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Summary: Post-Assassination; Mexico

Info from Cable traffic to and from Mexico City, and from Oswald's Mexican file 4 November 22, 1963.

1. Mexi 7014 originated by [redacted] released by W. Scott. Reports hearing about Oswald's arrest on a VOA broadcast. HQ attention directed to Mexi 6453, DIR 74830 and Mexi 6534. "Request priority pouch photo Oswald so that Station can check all recent [photographic] coverage for identification. Forwarding soonest copies of only visitor to Soviets 28 Oct. who could be identical with Oswald." (29-12) no R.S.

2. Dispatch HMMA-22533 - attatched are only photos taken on 1 Oct. "which appeared to be an American"; reports

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visit on 4 October; copies shown to Ambassador; and one copy each of 2 photos given to Chief, FBI, in Mexico. A handwritten note indicates that 4 pictures from 1 Oct + 4 from 4 Oct were sent with this dispatch.

3. A letter from "Kin" to "J.C." Eldon Rudd took the letter to Dallas and mailed it from there. "Reference is made to our conversation of 22 November in which I requested permission to give the Legal Attache copies of photographs of a certain person who is known to you." Attached to the letter are copies of the photos with the dates stamped on the backs. The Ambassador decided it was very important to get the photos to Dallas so the

naval attache is taking them to Dallas on a special flight. (32-14)

B. November 23, 1963

1. DIR 84802 (26-8) referenced to Mexi 7014 says: "Thanks. This connection was also noted here." The originator and A.O. was [John M. Whitten] (C/WH3). The releasing officer was Thomas Karamessines.

2. Mexi 7019, originated and released by Kin Scott, reports that they have pictures of the "unidentified American type who is possibly Oswald" going into the Cuban Embassy on 15 October. The cable also reports that they are checking the photos from other dates. (27-10)

PICTURES OF THIS MAN BEING THE CUBAN EMBASSY.

3. DIR 84821 originated with [John M. Whitten]. It was released by "[redacted]" C500 for [John M. Whitten]

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by direction Thomas Karamessines ADDP." It says: "Send staffer with all photos Oswald to HQS. on next available flight. Call Mr. [Whitten 26] at [652-6827] on arrival."

4. MEXI 7021, originated, released and authenticated by Allen White reports that an FBI agent left Mexico at 8:00 pm with two copies of six photos of the man believed to be Oswald. One copy was going to be mailed to [~~Jack Whitten~~ 26] (?) J.C. KING home, as Scott was so instructed in a telephone call from him. Copies of these photos, plus two taken at the Cuban Embassy were being sent by pouch. Cable asks if they (HQ) still wants a staffer to bring the photos.

5. DIR 84822 (52-22) is missing from the Mexico City Chrono.

It says there isn't any need to send a staffer with the photos. Cable says they have asked the Navy for photos again but suggests that checking the wire services would be quicker. It also reports that HQ has "just re-emphasized" the sensitivity of the photos to the FBI. This cable was routed to Scott, White and D'Amito.

6. DIR 84886 (40-541) originated by BIRCH O'NEAL. The AO was [John 26 Whitten] and the R.O. is indicipherable, he is designated as C/WH but it is not J.C. King.

"1. Important you review [Soviet Embassy] tapes and transcripts since 27 September to locate all material possibly pertinent to subject reference.

2. Dispatch soonest by

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special courier, staffer if necessary, full transcripts and original tapes if available all pertinent material.
3. Are original tapes available?"
(no Mexi R.S.)

7. DIR 84888 (39-38)
Originator and AO [John W. Whitten]
RO: William Hood
"[FBI] says that photos of man entering Soviet Embassy which Mexi sent to Dallas were not of Lee Oswald. Presume Mexi has doubled (sic) checked dates of these photos and is also checking all pertinent other photos for possible shots of Oswald"

8. Mexi 7023 (49-545)
Originator + AO: Anne Goodpasture
released by Kim Scott
accurately reports conversation of 9/28/63 about address. Reports that the

unidentified American is probably LHO in view of his claimed visit on this day. The ID can not be positive because "Station unable compare voice as first tape erased prior receipt second call." This cable also corrects the date given for the picture referred to in Mexi 7014.

"PARA ~~2 Mexi~~ three Mexi 7014 should be one repeat one Oct 63 same subject visited Soviemb 4 Oct But not recorded [by tape] that date."

(NO RS)

9. MEXI 7024 (62-24)

O + AO: [redacted]

RO: Scott.

"Other than info already ~~available~~ sent re Oswald's connection with Sov. and Cuban Embs, no other info available. However, station staff combing all available

materials.... Probable that Oswald conversation [Soviet Embassy] tapes erased. However rechecking all unerased tapes [in their possession]."
- (No RS)

10. MEXI 7025 (60-550)
O + AO: ANNE GOODPASTURE
RO: Scott
reports accurate copies of transcripts of 9/28/63 conversation about the address and the 10/1/63 conversation wherein LHO IDs himself; last paragraph: "[Boris Jarasoff] who did transcriptions says Oswald is identical with person [in first conversation reported] speaking broken Russian who called from Cuban Embassy 28 September to Soviet Embassy" (no R.S.)

11. MEXI 7028 (58-549)
Orig + RO: Scott; no A.O.
"1. COS had urgent call to see [redacted] 23 Nov.
2. COS thought it would be for

[redacted] expression condolence over loss of Pres. Kennedy but developed that [Mexican's] Soviet Embassy Tap] had located call to Soviet Embassy of Lee Oswald made on 28 September.

3. Believe fact that [redacted] aware of this contact (from [our joint operation]) and passed data to COS is important."

RS indicates distribution to Scott and White. Scott noted that he was going to do a memo about the meeting.

12 MEXI 7029 (56-20)

Orig + RO: Scott; no A.O.

reports seeing photos of LHO on TV previous night and it is obvious that the photos sent to Dallas are not of LHO. Informs H.Q. that Mexi is ~~doing~~ reviewing all photos of persons entering + leaving the Embassies. (No RS.)

13. Mexi 7033 (55-546)
Orig + A.O : Goodpasture.
R.O : Scott.
"For additional calls [Sovemb] probably repeat probably Oswald" :
reports:
a. 9/27/63 call to MA
b. 9/27/63 4:05 call
c. 9/27/63 4:26 call
d. 10/1/63 call to MA at 1031
e. 10/3/63 call to MA.
First three sent in Spanish, last two in English.
R.S. indicates Scott, White and Goodpasture. Scott noted that he had recieved call at 1620 hrs mexi time from [Jack Whitten] and he had told [Whitten] that these transcripts "would be on route to him soon."
14 Mexi 7034 (59-23)
Orig + A.O. : Alan White
R.O: Scott.
"Complete recheck photos all visitors to Cuban Emb August ~~through~~ thru first half Nov"

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against good press photos shows no evidence Oswald visit. Similar blank against all Soviet photos from 1 Sept. Note only visit we know he made was Cuban Embassy 28 Sept, Saturday on which Emb. closed and we have not had coverage. In future will require at least half day photo coverage both Sov and Cuban Embassies."

RS to Scott.

~~15 Mexi 7044 (77-558)~~

~~Orig. F.O.:~~ [redacted]

~~no RO indicated on copy.~~

C. November 24, 1963.

1. DIR 84914 (38-13)

missing from Chrono

(note DIR 84916 and DIR 84917 are not relevant to subject matter covered here but they are dated 11/23/63.)

"It is extremely urgent that we get, if at all possible, verbatim transcripts in English of all Oswald intercepts and other take

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which could relate to him. Please cable these immediate, without regard to economy of words."

RS indicates Scott + White.

2. DIR 84920 (65-25)
Orig + A.O: [Whitten]
R.O.: "by authority of Karamessines.

HQ still puzzled about whether LHO seeking visas for quick escape or peaceful move, timing of move, disposition of wife. Asks for reanalysis of transcripts + questioning of Duran on this point. (NO RS)

3. MEXI 7053 (83-30)
Orig. + A.O. : Alan White
R.O. Scott
reports providing cropped MMM photo to Mexican authorities for hotel investigation.

4. MEXI 7054 (84-565) White + Scott
ref: DIR 84920
"With MEXI 7933 (sic probably should be 7037) HQ has full

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transcripts all pertinant calls. Regret complete recheck shows tapes for this period already erased. Station feeling that above is best ~~pass~~ answer obtainable to ref. but will request reinterrogation Duran if HQ still desires."
(NO R.S.)

D. November 25, 1963

1. Orig. unclear but may be [redacted] DIR 84926
R.O. JC King
A.O. [Jack 26 Whitten]
requests that a penetration agent in the Cuban Embassy be asked about his knowledge of LHO's contacts w/ Cub. and Sov. Emb.
(NO R.S.)

2. MEXI 7065 (96-572)
Orig + AO: unidentified
R.O.: Scott
penetration agent "disclaimed any knowledge of Oswald visits."

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E. November 27, 1963

1. Memo from Scott to Anderson transmits transcripts of:

a. 9/27/63 10:37 call
b. " 4:05 "
c. " 4:26 "
d. 9/28/63 11:51 "
e. 10/1/63 10:31 "
f. 10/1/63 10:35 "
g. 10/3/63 3:59 "

2. DIR 852415

Orig + AO: [John W. Whitten]
RO: JC King
Dept of Justice preparing report on assassination & will want to include info on LHO's Mexi activities "Obviously the [Soviet Embassy wiretap] info as such cannot be used" Suggests using Duran for some basic info. Also expresses concern over fact that FBI HQ is getting info obtained from FBI Mexi to originated with the wiretap. Do not want to COMPROMISE OPERATION

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F. November 28, 1963
1. Mexi 7115 (196-628)
Orig + A.O.: Alan White
RO: Scott
reports that the [two 24] penetration agents at the Cuban Embassy did not have "any personal knowledge Oswald presence Cuban Embassy at any time."
(RS - White + Scott)
2. Mexi 7119 (194-80) Ref: DIR 85245:
Orig + RO: Scott — no A.O.
Reports that Legat has been given all PERTINENT info from the Lorenzo tapes, including the 10/16/63 memo. Also reports he has reemphasized sensitivity of source to Legat
(RS indicates White, Scott, Phillips, Shaw and Woodpasture)
G. December 2, 1963
1. NYT story by Jack Langguth entitled "Oswald's mother places blame on Federal and Dallas Officers" says:

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¶ "She [Mrs Oswald] insisted that on the night of Nov. 23, about 17 hours before Ruby shot her son, an agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigations showed her Ruby's photograph..."

¶ The FBI would officially make no comment on Mrs. Oswald's charge. It was understood, however, that Federal agencies had acknowledged that she had been shown a photograph that night for identification, but spokesmen would not disclose whether it was that of Ruby."

H December 3, 1963

1. NYT story entitled "FBI denies showing Mrs Oswald Ruby Photo"

I. December 4, 1963

1. MEXI 7241 (289-694)

Orig and A.O.: ANNE Goodpasture

Coordinated in draft: Phillips

Released: Scott

"Station holding all reels from 22 November 63 for both

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Cuban and Soviet Embassies. Unless advised to contrary, station will erase routine tapes Soviet Embassy keeping normal two week lag. Can retain Cuban tapes as long as HQS wishes. If period to extend indefinitely, may need more tapes. Have two months supply new tapes at Station.
(281-694 no R.S.)

J. December 9, 1963
1. DIR 87770 (354-719) Ref: Mexi 7244
orig: [John Whitten]
R.O.: [Whitten] by direction of Richard Helms.
"Please do not erase any Soviet or Cuban tapes until further notice. Advise how much more tape you need."
(no R.S.)
A note attached to the Xerox of this cable in Oswald's Mexi file says:
"Mr. Scott: [redacted] was told yesterday but told him not to tell the

[Soviet tap operation] people — just keep bringing in the reels to me (the ones I give them are not labeled so they don't necessarily know which ones return). The storage problem is one for us and as the reels come in with transcriptions, I store them. When we can erase them, I'll take off the labels and send them back out. [redacted] agrees with me that we have a month to six weeks reserve. Nevertheless, am requesting 500 new ones — if not needed for this, we can store half of them with

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for not yet known targets. anne 10 Dec 63."

K. December 11, 1963

1. MEXI 7352 (372-728) Ref: DIR 87770

Orig + AO: Goodpasture

R.O.: Scott

reports that they use about 6 dozen tapes per week for both Cub + Lou Embs. Asks

that HQ pouch 6 dozen each week until notice to erase received. "Is there something particular which Mexi should watch for or should tapes and/or transcripts be pouched HQS."
(nor RS)

L. December 13, 1963
1. DIR 88680 (383-157) ref: MEXI 7352
orig: [Whitten 26]
RO: "by authority of Helms.
"Upon receipt you may resume usual practice of keeping Cuban and Soviet tapes two weeks and then erasing, but please do not erase tapes made between 22 Nov. and present. Will advise on these. Do not pouch to HQRS."
(No RS)

M. December 16, 1963
1. DIR 89366 (409-754) Ref 7025
Orig: [Whitten 26]
RO: "by direction of Helms.

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HQ wants to know who the "Apparicio" may have been who Duran refered to in 9/28 conversation.
"Pls have monitors make every effort to identify voices of various Soviets to whom Oswald spoke on the telephone or who dealt with his case with Sylvia Duran."
(RS indicates cable went to Scott, White, Phillips, Goodpasture.)

N. December 26, 1963.
1. MEXI 7527 (440-178)
A.O: Phillips
R.O: Scott
response to DIR 89366
[redacted] on sick leave during significant period. Can not ID people LHO spoke with because tapes erased.