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Previous questions have surfaced about the 1960s activities of Rafael Cruz, Sr., the father of C presidential hopeful Rafael Cruz, Jr. (Ted Cruz). Based on the presence of the elder Cruz, an activist, in Dallas and New Orleans before the November 22, 1963, assassination of Presiden Kennedy, there is a strong reason to believe that Cruz was associated with Central Intelligence anti-Castro operations.

Furthermore, a Cuban hired by alleged JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and who bears a striking resemblance to Cruz is seen in an iconic photograph of Oswald and a group of Cubans Oswald were distributing "Hands off Cuba!" pamphlets in New Orleans in the summer of 1963. The photo of Oswald and other Cubans he hired for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee was taken outside the Trade Mart in New Orleans on August 16, 1963. WMR has been informed by a source that the photo of Oswald's left is none other than Rafael Cruz. The photograph at the trade mart was favorably compared to a 1954 photograph of Cruz attached to an official Cuban Ministry of Education document.



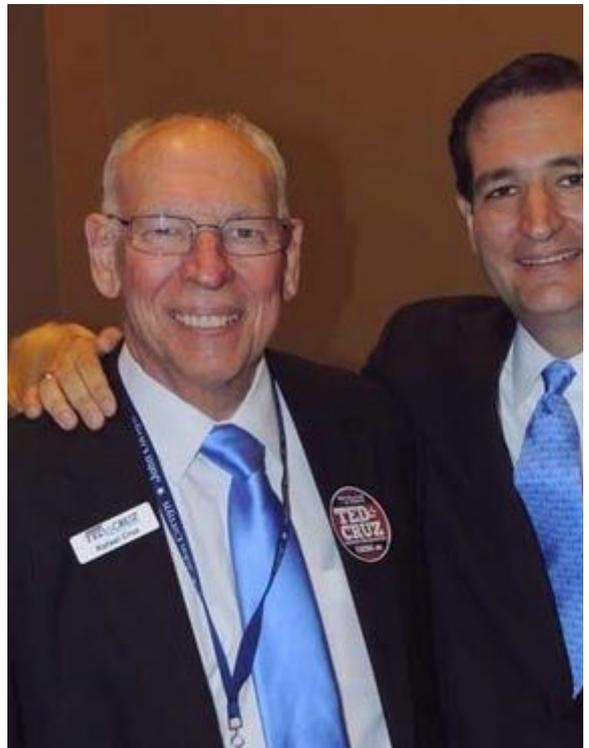
Photo of Rafael Cruz, Sr. attached to a 1954 Cuban Ministry of Education secondary education graduation certificate from Matanzas.



Man to Oswald's left, in center with tie, is reportedly Rafael Cruz, the father of the man who wants to be the next president of the United States. Photograph taken August 16, 1963 outside the International Trade Mart in New Orleans. Oswald's alias A J Hidell. It's possible Cruz may have also used one.



Another view of the purported Cruz [far left].



Blown-up photo of Rafael Cruz with Fair Play for Cuba in New Orleans in 1963 [left]. Rafi with his son at a FreedomWorks event in Salt Lake City in 2013 where Rafael Cruz falsely s Castro-led Communist Cuba [right]. What else has the elder Cruz lied about?



Someone should print this original pamphlet in color and hand it to Rafael Cruz, Sr. and as handed them out in New Orleans on August 16, 1963.

Oswald was arrested along with three Cubans on August 9, 1963, not necessarily the same Cu later photographed with at the trade mart, after he got into what is considered to have been a " with anti-Castro Cuban activist and lawyer Carlos Bringuier. Before Oswald's very public fig Bringuier and Oswald's subsequent arrest, the ex-Marine offered to help the DRE train its con fight against the Castro government in Cuba.

G. Robert Blakey, the Special Attorney at the Department of Justice in the Organized Crime ar Racketeering Section from 1960 to 1964 and the chief counsel of the House Special Committe Assassinations, affirmed that the men seen with Oswald passing out pamphlets at the trade ma were never identified. In fact, Blakey told PBS's *Frontline* in 1993, "when he [Oswald] distri literature, one of the two people was hired. The other person we've never been able to identif

On August 9, 1963, Oswald was found guilty of disturbing the peace and he was fined 10 doll known that Oswald worked with Bringuier and Clay Shaw in anti-Castro activities linked to tl Bringuier's Student Revolutionary Directorate (DRE), an anti-Castro organization, used the sa Street address as Oswald's Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Moreover, Bringuier had in his pos Oswald's personal copy of the book, *Guidebook for Marines*.

On February 11, 2016, WMR provided a history of Cruz's ties to New Orleans during the time and organized crime's plot to kill Kennedy:

In 1957, Rafael Cruz, the son of an employee of the U.S. intelligence-linked RCA Corpora for the United States. Cruz claims he fought with Castro against the fascist government of Batista but soured on the revolution. However, Cruz left Cuba two years before the Castro

Cruz arrived in Austin where he enrolled in the University of Texas. This is a strange story claimed he left Cuba with only \$100, which he said was sewn into his underwear. Cruz ever U.S. permanent residency and a degree in mathematics from the University of Texas. In 1959 married Julia Ann Garza and, after Cruz graduated from the University of Texas in 1961, th moved to New Orleans from Dallas after the birth of their second daughter on November

*Cruz was in New Orleans during 1963, the year that New Orleans District Attorney Jim C claimed his city was the focal point for the plot to assassinate President John F. Kennedy involved a number of Cuban exiles. Accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald claimed, as part of a "defector" persona developed by the Central Intelligence Agency, to be a member of the **pro-Play for Cuba Committee**. The committee just happened to share an office address with Guy private investigation agency.*

*Guy Banister Associates was located on the ground floor of the Newman Building at 5312 I Street while Oswald's "pro-Castro" Fair Play for Cuba Committee was located around the the ground floor of the same building but with an address of 544 Camp Street. Banister was agent who continued to carry out tasks for the bureau and the CIA. The Newman Building h number of **anti-Castro** groups, including the Cuban Revolutionary Council, Crusade to Fre Committee, the Cuban Democratic Revolutionary Front, Anti-Communist League of the Cai Friends of Democratic Cuba. While living in New Orleans, Cruz was also active with anti-C movements and the chances that he did not cross paths with Banister and the other anti-Ca including CIA agent **Sergio Arcacha Smith**, are highly unlikely for such a close-knit comm time.*

While living in New Orleans with his wife and two young daughters, Cruz claimed residenc addresses, one a low-rent apartment building off of Jackson Avenue. Cruz worked for an oi New Orleans. He has been less than forthcoming about the details of his time in New Orleans time line that included his move from Dallas.

*Cruz and his wife Julia divorced in New Orleans or Dallas, allegedly in 1962 or 1963, but is also **clouded in mystery**. Cruz apparently registered for the draft in 1967 claiming the New Jackson Street address. Draft registration was a requirement for resident aliens like Cruz. Cruz apparently waited until the age of 28 to register for the draft, which, because he waited so long, was a criminal offense at the time. While liable for the draft and possible service in Vietnam, a fellow Cuban immigrant Otto Macias gladly volunteered to serve, Cruz took off for Calgary with his second wife, **Eleanor Darragh**. Darragh, a native of Delaware who graduated from University in Houston, worked for the same oil company in New Orleans that employed Cruz. Rafael "Ted" Cruz, Jr., now a candidate for president of the United States, claims that his father worked for the same company in New Orleans but there is actually **no record of an Eleanor Darragh Wilson Cruz living in New Orleans at the time**.*

Eleanor Wilson, married to Fort Worth, Texas native Alan Wilson, lived in London from 1961 to 1965, their infant son Michael died from crib death. Alan Wilson, who still lives in London, McClatchy News Service that Michael was not his son. In his autobiography, Senator Ted Cruz claims Michael was the son of his mother and Alan but also claims the baby died in 1965. In fact, Michael, according to London vital statistics records, died in 1966 and well after the Wilsons divorced. Eleanor Cruz, who lives in Houston, has been mum on her marriage to Alan Wilson and her marriage to Cruz, which lasted from 1969 to 1997. Ted Cruz was born in Calgary in 1970 and a major question about his eligibility to serve as president since Cruz maintained Canadian citizenship until 2013.

To WMR Readers:

What follows is a response by WMR's editor to a blog post April 14 on the website JFKFacts

publisher/editor is Jefferson Morley, a journalist and author who formerly reported for the Wa
We put this here because Morley's illustrates the mentality of an information gatekeeper and t
establishment who poses as an open-minded researcher.

Morley's blog post entitled, "Debunking the JFK conspiracy theory involving Rafael Cruz, fat
constituted an unwarranted attack on WMR. The Morley post can be found here: <http://jfkfacts.org/assassination/debunking-jfk-conspiracy-theory-involving-rafael-cruz-father-ted/>

Morley's site invites reader comments to what is claimed to be a site about "JFK Facts." (and
editor@jfkfacts.org) But the following rebuttal has not been published as a reader comment, e
or in part. www.jfkfacts.org

To the Editor:

Your column makes grave factual and research procedural errors that unfairly smear me and u
blog's title "JFKFacts." Instead, your opinion stems from name-calling and anonymous source
source stating that the mystery man was not Rafael Cruz. Who is your source? Who is the myst
you have this info before you defamed me?

I am a journalist, national security expert, author of 14 books, and former government investig
broken many scoops later vindicated. Based on training in 14 years as a Naval Intelligence of
example, my reporting includes a three-part series on the Wayne Madsen Report in 2006 expo
Speaker Dennis Hastert as a gay pedophile subject to blackmail.

As errors:

First, you falsely claimed with no attribution that I described myself as a "conspiracy theorist
your source. As we know from declassified 1960s CIA memos, authorities devised that smear
assets to use to discredit JFK assassination researchers. I scorn such a label, for the same rea
Simpich here (<http://jfkfacts.org/memories/want-to-be-marginalized-talk-about-your-conspira>

Second, your slurs come from anonymous and CIA-tainted sources. Instead, why not contact n
and fact-checking? I'm not hiding, unlike those cowards. I write a daily column, and have app
national security expert on eight of the top nine TV and cable U.S. news networks. My opeds l
hundreds of times in mainstream U.S. newspapers just in the past four years. Previously, I wor
an NSA analyst and for two major defense contractors, RCA and Computer Sciences Corp., a
VP-equivalent rank at the latter of Chief Privacy Officer. Which of your sources have that kind
experience? Some of their mischief apparently stems from the hit-job bio that anonymous edit
Wikipedia concocted about me and have refused to change. The CIA helped fund Wikipedia v
capital arm In-Q-Tel (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In-Q-Tel>), as former deputy director Mic
confirmed last year at the National Press Club. Although most of Wikipedia's entries are strai
controllers undertake hit jobs on sensitive topics, as I described in a 2014 profile of Wikipedi
"The Outlaw, Jimmy Wales."

Third, your blog mocks my use of anonymous sources. You suggest that you know I am wrong
anonymous source, *which you do not name!* Who is that source?

Fourth, the editor falsely suggested April 14 that my reporting was complete even though my
ongoing, as I reiterated April 13 to WGSO-AM's New Orleans audience when I invited their

identify Oswald's companion. Even FBI and HSCA investigators (including former HSCA co-
Blakey) have not named him publicly.

On April 15, I submitted a longer version of this reply. By now, I can report progress. Stay tu

Wayne Madsen

Editor, The Wayne Madsen Report

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