

ALVARADO

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1. IN THE FACE OF MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT ALVARADO IS FABRICATING HIS STORY OF SEEING OSWALD TAKE MONEY IN THE CUBAN EMBASSY, URGE YOU FOLLOW UP WITH HIS LOCAL NIC CASE OFFICER AND AVAIL YOURSELF OF THE HELP OF THE NIC SERVICE, WHICH CAN SEND BRYTHOLD 3, ¹ ² TO HELP IN THE INTERROGATION. WE FIND IT UNBELIEVABLE THAT THE CUBANS WOULD BRIBE AND PAY AN ASSASSIN IN FRONT OF A NIC EMPLOYER. WE THINK IT POSSIBLE OR EVEN LIKELY THAT HE HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY AS A NIC AGENT TRYING TO INFILTRATE CUBA AND HAS PICKED UP THE NAMES AND FACES THERE IN SO DOING. ALL HE HAS SAID ABOUT OSWALD HE COULD HAVE GOTTEN FROM THE NEWSPAPERS, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN INCORRECT ITEMS SUCH AS HIS STATEMENT THAT OSWALD WORE GLASSES.
2. THE FACT THAT ALVARADO IS A CALM, NICE, AND INTELLIGENT YOUNG MAN DOES NOT MEAN HE IS NOT A FABRICATOR. FYI WE AND OTHER AGENCIES ARE BEING FLOODED BY FABRICATIONS ON THE OFFLOOR CASE FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES, SOME ORIGINATING WITH PEOPLE ON THE FRINGES OF THE INTELLIGENCE BUSINESS. SUCH FABRICATIONS ARE NOT USUALLY DONE FOR MONEY, BUT OUT OF SICKLY FANCY AND A DESIRE TO GET INTO THE INTELLIGENCE GAME.
3. WE DO NOT THINK IT A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE THAT BOTH BORTICOS AND ALVARADO TALK ABOUT MONEY PAID TO OSWALD. FOR ONE THING, PAY FOR AN ASSASSIN IS A FACTOR

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WHICH IMMEDIATELY RISES IN THE MIND OF EXPERT AND LAYMAN ALIKE. SECONDLY, DORTICOS MAY HAVE HEARD THROUGH SOME RUSSIAN OR CUBAN SOURCE IN THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT THAT DURAN WAS ASKED WHETHER THE CUBANS PAID OSWALD FOR THE ALLEGED ASSIGNMENT.

4. WHILE WE DO NOT INSIST THAT ALVARADO'S STORY IS BEYOND ALL BELIEF, WE DO URGE THAT MEXI PLACE IT AND ALVARADO UNDER THE MOST SEARCHING SCRUTINY. HIS INTERROGATORS MUST PROBE DEEPLY INTO HIS MAKE-UP AND LEAD HIM BACK THROUGH THE THOUGHT PROCESSES WHICH MAY HAVE LED HIM TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE MIS-STEP. IN SECURING CONFESSIONS OF FABRICATION, A SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE, STRESSING AWARENESS OF THE SEVERE MENTAL STRAIN THE SUBJECT MUST BE UNDER, AND WITH GENEROUS RECOGNITION OF HIS "BASICALLY FINE MOTIVATION," COUPLED WITH PROMISES OF FACE-SAVING SECRECY, AND EVEN SPECIOUS HOPES OF "USEFUL" FUTURE COOPERATION ARE OFTEN EFFECTIVE. HOURS MUST BE DEVOTED TO THESE TACTICS.

5. HAVE JUST RECEIVED MEXI 7107.* CONCUR THAT NAMA LEND ALL ASSISTANCE AND INDUCE HIC SERVICE TO COOPERATE. THINK THERE IS JUST NO POSSIBILITY THAT THIS IS A HIC FRAME-UP, BUT HOPE HIC COOPERATION WILL PROVE HELPFUL.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S Comment: *IN 69310-If Hqs. agrees, suggest Major Jerez be cabled to cooperate without question and be present during interrogation.

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