

OSWALD? (Leon Oswald) p. 1

R, 322 (paraphrase)

On Sept. 26 or 27, 1963,

Mrs. Sylvia Odio (a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Junta, JURE) was visited in Dallas by three men. One introduced himself as "Leopoldo".

The name of the second man is not mentioned.

She thought these two were Cubans or perhaps Mexicans. The third was an American, "allegedly" introduced as "Leon Oswald",

and described as someone very much interested in the Cuban cause. She was told they had just come from New Orleans and were about to leave on a trip. The following day Leopoldo called her and said "the American" had been in the Marine Corps, was an excellent shot,

and that he had said the Cubans should have assassinated Kennedy after the Bay of Pigs.

Mrs. Odio was certain that Oswald was the American, as was her sister Annie.

R, 324/1

The Commission asked the FBI to locate and identify the men who had been with the man Mrs. Odio "thought was Oswald". "In an effort to do that," the FBI interviewed Manuel Ray and Rogelio Cisneros, "a former anti-Castro leader from Miami." Both said they knew nothing about "the alleged Oswald visit."

Mrs. Odio considered the 26th to be the more probable date (FBI, XXVI, 836); almost 9 p.m. (XI, 372).

Leopoldo did most of the talking. He said they were members of JURE (XI, 370). He told her they were very good friends of her father and gave her "almost incredible details" about him, but did not know "Eugenio",* known by "everybody underground" as the war name for "-- --" (XI, 372).

She did not remember his name but thought "it was something like Angelo". He "kept quiet" (XI, 370).

This name was given twice and once again before the men left (XI, 371, 373). She had only a few words with "Oswald" as he apparently spoke very little Spanish (XI, 370, 372).

"He repeated several times he /Oswald/ was an expert shotman." (XI, 377)

"And he said, 'It is so easy to do it.'" Mrs. Odio quoting Leopoldo? "Oswald"? - unclear (XI, 372).

Mrs. Odio's testimony was given July 22, 1964. By Sept. 10, when she was interviewed by the FBI, they were able to say she was not so certain: "she stated that she has seen so many pictures of ... Oswald ... that she is getting confused on this point ... and added that even though she thinks it was ... Oswald, it may not have been." (FBI, XXVI, 838)

No mention that FBI report says Ray is "a leader of JURE" and Cisneros a "recently resigned leader of JURE who used the underground name "Eugenio".* Both

OSWALD - ammunition

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No bullets for rifle or pistol listed in pox inventory,
after search of Faine house, garage, and Oswald's room.
CE 2003

Marina said she had never seen any ammunition around
the houses in which they had lived.

FBI report by Anatole A. Boguslav and Wallace E. Heitman
on questioning of Marina, Dec. 3, 1963
CE 1401, XXII 763

Oswald did not have any ammunition for the rifle to
Marina's knowledge in either Dallas or New Orleans, and he
did not speak of buying ammunition.

FBI report, as above, Dec. 17, 1963
CE 1403, XXII 778

OSWALD Arrests

Arrested, New Orleans, 5 Aug. 1963, for disturbance of the peace; fined
10 12 Aug.

New Orleans, 9 Aug. 1963 (altercation with Bringuier), 700 block
of Canal Street; had been distributing FPCC handbills.

CE 2548, XXV 773

OSWALD

FBI description, Nov. 22: (R, 614)
Height 5' 9"
Weight 140
Hair medium brown, worn medium length
Eyes blue-gray

Local board, Fort Worth, Sept. 14, 1959: (R, 615)
Height 5' 11"
Weight 150
Hair brown
Eyes blue

Pox, Tippit shooting
Height 5' 8"
Weight slender build
Hair black
Eyes
Age approx. 30

R, 324/2

On Sept. 16, 1964, the FBI located Loran Eugene Hall in California. Hall said he had visited Mrs. Odio in Dallas in September 1963, accompanied by Lawrence Howard, a Mexican-American from Los Angeles and "one William Seymour" from Arizona. Hall said Seymour is similar in appearance to Oswald and that he speaks only a few words of Spanish.

"While the FBI had not yet completed its investigation into this matter at the time the report went to press, the Commission has concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald was not at Mrs. Odio's apartment in September of 1963."

said they knew of no member of JURE using the underground name "Leopoldo". No indication FBI asked for help in "locating and identifying" the three men (FBI, XXVI, 838).

Letter from J. Edgar Hoover to J. Lee Rankin (XXVI, 835) says, "You will note that the name Loran Hall bears some phonetic resemblance to the name Leon Oswald." How is this relevant? None of the three could have been introduced as Loran Hall, if Mrs. Odio is telling the truth. She said three names were used - two war names (Leopoldo and possibly Angelo) and Leon Oswald. Why should Seymour ("similar in appearance to Oswald") have been introduced as Loran Hall? Perhaps this is too much even for the Commission, since it is not mentioned in the Report. In her testimony two months before Mrs. Odio said that the name Leon Oswald was given three times. Could she have been mistaken each time?

There is no indication Hall was asked if the three had used their own names, and if they did not, whether it was he or Howard who had used the name Leopoldo. Regardless of who was Leopoldo, there is no indication Hall was asked if he or Howard called Mrs. Odio the following day and made the statements about "the American" she attributed to Leopoldo.

Because "Oswald was in Mexico from Sept. 26, 1963, until Oct. 3, 1963"? (R, 299/3)

If Oswald was in Mexico on Sept. 26, why was someone passing as "Oswald" in Dallas on that date? If Oswald was in Dallas on Sept. 26 or 27, why was someone passing as "Oswald" in Mexico? The Commission does not raise either question.

Why would Mrs. Odio fabricate a story embarrassing to the anti-Castro movement?

Have not yet found any reports of FBI interviews with Hall, Howard or Seymour.

Rankin to Hoover, Aug. 28, 1964 (CE 3045, XXVI, 596)

Mrs. Odio could have confused
name of Osvaldo Aurelio Pino Pino
with Oswald

Hoover to Rankin, Sept. 21, 1964 (CE 3146, XXVI, 835)

Mrs. Odio could have confused
name of Loran Hall with Oswald