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ReBuairtel to Legat, Mexico, 4/13/64, enclosing a letter from the Department dated 4/3/64, together with copies of a Bureau translated letter from JOAQUIN RIVAS GAMEZ, whose address was shown as House 1604, Barrio San Miguelito, San Salvador, Central America.

On 5/11/64, Major GUSTAVO ATILIO HERNANDEZ, Chief of Investigations, National Police, San Salvador, El Salvador, stated he had never heard of RIVAS GAMEZ but advised that ALFREDO ZAPATA, Chief of Criminal Investigations, would attempt to locate this man. *qu*

On 5/11/64, ALFREDO ZAPATA checked his records without locating any identifiable information on JOAQUIN RIVAS GAMEZ. He advised that he would initiate investigation immediately in attempt to locate this man. *qu*

On 5/12/64, WILLIAM A. MITCHELL, Consul, American Embassy, San Salvador, checked visa records without locating any identifiable information on JOAQUIN RIVAS GAMEZ. *qu*

On 5/12/64, Dr. PEDRO ANTONIO ANGEL, Head of Technical Section, National Police, San Salvador, checked his records and located a fingerprint card on an individual by the name of JOAQUIN RIVAS GAMEZ. This individual was identified as a Salvadoran, born 1924 at Apastepeque, San Vicente, El Salvador. His father was listed as JOSE RIVAS and his mother as JUANA GAMEZ. He was shown to be 5' 8-3/4" in height, but there was no additional physical description. *qu*

This man was arrested on 8/21/52, at which time his address was shown as Colonia Militar 10, San Salvador. He was arrested on suspicion of the homicide of ALBERTO GOMEZ. *qu*

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On 5/12/64, ALFREDO ZAPATA was advised of the above information from Colonel MEDRANO and stated that he would attempt to locate the JOAQUIN RIVAS at the address shown. *fu*

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ZAPATA advised that investigation in the section of San Salvador known as Colonia Militar disclosed a number of houses bearing #10. ZAPATA said that the address Colonia Militar 10 is not complete inasmuch as it lacks the name of the street. He stated that a detective conducted investigation at every house in the section of the city known as Colonia Militar and bearing the #10 without locating anyone who could furnish any information on JOAQUIN RIVAS GAMEZ. *fu*

On 5/13/64,

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[redacted] advised that he could locate no identifiable information under the name of JOAQUIN RIVAS GAMEZ. He did have information, however, that a JOAQUIN RIVAS, not further identified, had taken part in a Communist uprising of 1932 and had been a candidate for Mayor of San Salvador on the Communist Party ticket. This man reportedly had left El Salvador for Honduras in 1932. *fu*

*on 5/13/64*  
Mrs. THOMAS C. JAMES, Secretary, Political Section, American Embassy, San Salvador, checked the name of JOAQUIN RIVAS GAMEZ through the General Embassy Indices without locating any identifiable information. *fu*

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On 5/13/64, ALFREDO ZAPATA advised that he had personally ascertained that the branch post office located at North Second Avenue 1604, San Salvador, has only two employees. They confirmed information previously furnished to his detective that they merely receive mail and do not distribute from that address. They stated that they had never heard of JOAQUIN RIVAS GAMEZ. They were questioned as to what action they would take if a letter arrived at the branch post office addressed to him and both replied that they would forward it to the central post office in downtown San Salvador. *fu*

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On 5/14/64, ALFREDO ZAPATA advised that Detective JOSE DAVID ZARCO PEREZ had conducted inquiries on North Second Avenue between East 9th and 11th Streets, which is in the section of the city known as Barrio San Miguelito but about nine blocks from the branch post office. This *fu*

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