

TO: [redacted] @ DA  
 FROM: J. Barry Harrelson  
 DATE: 05/08/97 12:52:50 PM  
 SUBJECT: Re: ARRB Request: Alvarado Polygraph tapes  
 (sent to Lee 1/28/97)

This completes the ARRB request for the Alvarado polygraph tapes. I will advise the FBI that the CIA has no objection to the release of the tapes. The tapes will be returned to the FBI for release to NARA via the ARRB. HRG would like a copy of the cassettes for the Agency's JFK assassination retention file.

Thanks to everyone who worked on the request.

Barry

Original Text of Frieda P. Omasta

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NOTE FOR: Becky Rant  
 Frieda Omasta  
 FROM: J. Barry Harrelson @ DCI  
 OFFICE: IP&CRD  
 DATE: 02/06/97 07:56:08 AM  
 SUBJECT: ARRB Request: Alvarado Polygraph tapes  
 (sent to Lee 1/28/97)

Alvarado Ugarte, a Nicaraguan, is a key figure in the Oswald/Mexico City investigation. He was interrogated (including polygraph) jointly by the Mexican Police and CIA. Extensive information about the interrogation, including the Agency's written Polygraph report (IRD#66032), has been released to the public under the JFK Act. Copies of the polygraph tapes were found in the FBI's JFK files and referred to the HRG. The ARRB staff has requested the release of the tapes.

Does the DA /OS have any objection to release of the tapes? Listening to the tapes will require some old equipment. According to the file, the tapes should play back satisfactorily on a 60-cycle machine (reel-to-reel) utilizing 60-cycle current.

JFK reviewer Joe Murphy (31842) is the HRG focal point for this request. [redacted] C/IRB, OS has been our point of contact for JFK request in the past. If you have any questions about this request, please give me a call (31825).

cl by: 611637, cl reason:1.5(c), decl on X1, drv from: cov1-82

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CC: John Pereira @ DCI  
Sent on 6 February 1997 at 07:56:08 AM

*(C) OPS/Information Management Branch coordinated this request with OPS/Polygraph Division. According to Polygraph Division records, the Federal Bureau of Investigation sent the reel-to-reel tapes to OPS/Information Management Branch in 1993 with a request to destroy them. The tapes were forwarded to Polygraph Division where they were transferred to cassettes (still maintained in Polygraph). Apparently, the originals were returned to the Bureau. In 1993 a Polygraph Division officer listened to the tapes and deciphered as much as he could. According to Polygraph Division, there is no compelling reason to object to the release of these tapes; the only consideration might be revelation of methodology or tradecraft. However, the risk is low given the sessions were conducted more than 30 years ago. Polygraph Division will continue to maintain the cassettes unless otherwise directed.*

*(U) Given the above information provided by OPS/Polygraph Division, OPS/Information Management Branch has no objection to the release of the tapes.*

*(U) Please advise this office if additional information is required regarding this matter.*

CC:  @ DA, Frieda P. Omasta @ DA, Becky L. Rant @ DA

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## CIA SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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8 May 1997

FOR THE ARRB STAFF: Attn: Kathy

FBI Memo dtd 12/11/63; subject: Lee Harvey Oswald  
and Polygraph Reels (see below)\* on Gilberto Nolasco  
Alvarado Ugarte

\*Reel #1, 5 Dec 63  
Reel #2, 5 Dec 63  
Reel #1, 6 Dec 63  
Reel #2, 6 Dec 63  
Reel #3, 6 Dec 63  
Reel #4, 6 Dec 63

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10  
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555) DATE: 12/11/63

FROM : *[Signature]* LEGAT, MEXICO (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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Re telephonic instructions from Assistant Director W. C. SULLIVAN on 12/3/63 to the effect that the CIA was sending a polygraph examiner to Mexico City to interview GILBERTO NOLASCO ALVARADO UGARTE and that the writer should participate in the interviews as an interpreter. Remycab 12/6/63, furnishing the final results of the interviews and polygraph examinations and pointing out that the entire interviews had been taped by CIA, which would make available to this office copies of the tapes. Bucab of 12/7/63 instructed that the tapes be forwarded to the Bureau.

Attached are six rolls of tape which are copies taken from the original tapes recorded at the time of the interviews on 12/5/63 and 12/6/63. It will be noted that the first tape was copied from reel #1 of 12/5/63 covering the period of 1535 to 1712 hours. The second tape was taken from reel #2 covering the period of 1712 to 1800 hours on 12/5/63. The third tape was taken from reel #2 covering the period from 1115 to 1245 hours on 12/6/63. The fourth tape was taken from reel #2 and covers the period of 1245 to 1440 hours on 12/6/63. The fifth tape was taken from reel #3 and covers the period of 1440 to 1610 hours on 12/6/63. The sixth tape was taken from reel #4 and covers the period of 1610 to 1730 hours on 12/6/63.

The CIA technician who made available these tapes advised that the original tape was recorded on a machine adapted to the 50-cycle current which is used in Mexico City. He said that the tapes should play back satisfactorily on a 60-cycle machine utilizing 60-cycle current.

For the possible assistance of the Bureau in utilizing these tapes, the person speaking only in English is CIA polygraph examiner WALTON DAVIS, the person speaking only Spanish and a

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*[Redacted]*

MC 105-3702

very limited amount of English at the outset is GILBERTO NOLASCO ALVARADO UGARTE, and the person speaking both Spanish and English and serving as an interpreter is Legat CLARK D. ANDERSON.

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type transcript at  
this time as C. H. has  
furnished summary of  
Pol graph findings.  
Copies should be filed as  
bulky as he has  
JES 12/16/63*