

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 10, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

- 1.) The test would be given in the presence of Doctor Tansy, either you or Mr. Dann, with no outsiders present, with particular reference to anyone from the District Attorney's office or the Sheriff's office.
- 2.) That it would have to be assured the results of the test would be held confidential by the Commission, and under no circumstances made available to the District Attorney or the press.
- 3.) That written authority for such examination be obtained from Mr. Earl Ruby.

Mr. Dann stated that, while you and others were desirous of cooperating with the Commission, it was not felt a polygraph examination would be permissible, in view of the possible effect the examination might have on Ruby's health, except under the conditions noted above.

Mr. Dann stated the FBI or the Commission might desire to contact Doctor Tansy. He was advised this would be a matter left entirely up to the Commission, as the FBI was merely requested to set up the polygraph examination by the Commission.

Very truly yours,

J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

There are enclosed two copies each of memoranda dated August 25 and August 28, 1964, dealing with the claims of Ernesto Lima Juarez.

The group photograph referred to in the enclosed memoranda was designated Exhibit D-231, two copies of which were furnished to you as an enclosure to the report in the Lee Harvey Oswald case of Special Agent Robert E. Shortelle dated July 28, 1964, at New Haven, Connecticut. Our letters dated July 1 and July 16, 1964, set forth further information concerning the statements of Mr. Lima Juarez. In view of the results of our reinterrogation of Mr. Lima Juarez on August 26, 1964, no further action is contemplated in connection with this phase of our investigation.

Upon detachment from the classified enclosures, this letter may be regarded as unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (4)

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2787



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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 25, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

As has been previously reported, OSWALD was registered from September 27, 1963, through October 1, 1963, in Room No. 18 of the Hotel del Comercio, located at Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico, D. F., Mexico.

ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ from Reynosa, Tamaulipas, was a guest of the Hotel del Comercio on September 26, 1963. LIMA JUAREZ previously advised that a photograph had been taken of a group of the guests of the hotel.

JULIAN HUERTA OLIVA, a Cuban who was residing at the Hotel del Comercio shortly prior to the arrival of OSWALD in September, 1963, furnished a copy of a photograph of a group of the guests at the Hotel del Comercio in September, 1963.

ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ also advised that he believed that he had seen OSWALD conversing with two Cuban Negroes who were residing at the Hotel del Comercio.

Employees of the Hotel del Comercio stated that ANTONIO OLIVA, a young Negro, possibly a Cuban, had resided in Room No. 4 at the Hotel del Comercio during the period of time that OSWALD was a guest at the hotel. A housemaid of the hotel advised that OLIVA was visited frequently by another young Spanish speaking Negro who may have been a Cuban. It has been determined that ANTONIO OLIVA ALVAREZ is a native of Honduras.

RE-INTERVIEW OF
GABRIEL CONTRERAS UVINA

GABRIEL CONTRERAS UVINA, normally a resident of Ciudad Camargo, Chihuahua, Mexico, furnished the following

information to a confidential source abroad at the Hotel del Comercio, where he was temporarily residing, on August 18, 1964:

A copy of the group photograph which was obtained from JULIAN HUERTA OLIVA was exhibited to CONTRERAS. CONTRERAS identified the five individuals appearing in this photograph as follows, from left to right: (1) FRANCISCO MORALES, the friend of ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ; (2) GABRIEL CONTRERAS UVINA; (3) JULIAN HUERTA; (4) MANUEL SANTOS; (5) ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ.

CONTRERAS stated that he was unable to identify photographs of ANTONIO OLIVA ALVAREZ and IRMA CANSECO ORTIZ, the common-law wife of OLIVA ALVAREZ, and reiterated that he had no knowledge of any other Cubans residing in the Hotel del Comercio during the pertinent period other than JULIAN HUERTA OLIVA.



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In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 28, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

As has been previously reported, OSWALD was registered from September 27, 1963, through October 1, 1963, in Room No. 14 of the Hotel del Comercio, located at Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico, D.F., Mexico.

ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ, from Reynosa, Tamaulipas, was a guest of the Hotel del Comercio from September 16, 1963, until after October 1, 1963. LIMA JUAREZ previously advised that a group photograph had been taken of some guests of the hotel, including two Cubans.

JULIAN HUERTA OLIVA, a Cuban who was residing at the Hotel del Comercio just prior to the arrival of OSWALD in September, 1963, furnished a copy of a group photograph of guests at the Hotel del Comercio in late September, 1963.

LIMA JUAREZ also advised previously that he believed that he had seen OSWALD conversing with two Cuban Negroes who were residing at the Hotel del Comercio. LIMA JUAREZ previously stated that he had seen a total of four Cubans at the Hotel del Comercio during the period that he resided there, including the two Cuban Negroes and the two Cubans who he thought had appeared in the group photograph.

REINTERVIEW OF ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ

ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ, who normally resides in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico, furnished the following information to a confidential source abroad on August 28, 1964, at his temporary residence at Carrada de Lauro Aguirre No. 19, Mexico, D.F., Mexico.

A copy of the group photograph furnished by JULIAN HUERTA OLIVA was exhibited to LIMA JUAREZ, who stated that this was the group photograph to which he had previously referred. LIMA JUAREZ identified the persons appearing in this photograph as follows, left to right:

FRANCISCO MORALES, his companion who was seeking employment

GABRIEL CONTRERAS, a man from Chihuahua with eye trouble

JULIAN HUERTA, a Cuban who later went to the United States

MANUEL SANTOS, a farmer from Torreon, Mexico

ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ

LIMA JUAREZ said that, when originally interviewed, he had thought that a second Cuban had appeared in the photograph, but now realized that he was mistaken.

LIMA JUAREZ said that the second Cuban, to whom he had previously referred, was a friend of JULIAN HUERTA who was not a guest at the hotel. A photograph of NESTOR LEONEL CARBONELL was shown to LIMA JUAREZ and he said that the photograph and the name appeared to be familiar to him but he could not be certain that this was the individual who had visited JULIAN HUERTA at the Hotel del Comercio.

LIMA JUAREZ stated that to the best of his knowledge, HUERTA was the only Cuban who was a guest at the Hotel del Comercio during the period of time that LIMA JUAREZ resided there, with the exception of ANTONIO OLIVA, a young Spanish-speaking Negro that HUERTA had identified as being a Cuban.

It is noted that ANTONIO OLIVA, as previously reported, has been identified as a Negro from Honduras.

A photograph of ANTONIO OLIVA was shown to LIMA JUAREZ, and LIMA JUAREZ immediately identified the photograph as a photograph of the "Cuban Negro" who lived in a room on the roof of the Hotel del Comercio with a Mexican girl. LIMA JUAREZ identified a photograph of IRMA CONSECO ORTIZ as being a photograph of the girl who resided with OLIVA.

LIMA JUAREZ said that another Negro whom he considered to be a Cuban had associated with OLIVA but was not a guest of the hotel.

LIMA JUAREZ stated that, shortly after his arrival at the Hotel del Comercio in mid-September, 1963, he saw OLIVA and the other Negro standing at the entrance of the Hotel del Comercio conversing with a person believed by LIMA JUAREZ to be an American. LIMA JUAREZ recalled this American as being a young white male, about five feet eight inches tall, with a dark complexion and definite Latin characteristics. LIMA JUAREZ specifically noted that this individual had curly black hair with a marked widow's peak and a noticeably high forehead.

LIMA JUAREZ stated that, when he was first interviewed concerning this matter, he had identified photographs of OSWALD as being identical with the individual mentioned above; however, after thinking carefully about the matter, he is now quite certain that this individual was not OSWALD. LIMA JUAREZ stated that he is now quite certain that he has never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD.



Photo of Lee Harvey Oswald taken after his return from Russia. Marina Oswald had not previously seen this photograph.

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