ANTI-CASTRO GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS--SILVIA ODIO
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SUMMARY

This portion of the HSCA report retells the story Odio told the Warren Commission, examines Odio's mental background and personal history, and attempts to determine if the men who visited her had ties to JURE as they claimed. Unlike the WC, the HSCA concludes that Odio's testimony is credible and that Oswald was one of the men whom she saw that night.

BACKGROUND

Odio claims that sometime between September 24-27, 1963, she was visited at her home by three men— two were Cuban and one "Anglo"— regarding anti-Castro activity. She says the Anglo was introduced to her as "Leon Oswald." Days later, one of the Cubans called her and said that "Oswald" was an ex-Marine and an expert marksman, was "kind of loco," and had said that the Cubans had no guts for not having killed JFK after the Bay of Pigs. The WC concluded that Odio was mistaken in her identifying Oswald as one of the men she saw that night; they placed Oswald as being on his way to Mexico City at that time. Their conclusion also may have been helped by the fact that Odio had received psychiatric treatment for depression.

19-20	WC summary of Odio's story.
20-23	Reasons WC gave for not believing Odio's story.
23-24	Silvia Odio's personal background.
24-29	Retelling of Odio's story regarding Oswald.
29-30	Testimony of Odio's psychiatrist.
30-31	HSCA analysis of Odio's story, taking into account other known relevant facts.
31-32	Conclusion: Odio's story is credible, and while the date cannot be fixed, she probably was visited by Oswald and two anti-Castro Cubans in September 1963.

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