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exiles in a street demonstration and being officially sanctioned by the police, was critical of me of what support I had leaving me alone. In spite of those claims, the Commission has not been able to uncover any evidence that anyone ever attacked any street demonstration in which Oswald was involved, except for the Fringuier incident mentioned above, which occurred 8 days after Oswald wrote the above letter to V. T. Lee. Fringuier, who seemed to be familiar with many anti-Castro activities in New Orleans, was not aware of any such incident. Police reports also fail to reflect any activity on Oswald's part prior to August 5, 1963, except for the uneventful distribution of literature at the Dumaine Street wharf in June. Furthermore, the general tenor of Oswald's next letter to V. T. Lee, in which he reported his report of the Fringuier incident with a copy of the circular made against him and a newspaper clipping reporting the event, suggests that his previous story of an attack by Cuban exiles was at least greatly exaggerated. While the legend "FPCC 544 Camp St. NEW ORLEANS, LA." stamped on some literature that Oswald had in his possession at the time of his arrest in New Orleans, extensive investigation was not able to connect Oswald with that address, although it did develop the fact that an anti-Castro organization had maintained offices there for a period ending early in 1962. The Commission does not able to find any other indication that Oswald had resided at that address or had read an office in New Orleans. In view of the limited amount of public evidence of Oswald's activities in that part before August 5, 1963, there also seems to be no basis for his claim that he had distributed "thousands" of circulars, especially since the limited evidence of actual activity had only indicated that he had claimed to have printed only 2,000 and that he received only 2,000 printed. In addition, there is no evidence that he

received any additional amount of material from the national headquarters. In another letter to V. T. Lee, dated August 14, 1963, Oswald wrote that he had appeared on Mr. William Stuckey's 15-minute television program over WDSU called "Latin American Focus" as a result of his "Flood of mail callers and invitations to debates etc." as well as people interested in joining the F.P.C.C. New Orleans branch. WDSU has no program of any kind called "Latin American Focus," but Mr. Stuckey had a radio program called "Latin Listening Post," on which Oswald was featured for less than 5 minutes on August 17, 1963. It appears that Oswald had only called in response to an offer of his FPCC to debate the long of Bringuier's attempting to "neutralize the effect of the alleged FPCC organization" in New Orleans. Oswald's statements that he hoped to be flooded with callers and invitations to debates would have made him feel even more important and to his must have been when he first arrived in the Soviet Union and was to meet with some of the returned to the United States. The limited evidence indicates that Oswald received as a result of the radio program and the subject of his television debate was apparently not enough to attract much attention. He explained in his letters to V. T. Lee in an appur- 408 HANDS OFF CUBA! Is this the Fair Play for Cuba Committee Member Branch Lecture, Lecture LOCATION: WELCOME!