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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Lee Harvey OSWALD

At 1010 hours on 3 December, Mr. Papich of the FBI advised that the Bureau had received a cable last night from the Legal Attache in Mexico City who is in touch with our representative there. He stated that our representative had been informed by Captain Wheelock of the [redacted] that ALVARADO told him, Wheelock, that he recanted his original story because of fear of physical harm; that Alvarado was being deported from Mexico to Nicaragua on 4 December 1963 and would be accompanied by Wheelock; that Wheelock assured our representative that Alvarado would be available for further interview in Nicaragua if the United States desired.

Mr. Papich stated that the Bureau would like to have him subjected to a polygraph examination by this Agency and would appreciate receiving word as soon as possible as to whether we will handle the matter since if we will not handle it the FBI will have to determine what other steps might be taken to see that this is done. I advised Mr. Papich that I would check into the matter, that I did not know whether we had available at this time a polygraph operator who could properly handle this matter but in any event I would let him know whether this can be done.

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With reference to my previous memorandum of today concerning a request from Mr. Papich at 1010 hours, and after checking with regard to the possibility of seeing Mr. Helms, I telephonically advised Mr. Papich that I did not know when I would be in a position to give him an answer but in any event it would certainly not be before 1130 or 12 noon.

After conferring with Mr. Helms, Mr. Angleton and Mr. Whitten, and being informed by Mr. Helms that this was a matter which I could tell Mr. Papich would have to be decided by the Director, I telephonically contacted Mr. Papich at approximately 12:00 noon and advised him that it was a matter which would have to be considered by our Director, that I could not give him any assurance as to the time he would receive a response. The matter was definitely being given attention and he would be informed as soon as I received a response. Mr. Papich remarked that he did not see why this Agency couldn't reach a prompt decision on a relatively simple matter and that "if your Agency can't do it we are going to give it a try." I did not go into the question as to whether we could or could not do it with Mr. Papich but simply stated that I would give him a response as soon as I could. I specifically inquired to be certain that this was an official request that we handle the further interview and polygraph. He stated that it was and that he was receiving considerable pressure on the question and his Director wanted a response as soon as possible.

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Birch D. O'Neal
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