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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS OF LEE
HARVEY OSWALD IN MEXICO CITY

On November 26, 1963, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that, following a check of the registration records of numerous middle and lower class hotels in the downtown area of Mexico City (also known as Mexico, D. F., the "D. F." referring to "Distrito Federal" - Federal District), he had ascertained that on September 27, 1963, LEE HARVEY OSWALD had registered at the Hotel del Comercio, located at Calle (Street) Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19 and approximately eight blocks from the commercial heart of the Mexican capital. The records disclosed that OSWALD was registered as the occupant of room No. 18 until October 1, 1963, and was deleted from the hotel guest list on October 2, 1963.

According to source, there were only three employees at the hotel, and some of them were able to recognize OSWALD's photograph as having been a guest at that establishment but could recall virtually no information concerning the circumstances relating thereto.

OSWALD'S REGISTRATION AT HOTEL

Photocopies of the registration records of the Hotel del Comercio, Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico, D. F., as made available by Lic. RAFAEL HERNANDEZ OCHA, Assistant Chief of the Mexican Department of Immigration, reflect that on September 27, 1963, OSWALD registered at that hotel as "LEE, HARVEY OSWALD, USA, Texas, PHOTO, US citizen" and was assigned room No. 18.

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The owner and manager of the hotel, GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, explained on March 3, 1964, that upon arrival a guest is required to register in his own handwriting; however, as long as he remains at the hotel thereafter, the name is transferred to the registration list for subsequent days by the manager or his assistant.

EXAMINATION OF HANDWRITING ON
HOTEL REGISTER BY FBI LABORATORY

On December 11, 1963, a photocopy of the above-described page of the Hotel del Comercio registration book was submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination of the "LEE HARVEY OSWALD" signature appearing thereon.

In a laboratory report dated December 18, 1963, the FBI Laboratory stated that examination of "Oc333, photocopy of page of registry book of Hotel del Comercio, Calle Sahagun 13, Mexico City, with signatures of guests registering on September 27, 1963, Line 18, bearing signature 'Lee Harvey Oswald'" had been made with the following result:

"It was concluded that the LEE HARVEY OSWALD signature on Line 18 of Oc333 was written by LEE HARVEY OSWALD, whose known writing appears on K4 and K5 in this case."

The information recorded hereinunder was furnished by a confidential source abroad:

IDENTITIES OF PERSONS AT HOTEL
DURING SAME PERIOD AS OSWALD

A review of copies of the pages of the Hotel del Comercio registration book for individuals who registered or remained at the hotel from September 26, 1963, through the night of October 1-2, 1963, revealed the following with respect to their names, city and state of origin, room or rooms occupied, and date or dates of occupancy.

Because of the fact that some of the names were abbreviated and others not decipherable, Hotel del Comercio owner, GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, assisted in clarifying those names.

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<u>Name and Residence</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Dates of Occupancy</u>
ISABEL SALAZAR y comp. Durango, Durango	1	September 26 and 27, 1963
J. ASECION HERRERA Durango, Durango	2	September 26 and 27, 1963
POLO DUENAS Aguascalientes, Ags.	3	September 26 and 27, 1963
ANTONIO OLIVA y Sra. Mexico, D. F., Mex. (Musician)	4	September 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, and October 1, 1963
POLO DUENAS Aguascalientes, Ags.	5	September 26, 1963
FERNANDO VALENZUELA Chihuahua, Chihuahua	6	September 26 through October 1, 1963
ANGELICA PEREYRA Torreon, Coahuila (Housewife)	7	September 26 through October 1, 1963
ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ Reynosa, Tamaulipas	8	September 26, 1963
MARTIN GUERRERO San Louis Potosi, S.L.P.	9	September 26 through October 1, 1963
JOSE LUIS MACIAS Chihuahua, Chihuahua	10	September 26 through October 1, 1963
PEDRO QUIJANO Torreon, Coahuila	11	September 26 through October 1, 1963
MANUEL SANTOS Saltillo, Coahuila (Farmer)	12	September 26, 27, 28 and 30, and October 1, 1963
URBANO TORRES Guanajuato, Guanajuato	13, 22	September 26 and October 1, 1963

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<u>Name and Residence</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Dates of Occupancy</u>
GABRIEL CONTRERAS Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua	14	September 26 through October 1, 1963
JULIO LINAN San Luis Potosi, S.L.P.	15	September 26 through October 1, 1963
POLO DUENAS Aguascalientes, Ags.	16	September 26, 1963
RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ Chihuahua, Chihuahua	17, 16, and 17	September 26 through October 1, 1963
POLO DUENAS Aguascalientes, Ags.	18	September 26, 1963
PEREZ PLIEGO San Luis Potosi, S.L.P.	19	September 26, 27 and 28, 1963
SANTOS PEDROZA Leon, Guanajuato	20	September 26 through October 1, 1963
MARIO RESENDIZ Saltillo, Coahuila (Businessman)	21	September 26 through October 1, 1963
POLO DUENAS Aguascalientes, Ags.	22	September 26, 1963
ENRIQUE GARZAT Monterroy, Nuevo Leon	23	September 26, 1963
OSCAR LOZA	25	September 26, 1963
POLO DUENAS	26	September 26, 1963
ARTURO CHAVEZ Ciudad del Maiz, S.L.P.	27	September 26, 1963
POLO DUENAS	28	September 26, 1963

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<u>Name and Residence</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Dates of Occupancy</u>
MANUEL SERRALDE Monterrey, Nuevo Leon	29	September 26 through October 1, 1963
LEOPOLDO DIAZ Guadalupe, Guanajuato	30	September 26, 1963
MARTIN SUMAYA Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas	5	September 27, 1963
FRANCISCO MORALES Reynosa, Tamaulipas	8	September 27 through October 1, 1963
RAFAEL ROCHA Torreon, Coahuila	13	September 27, 1963
LES, HARVEY OSWALD (Photo.)	18	September 27 through October 1, 1963
ROBERTO LOPEZ Mexico, D. F., Mexico	22	September 27, 1963
JUAN FCO. ROCHA Durango, Durango	24	September 27, 1963
OSCAR SANCHEZ DE LA ROSA Monterrey, Nuevo Leon	25	September 27 through 30, 1963
ALFREDO GARCIA Guadalajara, Jalisco	26	September 27 through 29, 1963
JOSE GAMES Aguascalientes, Ags. (Chauffeur)	28, 30 and 24	September 27 and 30 and October 1, 1963
ALICIA PLAZA Aguascalientes, ags. (Housewife)	1, 23	September 28, 29 and 30, 1963
JORGE ROCQUE Puebla, Puebla	2	September 28, 1963

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<u>Name and Residence</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Dates of Occupancy</u>
Sr. VILLA Puebla, Puebla	3	September 28, 1963
Sr. RAMOS y Sra. Queretaro, Queretaro	5	September 28, 1963
FIDENCIO GARCIA San Luis Potosi, S.L.P.	13	September 28, 1963
CARLOS MARQUES Veracruz, Veracruz	16	September 28, 1963
Sr. PEREZ y fam. Chihuahua, Chihuahua (Businessman)	22, 19	September 28 and October 1, 1963
Sr. RAMIREZ Torreon, Coahuila	23	September 28, 1963
SILVINO MARTINEZ Queretaro, Queretaro	24	September 28, 1963
MARIO ALATORRE Puebla, Puebla (Businessman)	28, 3	September 28 and 29, 1963
LEONARDO BERRERA Guanajuato, Guanajuato (Businessman)	2	September 29 and 30 and October 1, 1963
RAUL RAMIREZ Veracruz, Veracruz	12	September 29, 1963
RAUL RAMIREZ Veracruz, Veracruz	13	September 29 and 30 and October 1, 1963
FERNANDO MARTINEZ Guadalajara, Jalisco	16	September 29, 1963
ALFONSO SOLTRAN Chihuahua, Chihuahua	19	September 29, 1963

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<u>Name and Residence</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Dates of Occupancy</u>
TOMAS CALVA Queretaro, Queretaro	24	September 29, 1963
JESUS GOMEZ y fam.	1	September 30, 1963
JUAN PEDRAZA (JULIAN PEDRAZA) San Luis Potosi, S.L.P.	3	September 30 through October 1, 1963
JESUS GOMEZ	5	September 30, 1963
MANUEL SANTOS Saltillo, Coahuila	12	September 30 through October 1, 1963
SALVADOR HERNANDEZ Puebla, Puebla	16	September 30, 1963
Cap. ESQUIVEL Veracruz, Veracruz (Military)	19	September 30, 1963
GUILLERMO FLORES Queretaro, Queretaro	22	September 30, 1963
TEOFIL. (TEOFILO) VELAZQUEZ Irapuato, Guanajuato	24	September 30, 1963
ARLANDO RODRIGUEZ San Luis, Guanajuato (San Luis de la Paz)	25	September 30, 1963
GREGORIO PEREZ Puebla, Puebla	28	September 30 through October 1, 1963
RAMIREZ Monterrey, Nuevo Leon	1	October 1, 1963
Cap. DOMINGUEZ Guadalajara, Jalisco	5	October 1, 1963
ROSAS RAMIREZ Celaya, Guanajuato	16	October 1, 1963

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<u>Name and Residence</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Dates of Occupancy</u>
Mr. MONTOYA Puebla, Puebla	23	October 1, 1963
FRANCISCO GUTIERREZ Puebla, Puebla (Chauffeur)	25	October 1, 1963
FELIPE ESCOBEDO	26	October 1, 1963
ALFONSO GARCIA Monterrey, Nuevo Leon	27	October 1, 1963

INTERVIEW OF MANAGER AND
OTHER PERSONNEL AT HOTEL

GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA advised on March 3, 1964, that he is the owner and manager of the Hotel del Comercio, which is located approximately five blocks north of the main east-west thoroughfare of Mexico, Paseo de la Reforma, and two blocks east of the principal north-south artery, Avenida Insurgentes. He explained that his hotel caters to commercial travelers, most of whom are Mexican citizens; that it has a total of thirty rooms, most of which are equipped with a private bath; that for a single room the minimum rate, without bath, is 13.00 pesos (\$1.03 U.S.) and the maximum, with bath, is 20.00 pesos (\$1.60 U.S.) He added that the hotel is in the heart of the area of many of the bus terminals in Mexico City and also is only a few blocks from the passenger railroad station.

GARCIA LUNA furnished the following observations concerning the stay of LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the Hotel del Comercio. He received OSWALD and caused him to sign the hotel registration book, which is utilized in place of registration cards. He believed OSWALD's arrival had occurred between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. The guest makes the initial entry in the registration book with data which includes his name, place of origin, occupation, and nationality; thereafter, so long as the guest remains at the hotel, his name and identifying data are transferred to the registration book page for the current date, after he has made payment in

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advance for his room for the ensuing night. Inasmuch as payment is made in advance, no effort is made to obtain an exact home address from the registrant.

The hotel has four floors, and OSWALD was assigned room No. 18 (with bath) on the third floor at a daily rate of 16.00 pesos (\$1.28 U.S.). The rooms on the latter floor are numbered from 18 through 23. The hotel registration book reflects that OSWALD paid for his room on October 1, 1963, which, according to GARCIA LUNA, indicates he was entitled to and probably slept at the hotel the night of October 1-2, 1963, and departed therefrom during the day of October 2, 1963. GARCIA LUNA stated he could not recall the circumstances of OSWALD's departure nor the hour thereof, but merely was judging normal procedure on the basis of information in his record.

GARCIA LUNA advised that he speaks a few words of English and received the impression that OSWALD neither spoke nor understood any Spanish. He had not observed OSWALD in the hotel during the day nor had he ever seen him accompanied by any individual or individuals. He recalled that OSWALD had been carrying a medium-size, brown handbag, which he believed had a zipper and was either of Naugahyde or canvas material. He did not remember that OSWALD had ever worn a coat and believed he usually appeared in a short-sleeved shirt of a knit variety.

Inquiry was made of GARCIA LUNA as to other personnel at the hotel who might recall OSWALD on the basis of having any reason to notice or contact him, and he stated that those persons would be his assistant, SEBASTIAN PEREZ, and the maid who cleans the rooms on the upper two floors, MATILDE GARNICA.

GARCIA LUNA stated that he was acquainted with a few of the guests who were at the hotel during the same period as OSWALD but did not have home addresses for any of them. He mentioned that several of the guests of that period are commercial travelers and return to the hotel from time to time. He agreed to advise the confidential source in the event any of those guests should return to the hotel.

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MATILDE GARNICA, maid at the Hotel del Comercio, advised on March 3, 1964, that she recognized the photographs of OSWALD as being of the young American who had occupied room No. 18 for almost a week during the latter part of last year. She explained that she handles the daily housekeeping duties for the third and fourth floors of the hotel, comprising rooms numbered 18 through 30, and ordinarily arrives at work between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., leaving at 9:00 p.m., upon completion of her working day.

Mrs. GARNICA related that she clearly recalls OSWALD, as few Americans stay at the hotel, and was somewhat intrigued by his presence there. He had very few personal effects, which he carried in what she described as a "small, brown, zippered handbag," which was either of canvas or imitation leather material. She did not believe she had seen OSWALD in the hotel on more than two occasions, the day of his arrival and the following Saturday as he still was in his room when she checked to determine which rooms were available for cleaning. She remembered that when she saw him in the room on the Saturday morning in question he said "good morning" to her in English, and a short time later left the hotel.

She never saw him with any other person and had no conversation with him, having received the impression that he neither spoke nor understood Spanish.

SEBASTIAN PEREZ HERNANDEZ, desk clerk and assistant to the owner of the Hotel del Comercio, advised on March 10, 1964, that he had not conversed with OSWALD but remembered him clearly inasmuch as very few Americans have stayed at the hotel. To the best of his recollection, OSWALD left the hotel each morning and did not return until evening, possibly after PEREZ HERNANDEZ had completed his working day and left the hotel. He stated OSWALD was alone whenever he noticed him at the hotel and usually wore a knit, short-sleeved sport shirt and no coat or jacket.

PEREZ HERNANDEZ advised that since OSWALD paid his rent in advance for the night of October 1, 1963, there would have been little reason for contact with him on the presumed date of his departure, October 2, 1963, and he was unable to

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remember any details in this connection.

On the basis of information that OSWALD probably left Mexico City by bus on the morning of October 2, 1963, PEREZ HERNANDEZ was reinterviewed on April 10, 1964, and he stated it had not occurred to him previously but it was possible that the night watchman, who remains at the reception desk during the night, might have been aware of OSWALD's departure from the hotel. He identified the watchman as PEDRO RODRIGUEZ and stated he could be located at the hotel after 9:00 p.m. or during the early morning hours.

On April 18, 1964, PEDRO RODRIGUEZ LEDESMA advised that he resides at Santa Clara, State of Mexico, and for many years has been the night watchman at the hotel del Comercio, his working hours being from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. He explained, however, that he often is able to leave the hotel by 1:00 a.m. or earlier if the owner and manager, GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, has arrived to relieve him and handle reception duties. With respect to LEE HARVEY OSWALD's stay at the hotel he furnished the following information.

He clearly recalls the young American whom he later identified in his mind as OSWALD and remembers that on the date of the latter's departure from the hotel and on the basis of sign language and the word "taxi," which he interpreted to indicate that OSWALD wanted a taxicab, RODRIGUEZ walked around the corner from the hotel to Orozco y Berra and Lornal Diaz Streets where he obtained a taxicab which had just left a passenger at the "Estrella Blanca" ("White Star") bus terminal. He stated definitely that he did not know the taxi driver and had not known or discussed with the driver or OSWALD the latter's intended destination. He said OSWALD carried his own luggage downstairs and waited in front of the hotel with the luggage until RODRIGUEZ returned with the taxicab.

He believed OSWALD left the hotel between 6:30 and 7:00 a.m., since it was getting light when he went in search of the taxicab. He could not be more precise concerning the time. He believed that OSWALD gave him a small tip of one or two pesos (\$.02 or \$.16 U.S.) for his assistance in calling a taxi. RODRIGUEZ commented that while he had little

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difficulty obtaining a taxi at the early hour, it becomes very difficult to secure taxi transportation between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. because of the heavy traffic at that time.

RODRIGUEZ related that to the best of his recollection OSWALD always arrived at the hotel late at night, "midnight or thereafter," but he never noticed any indication that OSWALD had been drinking. He never observed OSWALD in the company of any person and did not recall him ever using the only telephone at the hotel, which is located at the reception desk.

With the exception of the morning of his departure from the hotel, RODRIGUEZ believed that OSWALD never left the hotel in the mornings prior to the former's completion of his work shift and leaving, which would have been between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

On April 22, 1964, inquiry was made of GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA with respect to the reliability of his watchman, PEDRO RODRIGUEZ LEDESMA, and he stated RODRIGUEZ is "humble but very serious, deeply religious, a family man, and highly reliable." He commented that he did not believe RODRIGUEZ would fabricate or misrepresent information in any way.

OTHER INQUIRIES IN THE AREA OF
THE HOTEL DEL COMERCIO, TAXI
STANDS, AND BUS TERMINALS

On March 4 and again on April 10, 1964, DOLORES RAMIREZ DE BARREIRO advised that she is the owner, manager, and sometimes cook at the small restaurant on Calle Bernardino de Sahagun (no number) immediately adjacent to the Hotel del Comercio. She explained that there is no commercial connection between the hotel and her restaurant, but because of its proximity many hotel guests eat some meals at the restaurant.

Upon viewing photographs of OSWALD, Mrs. BARREIRO affirmed that she remembered him as a young American who had eaten several meals at the restaurant in the late afternoon over a period of approximately one week. She said he appeared

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at the restaurant after the noon rush hour or some time after 2:00 p.m., always alone, and ordered his food by pointing on the menu, apparently with some consideration of costs. He always ate the soup of the day, rice, and either meat or eggs, but always rejected dessert and coffee. She thought this unusual, as the dessert and coffee ordinarily are included in the price of the daily lunch, but he did not appear to understand this and always waved the waitress away if she tried to serve those items. She recalled that he also rejected any efforts to sell him soft drinks, which she described as an important income item in her business. She estimated that OSWALD spent from five to six pesos (\$.40 to \$.48 U.S.) for his meals. She had assumed he was a guest at the hotel but never observed him contact or talk to anyone while at the restaurant.

The information recorded hereinunder was furnished by a second confidential source, who has provided reliable information in the past, on March 24, 1964.

In the area of the Hotel del Comercio at Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, it was observed that this street is only one block long and has very little business or other activity. A photograph of subject was displayed to GUILLERMO CANARGO, the owner and operator of a parking lot located directly in front of the Hotel del Comercio, and to RAMON TRIGO, who operates a cigarette and candy stand at the entrance to the parking lot, without any identification by those individuals.

On that same street, a photograph of OSWALD was displayed to the automobile watchman, JESUS TRIGO, who was unable to recognize OSWALD. A restaurant without a name is located at the corner of Bernardino de Sahagun Street and San Cosme, and the cashier of that establishment was unable to recognize a photograph of OSWALD.

A careful check was made in the area of the Transportes Frontera bus line, as well as the A.D.O. (Autobuses del Oriente - Autobuses of the East) bus line, which is next door, in an effort to locate any individual who might have furnished transportation to Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, to OSWALD between October 1 and 2, 1963.

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Immediately in front of the A.D.O. bus terminal is a taxi stand which maintains permanent service in that locality for that terminal and also the Transportes Frontera terminal. The number of the taxi stand is 119 and one of the drivers and owner of all the taxis operated there is JOSE LUNA CABRERA, who operates a 1953 Ford with Federal District taxi license plates 33-64. He was certain that neither he nor any of the other drivers at that stand would have provided transportation to OSWALD to Nuevo Laredo, inasmuch as they rarely accept fares outside of Mexico City. He stated, however, if a North American should request transportation outside the city, they normally would refer him to their colleague, JESUS "EL PINGUINO," who is the only one of their group who speaks English.

The foregoing individual was interviewed and shown a photograph of OSWALD. He stated he had not made any trips outside the city in October, 1963, and was unable to identify the photograph of OSWALD as anyone who had utilized his services as a taxi driver.

OSWALD's photograph was displayed to all the drivers at the above-mentioned taxi stand without locating any of them who could identify OSWALD as having been a passenger in their respective taxi cabs.

It was determined that a taxi stand operates from in front of the bus terminal of the "Autobuses Blancos Flecha Roja" ("Red Arrow White Buses") on Heroes Ferrocarrileros Street, where the dispatcher is MANUEL VARGAS. A photograph of OSWALD was shown to VARGAS, as well as to the other chauffeurs who operate from that stand, four or five in number, without locating anyone who recognized OSWALD as having been a passenger. FERNANDO ORTIZ advised that he is the only driver at that stand who speaks English and usually handles English speaking fares for persons who leave the bus terminal in search of a taxi to transport them to a hotel. He stated that he and other drivers would be perfectly willing to make a special trip to Laredo but had not done so in the month of October, 1963. He stated he could not recognize the photograph of OSWALD but did comment it looked something like photographs he had seen of OSWALD in the newspapers.

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In the area of the above-mentioned bus terminal, NICOLAS MARTINEZ, who operates a newsstand; the personnel of the "Museo" gasoline station, which is located immediately adjacent to the bus terminal; and the owner and manager of the Hotel "Museo," OBDULIO ANTON, as well as several employees and his nephew, MANOLO ANTON, were unable to recognize a photograph of OSWALD. Also in the area of the bus terminal the shoeshine boy, FELIPE GARCIA, as well as the candy salesman, ISABEL PALLAS, and the policeman who is stationed outside the bus terminal and has Badge No. 1128, were unable to recognize a photograph of OSWALD or furnish any information concerning him.

In the area of the Mexico City railroad station (located a few blocks from the Hotel del Comercio), it was determined that a taxi stand operates under the direction of Mr. ARCINIEGA and Mr. DIAZ; but neither of those individuals was able to recognize a photograph of OSWALD.

A photograph of OSWALD was displayed to IGNACIO RUIZ and JOSE TREJO, who sell travel handbags regularly at the doors of the A.D.O. and Transportes Frontera bus terminals; the shoeshine boys who operate regularly in the area; the National Lottery ticket salesmen, LUIS MELCHOR, ANTONIO CRUZ, and JUAN CRUZ; salesmen of belts and colored glasses, ROSENDO CORONA and ANTONIO LOPEZ; newspaper vendors, NICOLAS SANCHEZ and GONZALO CASTRO MIRANDA; VICTOR OROPEZA and his son, ALFREDO, who sell orange juice from an ambulatory stand; LADISLADO BADILLO and his cousin, JUAN BADILLO, who operate a gift stand near the entrance to the A.D.O. terminal and a similar shop at the German-American Hotel on the same block; and to JULIO GARCIA, who operates a parking lot next door to the A.D.O. bus station, and none of them was able to identify the photograph as being of any person who had been in that area inquiring for transportation.

Photographs of OSWALD also were displayed in other business establishments adjacent to the bus stations at the Mexican Aviation Company offices, the branch of the National Bank, the German-American Hotel, the Isabel lunch stand, the Aisa battery shop, the Hotel America and the bus terminal for "Autobuses Corsarios del Bajio," which offers transportation to Morelia, without locating any person who could

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recognize the photograph of OSWALD as having been in that locality.

INTERVIEWS OF GUESTS AT HOTEL

A second confidential source abroad reported that on January 24, 1964, ALFONSO PEREZ PLIEGO advised that his home address is Calle Espana No. 304, Guadalajara, Jalisco, and that he frequently stops at the Hotel del Comercio while in Mexico City, where he has a business address of Calle Bolivar No. 8, Room 401. He confirmed that he had occupied room No. 19 at the Hotel del Comercio from September 26 through 28, 1963, but stated that he had not observed OSWALD's presence at the hotel and was unable to furnish any information concerning the latter's activities in Mexico City.

A third confidential source abroad advised that on March 1, 1964, Captain SALVADOR ESQUIVEL SEGURA was located at the Hotel del Comercio and he advised that he resides permanently at Calle Colon No. 18, Fraccionamiento Reforma, Veracruz, Veracruz, and is a Mexican Army dental surgeon attached to the Military Zone Headquarters at Veracruz.

He stated he was at the Hotel del Comercio during the latter part of September, 1963, for one night only, and if the hotel records reflected he was there on the night of September 30, 1963, that data would coincide with his recollection of the matter. He advised that while he was most desirous of being of assistance, he could not recall anything whatsoever concerning OSWALD in connection with the hotel and could not identify photographs of him as being of a guest whom he had seen at the hotel.

The same source advised that on March 4, 1964, URBANO TORRES MENDOZA advised that he resides permanently at Calle Sangre de Cristo No. 51, Guanajuato, Guanajuato, and, being an automobile salesman, he makes frequent trips between Guanajuato and Mexico City for the purpose of transporting new automobiles. He related that he usually stays at the Hotel del Comercio, departing in the early morning and returning late at night. Upon viewing photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, he stated he does not recall him as anyone he has seen at any time.

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The first confidential source abroad furnished the information recorded hereinunder.

On March 3, 1964, MARTIN GUERRERO was located at the Hotel del Comercio, room No. 15, and advised that he permanently resides at Calle Anahuac No. 215, San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi, and is a member of a "hand fiber manufacturing cooperative" known as "Sociedad Cooperativa Fabrica de Fibras Duras Atlas" in San Luis Potosi. He recalled having been at the Hotel del Comercio in late September and early October, 1963, explaining that he and his associates have been traveling to Mexico City with some frequency in recent years in connection with their business and always stay at the same hotel.

Upon viewing photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, GUERRERO stated positively that he had no collection of him and was certain he had never been aware of a young American being at the hotel at any time. He pointed out that he usually leaves the hotel early in the morning and does not return until late afternoon or evening and never spends time in the small lobby or reception area.

JULIO LINAN also was interviewed at the Hotel del Comercio on March 3, 1964, and stated he resides in San Luis Potosi at Calle Altamirano No. 510 and is an associate of Mr. GUERRERO in the fiber cooperative. He acknowledged that he had been at the hotel in September and October, 1963, but upon viewing photographs of OSWALD advised that he did not recognize them as being of anyone he had ever seen.

On March 14, 1964, MANUEL SERRALDE was located at the Hotel del Comercio and related that he has resided "more or less permanently" at that hotel during recent years and surely was at the establishment during late September and early October, 1963. He viewed photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and stated that while he recognizes them from having seen them in the newspapers, he is certain he was never aware of his presence at the Hotel del Comercio and has no knowledge whatsoever concerning his having been a guest at the hotel.

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POSSIBLE IDENTIFYING DATA
CONCERNING OTHER HOTEL GUESTS

On April 22, 1964, GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA advised that on the basis of a search of abandoned correspondence, review of his records and accounts, and refreshing his memory through discussions with other personnel at the hotel, he had been able to develop the following additional data which might be of assistance in locating other guests at the hotel during the time OSKALD was at the establishment.

ANTONIO OLIVA is a Negro who had been considered Cuban but had clarified to GARCIA LUNA that he had grown up on the east coast of Mexico where "Cuban Spanish" is spoken. He had registered his occupation as "musician" but was known to have been employed as a cook or cook's helper in an unidentified Mexico City restaurant. He had been living at the hotel with a woman to whom he referred as his "wife" but because of their "way of life" GARCIA LUNA judged that she might have been his paramour. They left the hotel without paying a substantial hotel bill, and GARCIA LUNA has been attempting to locate them for several months without success. (Efforts have been made to locate OLIVA through checking records of various restaurant workers' unions, the Mexican Department of Immigration and the Mexican Institute of Social Security. All inquiries to date have been negative.)

FERNANDO VALENZUELA arrives in Mexico City from time to time but does not always stop at the Hotel del Comercio. He is a professional chauffeur who transports new automobiles for some automobile agency in Chihuahua, Chihuahua.

ANGELICA PEREYRA resided at the hotel for some time but several months ago married PEDRO QUIJANO, also a guest at the hotel, and the couple now resides in Merida, Yucatan.

PEDRO QUIJANO was an employee of an aviation company and shortly prior to his marriage to ANGELICA PEREYRA won a substantial lottery prize which enabled him to marry and move to Merida. (Inquiry was made at the main offices of the Mexican Aviation Company without locating any record identifiable with QUIJANO.)

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GABRIEL CONTRERAS is the owner of a business in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, involving cotton seed oil or related activity, and resides at Ciudad Camargo, Chihuahua.

RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, also is a driver for an automobile agency, possibly the "Opel or General Motors agency" in Chihuahua.

MARTIN SUMAYA is a retired "Army man" who occasionally has stayed at the hotel and resides in Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas.

RAFAEL ROCHA is an automobile driver and drives new automobiles from Mexico City to some agency at Torreon.

GARCIA LUNA believes JOSE GAMES is a bus driver, and the fact that his home address is listed as Aguascalientes causes him to assume that he is employed by the "Estrella Blanca" ("White Star") bus line, which offers service to the area of Aguascalientes.

FIDENCIO GARCIA may be a businessman in San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi.

The full name of "Cap. DOMINGUEZ" is Captain CARLOS DOMINGUEZ, and a letter which he left behind at the hotel reflects him to be the President of the "Unificacion Estatal de los Veteranos de la Revolucion" ("State Federation of Veterans of the Revolution"), Calle Alvaro Obregon No. 500, room No. 20, San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi.

GARCIA LUNA advised that he would continue to be alert for the arrival at the hotel of or information concerning other guests who might have some information concerning OSWALD.

Hotel owner GARCIA LUNA advised that MARIO RESENDIZ stops at the Hotel del Comercio periodically and travels throughout Mexico as a salesman of religious artifacts.

A fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 28, 1964, that extensive investigation had been made at Monclova, Coahuila, without obtaining any information as to the permanent address or further identifying data concerning MARIO RESENDIZ.

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REPUTATION OF HOTEL DEL COMERCIO

On April 22, 1964, inquiry was made of GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA as to his opinion of how OSWALD had selected and appeared at his hotel, and he stated that even though the hotel is three blocks and "around three corners" from the Red Arrow bus terminal, he considers his hotel to have the best general aspect and appearance of any of several in the area; furthermore, it is known by personnel in other hotels that GARCIA LUNA can understand and speak a little English. He also mentioned that his hotel is filled to approximately ninety per cent of capacity at all times because he makes every effort to provide superior accommodations to commercial travelers at competitive prices.

On April 17, 1964, a fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and is in a position to be informed with respect to the activities in Mexico of Cubans and individuals of other nationalities who are sympathetic to the Castro revolutionary regime in Cuba, advised that the Hotel del Comercio is not known to him as being frequented by pro-Castro Cubans.

On April 23, 1964, the first confidential source, who is well acquainted with hotel operations in Mexico City, reported that he knows nothing unfavorable with respect to the character and reputation of GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA of the Hotel del Comercio and considers the latter to be a reputable establishment usually frequented by commercial travelers and individuals of modest means.

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