

a brief period of time he was sent material through the mail and contacted locally, and he started to attend the meetings, which he stated were held in each others homes. Oswald stated they, the members, get together and talk about how it would be to visit Cuba, life in Cuba, etc..

"Oswald denied the organization was communist, or a communist front, when asked by Captain James Arnold, Commanding Officer of the First Police District, who came in during the interview, but Oswald had in his possession and was carrying a piece of cardboard with "VIVA VIVA Fidel" painted on it and the paraphernalia he was handing out was pasted on this cardboard also. Oswald stated he has never been to Cuba, and it appeared as though he is being used by these people and is very uninformd and knows very little about this organization that he belongs to and its ultimate purpose or goal. Oswald stated that the people that attend these informal meetings are working class people, such as clerical, trades, etc..

"The three Cubans were interviewed and furnished the following information:

"#1. Celso Macario Hernandez, WM, age 47, D.O.B. 1/8/16, Social Security Number 265-76-8756.

"Hernandez stated he came to the United States via Miami, Florida, on October 9, 1962, with his family and he was a traveling book salesman in Cuba. He came to New Orleans on January 8, 1963 and resides at 519 Adele Street, New Orleans with his family. He has not had

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This account of the meetings of the non-existent New Orleans Fair Play for Cuba Committee is, of course, fiction. The real reason that Oswald knew "very little about this organization" seems never to have occurred to the police. It was not that the FPCC was "using" him, obviously, but that in New Orleans it did not exist.

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any employment except for a few days of manual labor in Miami, Florida, and is presently on relief or welfare.

"The names of the family of Colso M. Hernandez are as follows:

Wife: Maria De La Caridad Valero, WF, age 41 (Maiden name)  
Daughter: Maria De Los Anglos, WF, age 14  
Son: Nicholas Pablo, WM, 11  
Daughter: Terosita, WF, age 6

"Hernandez stated he saw Oswald at approximately 1:30 P.M., August 9, 1963, passing out communist literature and he went and got his friends at 107 Decatur Street and at first they were unable to locate this subject Oswald when they got on the Canal Street streetcar, and they rode to Jefferson Davis Avenue and not being able to locate Oswald they returned to 107 Decatur Street, the Casa Roca retail clothing store. They remained there until someone came in and told them where Oswald was and they then proceeded to that location, where the three of them were carrying the sign described in formation relative to Carlos Bringuier in this memo. They then began to argue with Oswald and a crowd gathered and they were all (four) arrested by the police.

"#2. Carlos Jose Bringuier, age 29, D.O.B. 6/22/34, 5'8", 150 lbs., residing 501 Adele Street, residing this address about three months, born in Havana, Cuba.

"Bringuier stated he is manager of the Casa Roca retail clothing store, located 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans. He began his

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For some reason not clear to those whose minds work in more normal ways, Bringuier preferred describing himself as an employee of the store of which he was owner in partnership with his brother-in-law. Although describing himself as a lawyer and former clerk of the criminal court in Havana under Castro and styling himself "doctor", Bringuier filed a frivolous "defamation" suit against me, waiting until after I left New Orleans to do so, although I had been alerted to his intentions before I went there. Testimony before an official body is privileged, immune to private suit. Among the testimony Bringuier claimed to be defamatory is his own, similar to what he told the police at the time of his altercation with Oswald. The import of his complaint is that people may patronize a store in which he works, whereas they will not knowing he owns it.

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employment about October 1, 1962.

"Bringuiet previously residing at 2046 Pelopidas Street. He lives with his wife and four children.

Wife: Maria Del Carmen (Bearce), WF, age 25  
Born in Argentina, Buenos Aires  
Married in Buenos Aires, April 14, 1956  
Entered U. S. February 8, 1961, at Miami, Florida, by plane.  
Wife entered U. S. in Miami in May, 1961.  
Ages of children are 6, 5, 3 and 2.

Julio and Vicenta Bringuiet, mother and father, reside at 1769 S. W. 17th. Street, Miami, Florida, Bringuiet stated.

Julio was born in 1895 in Remedios, Cuba, entered the U. S. after invasion, believed by Bringuiet to be in May of 1961.

Vicenta was born in 1894 in Moron, Cuba, and entered the U. S. with Julio.

Carlos Bringuiet gave the following names of his brothers and sisters:

"Julio Enrique Bringuiet, (brother), age 41, born Moron, Cuba, now residing 1769 SW. 17th. Street, Miami, entered the U. S. at end of 1961.

"Maria Gertrudis (Pelaez) age 42, (sister), resides 2224 Mendez Street, married to Rolando Pelaez, who also works at the Casa Roca clothing store, 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans.

"Juan Felipe Bringuiet, age 35, (brother), born in Cuba, entered the U. S. December 24, 1962, resides in New York City, is unmarried.

"Maria Del Carmen (Medina), age 39, (sister), married to Jorge Medina, age 41, who is in Cuba. Maria Del Carmen lives in Iborville project in New Orleans, believed to be on Iborville Street. Jorge Medina was working in Criminal Court in Havana, went crazy.

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"Carlos Jose Bringuier also gave the following information relating to himself.

His social security number 435-64-3717,

His selective service number 16 42 34 462, classified 5-A, local board #42, New Orleans, dated August 24, 1961

Possesses Louisiana drivers license number 1585883, date of issue 2/26/62, address on license 4525 Duplossis Street.

Possesses Immigrant Resident card #A 12 546 223, dated 2/8/61

"Bringuier further stated that he is a local delegate of the CUBAN STUDENT/DIRECTORATE, in City of New Orleans, appointed by one Jose Antonio Lanuza, Secretary, American Affairs, Cuban Student Directorate, P.O. Box 805, Main Post Office, Miami, Florida, telephone Franklin 3-1476.

"Bringuier stated that his first job in New Orleans was with the California Rodwood Produce Co., on S. Peters Street, owned by Mr. L. C. Levy. Bringuier stated he worked here two days.

"Bringuier then worked at Mac's Discount House, located at 714 Canal Street, for about one year, beginning April 1, 1961.

"Bringuier then became a self employed pedler in April of 1962 with his brother-in-law, Rolando Polaez. They bought clothing and radios wholesale and went aboard ships to sell same. Bringuier stated that he had a Port Security Card.

"Bringuier then stated that on October 1, 1962, he opened the Casa/Roca clothing store, 107 Decatur Street, and has been working here until this date.

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"Bringquier stated that he keeps the sign, in the Cuban's possession at the time of arrest this date, in his store. This sign measures about 3 feet by 4 feet, with a picture of the Statue of Liberty, hand with dagger on end of long chain, and Cuba ringed by two links of the chain. The sign reads "Danger! Only 90 miles from U.S.A., Cuba lies in chains!"

"Bringquier stated that the sign was given to him by Arnesto Rodriguez, age in his 30's, who resided at 1208 St. Charles Street in New Orleans, at the time Arturo Frondizi came to New Orleans in January or February of 1962. Bringquier believes Frondizi is a communist, and he has two brothers in Argentina who are Communists.

"Bringquier further stated that he came to New Orleans right from Miami, Florida, by Greyhound bus, arriving in New Orleans on February 18, 1961.

"#3. Miguel Mariano Cruz, age 18, D.O.B. 9/27/44, residing 2526 Mazant Street, New Orleans, unmarried, lives with mother, father and three sisters.

Mother: Victoriana (Enriquez) Cruz, age 56  
Father: Claudio Cruz, age 64, unemployed, on Welfare.

Sisters: Hordensia Maria Cruz, age 26, a student at Capolle Beauty Schoold, 1509 St. Charles Avenue.  
Ina Josefa Cruz, age 25, stays at home.  
Maria Torosa Cruz, age 19, works at a petroleum company at night.

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Bringquier has his own definition of "Communist". It seems to coincide with that of the part of the radical right whose darling he is and amounts to anyone he does not like or who does not see through the special tinted glasses with which he regards the rest of the world. Here he calls the duly elected President of Argentina, overthrown by a military coup, a "Communist".

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