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Evariste Redriguez interview.

Redriguez lives behind the Montmartre Lounge that Orest Pena bought as a business for his brother Ruperto (who later went bankrupt eperating a separate one of his own and new is in New pankrupt eperating a separate one of his own and new is in new Yerk werking in an uptown plastics factory), in a separate frame building on the street crossing Camp. He was sick, mumps having declined into Brchitis. He had been unwilling to be interviewed and prior to strange happenings to others had feared even had and prior to strange happenings to others had feared even had and prior to strange happenings to others had feared even had a size of the interview is on tape. I gave the tape to Lynn oiself.

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There was quite a language barrher. Evvie speaks ne English and understands little. Orest Pena, who acted as translater, would be easier for me to under tand if a had a translater for him.

I showed Evvie the cellection of pictures Lewis Ivon gave me. It is imcomplete but includes mest.

He identified Pepe Mayoral as a man he knew, had seen in the Habana, and who had robbed the safe at the Court of the Two Sisters. He is new in Panama, selling wine to restaurants, as I understood it.

He recognized Shaw's picture but disclosed ne personal observation of him. He has heard Shaw has been seen at La Marina. A Nicaraguan seaman, a customer of the Habana Bar who also works at the Balahie Restaurant along the lake, presumeablyhas or can have some information on Shaw. Apparently one Sergio Marais, Pena bartender, will know this man.

Dage Garner- he tooks long look and didn't identify. Howard-thinks he has seen. Dalzell-thinks he has seen, several times. Beckham-thinks he has seen. Jack Lawrence-long look-thinks he has seen. Shown the "key" group phote, with some seeming recognitions.

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A year age Orest teld me that Evvie had twice been shot at in the bar and had received ether cautions, as a concequence of which he kings threateded to quit if Orest asked another question about it. Because of his illness (two days earlier his fever had been 102.6) I didn't carry many points as far as they should have been However, I did get him to identify the first shooting as by a Mexican type garbed Hell's Angel style. The names of witnesses who might identify the gunman are on the tage. I have in a note that Tony, owner of Espana; have a Spaniard, Nicaner; Andrecite, a Puerte Eican, who warned Evvie, having seen the initial movements of the gunman.

There is some confirmation of energy the more interesting identifications, that of Gerry Patrick Hemming (by Ophelia Navarre). Evvie says he knows Hemming. I showed him the picture I got from Heward also shown the picture of Heward looking likes an unshaved mavie heavy, he registered a strong, affirmative reaction (Ophelia also).

Redriguez quoted the late Amanda Jarvisabeut the Oswalddrunk incident man. She was interviewed by the FBI in a defamation of Pena but this evidence was not adduced er, if it was, wasn't included in the FBI report.

He was at Pedrecite's restaurant, at the next corner, where El Cid now is, early in the morning on several occasions, with Oswald. She stepped eff there mornings to get a cup of ceffee and a small for Evvie as she went to work. This Mexican was a newspaperman who had a receeding hairline. Ev and Orest both put their hands to both temples to indi cate it receeded to both sides. The word used to describe the restaurant is "casa" to believe reference was not to the dwelling. Pedrocite epended early in the merning. Evvie wasen until 8 and Amanda get there by seven.

These men, the real or accunterfeited Oswald and the Mexican, were at Pena's on two eccasions prior to the "drunk", each visit separated from the others by several days. He placed the date of the "drunk" as separated by a Mill night from the first Oswald visit to Bringuier's (He saw them in the deorway, which is not consistent with Bringuier's account). He placed the time at about 4 a.m. Thus the drunk" was about 7/30 or 7/31/2 e or Ophelia, who also saw the incident, said "Oswald" was not drunk when he entered and, after the vemit, left as though he weren't.

Orest thinks that Particia was also there, for he was then going with her and she wasn't working. On these occasions she customarily stayed up with him and he usually worked until about 5 a.m. He also was a witness but was not close.

Orest also thinks it might be desireably to interview Mrs. Rodriguez, who worked for him part-time until they adopted a child. It was not, on this occasion, possible. However, he has new obtained a tape recorder and may undertake this himself. He has no pictures.

This is one of several consistent descriptions of a Mexican companion of Oswald not quite consistent withwhat Dean Andrewstestified to. Among the possibilities, there were more than one or Andrews introduced a slight and quite diverting error. However, in all stories this of these Mexican(s) disappear from New Orleans after the 8/9/63 arrest. The Haban Bar versions have him drinking coffee early mernings nearby, with Oswald that he had to that bar on several earlier occasions. They in ne way suggest a "fist-city" type.

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