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The following investigation is predicated on information received on September 16, 1964 from LORAN EUGENE HALL of Kernville, California, that he met a Cuban woman named Mrs. ODIO in Dallas, Texas, in September, 1963. He said he was accompanied at that time by LAWRENCE HOWARD, a Mexican-American, from Los Angeles, California, and WILLIAM SEYMOUR from Arizona.

It is recalled that SYLVIA ODIO, a Cuban exile residing in Dallas, Texas, has advised that on an evening in the latter part of September, 1963, she was visited at her apartment in Dallas by two Cubans or Mexicans, accompanied by an American, whom she believed to be LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

WILLIAM SEYMOUR of Phoenix, Arizona, stated on September 18, 1964, that he and LORAN HALL drove from Miami, Florida to Dallas, Texas, in October, 1963 and that he had been employed by Beach Welding and Supplies, Miami Beach, Florida during September and the first part of October, 1963. SEYMOUR said SYLVIA ODIO was not known to him.

On September 22, 1964, Mr. KEN SCHLUSSLER, Manager, Beach Welding and Supplies, 1243 20th Street, Miami Beach, Florida, advised from pay records of his office that WILLIAM SEYMOUR had worked 40 hour weeks during the pay periods September 5 to October 10, 1963. The records reflected SEYMOUR's residence address as 1925 S.W. 4th Street, Miami, Florida, and his Social

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Security number as 526-40-6224. Mr. SCHLUSSLER stated that SEYMOUR had previously worked for him during the period March 14, 1963 to June 6, 1963. Mr. SCHLUSSLER recalled that when SEYMOUR terminated his employment in October, 1963, it was for the reason that SEYMOUR's mother in California or Arizona, was reportedly sick and he had to return there. He stated SEYMOUR was a dependable employee and he would rehire him.

LAWRENCE HOWARD, upon interview at Los Angeles, California on September 20, 1964, related that about September 17, 1963, he and LORAN HALL, and a Cuban from Miami, Florida named CELLIOS ALBAS, left Los Angeles, California in HALL's car, pulling a trailer of medical supplies for the anti-FIDEL CASTRO movement. HOWARD said that about September 20, 1963, they arrived in Dallas, Texas, and registered at a motel near Memorial Park in Dallas, staying about ten days, while soliciting funds for the anti-CASTRO movement. HOWARD denied any contact with a Cuban woman named ODIO at Dallas.

On September 24, 1964, CELIO SERGIO CASTRO ALBA, born September 28, 1931 in Cuba, was interviewed at the South Florida Sugar Company near Belle Glade, Florida, where he has been employed since October, 1963.

Mr. CASTRO, who advised he is generally known as CELIO CASTRO, said he arrived in Florida from Cuba in November, 1961 as a refugee, and subsequently became acquainted with LORAN HALL, whom he knew as LORENZO HALL, and LAWRENCE HOWARD, whom he knew as LORENZO HOWARD. He said his acquaintance with these individuals was made while they were involved in plans to engage in military action against the CASTRO regime by setting out from the Florida Keys.

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Mr. CASTRO related that in approximately the beginning of September, 1963, he and LORENZO HOWARD and another Cuban, whom he recalled as having the first name FRANK, left Miami, Florida, en route to California. They drove in a 1962 Pontiac which HOWARD had arranged to deliver for a Miami firm to a party in San Francisco, California. CASTRO explained that he intended to find employment in California and the other Cuban, named FRANK, intended to stay in San Francisco where he had some relatives. CASTRO said that HOWARD resided at 3193 Blanchard Street in Los Angeles, California, and it was at that address that CASTRO stayed after arrival in California. CASTRO stated that en route to California they did not pass through Dallas, Texas, but took a more southerly route.

Mr. CASTRO continued that after about two weeks in Los Angeles, HOWARD was contacted by LORENZO HALL, who had collected a supply of firearms and medicines in the Los Angeles area, and wanted HOWARD and CASTRO to accompany him back to Florida for the purpose of furnishing the arms and medicines to an anti-CASTRO group in Florida.

CASTRO said he agreed to return to Florida for this purpose and they left California in HALL's car, a black 1956 model Pontiac, towing a trailer. He stated that en route HALL and HOWARD seemed interested in enjoying themselves rather than getting on to Florida; they spent time in Juarez, Mexico while CASTRO remained on the United States side of the border in El Paso. They traveled on to Dallas, Texas, and rented a motel room costing \$7 a day. The motel was located on a main highway just east of a two lane overhead bridge. The motel was at the corner of

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a street feeding into the highway, and a golf course is located across the highway from the motel. The motel had a swimming pool.

Mr. CASTRO continued that they remained in Dallas for approximately six days and he, CASTRO, spent all his time at the motel, with the exception of two trips he made with HALL and HOWARD. One of these was to see an American woman who was a friend of HALL; this woman was about 39 years of age and has a daughter about 17 years of age. The second trip was to the residence of an American male who lives in a suburb of Dallas, and works in a Dallas bank.

HOWARD and HALL left the trailer of equipment at this individual's residence. CASTRO described this American as 38 to 40 years of age, about 6' tall, 185 pounds, with graying hair. Mr. CASTRO said that it was not clear to him just what HOWARD and HALL were doing in Dallas, as they spoke English most of the time and he, CASTRO, does not understand much English. He said HOWARD speaks good Spanish, but always spoke to HALL in English; HALL speaks very little Spanish.

Mr. CASTRO said that HALL and HOWARD were gone from the motel at Dallas most of the time, while he, CASTRO, just spent his time between the motel and a drive-in cafe located on the same side of the highway as the motel but separated by the overpass. He said HALL paid all the expenses of the motel and for food.

CASTRO related that on one occasion he accompanied HALL and HOWARD to the apartment of a Cuban woman in Dallas, but no one was at home on this occasion.

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He did not know the name of the Cuban woman but said they attempted to make the contact about 3 to 4 PM in the afternoon. Mr. CASTRO stated that the name of SYLVIA ODIO or anyone named ODIO had never been mentioned to him while with HALL or HOWARD in Dallas.

After about six days in Dallas, HALL, HOWARD and CASTRO drove on to Miami, leaving the trailer of equipment in Dallas. After arrival in Miami, CASTRO broke off his association with HALL and HOWARD because he was convinced they were engaging in the anti-CASTRO movement for personal advantage and he suspected that HALL and HOWARD had sold the trailer of equipment while at Dallas. He said that he, CASTRO, thereafter went to work picking tomatoes at Princeton, Florida, for a period of about two weeks and then, still in October, 1963, he obtained employment with the South Florida Sugar Company, where he continues to work.

Description of CELIO CASTRO obtained at time of interview is as follows:

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| Age | 33 |
| Height | 5'9" |
| Weight | 160 |
| Hair | Black |
| Eyes | Brown |
| Complexion | Medium |
| Other | No beard or mustache as of September, 1963. |

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