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11 October 1994

MEMO FOR: Diane Dimkopf
Legislative Archives, NARA

SUBJECT: Magnetic Tapes - HSCA Interview of AMMUG

Diane,

JFK box 25, folder 26 contains two magnetic tapes that record the 1978 HSCA interview of AMMUG. Tape no. 1, side 1 requires deletions prior to release to the public. Tape no. 1, side 2 and tape no. 2, sides 1 and 2 require no deletions.

The deletions required for tape 1, side 1 are as follows:

- Counter position: 32 - 36, last supplied information
- 452 - 482, defection in [redacted]
- 492 - 494, defection in [redacted]
- 513 - 521, defection in [redacted] and where he lived in Washington

Frank S. Most
CIA Historical Review Group

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5 May 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR:

[REDACTED]

FROM:

[REDACTED] Y. @ DO

SUBJECT:

re location of tapes from two technical operations in Mexico City

CL BY: 1303831997PO

CL REASON: 1.5(a)

DECL ON: X1

DRV FROM: HUM 1-82

REFERENCE:

Eileen, had problems with my e-mail, hope you get this.....

NOTE FOR:

Fredrick C. Wickham @ DO

FROM:

[REDACTED]

DATE:

05/05/97 10:48:24

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--DO's search of retired records revealed the existence of approximately 250 (also reported 220) 7 inch reels of tape covering the period 22 November - 13 December 1963. Reels contain information obtained from telephone taps on Cuban Commercial Office and Soviet Embassy in Mexico City during period November and December 1963. (JOB NO. 67-00824R, contains five boxes).

--Box No. One consists of the following 44 reels: (reviewed box no. 1 only)

TAPES IDENTIFIED AS CUBANA, OR EMBASSY CUBANA, NUMBERED: (BY DATE) -

#83 - 12 Dec 1963

#84 - 12 Dec 1963

#85 - 12 Dec 1963

#86 - 13 Dec 1963

#87 - 13 Dec 1963

#88 - 13 Dec 1963

#89 - 13 Dec 1963

#90 - 13 Dec 1963

#91 - 13 Dec 1963

TAPES IDENTIFIED AS RUSA, OR E RUSA, OR EMBASSY RUSA, NUMBERED: (BY DATE) -

#10 - 24 Nov 1963

#12 - 28 Nov 1963

#13 - 29 Nov 1963

#14 - 2 Dec 1963

#15 - 3 Dec 1963

#16 - 6 Dec 1963

#17 - 9 Dec 1963

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#18 - 11 Dec 1963
#19 - 13 Dec 1963
#24 - 22 Nov 1963
#25 - 25 Nov 1963
#26 - 26 Nov 1963
#27 - 27 Nov 1963
#28 - 29 Nov 1963
#29 - 1 Dec 1963
#30 - 2 Dec 1963
#31 - 3 Dec 1963
#32 - 4 Dec 1963
#33 - 6 Dec 1963
#34 - 8 Dec 1963
#35 - 9 Dec 1963
#36 - 10 Dec 1963
#37 - 11 Dec 1963
#38 - 13 Dec 1963
#51 - 22 Nov 1963
#52 - 23 Nov 1963
#52 - 24 Nov 1963
#53 - 25 Nov 1963
#54 - 25 Nov 1963
#55 - 26 Nov 1963
#56 - 28 Nov 1963
#57 - 28 Nov 1963
#58 - 29 Nov 1963
#59 - 1 Dec 1963
#60 - 2 Dec 1963

ABOVE MATERIAL WAS COVERED IN OPS TRAFFIC filed in Oswald's 201-0289248: In compliance with DIRECTOR-88680 dtd 13 Dec 63, Mexico Station continues to hold several hundred hot reels covering Soviet and Cuban Embassies during period 22 Nov - 13) Dec 63, (HMM-25401 dtd 18feb65). Headquarters requested reels mentioned in ref, with any identifying and explanatory data available, to Hqs for retention. - On copy of dispatch is Annie G's (Goodpasture) writing - 1 Apr 65. Shipping reels to Hqs w/microfilm of transcripts. (HMMW-13460, 18MAR65).

FOR THE RECORD: Ordered a retired file entitled "KENNEDY-TRANSCRIPTS LINKED TO OSWALD" material in this file is dated 1 September - 1 October 1963. Will check material and advise results, if any. (JOB NO. 84-00737R, Job Title: KENNEDY-LA DIVISION/JFK TASK FORCE '77).

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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
IS - R

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 GAIL VON DAVIS, the person speaking only Spanish and a

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 6)
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mexico City
- CDA:plb
- (4)

*Reply noted
12/16/63
DPR*

REC-13
105-82555-548
ST-111-102
[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.

*not nec to
type transcript at
this time as C/A has
provided summary of
Puh graph findings.
Tapes should be filed as
bulky exhibit
JES 12/16/63*

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28 August 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: (S) Destruction of Surveillance Tapes

1. (S) There has been a long standing interest in locating the surveillance tapes that would have existed during the period that Oswald visited Mexico City. A thorough search has been conducted of the DO's record system as well as the index to the retired records in an attempt to locate the tapes in question. We have discussed this with operational experts and the professional opinion is that it is most likely these tapes were never captured and returned to Headquarters for retention. The normal practice is to reuse the tapes and only save the transcripts that are made from the tapes. The time before the tapes are reused can be a very short. Messages between field stations and Headquarters use operational jargon and shortened sentence structures that can sometimes allow for misinterpretations. Thus, the reference to what was being sent to headquarters may not have intended to refer to the fact that actual tapes were being sent but rather the information from the tapes.
2. (S) In our search efforts we did locate tapes that were captured for the immediate time following the assassination. The fact that these tapes were captured and returned could allow for the fact that a few people recall that some tapes existed.

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CL BY: 0524343
CL REASON: 1.5(D)
DECL ON: X5
DRV FROM: LIA 2-82

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Subject: (TS) Destruction of Surveillance Tapes

3. (U) Based upon the search efforts that were undertaken and the opinions of the operational experts, I have concluded that the tapes do not exist and were recycled under the normal course of business before any potential interest in them was identified.



Fredrick C. Wickham, Jr.

Chief, External Support Group, IMS/DO

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SUBJECT: (S) Destruction of Surveillance Tapes

IMS/ESGF Wickhamx44448:mjk (28 August 1998)

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Monday 24 July:

- Lee re tapes^{*} at NARA
- call Mat re Tues?
- review Fldrs 9-13
(box 4)
- Barry re Fldr 34 to
be retrnd to DO?
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* check HSCA books re
names involved.

Victor White ? (Mr Y) HSCA Vol 5, p. 243
(1 reel)

Title: Deposition of Mr X, 9/25/78
62-109060 - RG 233I.138

Title: Interview with James J. Angleton
6/15/78, RG 233I.096

Tape 1, ⁵⁹³ Side 1 -- nothing sensitive; release
" " 2 --

Ramangov KGB Capt, 2nd C. Direct,
sensitive policy docs given to
apparent American (but KGB plant)
side 2 add'l problems -- take
to CI Staff (copies requested)

Title: Interview: David Phillips
233.10131-10017/014/2 (1 reel)

Mr & Mrs otherwise
OK ("intercept" alone OK?)

Regis Blahut -- OK to release (1 reel)

Frank Sturgis -- OK to release
(5 reels)

Title "Barker Tape" (1 reel)

RG 233I.007, 5/2/78

OK TO release

Title: Wm. Coleman Interview

015079, 8/2/78, (3 reels)

Tape 1:440

2nd Coleman Tape, Reel 1/2, side 2 (sic).

On side 1 two deletions needed:

Start at 363 (new subject:
tap).

leave "begged him not to" (375.9)

and delete "and he finally said I

went to, ^{my friends,} my counterpart

and said will you sell me

a I want to show

my dumb ambassador that you

guys know how to do it

and he did." (378 - end deletion).

leave " - but I think I asked"

begin deletion (462.5)

" all I know is - - I think the

British embassy is the only one

we didn't do" (470, end dele-

tion).

On side 2, with counter reset,

recorded message stops at 146