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undertake to assassinate the President). MORA did not indicate the source of her information concerning the impressions of OSWALD gained by Americans in the Soviet Union, but she did indicate that one MARY LOU PATTERSON (no record in Mexico City files), who at present lives in the Soviet Union and is attending the "Friendship School," knew OSWALD while he was in Russia.

On 12/20/63 Informants reported on a ^{WOULD TEND TO} ~~IDENTIFY Sources~~ on 12/ '63 at the home of KURT ODENHEIM, Bufile 100-386282. ^{present} was CHARLES SMALL, Bufile 100-12682. It will be recalled that SMALL operates a tourist-type store in Mexico City, selling jewelry and other items.

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During the course of the evening SMALL was questioned by ODENHEIM as to whether or not he knew OSWALD. SMALL stated that he had consulted his books when the story first broke in Mexico and he is sure OSWALD must have been in the store because "you know everyone reports in there and he would have done so too." (There have been indications in the past that SMALL's store serves as a message center for visiting Communists from the United States.) SMALL went on to say, however, that fortunately when OSWALD was in Mexico, according to the newspapers, SMALL was out of the country. He said he has been carrying his "red book" ever since as he momentarily expected to be arrested and could prove by the book that he was in the United States at the time.

On 1/6/64 sources reported that BETTY MORA was ill and had declined to discuss the OSWALD case any further. They said CHARLES SMALL is still worried, believing he must have known OSWALD at some time and that OSWALD must have visited SMALL's store while at Mexico.

On 1/13/64 informants reported on a conversation which they had had on that date with ELIZABETH MORA, who had told them of a conversation she had held with TERESA PROENZA, Cultural Attache of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

According to MORA, TERESA PROENZA had told her that OSWALD walked in "cold" to the Cuban Embassy and the first person he talked to was PROENZA. She does not speak English and, therefore, turned him over to the nearest person (not identified by MORA) who was higher in rank and who spoke