

1Date December 21, 1963

Mr. LEONARD EDWIN HUTCHINSON, 601 West 6th Street, BL 4-5193, Irving, Texas, owner and operator of Hutch's Grocery, 2333 West Shady Grove, BL 3-5544, Irving, Texas, was recontacted to determine if he had any knowledge as to acquaintanceship and/or association between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY.

Mr. HUTCHINSON had advised previously that OSWALD had frequented his grocery for minor purchases and had attempted to cash several checks. The grocery is located about eight tenths of a mile from the PAINE residence where MARINA OSWALD resided and where OSWALD was known to have visited.

Mr. HUTCHINSON advised that the only person he ever had seen with OSWALD was a young woman, presumed to be his wife, MARINA OSWALD. The two spoke in foreign tongue while in the store. Mr. HUTCHINSON stated that he had no knowledge of JACK RUBY until RUBY shot OSWALD, and has no knowledge of any association between the two.

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WILLIAM MITCHELL, News Director, WESH TV (NBC Affiliate) Orlando, Florida, telephonically advised that he had filmed an interview with one FERLANDO FERRER, a Cuban, former professor of English in the Cuban Ministry of Education and a holder of important Government posts in Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

MITCHELL advised that FERRER had been in the city for a speaking engagement at the Howard Junior High School sponsored by Reverend ANTON FROELICH, coordinator for the Church League of America, Florida Division on the evening of December 5, 1963.

MITCHELL advised that the interview concerned the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and the possible collusion between LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBINSTEIN and would make the tape available for review.

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Rev. ARTHUR A. FROELICH, 250 S. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida, advised as follows:

He stated that he was the coordinator of the speaking engagement on December 5, 1963 of FERNANDO PENABAZ, 4017 Aurora Street, Coral Gables, Florida, and that PENABAZ has returned to that town.

Rev. FROELICH stated that PENABAZ received his information just the day before yesterday, December 4, 1963, and that it was based on research. He said that it has not been "tied down" as yet but that the available description does concern someone who does seem similar to RUBENSTEIN. Allegedly, PENABAZ came up with the information that RUBENSTEIN and OSWALD were conspirators in the assassination of Pres. KENNEDY. Rev. FROELICH stated that the information which was furnished to PENABAZ has not been verified.

He said that the PENABAZ is a writer for a newspaper in Ft. Lauderdale, and publishes "Today's World".

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A review of the television taped interview taken with FERNANDO PENABAZ by WESH TV Orlando, Florida, on December 5, 1963 reflected the following information:

PENABAZ started his statement with a review of OSWALD's activities on behalf of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans, La., and stated that the announcements by the FBI to the effect that OSWALD was a "Loner" were subject to interpretation as OSWALD had been an active member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

One week before the assassination of the President a cartoon appeared in "REVOLUCION", Official propaganda organ for the Castro regime, which depicted, in G.S. block, the damage which Hurricane "FLORA" had wrought in Cuba with UCCLE SIM standing by laughing, and in another block, a coffin bearing the name JOHN F. KENNEDY with CASTRO standing by also laughing and the caption read "He who laughs last laughs best". In addition, two days before the assassination, there were intense troop movements in Cuba on the Northern Coast.

Leading members of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee expressed intense dislike for the late President and in an interview a member of this committee, CARLTON BEAL stated that JOHN F. KENNEDY needed to be eliminated. Also, members of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee were formerly founders of the Monroe Committee formed to protect ROBERT FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, a man wanted by the FBI as reported in the FBI Fiscal report of 1961.

PENABAZ went on to state that he had obtained facts from reports of public hearings of the "DIES" Committee of August 17, 1933 that a JACK RUBENSTEIN had been one of the founders of Revolutionary Youth, a Marxist Organization in 1930 and also in Volume I of those hearings he had been one of the leaders in 1929 of the Lovestone phonetic - Gitlow phonetic group of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA). It was reported further in hearings on December 2, 1939 that a JACK RUBENSTEIN attended a CPUSA caucus in 1929.

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Another reference to JACK RUBENSTEIN was in the 80th Congress House Report in which a cable, made public, referred to COLLADE JACK RUBENSTEIN a member of the Bureau of the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League.

FENARAZ ended his interview by stating that it only needed to be verified that the JACK RUBENSTEIN referred to in these hearings and reports was identical with the man who killed OSWALD and it would tend to prove a similarity to the typical communist plot designed to handle a situation gone awry. FENARAZ also indicated that if OSWALD would have gotten away with the assassination it would have been blamed on right-wing fanatics.

APPENDIXFAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960 edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full page advertisement captioned "What is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the Fair Play For Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUQUE identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the aforementioned advertisement.

On May 16, 1963 a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. However, during the past year this source observed there has been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that today their influence is negligible.

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that the National Headquarters of the FPCC is located in Room 329 at 799 Broadway, New York City. According to this source, the position of National Office Director was created in the Fall of 1962 and was filled by VINCENT "TED" LEE, who now formulates FPCC policy. This source observed LEE has followed a course of entertaining and accepting the cooperation of many other organizations including the CP and the SWP when he has felt it would be to his personal benefit as well as the FPCC's. However, LEE has indicated to this source he has no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. LEE feels the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations, but not support the Cuban Revolution per se.

The CP and the SWP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

POSSIBLE BACKGROUND ON SUBJECT

The following investigation was conducted by SA BILLY C. KIRTS at Cincinnati, Ohio:

On February 1, 1964, Mrs. THOMAS S. (EVELYN) CHRISTOPHER, 919 Lincoln Drive, Washington Court House, Ohio, telephonically advised that she had been reviewing some old copies of the "Daily Worker" and had noted the following:

The April 17, 1962, issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article on page three (3), regarding a dinner given to one MARK LANE, an attorney. The continuation of the article on page seven (7), listed as one of the sponsors of the dinner, one JACK RUBENSTEIN.

Mrs. CHRISTOPHER advised that she had read in another newspaper that one MARK LANE had been hired as an attorney by Mrs. LEE OSWALD, wife of the assassin of President KENNEDY.

The following investigation reported by the New York Office:

A review of the Daily Worker issue of April 17, 1962, and files of New York Office reflect that a testimonial dinner was held at the Astor Hotel, New York City, April 10, 1962, in honor of MARK LANE. According to the Daily Worker article, 1300 people attended the dinner and JACK RUBENSTEIN was listed as one of the sponsors of the dinner.

JACK RUBENSTEIN, Vice President of the Textile Workers of America, 99 University Place, Manhattan, on February 12, 1964, advised SA JAMES J. ROGERS that he was one of the sponsors of the above mentioned dinner, however, he did not attend the dinner.

Mr. RUBENSTEIN added that when he read the speech given at the dinner by MARK LANE he sincerely regretted having agreed to act as a sponsor of the dinner.

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With regard to information attributed to MRS. THOMAS S. CHRISTOPHER, above, news media in the Dallas, Texas, area have carried reports that one MARK LANE has been retained by MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. There have been no reports LANE represents MRS. MARINA OSWALD.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
July 31, 1964

Jack Rubenstein Who Allegedly
Attended Camp Unity, Kingston,
New York in 1947

The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, by letter dated July 16, 1964, requested a reinterview of Mr. Jack Rubenstein, 99 University Place, New York, New York, concerning the possibility that he attended Camp Unity, Kingston, New York in 1947, and was mistaken for Jack L. Ruby by Mrs. Thelma Marks.

The Commission also requested a review of subversive activities files to determine the identity of the person identified by Mrs. Marks as attending Camp Unity. The Commission also desired any information as to whether or not Camp Unity was attended by persons identified by Roy William Fehrenbach as having been active in Communist Party activities in Muncie, Indiana.

Jack Rubenstein, Vice President of the Textile Workers Union of America, 99 University Place, New York, New York, on July 21, 1964, said he did not attend Camp Unity, Kingston, New York in 1947 or at any other time.

There is no information in the files of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reflecting that anyone named Jack Rubenstein attended Camp Unity, Kingston, New York.

There is no identifiable information in the files of the New York Office of the FBI reflecting that any of the following persons attended Camp Unity, Kingston, New York, at any time:

Jack Rubenstein Who Allegedly
Attended Camp Unity, Kingston,
New York in 1947

Sam Jaffe
Charlotte Chazin
Seymour Chazin
Marian Fritsker
Max Fritsker
Evelyn Berke
Irwin Berke
Phillip Jaffe
Lawson Jaffe
Harry Pazol
Herbert Pazol
Morton Pazol
Morton Standt