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CITE MEXICO CITY 2454

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1. MEXICO STATION FILES CONTAIN SUBSTANTIALLY SAME DEROG ON THAYER WALDO (AKA MARK THAYER) AS REPORTED REF. IN ADDITION HKHW-3282 OF 11 FEB 1960 CITES USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE IN HEG-184 OF 16 JUNE 1953 THAT SUBJECT'S FORMER PARTNER IN PACIFIC POST, FRANCIS R. SUTHERLAND STATED WALDO CARRIED ON HIS PERSON PROOF OF CP MEMBERSHIP WHICH SUTHERLAND HAD SEEN.

2. ACTING ON TIP FROM SIMONCINI THAT WALDO HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM MEXICO, COS RAISED SUBJECT IN AMBASSADOR'S STAFF MEETING 3 AUG. COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, WHO SITS ON BOARD OF REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF AMERICAS, SAID WALDO HAD BEEN FIRED BY UNIVERSITY SINCE HE WAS NOT DOING JOB FOR THEM. SAID UNIVERSITY HAD FORGOTTEN TO INFORM GOM AUTHORITIES THAT WALDO WORKING FOR THEM. THIS PUT WALDO IN POSITION OF HAVING VIOLATED WORKING PAPERS REQUIREMENT, AND ACCORDING COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, PROBABLY ACCOUNTED FOR WALDO'S EXPULSION BY GOM. COUNSELOR FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS ADDED THAT WALDO

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APPARENTLY KICKED INTO TEXAS BECAUSE HE HAD CALLED ~~EMBASSY~~ number
PRESS ATTACHE FROM THERE ON 2 AUG.

3. IN SAME STAFF MEETING COUNSELOR FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS SAID MEXI FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOC. CONCERNED OVER CASE BECAUSE (A) THEY FEARED WALDO MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPELLED BECAUSE OF ANTI-MEXICAN ARTICLES HE HAD WRITTEN FOR DENVER POST AND NEW YORK TIMES (FOR WHICH HE STRINGER), AND (B) WALDO OWES CLUB SOME 6,000 PESOS IN BAR BILLS AND THEY FEAR THEY WILL LOSE CHANCES OF COLLECTING BECAUSE OF EXPULSION.

4. ACCORDING U.S. CON GEN MEXI, WALDO IS U.S. CITIZEN AND HAD LATEST U.S. PASSPORT ISSUED MEXI 1966.

5. MEXICO CITY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWS CARRIES STORY BY JAIME PLENN 11 AUG HEADLINED "SEARCH ON FOR MISSING NEWSMAN". PLENN WRITES THAT DISAPPEARANCE OF WALDO, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR AT UNIVERSITY OF AMERICAS, HAS BECOME OBJECT OF OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE INQUIRIES. FOLLOWING IS GIST PLENN ARTICLE: WALDO LEFT MEXI UNEXPECTEDLY EARLY JULY. LAST HEARD FROM IN POST-MARKED LOS ANGELES ADDRESSED TO UNIVERSITY CLAIMING HE HAD BEEN TRAILED IN MEXI AND THAT PRESSURE PUT ON HIM TO LEAVE COUNTRY. WALDO A MEMBER OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOC., WHICH LISTS HIM AS CORRESPONDENT FOR DENVER POST, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, AND

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TUCSON CITIZEN. ALSO WROTE REGULARLY FOR OTHER U.S. PAPERS. number BOTH UNIVERSITY AND ASSOC. TRYING LOCATE WALDO.

6. PLENN STORY CONTINUED: WALDO IN DALLAS AT TIME KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AND REPORTED EVENTS OF THAT WEEK TO U.S. NEWSPAPERS. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO HE CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE MEXI AND OUTLINED HIS POINTS OF VIEW THAT DIFFERED WITH HARRIS REPORT. SHORT WHILE BEFORE LEAVING MEXI, WALDO KNOWS HE HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING ACTIVITIES IN MEXI OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND A REPORTED TRIP TO MEXI BY MEMBERS OF A SECRET U.S. ORGANIZATION AT TIME PRESIDENT KENNEDY VISITED MEXI 1962. WALDO FRIENDS SAID HE TOLD THEM HE HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED IN NEW ORLEANS BY D.A. JIM GARRISON TO VERIFY REPORTS OF CERTAIN INCIDENTS DURING KENNEDY VISIT MEXI. CON IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED WALDO DEPARTED. U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAD NO INFO TO SUPPLY RE WALDO'S WHEREABOUTS.

7. LNERGO CHIEF MEXICO ADVISED OCS ON 11 AUG THAT LNERGO TRYING TO LOCATE TO INTERVIEW HIM RE OSWALD CASE. REQUEST HQS ADVISE LNERGO IF WHEREABOUTS KNOWN.

END OF MESSAGE

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