

3. Carlos Bringuier

Carlos Bringuier was an anti-Castro Cuban activist in New Orleans who had repeated contact with Lee Harvey Oswald in the summer of 1963. Bringuier managed a clothing store in New Orleans, and he was also the New Orleans representative of the anti-Castro organization Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (the DRE). Oswald visited Bringuier's store in early August of 1963 and they discussed the Cuban political situation. According to Bringuier, Oswald portrayed himself as being anti-Castro and anti-communist. Several days later, someone told Bringuier that an American was passing out pro-Castro leaflets in New Orleans. Bringuier and two others went to counter-demonstrate, and Bringuier was surprised to see that Oswald was the pro-Castro leafleter. Bringuier and Oswald argued and were arrested for disturbing the peace. The publicity from the altercation and trial (Oswald pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and Bringuier and his friends pleaded not guilty and the charges were dismissed) resulted in a debate on WDSU radio between Bringuier and Oswald on August 21, 1963.

Bringuier testified to the Warren Commission in April of 1964. The Review Board requested access to all FBI files on Bringuier from New Orleans and Headquarters that had not already been designated for processing under the JFK Act. The Review Board designated six serials on Bringuier from New Orleans 105-1095 as assassination records. The earliest serial, dated March 16, 1962, documents attempts by a Federal agency to enlist Cuban nationals for military training. All of the other serials are dated after November 22, 1963, and document Bringuier's interactions with Oswald in August of 1963.