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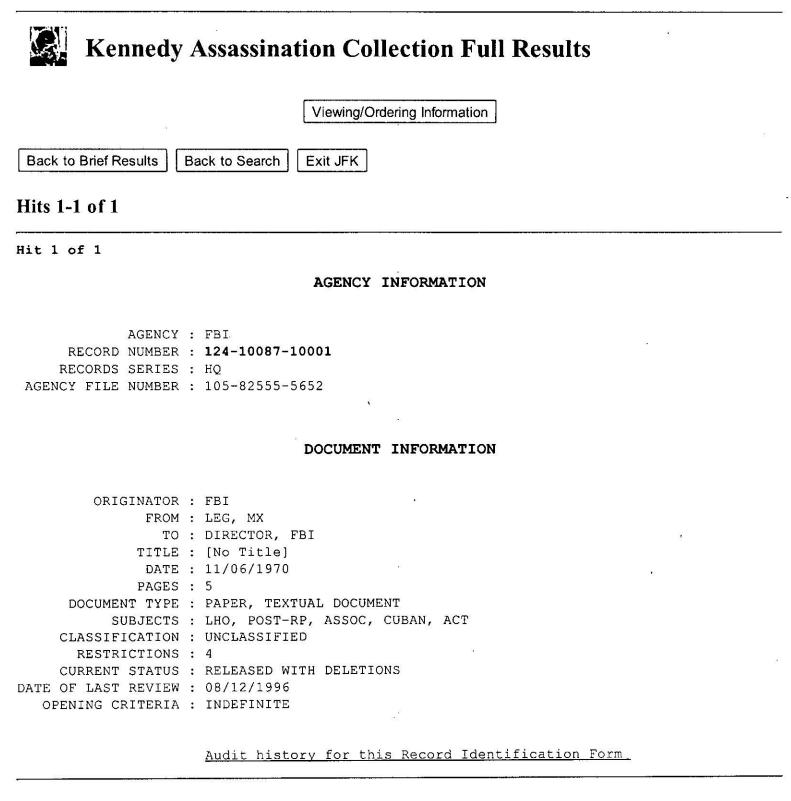


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"CACHITA" PROENZA PROENZA DE ROJAS, complained that Cuba has become a police state and that Cuban authorities, have the × m7 family "all tied up." ROJAS and his wife told MEX 197\*that a Cuban communist named JUAN MARINE is a friend of the family. On one trip to Cuba, CACHITA ROJAS asked him to look into the situation of her sister TERESA PROENZA to see how it could be straightened out. MARINE recently visited Mexico "incognito" and informed the ROJAS that the situation now is extraordinarily good but that TERESA was once under a death sentence because she had dealt with LEE HARVEY OSWALD while assigned to the Cuban Embassy prior to the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY. Her friends interceded for her and her life was spared. RC told MEX 197 that MARINE warned them not to tell the Cuban ROJAS Embassy in Mexico City that he had spoken to them about this matter.

The source stated that JORGE ROJAS and his wife do not know how to cope with the present situation. They fear going to Cuba and they are speaking out against the Cuban revolution in a most forthright manner. The bitterness displayed by ROJAS's wife far exceeds any that the source can recall in the past.  $G(\mathbf{k})$ 

The source stated that some years ago, as best he could recall, he heard JUANA LUISA PROENZA, a sister of CACHITA who died some years ago, telling a similar story of how TERESA PROENZA was somehow involved with LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the Cuban Embassy. At the time TERESA was employed at the embassy, she lived with JUANA LUISA and another sister. Within the family it has always been said that JUANA LUISA worried herself to death after TERESA was ordered to Cuba.

The Mexico City Office has conducted a review of references to TERESA PRCENZA especially those dealing with the OSWALD investigation and it is noted that as set forth in Mexico City letter to the Bureau 1/24/64 in the CSWALD case MEX 18 and MEX 19, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, reported on 1/13/64 that they had conversed with ELIZABETH CATLETT MORA, Bufile 100-395934, who told them of a conversation she held with TERESA PRCENZA, the Cultural Attache of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. According to MORA, TERESA PRCENZA had told her that OSWALD walked in "cold" to the Cuban Embassy and the first person he talked to was PRCENZA. Since PRCENZA did not speak English, she turned him

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Released under the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collect/ion Act of 1992 (44 USC 2107 Note), DATE: 11-14-2017 Config ntial MEX 105-3702 · ter 1. 1. While it is not that from available information, it would appear that PROENZA was able to return from Cuba for a visit to Mexico following her dismissal and departure in 1/64. ( )( ) man for the second s By report dated 1/14/65 the CIA reported on the investigation by the Cuban government of old line communist JCAQUIN ORDOQUI MESA. In this report it was indicated that TERESA PRCENZA had been arrested at her home and was being held incommunicado. A review of the foregoing material indicates that TERESA PROENZA got into trouble with the Cuban government more as a result of her criticism of the handling of the OSWALD matter following the assassination of President KENNEDY than because of anything she did when OSWALD visited the Cuban Embassy. Her harsh criticism of high Cuban officials (the Ambassador and Foreign Minister) was apparently well known in the embassy and hardly helped her case. **#**It fails to indicate that she did anything for CSWALD that would substantiate In the remarks made by JORGE ROJAS and his wife to MEX 197 that TERESA PROENZA had nearly been executed because of her activities during CSWALD's visit to the Cuban Embassy in 1963 In the absence of additional information regarding this activity, no || further investigation is contemplated at this time. īt is noted that it is not feasible to directly interrogate JORGE K L ROJAS or his wife. Kowever, MEX 197 will closely follow this matter with them and any additional, significant developments will be called promptly to the attention of the Bureau. Cne information copy is being furnished to Philadelphia in view of their interest in ALVARO PROENZA. Concerning ALVARO PROENZA, MEX 197 reported on 7/2/73 that he had recently visited the ROJAS family in Mexico City and CACHITA Temarked that ALVARO said he was surrounded by "gusanos" (referring to Cuban exiles in a derogatory manner) in Philadelphia.

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