruz in Eaton House and Russo stated to him that Julian Buznedo was at that party.

In the meantime, during the week end of March 25-26 Julian Buznedo was brought to New Orleans by the District Attorney's office. He occupied room No. 937 at the Roosevelt Hotel, and was questioned at the offices of Mr. Garrison. He denied been in New Orleans in 1963 in which year Russo swore the party had been held. After a while he was introduced to Russo and he (Buznedo) denied ever having met Russo before. Then the District Attorney's office allow him to go back to Denver, Colorado, where he is living with his family. It is necessary to point out the point that this man Julian Buznedo was a veteran of the Bay of Pigs invasion, situation that make him a good suspect according to Mr. Garrison thesis.

CONCLUSIONS.

- 1) The investigation of the New Orleans District Attorney Mr. Jim Garrison is directed to try to implicate Conservatives americans as well as anticastro cubans in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.
- 2) As the assassination of President Kennedy was carried out by Lee Harvey Oswald, a confessed Marxist and at one time defector to the Soviet Union, Garrison investigation is just the basis for a tremendous effort by part of International Communism to discredit the institutions of the United States all over the world, and possible and even more dangerous, to pave the way to create a chaotic situation in this country that could be used by the communists in their ambitions to take over the government. (See Lane's clipping from the Time Picayune, March 31st, 1967 page 4.)
- 3) As I stated in February 14th., 1967 to Mr. Jim Garrison, his

investigation is going to end in zero because it is imposible to prove that the conservatives and the anti-castro cubans were the ones who killed Kennedy, but in the meantime he would be helping the communist cause through his investigation:

4) According to what Mr. Alberto Fowler stated to me: There is at least one Castro's follower who had have access at the investigation of Mr. Garrison, besides notorious Mark Lane.

5) Mr. Garrison's statement comparing the FBI and the SPCA, and later stating that when the truth will be known even the President of the United States could not sleep, are paraloll tacticts to those used by the communists to undermine the prestige of the Institutions of the United States of America.

6) Mr. Jim Garrison had enough evidence to investigate possible contacts among Oswald and pro-communists persons in this City as appear in the second memorandum that I deliver to his offices (enclosed copy). In this memorandum I mention some names that maybe are familiar to your Committee: "Dr. James Dombrowsky, Benjamin Smith, Bruce Waltzer and Dr. Leonard Reisman."

7) I am also enclosing testimony by Mr. Carlos Quiroga who had been tried to be implicated in the assasination by Garrison's office.

8) For all the above mentioned, for the respect that we cubans in exile have for this Country in general, and for the House - Committee on Un American Activities in particular, we are asking that if you consider that the events that had been happening in this City of New Orleans show that they could have been activities that are directed to hurt the credibility of this Country, hurting it and advancing the propaganda aims of internal and international communism, that then you consider investigating the events surrounding Mr. Garrison's investigation.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Carlos Bringuier.
P.O. Box 2506
New Orleans, La. 70116.-

APPENDIX TO MR. CARLOS BRINGUIER'S LETTER OF MARCH 29, 1967

Enclosed herein are events as well as facts that have occurred during the past several months regarding the District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

I first learned about Mr. Garrison's investigation in late December of 1966 when I met Mr. Carlos Bringuiet and a local newsman from Channel 12 T.V., Mr. Sam De Pino. Mr. Bringuiet told Mr. De Pino that there was an investigation being conducted by Mr. Garrison in regard to the assassination of the late President. Mr. De Pino then went on to say that he had furnished information to Mr. Garrison in regard to Mr. Ferris and others.

At this point I told Mr. De Pino that I had known Mr. Ferris for some time in the year 1961. He became very interested in what I had just said and we started talking about Mr. Ferris. What I did not disclose to Mr. De Pino that night was confidential information about Mr. Ferris that could have possibly linked Mr. Ferris and Oswald in a plot.

Because of the foregoing, I thought I could be of some help in the investigation and I asked Mr. De Pino to contact Mr. Garrison and advise the latter that if I would be of any help I would be willing to cooperate.

Of course, Mr. Willis, at this time, I thought that Mr. Garrison's investigation relative to the assassination of the late President found that the assassination was the work of the Communists and possibly, Mr. Garrison had found real evidence.

Days passed and I had not heard a word from the District Attorney's office, but finally, on the week of January 8-15 of 1967, Mr. Frank Klein telephoned my home and spoke to my wife. Since I was at work, Mr. Klein left a message with my wife stating that he would call back and speak with me later. At the early part of the next week, presumably the 14th or 17th of January, Mr. Klein telephoned my office where I work and requested if it was possible for me to go to the District Attorney's office that same day at 2 P.M.. My reply was, "Yes".

My conversation with Mr. Klein was mainly centered around the training camp across Lake Ponchartrain; Mr. Sergio Arecha; Smith; Mr. David William Ferris; Lee Harvey Oswald; Crusade to Free Cuba; and Gay Bannister.

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Mr. Klein told me that Lee H. Oswald had reportedly been seen at the training camp. He asked me if I had known of such a camp. I told Mr. Klein that first of all it was almost impossible that Oswald could have been at this camp because the camp in question was an anti-Castro one.

Then I went on explaining to him what I had known about this matter. I told him that the way I found out about the camp was approximately a week before it dissolved. Two Cubans had been at Mr. Bringuier's store and had just left this particular camp because they were disgusted with it. Mr. Bringuier called me about this matter that day and I tried to help these two Cubans by paying for one of them a one-way ticket via Greyhound bus to Miami. I also gave each of them ten (\$10) dollars for expenses and meals. I also stated to Mr. Klein that I had the names of three Cubans who were at the camp; two of them were military leaders and the other one was a spy who was discovered at the camp. I also told him what Mr. Richard Davis had told me about the camp just a few days before the camp was abandoned. To my surprise Mr. Klein asked me if I had ever been at the camp and my reply was the truth, "No".

We started talking about Mry Arcacha and his whereabouts. I told him that I did not know exactly when Mr. Arcacha had left the city, but it was presumably around the middle of 1962. Then he asked me if I had seen Arcacha in the city in 1963. My answer was, "No". Then I went on explaining to Mr. Klein that due to the conditions in which Mr. Arcacha had left the city it was almost impossible that he could have come back. Mr. Klein astonished me when he told me he had witnesses that had positively identified Mr. Sergio Arcacha Smith here in New Orleans in the year of 1963. Furthermore, that Arcacha was really living here in New Orleans in 1963.

A few minutes later we talked about Mr. Ferrie. At that moment I told Mr. Klein that I had confidential information in regard to Mr. Ferrie being a Communist. Mr. Klein was not interested at all in regard to this information. We discussed Mr. Ferrie for some time and then the conversation changed to Mr. Gay Bannister. I told him that I had been in Mr. Bannister's office several times during the 1st part of 1961 with Mr. Arcacha and Mr. Ferrie. Then he asked me if I had ever seen Lee H. Oswald in Mr. Bannister's office. I told him, "No". I also explained to him that who ever was telling them things like that should be investigated because Oswald, according to the Warren Commission and the FBI, was in Russia at that time. I then explained to him the meeting that I had with Oswald on August 16, 1963 when I tried to infiltrate Oswald's organization, The Fair Play for Cuba Committee. I referred him to statements made by Mr. Bringuier in the Warren Commission Report, and I also told him that I had requested the FBI and the Secret Service not to disclose my name to the public, but to be kept on official government statements because my father was in jail in Cuba at the time and could very well be shot.

Then I told Mr. Klein that in the later part of 1961 and the beginning of 1962 a Crusade to Free Cuba was founded here in New Orleans for the purpose of collecting money to liberate our country. I explained to him that the committee was composed of anti-Communist Americans who were responsible and known citizens of this community. Immediately Mr. Klein told me, "Conservatives". I replied very quickly that I don't know about that but I know for sure they were all anti-Communists.

Minutes later he asked me if I had ever heard of the name of Clay Bertrand, Santana, or Torres. I told him that I had never heard of the names of Santana and Torres, but I thought I had heard of the name Bertrand before. (By the way, Mr. Willis, the name of Mr. Bertrand was mentioned to me by the FBI just days after the assassination of President Kennedy; but at that moment I could not remember where I had heard it.). Then two detectives brought four pictures into the room. One was a picture of Oswald distributing Communist propaganda in front of the International Trade Mart. It told them that I did not know any one of the persons in it except Oswald and furthermore, I had been shown that picture by the FBI on a previous occasion for the purpose of identifying any of those people. The other three pictures were according to Mr. Klein of Ferris, which I recognized immediately, and two convicted criminals, Santana and Torres. I do not know any of those two criminals.

At the end of the meeting that day I told him that I would get for him all I had about the Crusade to Free Cuba, the names of the people at the camp that Mr. Richard Davis had told me and other matters pertaining to Mr. Arcacha, Mr. Davis, and bring also to them letters, which I had, which I had written to the President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, in 1964, in regard to the Warren Commission Report and my acquaintance with Oswald on August 16, 1963.

As soon as I left the District Attorney's office I had my doubts about the investigation and I decided to gather all the information that I had available in order that I could clarify for the District Attorney's office a lot of false information given to them by others.

On Friday morning, January 20, 1967, I decided that the following day I would visit the District Attorney's office in order to bring all the information I had. I left my office at 5 P.M. and about at 6:00'clock a man knocked on the door of my home and informed me that he was giving me a Subpoena to appear at the District Attorney's office on Saturday, January 21, 1967 at 12 O'clock noon. (Photostatic Copy attached) I did not put much importance to it and I went to the office with all the information that I had previously collected.

Upon my arrival there I was received by Mr. Louis Ivon who brought me into a small room. He told me that Mr. Garrison would arrive very shortly. In that small room they had placed a rifle with a telescopic sight on top of a table very near to me, in fact, if I had wanted, I could have touched it without getting out of my chair. On another table were placed pictures of criminals. To my left was a picture of the Map of Louisiana hanging on the wall. I sat waiting with the album I brought and the other information I had also. I was left alone in the room and the time was passing. I tried to amuse myself by studying the map on the wall from my chair. About half an hour later Mr. Ivon came into the room and stayed for about twenty minutes. He then removed the rifle from the table where it was and moved it to the table under the map of Louisiana. Before he left the room he gave me approximately ten pictures of criminals to look at. He promised that Mr. Garrison would see me in ten minutes. About half an hour later I was getting quite mad about the whole thing because I could see through the bottom of the door leading to a hall way that there was always people passing by in the direction of Mr. Garrison's office. Then I heard a noise in the room next to mine and I noticed a mirror on a door. Although at the time I did not think anything of it I thought the best thing I could do was take a nap. Finally around 3:30 P.M., almost after four hours of sitting in the room, Mr. Ivon came and told me that Mr. Garrison was ready to see me. He told me that he had to search me for weapons. He lifted my hands and gave me a thorough check. I was so furious at this time that I told him that was the way to treat people who were volunteering information. He asked me why I was angry and I immediately replied to him, "I come to this office to try to help you people and you treat me like I was a criminal or in a prison in Cuba. He then told me that he didn't want to make any comments and that Mr. Garrison himself will make the comments about that.

I immediately asked Mr. Garrison why I had been subpoenaed when I had told Mr. Klein and also Mr. De Fino that I would cooperate in his investigation if they needed me. He did not reply to my question and started asking me questions. I immediately opened the album that I had about the Crusade to Free Cuba and I started explaining to him how I was able to eliminate from this committee before it started Mr. Ferris. I told Mr. Garrison my feelings about Ferris because I never did trust or like him when he was with Mr. Arcaha.

Then the conversation changed to the camp across Lake Pontchartrain. He asked me what I knew about the camp. I explained to him the same thing that I had previously told Mr. Klein except that I had brought with me the names of the three persons which I had promised to obtain for Mr. Klein a few days before.

In fact, I had with me a newspaper picture of the spy who was at the camp because this person brought wide publicity in Miami. When the military personnel abandoned the camp they brought the spy, Fernando Fernandez Barcenas, with them.

Mr. Garrison was quite, so then I gave him my letters to the President of the United States dated October 6, 1964 and October 22, 1964, copies of which are attached to this letter. He looked at them and then gave them to Mr. Iyon who was sitting with us all that time. In the meantime Mr. Garrison was looking through the album of Crusade to Free Cuba. He was looking with interest at the names of those on this committee. He asked me if I knew Gay Bannister and I told him that I did. He then asked me if I knew that Oswald used to visit Gay Bannister's office. I replied, "No". Then very calmly he told me that suppose he told me that Oswald was not a Communist, but an anti-Communist, what then? I immediately told him that somebody was nuts or was lying because when I met Oswald on August 16, 1963, I was convinced he was a Communist; Besides, Oswald could not possibly be an anti-Communist because all evidence found about Oswald indicated that he was a Communist, I referred him to the Warren Commission Report. This started a very heated debate between Mr. Garrison and I. At this moment he accused me of being with Oswald, Ferris and Aroncha at Mancuso's Restaurant at Camp and Lafayette Streets. I told him that it was a big lie and it could not have been possible. Then he replied that there were some witnesses who recognized me today as being in that restaurant. I told him that I had been in that restaurant many times in 1961 between October and December, but that I had never been inside that restaurant after that time. I also told him that was very stupid because Oswald was in Russia in 1961 and not in New Orleans. Then he told me, taking the Open Letter to the President mentioned above, "When I am finished with this investigation, I am going to clean my ass with this." Since he was so nasty about it, I gave him the following reply, "Then Mr. Garrison, what I think I'm going to do when you finish your investigation is to clean my ass with it." I also recall asking him about what he was going to do with the Warren Report and his reply was the same as before. I thought that this was a big joke and that somebody was lying to him, so I started to laugh.

Then he started talking about the camp. A few minutes later he accused me of being at the camp, too. I told him that I was going to prove to him that all those things were lies and that I would be able to prove it. He then kind of threatened me when he said that I'd better tell him the truth now because he was going to accuse me and bring me before the Grand Jury. I told him that I was telling him the truth and that somebody else was lying to him. Then we went into other different subjects and I tried to convince Mr. Garrison that he had everything wrong and that I could be of much service to him.

Mr. Garrison told me that before I could help him I would have to take a lie detector test. I told him that I would take a lie detector test or truth serum anytime that he wanted because I would show him what I was telling him was the truth. He then asked me if I would take a lie detector test at that moment. I told Mr. Garrison that it was O.K. with me. Mr. Ivon then left the room and brought Mr. Garrison and me a cup of coffee. He told me that they could not give me a lie detector test that day, but that they would call me early Sunday morning, that is, the next day, and then they would be able to perform the test in the afternoon.

I left Mr. Garrison's office that day and Mr. Ivon accompanied me to my car. Again he kind of threatened me by telling me that I better be telling them the truth because the lie detector would prove otherwise. I got mad and I asked him if he thought I was some kind of a nut to even write letters to the President of the United States and distribute them at the Jung Hotel in the presence of Mr. Johnson when he was here and lie about it. He did not say a word at all after that. I waited all day that Sunday but I did not receive a phone call from them.

On Monday, January 23, 1967 at about 7:45 P.M., while I was at a relative's house someone called my house. My wife answered and the man told my wife that he was going to kill me because I had been going to the District Attorney's office several times. The man told my wife that he had killed fifty people in one day and one more was not going to make any difference. This frightened my wife terribly and she called me immediately. As soon as I got home I reported the incident to the FBI and to the Police Dept. When the police arrived I told them why I had been threatened (because he said that I had been visiting the District Attorney's office), and they immediately contacted the District Attorney. I had been once before threatened, years before, by a man called Jack Martin, so I told the police about it. The next day, on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1967, I was asked by the District Attorney to bring my wife with me in order that she might be able to listen to some tapes of voices. When they played the tape with Martin's voice, my wife immediately recognized it. A few minutes later we were asked to go see Mr. Garrison. Mr. Garrison received us very politely and told us that he knew it was Jack Martin because information had leaked out of his office to Martin about my visits there. He then apologized for everything and told me that he, "believed everything I had told him Saturday and that it was not necessary for me to take a lie detector test." He then went on to relate to me confidential information, which I, with confidence, Mr. Willie, am passing on to you. At that time Mr. Garrison had asked me not to relate it to anyone.

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His thesis was as follows-

OSWALD HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO NEW ORLEANS BY AN ANTICOMMUNIST WHO OWNS A COFFEE INDUSTRY HERE. OSWALD WAS REALLY NOT A COMMUNIST, BUT AN ANTI-COMMUNIST. HIS ACTIONS ON CANAL STREET AND HIS COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES WERE REALLY A FRONT FOR OSWALD IN ORDER THAT OSWALD COULD GET INTO CUBA AS A COMMUNIST AND KILL FIDEL CASTRO. OSWALD WAS BEING BACKED BY A GROUP OF ANTI-COMMUNIST AMERICANS WHO ACCORDING TO MR. GARRISON WERE CONSERVATIVES WHO BELONGED TO AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "THE GUARDIAN OF THE CARIBBEAN".

He then went on to explain that after the plan to kill Castro failed, they decided to kill President Kennedy. He also told me that one of the persons who was in the photograph with Oswald the day he was distributing the Communist propaganda was a Cuban by the name of Manuel Garcia Gonzales. He then told me that this Cuban was definitely implicated because there are pictures of this man and other Cubans behind a "billboard" close to where the late President was shot. He also told the names of two other anti-Communist Americans, that I knew, that he said were definitely implicated. I was not completely shocked by these revelations; on the contrary, I felt pity for Mr. Garrison for I felt sure that somebody had been "pulling his leg". I started very calmly to tell him that somebody was lying to him or the Communist were behind the story. I asked him to make a thorough investigation in regard to everyone connected with this fantastic story. At this meeting Mr. Garrison tried to discourage me into taking any legal action against Jack Martin. At this same meeting I once again asked Mr. Garrison if he wanted me to take a lie detector test, but he replied that it was not necessary. My wife and I then left.

I did not hear anything at all about whether they had arrested Jack Martin or not, but I wanted them to bring him in to make sure that he was the one who called my home.

By a coincidence I went by the District Attorney's office on Saturday, Jan. 28, 1967 to bring the checks which I had made on August 1, 1963 for the two Cubans who were at the camp and which I had previously stated at the beginning of this letter in my conversation with Mr. Klein and also to ask Mr. Garrison to give me a lie detector test if he wanted. Inside the little room where I had been on the previous Saturday they were questioning Mr. Jack S. Martin. I waited for about five minutes and then Mr. Ivon came outside and told me that Martin had confessed that he was the one who threatened to kill me on January 23, 1967.

I asked Mr. Ivon if it was possible that I could talk to Mr. Jack Martin to find out why he wanted to kill me. Ivon hesitated but then told me it was O.K. I walked into the room and Jack Martin told me that the reason why he called me was that he was drunk and did not know what he was saying. I then

proceeded to cross-examine Jack Martin in a very persuasive way in full agreement with Mr. Ivon and Mr. Martin himself. My reason for doing so was to find out if he was the one who had been telling Mr. Garrison all those false stories; because at one time, in 1961, he worked for Mr. Gay Eannister and he used to go quite often to Mancuso's Restaurant where Mr. Garrison had told me previously people had seen me with Oswald, Ferrie, and Arcacha.

As I started questioning Mr. Martin, I found out for certain that he was the one. As I was completely destroying all of Martin's statements that he had given to the District attorney's office some time in November, the written testimony which Mr. Ivon was holding in his hand. Suddenly Ivon stopped me, just as Martin had just told me that Arcacha had left town just prior to the assassination. I asked him what year it was and he said that the President was killed in 1962. Immediately after that Mr. Ivon asked Martin to take a lie detector test. Martin told him that he would take one on another day. Mr. Ivon then asked me to leave the room and I obeyed. I waited outside and then moments later Mr. Ivon came out of the room with his hand on his gun and told me, "If this s.o.b. changes his mind about what he had told us I'm going to break his head open". Then Mr. Ivon told me that he was going to take that s.o.b. home. I was shocked to see that Mr. Ivon was not even going to put Jack Martin in jail, but, on the contrary, he was going to give him a ride home. I did not say a word and I left the office. Later on several occasions, I requested that Mr. Ivon arrange for an appointment with Mr. Garrison about Jack Martin. Up to this date I have not been able to speak to Mr. Garrison about this matter at all!

What has always puzzled me is that I have been several times afterwards at their office and I have received several calls from them requesting my help to identify different people, but never have I seen nor has Mr. Garrison returned my calls in regard to Jack Martin.

Although I would like to go into detail about other incidents that have occurred during several other visits to the office of the District Attorney, my time does not permit me to do so at this time. But I would like to point out to you that many irregularities have occurred in my presence, and I believe, that they are not in accordance with the Constitution of the United States.

I finally would like to point out that the reason why I'm disclosing confidential information told to me by Mr. Garrison to your committee is that he may have given the same information to the irresponsible and left-wing author of the book, "Rush to Judgement", MR. MARK LANE.

Sincerely yours,


Carlos Quiroga

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I am hereby requesting that the questions asked herein be asked to me during the course of the lie-detector test, in regard to the present investigation of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy being conducted by you, Mr. Jim Garrison, and your members of the District Attorney's office.

As I stated to your office investigator, Mr. Louis Ivon, in a telephone conversation last night, April 14, 1967, I'm willing to take a lie-detector test at this time provided the following questions are asked to me.

Question No. 1.

Have I ever met Lee Harvey Oswald and talked to him at any other time in my life besides that of August 16, 1963, when I visited his house on Magazine St., New Orleans, when I tried to infiltrate his Communist organization, "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" and of which visit I immediately reported to Lieutenant Martello of the New Orleans Police Department and of which visit I gave full details to the FBI and the Secret Service days after the assassination of the late President Kennedy?

Answer to question No 1.-- No.

Question No 2.

In talking to Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald on August 16, 1963, what impression did I receive about him.

Answer to question No. 2.

Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald was intelligent and a very well instructed Communist.

Question No. 3.

Have I ever met Lee Harvey Oswald in the company of David Ferrie and Sergio Arcacha Smith at Mancuso's Restaurant on Camp and Lafayette Streets.

Answer to Question No. 3.-- No.

Question No. 4.

Isn't it true that on January 21, 1967, you, Mr. Garrison, told me that several witnesses had testified that they had seen me with Lee Harvey Oswald, David Ferrie and Sergio Arcacha Smith at Mancuso's Restaurant on Camp and Lafayette Streets.

Answer to question No. 4.-- Yes.

Question No. 5.

Based upon this testimony by these witnesses stated in question No. 4 in regard to me being with Lee Harvey Oswald, do I believe that these witnesses be prosecuted by law for giving false testimony?

Answer to question No. 5.

Because these witnesses are lying, I believe that they all must be prosecuted by law.

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Question No. 6.

Have I ever been at the anti-Castro training camp of the Christian Democratic Movement which was located across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans in the year of 1963?

Answer to question No. 6.

No. I have never been at that training camp.

Question No. 7.

Isn't it true that you, Mr. Garrison, told me on January 21, 1967, that you had witnesses that would testify that they had seen me at that training camp?

Answer to question No. 7.--- Yes.

Question No. 8.

Based upon the testimony of these witnesses, what should the District Attorney's office do about these witnesses.

Answer to question No. 8.

Because these witnesses have lied, they must all be prosecuted by law.

Question No. 9.

Have I ever been threatened to be killed by an individual, who appears to me to be one of your witnesses, because I had come to your office on several occasions?

Answer to question No. 9.

Yes, my life has been threatened by an individual on January 23, 1967, who in a telephone conversation with my wife told her that he was going to kill me if I continued going to the District Attorney's office to give them information.

After my wife recognized the voice of Jack Martin on a tape recorded conversation in your office on January 24, 1967, you Mr. Garrison, told me that you also thought it was Jack Martin because information about my visits to your office had leaked out to him.

On January 28, 1967, Mr. Jack Martin confessed in front of Mr. Louis Ivon and myself that he had called my house and threatened to kill me.

Question No. 10.

Have I ever been present at any time, at any place where there has been a discussion about a plot to assassinate the late President John F. Kennedy?

Answer to Question No. 10.

No. I have never been present nor did I ever overhear any conversation in regard to a plot to kill the late President John F. Kennedy.

I am also requesting that a copy of all your questions and the answers by me be given to me for my record purposes before I leave this office this date, April 13, 1967, in the company of my wife Mrs. Maria S. Quiroga. I also request that the lie-detector test be given in the presence of my wife.

Sincerely yours,

Carlos Quiroga

Carlos Quiroga

Mrs. Maria S. Quiroga

Mrs. Maria S. Quiroga
Witness

Mr. Jim Garrison

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