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TRANSITION

The above information was available to the Station prior to the assassination of John Kennedy. The HSCA has attempted to determine when the available information was linked to Lee Harvey Oswald. The HSCA has also attempted to determine whether all of the ^y (intercepted) telephone calls were ^{IN FACT} ~~to~~ connected with Oswald, or involve Oswald.

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B. INFO AVAILABLE (FROM THE WIRETAPS) THAT WERE CONNECTED WITH, OR INVOLVED, LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

(NOTE: "C" will be when CIA MCS realized which specific conversations dealt @ LHO. + "D" will be info from Photos.)

~~There was available~~
The Mexico City Station had nine (intercepted) telephone conversations
~~to the MCS nine (intercepted)~~
~~telephone conversations~~
that may have dealt with Oswald. The conversations are summarized below for easy reference. In the following discussion the conversations will be

referred to by date and
time of occurrence.

| DATE | TIME | SUMMARY |
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| 9/27/63 | 10:30 | MAN CALLS SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE RE: A VISA FOR ODESSA. (SPANISH) |
| 9/27/63 | 10:37 | MAN CALLS SOVIET CONSULATE RE VISA FOR ODESSA. (SPANISH) |
| 9/27/63 | 1:25 | MAN CALLS THE SOVIET CONSULATE AND ASKS FOR THE CONSUL. (SATUR SPANISH) |
| 9/27/63 | 4:05 | SILVIA DURAN CALLS THE SOVIET CONSULATE (SPANISH) |
| 9/27/63 | 4:26 | SOVIET CONSULATE CALLS SILVIA DURAN (SP) |
| 9/28/63 | 11:51 | DURAN CALLS SOVIET CONSULATE AND PUTS A MAN ON THE PHONE (SPANISH, RUSSIAN, & ENGLISH) |

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| 10/1/63 | 10:31 | MAN CALLS SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE, (RUSSIAN) |
| 10/1/63 | 10:45 | MAN CALLS SOVIET CONSULATE IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS LEE OSWALD. (RUSSIAN) |
| 10/3/63 | ? | MAN CALLS THE SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE. (SPANISH + ENGLISH.) |

After the assassination
the CIA MCS passed copies
of ~~these~~ seven of these
conversations to the
Legal Attache. (Memorandum
to Clark Anderson from
Winston Scott, 11/27/63, @ 7

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Attachments, CIA #Nos.
506-514.) The 9/27, 10:30 call
and the 9/27, 1:25 call are
not included in this
document. (IBID.) The
Cover memorandum says:

" Attached are photostatic
copies of transcripts of
all conversations from
(technical operations) of
this office which are
possibly pertinent in
this case."

(Ibid, p. 1, CIA No. 506.)

~~At the bottom of~~
~~each page.~~ ^{attach.} The HSCA
It has not
~~been~~ determined why the

9/27, 10:30 and 11:25 calls were not included in this memo.

While it is possible that the 11:25 call could be ^{considered} ~~seen~~ as unrelated, it is unlikely that the same determination would apply to the 10:30 call in light of the ~~fact that~~ ^{SINCE} the ^{9/27,} 10:37 call is included in the memo.

At the bottom of each attachment page the CIA MCS provided a summary of the conversations. The

station only questioned the pertinence of one of the seven calls presented in the memorandum. The summary of the 10/3, call says:

"By the context of other conversations by Oswald and the fact that ~~this~~ this called spoke (sic) in broken Spanish and English rather than Russian which he used previously, it is probable that this caller is not Oswald."

(Ibid. p. 9, CIA No 574.)

A judgment that this call did not pertain to

Lee Harvey Oswald could be based on the facts that:

- 1) the caller spoke broken Spanish;
- 2) The caller did not have the number of the Consulate;
- 3) The caller did not know they issued visas at the Consulate.; and
- 4) the caller states, ^{that} he is seeking a visa, not that he is checking on an application already made.

~~In light of these~~

The majority of the evidence

indicates that Lee Harvey Oswald could not speak Spanish. (Warren Commission

Testimony of Pamela Mumford,
5/19/64,
V 11, p. ~~60~~₂₁₇; Warren Commission

Testimony of Evaristo

Rodriguez, 7/21/64, Vol. 11, p. 341

Commission Exhibit 2120, p. 7;

Commission Exhibit 2121, p. 54:

CF. Delgado statement.)

In light of Delgado's assertions it is possible that Oswald had at least a limited knowledge

of Spanish. It should be noted that the 10/3 transcripts indicates that the caller spoke in broken ~~Russ~~ Spanish (CIA Transcript from Russian Embassy, 10/3/63, CIA No. 514.) The fact ~~of~~ that this conversation was in Spanish, is not enough by itself to rule out the possibility that it ^{Oswald} was ~~Oswald~~ calling. _{make the phone calls.}

This is especially true in

light of the ~~fact~~ Delgado's allegations and the ~~fact~~ that The 9/27, 10:30, 10:37, and 1:25 calls ^{which} are in Spanish. If it is one

Foot Note

^A assumed that Oswald could not speak any Spanish whatsoever then only two ~~possible~~ conclusions about the first three calls on 9/27/63 are possible: either, #
1) These calls do not ~~involve~~ pertain to Oswald;

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or 2) They do pertain to Oswald but were made by someone other than Lee Harvey Oswald. This question will be addressed in a more detailed fashion in subsequent sections. ~~These as for~~ These calls are more pertinent to questions about Oswald's activities and associates than to the substance of the information available

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to the CIA station prior to the assassination.

Oswald had the phone numbers of ^{both} the Soviet Consulate and the Soviet military Attache in his notebook. (CE 2121, p. 112.) It can not be determined ^{when} ~~whether~~ ^{SHU} these numbers ~~were~~ ^{the numbers} entered ~~into~~ ⁱⁿ the notebook. ~~In~~ ^{Since} light of the fact that Oswald had previously called the Consulate it is likely

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that he had the number prior to October 3rd.

It is also clear that Oswald knew that the Consulate was responsible for issuing visas ^{due to (A)} (in light of his prior dealings with the Soviet and Cuban Consulates. In light of these factors ^{This, it} ~~it~~ is probable that the 10/3 conversation did not pertain to Oswald.

The 10/1, 10:45 call is clearly pertinent because ~~of the~~ the caller identifies himself as "Lee Oswald."

The 10:31 conversation is probably pertinent due to the similarity with the 10/1, 10:45 call and the marginal notations about the quality of the Russian spoken. The 9/28, 11:51 call is probably Oswald, again due to the marginal notations

and the involvement
of Silvia Duran. Duran's
calls ^{on} 9/27 clearly
pertained to Oswald
due to the substantive
information ~~is~~ discussed.
The above listed calls
contain the substance
of the information
available to the CIA MCS
prior to the assassination.
The first three calls on
9/27/63 and the one on
10/3/63, ^{IF THEY WERE INDEED OSWALD.} add little of

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substance to these
calls.

0.2. When the (Intercepted) Conversations were linked to Lee Harvey Oswald.

HSCA staff researchers reviewed the transcripts from the [Liaison²⁴] wiretaps on the Soviet Embassy. The chronological production file is on microfilm.

(Classified Staff Summary of Review of CIA Documents, 3/9/78, CIA Nos. 315-338.)

In addition to the chronological file, numerous copies of the transcripts that pertain

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to Oswald were found
throughout the CIA's files
on Lee Harvey Oswald.

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It is obvious that the MCS linked the 10/1, 10:45 call to Lee Harvey Oswald because Oswald identified himself in the call and the MCS reported it on 10/8/63. (CIA Transcript from Russian Embassy, 10/1/63, CIA No. ; Cable from MC to the Director, 10/8/63, Mexi 6453, CIA No. ^{ON}.) This transcript the translator ^{ADDED} ~~wrote~~ the ~~words~~ notation:

"The SAME PERSON who phoned
A DAY OR SO AGO AND spoke

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IN BROKEN RUSSIAN."

~~IN THIS CONVERSATION~~
(~~CLASSIFIED~~ CIA TRANSCRIPT FROM

RUSSIAN EMBASSY, 10/1/63, CIA

NO. ~~12~~ HSCA EXECUTIVE

SESSION TESTIMONY OF (BORIS
TARASOFF) 4/12/78, P.)

IN THIS CONVERSATION OSWALD
MENTIONS THAT HE SPOKE WITH
THE SOVIET CONSUL ON ^{THE PREVIOUS} SATURDAY.