

Date 12/4/63

The following description of Dr. FERNANDEZ was obtained from interrogation and observation:

Name	Dr. JULIO CESAR FERNANDEZ
Address	400 East Allegheny St., Martinsburg, Pa.
Born	January 3, 1909 Havana, Cuba
Race	White
Sex	Male
Ethnicity	Cuban
Height	5' 8"
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Black, mixed with gray, curly
Peculiarities	Has difficulty with English language and speaks with Spanish accent
Occupation	Spanish teacher
Marital Status	Married
Arrest record	None admitted
Immediate relatives	Wife--EMMA LARRAZ FERNANDEZ, aka, NENA FERNANDEZ Children--JULIO CESAR FERNANDEZ, JR., age 19 Daughter: WALKYRIA, age, 16 Son: ALEXIS, age 9

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Upon her specific request, Mrs. MARIE STEPHENS, 568 Hedden Avenue, Akron, Ohio, was interviewed at her residence by SA RICHARD G. PETERSON.

She stated at approximately 7:30 P.M., November 28, 1963, she got off the bus at the intersection of Main and Market Streets, Akron, Ohio, directly in front of the Portage Hotel. She advised she observed two "Cuban males" standing along the curb by a "late 1964 Buick." When asked why she was sure it was a "late 1964," Mrs. STEPHENS replied, "Because it had new white wall tires and an Ohio license, number unknown."

As she was passing by these two individuals, Mrs. STEPHENS claimed she heard the one man say to his companion, "RUBY fouled things up. We'll pick up BUDIE in Chicago, head for Dallas and meet CLARA at the club. We've got to do away with RUBY 'cause he fouled things up. When we get back to Cuba, CASTRO will give us a medal."

Mrs. STEPHENS described these two men as both being about 5' 6" to 5' 8" tall, medium build, dark complexions, black hair with high pompadour in front, both dressed in dark trousers, zipper type jackets with red and yellow plaid shirts. She did not hear them mention the name of the club they were to go to in Dallas but did hear them say "CLARA" was a stripteaser and also heard them refer to her by her Spanish name, "CLARISA."

Mrs. STEPHENS also claimed that just after the assassination of President KENNEDY, she called FBI Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and warned them, "If LEE OSWALD was not guarded very closely he would be killed." She said that at the time she called she gave the FBI the descriptions of the above mentioned two "Cubans," however, she was unable to give a logical explanation of where she observed these two individuals prior to the evening of November 28, 1963.

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by SA RICHARD G. PETERSON/mtc Date dictated 11/4/63

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Mrs. STEPHENS further claims she is the individual who tipped off the "head of the FBI, Washington, D. C." in the early 1950's, that an attempt was going to be made by Puerto Ricans to assassinate former President HARRY S. TRUMAN while he was temporarily living at Blair House, Washington, D. C. She said she is the individual who is responsible for Mr. TRUMAN not being killed at that time. Mrs. STEPHENS added that her name is on file with FBI headquarters for furnishing this information.

When questioned as to how she knew the two unknown males she observed were Cubans, Mrs. STEPHENS replied, "Cubans look more starved than Puerto Ricans."

Concerning her own background, Mrs. STEPHENS advised she is 66 years of age, a widow, and lives alone at 568 Hedden Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

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On November 29, 1963, efforts to locate Mr. W. F. HICKMAN, B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, 500 S. Main Street, Akron, Ohio, former place of employment of MARIE STEPHENS, determined Mr. HICKMAN not available.

On December 2, 1963, Mr. W. F. HICKMAN, B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, advised SA RICHARD G. WATSON that MARIE STEPHENS was employed by B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company from April 5, 1927, to May 31, 1962, the effective date of her retirement. She was born May 15, 1877, and currently resides at 568 Hedden Avenue, Akron, Ohio. He suggested that Mr. WALTER WELDEN and Mr. THOMAS J. JENKINS, both of Department 7500, be contacted for additional information regarding Mrs. STEPHENS.

On December 2, 1963, Mr. WALTER WELDEN, B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, advised he knew MARIE STEPHENS for several years prior to her retirement. He described her as a very odd person and on several occasions doubted her mental stability. He said she is a very "flighty" individual, "you can never tell what she will do from one minute to the next nor what she will say." He advised he recalled one time she went out to buy a new car without knowing how to drive. When the salesman took her out for a demonstration ride, she got behind the wheel and proceeded to run into a pole, wrecking the car. He stated she later unsuccessfully tried to sue the automobile agency.

On December 2, 1963, Mr. THOMAS J. JENKINS, 759 Betts Avenue, Akron, Ohio, retired employee of B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, advised that MARIE STEPHENS worked directly under him for several years. He stated that towards the end of her employment she began to act very strange and made "weird" statements. As an example, he recalled when Mrs. STEPHENS' dog died she had a regular funeral for it and called a florist and ordered flowers in the names of some of her friends. These friends were then billed for the flowers without their knowledge. Mr. JENKINS also recalled that Mrs. STEPHENS' husband CHARLES, now deceased, moved to Las Vegas for his health not too long before his death. Mrs. STEPHENS used to tell Mr. JENKINS when she came to work in the morning that she received telephone calls from "Angela" informing

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her that her husband was running around with other women and that he was going to die. She also told JENKINS that she did not believe this, as she did not think eagles made telephone calls.

In conclusion, Mr. JENKINS advised that based on his association with MARIE STEPHENS he considers her a very unstable person, strongly inclined to imagine things, and he would not believe anything she said.

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I LEE RANKIN,
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M E M O R A N D U M

September 23, 1964

TO: Mr. J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

FROM: Burt W. Griffin

RE: Telephone conversations, September 22, 1964 concerning
Jack Ruby's relationship with Russell D. Mathews.

Between 11:00 and 12:00 p.m., I placed long distance telephone calls to George Senator in New York City and to Ralph Paul and Eva Grant in Dallas, Texas for the purpose of ascertaining what connection, if any, Jack Ruby had with Russell D. Mathews and Elizabeth Ann Mathews.

Neither Mr. Senator, Mr. Paul nor Mrs. Grant were familiar with the names of Mr. and Mrs. Mathews and knew of no connection Jack Ruby had with Mr. Mathews or with persons at Shreveport, Louisiana, other than night club owners.

I asked Mrs. Grant specifically what information she had concerning the possible sale of jeeps to Cuba. She explained that she had heard about this venture in the spring or summer of 1959 or 1960. She said that she had been present during a conversation with her brother, although, it was not clear if anyone else was present. According to Mrs. Grant, her brother was contacted by a person who owned eight jeeps and wished to locate a buyer. She said her brother saw this as an opportunity to act as a broker, just as one might be a broker for any conventional item of merchandise. She also was not sure where the prospective buyer or seller were located, although when I mentioned Houston to her, she indicated that there was someone in Houston connected with the transaction. She indicated, although her answers were not specific, that the prospective sale was never completed. She also said that she never considered the prospective sale worthwhile since it was her understanding that Cuba was getting all the jeeps it needed from the United States and would not have any use for eight jeeps. She also was unable to give any specific information about the jeeps although she speculated that they were broken down jeeps left over from World War II.

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