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BRINGUIER GIVES QUOTES DENIAL

Statements by Weisberg
Are Refuted

Carlos Bringuiet, a Cuban refugee living in New Orleans, Monday denied statements made in an article published in The Times-Picayune Saturday, pertaining to his suit against author Harold Weisberg, Canyon Books, Canyon Distributing Co., Dell Publishing Co. and Gambi Publishing Co.

Canyon published Weisberg's book, "Oswald in New Orleans—Case for Conspiracy with the C.I.A." Bringuiet was awarded \$5,000 by Civil District Court Judge David Gertler.

In the article published Saturday, Weisberg stated that Bringuiet's counsel did not attempt to serve him with a subpoena, and in fact, that they knew that Weisberg was in New Orleans. Also, Weisberg stated he was not a party to the suit, although his name was used in

the suit against Canyon.

"This attempt by Mr. Weisberg to discredit my lawyers," said Bringuiet, "shows once again who tells the truth and who distorts it, because after initiating this suit in Civil District Court, we have never known of Weisberg having been in New Orleans, in which case we could have served him and would have been able to have, at last, the opportunity to confront him under oath."

Bringuiet also stated that the suit filed in the Civil District Court clearly demonstrates that Weisberg is a party to the suit, a named defendant, which contradicts Weisberg's Saturday statement.

Bringuiet also said that it should not be the intention of Weisberg "to have this case tried in the newspapers but in the courts of Louisiana, which is the only forum able to clarify whether or not Weisberg is guilty" of having libeled Bringuiet.