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[Richard C. Olsen]

Interview of [redacted],
3/29/78, by Dan Hardway
and Ed Lopez

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Mr. [redacted] said that he
had not been shown a
copy of the release letter
but that Roger Gabrielson
had explained it to him
and he understood it.

[redacted] said that he was
stationed in Mexico City
from 1967 [to 1970]. He said
that Win Scott retired in
June of 1969 and was
replaced by [redacted]

[redacted] said that Scott's
filing system was extensive.
Any piece of paper that
came into the station
was saved and multiple
filed. There was a lot of
duplication in the files which
were "massive". Scott never
threw anything away. Even
though the files were
massive they were easy
to access and use. [redacted]
called them a "luxury".

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Scott resisted the pressure to cut down his files but after he retired the files were "reduced" due to excessive burn time. Duplications, inactive working files, and non-record material was destroyed.

~~_____~~ said that in 1970 there was a chronological file of Cuban and Soviet Embassy surveillance production. ~~_____~~ said that it was his belief that these files would have been destroyed. He said that a record of the files destroyed would have been kept. He said that if we had the name of the file and its number we should not have any problem finding out if that file was destroyed, retained, or sent to HQ as record material through checks at HQ and in Mexico.

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Agent [redacted] remembered [redacted] as an outside translator [redacted]. He acknowledged that he had taken possession of [redacted] files when he retired in '69 [or '70]. He said that he was certain that [redacted] files would have been routinely destroyed although he does not remember whether he did it himself or turned it over to someone else for destruction. Mr. [redacted] pointed out that the transcripts were not considered record material and, in any case, the [redacted] Agent copies would have been duplicates. Therefore, no one would have thought twice about destroying them.

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