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In regard to the information attributed to her by Mrs. CONWELL, Miss ODIO noted that she most certainly would have mentioned these facts to FBI Agents when they first interviewed her if she had such knowledge of same, as she fully realizes the importance of such information, if true.

Miss ODIO stated she had not previously contacted the FBI with her information about the three visitors who had come to her home in September, 1963, as she had not considered it pertinent at the time and did not want to bother the Government investigative agencies with what they might consider a "nut" complaint when they were undoubtedly so busy with other investigative matters pertaining to the assassination.

She stated that she might have eventually proceeded on her own initiative to bring this incident to the attention of the appropriate authorities, but she still considers her information meager, and even unimportant, due to the very short duration of her conversation with the three visitors to her apartment in late September, 1963.

Miss ODIO stated she still personally believes that it was LEE HARVEY OSWALD who was the third man who accompanied the two self-identified Cubans to her apartment; however, she stated that she has seen so many pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD since the assassination of President KENNEDY that she is getting confused on this point at this late date, and added that even though she thinks it was LEE HARVEY OSWALD, it may not have been.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA.

The following interviews were conducted on September 4, 1964, pertaining to Mrs. Sylvia Odio of Dallas, Texas, who has stated she observed Lee Harvey Oswald in the company of two Cuban or Mexican men sometime in late September or early October, 1963. These three men reportedly came to her apartment one evening during this period, and indicated they represented the anti-Castro organization known as JURE (Junta Revolucionaria Cubana) (Cuban Revolutionary Junta). Mrs. Odio stated she did not ascertain the full names of the three individuals, but knew one of them, who did the talking for the three, by his war name, Leopoldo. Mrs. Odio stated that she had been an active member of JURE.

Mr. Manuel Ray was located on September 4, 1964, at the residence of his father, 3802 N. W. 19th Avenue, Miami, Florida. Mr. Ray stated he continues in his position as a leader of JURE. He said he is personally acquainted with Sylvia Odio of Dallas, Texas, by virtue of the fact that her parents had assisted him and other members of the anti-Castro organization, Movimiento Revolucionario del Pueblo (MRP) (Revolutionary Movement of the People) in Cuba. He explained that the MRP was the forerunner of the organization JURE, and the home of the parents of Sylvia Odio in Havana, and also a small farm of the parents near Havana were frequently utilized by

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members of the MRP in connection with MRP activities. He said that eventually both parents of Sylvia Odio were arrested and imprisoned by the Castro regime for the help given to the MRP. He stated at the time of their arrest, MRP leader Reynold Gonzalez was caught by the Castro agents on the Odio farm near Havana.

Mr. Ray stated he last saw Sylvia Odio in approximately June, 1963, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He said her presence in Puerto Rico at that time was primarily related to a divorce which she was obtaining from her husband, Guillermo Herrera, who resides in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Mr. Ray said that he has not discussed with Sylvia Odio the report to the effect that she observed Lee Harvey Oswald with members of JURE at Dallas, Texas. Mr. Ray stated that he regards Sylvia Odio to be intelligent, and a person of good character. He said that as of the last time he saw her, June, 1963, it was his impression that Mrs. Odio was suffering emotional strain as the result of the incarceration of her parents in Cuba, and as a result of her divorce. Mr. Ray said it would be his speculation that whereas Sylvia Odio might be mistaken concerning the identity of the person visiting her apartment and believed by her to be Lee Harvey Oswald, he did not believe she would have fabricated or suffered a delusion concerning the visit of three individuals to her apartment house at Dallas.

Mr. Ray continued that he had no knowledge of any member of JURE utilizing the war name of Leopoldo. He said he is virtually certain that no JURE member had used that name.

On September 4, 1964, Rogelio Cisneros, 347 N. E. 36th Street, Miami, Florida, advised that he had recently resigned as a leader of JURE. He said he was acquainted with Sylvia Odio of Dallas, Texas, but had not seen her since June of 1963, at which time he travelled to Dallas, Texas, from Miami, relative to the possible purchase of

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firearms, of which he had been notified by Mrs. Odio. He stated Mrs. Odio arranged a meeting with a South American named Juan Martin, who lived in Dallas, and who claimed to be able to supply weapons. Mr. Cisneros stated he made the decision against any negotiations with Martin for weapons.

Mr. Cisneros stated that in Cuba he had utilized the underground, or war name, Eugenio. He stated he knew of no member in the ranks of JURE who used the war name Leopoldo, and in any event, such war names would not be used in the United States.

Mr. Cisneros added that he considered Mrs. Odio to be a respectable person who is dedicated to the overthrow of the Castro regime. He stated he had not known her or her family in Cuba, but was aware that both her mother and father are imprisoned by the Castro regime for their involvement in anti-Castro activities.