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SECRET

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S E C R E T

March 5, 1976

To: Senators Schweiker and Hart  
From: Staff  
Re: References to FBI Review of Tapes of Oswald's October 1, 1963  
Mexico City Conversation

On February 19, 1976, the staff received a November 23, 1963, Bureau memorandum which Hoover forwarded to President Johnson under cover letter of even date explaining that the memorandum set forth "the results of the Bureau's inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy and background information relative to Lee Harvey Oswald."\* In relevant part the memorandum states:

The CIA advised that on October 1, 1963, an extremely sensitive source had reported that an individual identified himself as Lee Oswald, who contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City inquiring as to any messages. Special Agents of this Bureau, who have conversed with Oswald in Dallas, Texas, have observed photographs of the individual referred to above, and have listened to a recording of his voice. These special agents are of the opinion that the above-referred-to individual was not Lee Harvey Oswald.

You are aware of the significance of this language. You are also aware that the stated position of the CIA --as reflected in the testimony of David Phillips and contemporaneous CIA cables -- has always been that the actual tape recording of this conversation was erased sometime in October of 1963.

\* A copy of this memorandum is attached at Tab. On February 2, 1976, the Bureau delivered us a copy of a 11/25/63 Legat Cablegram which is attached at Tab, along with the more complete version that was furnished to us on February 24. You will note that the references to the Oswald tapes and their erasure on page two of the cablegram were deleted from the copy we first received.

By letter dated February 19, 1976, we asked the Bureau to deliver "all materials pertaining to the receipt, analysis, review and present whereabouts of the voice recording" referred to on page five of Mr. Hoover's report to the President. The Bureau's response, dated February 24, 1976, stated, "The recording in question was never in the possession of the FBI and was not listened to by FBI agents."\* Prior to receipt of this response the staff met with the agents responsible for its preparation. The agents then showed us an unexcised copy of the attached November 23, 1963, teletype from SAC Dallas (Tab) which advised that "the actual tape from which this transcript was made has been erased," and the November 25, 1963, cablegram from Legat to Headquarters which in relevant part reads "Tapes obtained by [deletion] here erased after two weeks following making of typewritten transcripts of contents of these tapes. There appears to be some confusion in that no tapes were taken to Dallas but only typewritten transcripts supplied by CIA, the tapes not being available because they had been erased." (Memorandum attached at Tab.)

The staff submits that the matter is not as simple as the Bureau asserts. Attached at Tab is a Belmont to Sullivan, November 23, 1963, memorandum in which Belmont recounts his 11:50 a.m. telephone conversation with SAC Gordon Shanklin. In the second paragraph, Belmont states:

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\* A copy of said response is attached hereto at Tab.

Inasmuch as the Dallas agents who listened to the tape of the conversation allegedly of Oswald from the [deletion] and examined the photographs of the visitor [deletion] and were of the opinion that neither the tape nor the photograph pertained to Oswald. . . .

On November 25, 1963--some two days after Dallas cabled the Bureau that the tapes had been erased--Bureau supervisor Burt Turner cabled Legat stating:

If tapes covering any contacts subject with Soviet or Cuban embassies available forward to Bureau for laboratory examination and analysis together with transcript. Include tapes previously reviewed Dallas if they were returned to you.

As noted previously, Legat replied later that day to the effect that the tapes had been erased.

It is unclear as to how Shanklin learned on November 23, 1963, that the Oswald tape had been erased. CIA documents reflect that it was not until after 5 p.m. on November 23, 1963, that Agency headquarters cabled its station in Mexico City inquiring as to whether the original tapes were available. David Phillips recalls that this inquiry precipitated CIA station's search for the tapes which confirmed the fact that they had been erased. Agency headquarters was so informed on November 24, 1963.

Neither Gordon Shanklin nor Elbert Rudd [the Special Agent then assigned to Legat, Mexico, who personally delivered the alleged Oswald photograph to Dallas on November 22, 1963] recall ever having been aware of a tape recording (alleged or otherwise)

of Oswald's voice.\* Shanklin cannot explain the statements set forth in Belmont's memorandum.

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\* Telephonic staff interviews of Shanklin and Rudd, on March 4, 1976. Unfortunately, Mr. Belmont cannot be contacted as he has been seriously ill for quite some time.

1 - Belmont 161

1 - Rosen

11-25-63

CODE

1 - Sullivan

1 - DE Moore

URGENT 1 - Branigan

IMMEDIATE 1 - Turner

CABLEGRAM

TO LEGAT MEXICO FROM DIRECTOR  
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LUE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R.

IMPERATIVE EXPLORE ALL ASPECTS SUBJECT'S CONNECTION AND CONTACTS WITH RUSSIANS TO EVALUATE POSSIBILITY RUSSIAN DIRECTION ASSASSINATION. PROMPTLY CONSULT LOCAL CIA REPRESENTATIVE AND SUCAB SUMMARY ALL INFORMATION RE SUBJECT'S TRIP MEXICO SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, ONE NINE SIX THREE, INCLUDING METHOD OF ENTRY AND EXIT, RESIDENCES, CONTACTS, ET CETERA. FOLLOW WITH DETAILED MEMORANDUM CIA ALERTED. IF TAPES COVERING ANY CONTACTS SUBJECT WITH SOVIET OR CUBAN EMBASSIES AVAILABLE FORWARD TO BUREAU FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION AND ANALYSIS TOGETHER WITH TRANSCRIPT. INCLUDE TAPES PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED DALLAS IF THEY WERE RETURNED TO YOU. SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO ANY INTERVIEWS OR FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN MEXICO TO ESTABLISH OR REFUTE SOVIET <sup>OR CUBAN</sup> DIRECTION.

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PROGRAM IN CIPHERTEXT (TRADED) SECURITY

URGENT 11-25-58  
DIRECTOR  
MEXICO CITY

RE: HARRY DEWOL, IS - R.  
MEXICO CITY. FOLLOWING SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO BUREAU FOR INSTRUCTIONS THEREIN.

SUBJECT ENTERED MEXICO AT NUEVO LAREDO BORDER LAST, WITH MEXICAN 15 DAY TOURIST CARD ISSUED SEPTEMBER 15 LAST AT MEXICAN CONSULATE GENERAL NEW ORLEANS.

MEXICAN IMMIGRATION INSPECTOR WHO ADMITTED SUBJECT TO MEXICO OCTOBER 25 INTERVIEWED TODAY BY LAREDO RESIDENT AGENT. AGENT HAD NO INDEPENDENT RECOLLECTION OF SUBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF SEVERAL OF VARIOUS AMERICAN PEOPLE. EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF RECORDS OF MEXICAN ONLY ONE YOUNG AMERICAN BOY NAME CLAY MAY BE IDENTIFIED WITH THAT OF SUBJECT. INTERVIEW OF THIS BOY, BILL AND ELAINE ALLEN OF MIAMI, HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF MIAMI BY SAN ANTONIO.

CONTINUING SEARCH OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION RECORDS TO DATE HAS FAILED TO DISCLOSE METHOD OF TRAVEL UTILIZED BY SUBJECT TO PROCEED FROM NUEVO LAREDO TO MEXICO CITY, IT BEING NOTED THESE RECORDS ARE POORLY PREPARED AND POORLY MAINTAINED.

DISCREET INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY THROUGH SOURCES AND CONTACTS TO ASCERTAIN WHERE SUBJECT STAYED AMONG MEXICO CITY'S 1,500 POSSIBLE LODGING PLACES.

INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED SUBJECT DEPARTED MEXICO NUEVO LAREDO OCTOBER 3 LAST. INVESTIGATION HAS FAILED TO ESTABLISH HIS METHOD OF TRAVEL FROM MEXICO CITY TO NUEVO LAREDO AND MEXICAN DO

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FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 192 & 193

DIRECTOR, INSPECTOR HANDLING HIS EXIT, INTERVIEWED TODAY BY LADY  
 MA, HAS NO RECOLLECTION WHATSOEVER OF SUBJECT ON HIS MEANS OF TRAVEL

[REDACTED]

TAPES OBTAINED BY [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] WERE ERASED AFTER TWO WEEKS, FOLLOWING  
 AROUND OF TYPE WRITTEN TRANSCRIPTS OF CONTENTS OF THESE TAPES. THERE  
 APPEARS TO BE SOME CONFUSION IN THAT NO TAPES WERE TAKEN TO DALLAS  
 BUT ONLY TYPEWRITTEN TRANSCRIPTS SUPPLIED BY [REDACTED]. THE TAPES THAT  
 WERE AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN ERASED. [REDACTED]

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PROGRAM TO CABLEGRAM RADIO TELETYPE

PAGE THREE FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 102 8 100

SILVIA TERADO DE DURAN WHO IS A MEXICAN CITIZEN EMPLOYEE OF THE  
EMBASSY HERE AND IDENTICAL WITH SILVIA DURAN, ABOVE, WAS INTERVIEWED  
EFFECTIVELY NOVEMBER 23 LAST BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES OF THEIR OWN  
VOLITION. SHE IDENTIFIED OSWALD FROM PRESS PHOTOS AS PERSON WHO  
CALLED AT DURAN EMBASSY HERE LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER TO  
APPLY FOR A CUBAN TRANSIT VISA, STATING HE HAD A RUSSIAN WIFE WHO  
DESIRED TO RETURN TO SOVIET UNION VIA CUBA. DURAN CLAIMED SUBJECT  
IN POSSESSION OF AMERICAN PASSPORT WHICH WAS EXAMINED BY HER FOR  
ACCIDENTALLY WHETHER IT CONTAINED SOVIET VISA. SHE SAID PASSPORT DID  
NOT CONTAIN SUCH A VISA AND SHE ADVISED SUBJECT HE WOULD HAVE TO  
OBTAIN A SOVIET VISA BEFORE HE COULD BE ISSUED CUBAN TRANSIT VISA.  
SHE STATED SUBJECT HAD CONSIDERABLE ARGUMENT WITH HER AND CUBAN  
CONSUL EUSEBIO AZCUE OVER THIS MATTER. SHE PUT SUBJECT IN TOUCH  
WITH SOVIET EMBASSY AND IN A LATER CONTACT HE MADE AT CUBAN EMBASSY  
HE TOLD THEM HE HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SOVIET VISA.

ACCORDING TO CIA, SILVIA DURAN IS A COMMUNIST AND DURING TIME  
CARLOS LECHUGA, PRESENT CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO UN, SERVED HERE AS CUBAN  
AMBASSADOR DURAN WAS NOT ONLY HIS SECRETARY BUT ALSO HIS MISTRESS.

GIST OF STORY OF DURAN CONCERNING SUBJECT'S VISIT TO MEXICO PUBLISHED  
TODAY IN MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPER "EXCELSIOR" AND BELIEVED TO  
HAVE BEEN LEAKED BY SOME HIGH MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, POSSIBLY  
IN EFFORT TO SHOW SOLE PURPOSE OF SUBJECT'S TRIP TO MEXICO WAS TO

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PAGE FOUR FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY FEB 10 1962

OBTAIN VISAS AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD FROM EMBASSY SOURCES THAT THIS STORY HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS AND WILL PROBABLY BE PUBLISHED THERE TOMORROW.

EVERY AVAILABLE STEP BEING TAKEN HERE TO FILL IN DETAILS OF SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES WHILE HERE. ALL KEY CONTACTS IN POLICE AND MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY INFO ALONG THESE LINES THEY MAY RECEIVE AS RESULT OF PUBLICITY GIVEN SUBJECT.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE SUBJECT BUREAU CHECK STATE DEPARTMENT RECORDS TO DETERMINE WHETHER NEW PASSPORT ISSUED TO SUBJECT SINCE HIS RETURN TO BELGIA IN 1952 SINCE IT IS BELIEVED PASSPORT ISSUED TO HIM IN 1950 WAS VALID ONLY FOR RETURN U.S. IT IS BELIEVED PASSPORT OF HIS LATER PASSPORT SHOULD ALSO BE ASCERTAINED. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, NEW ORLEANS SHOULD CONTACT MEXICAN CONSULATE AND OBTAIN NAMES AND IDENTITIES OF PERSONS WHO SECURED MEXICAN TOURIST CARDS THERE ON SEPTEMBER 17 LAST, DATE SUBJECT ISSUED HIS MEXICAN TOURIST CARD. THERE IS REMOTE POSSIBILITY SOME OF THESE PERSONS MAY HAVE TRAVELED TO MEXICO WITH SUBJECT.

AMBASSADOR HERE FEELS SOVIETS MUCH TOO SOPHISTICATED TO PARTICIPATE IN DIRECTION OF ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT BY SUBJECT BUT THINKS CUBANS STUPID ENOUGH TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SUCH DIRECTION EVEN TO EXTENT OF HIRING SUBJECT. IF THIS SHOULD BE THE CASE, IT WOULD APPEAR LIKELY THAT CONTRACT WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE WITH SUBJECT IN U.S. AND PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP TO MEXICO WAS TO SET UP GETAWAY ROUTE.

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PAGE FIVE FROM LEGAY MEXICO CITY NY, 182 3 100  
BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO POLLING ALL CUBAN SOURCES  
IN U.S. IN EFFORT CONFIRM OR REFUTE THIS THEORY.

DETAILED INFO WILL BE SUBMITTED IN FIRST AVAILABLE FORM IN  
NOVEMBER OR NEXT. COPY OF MEXICAN TOURIST CARD ISSUED SUBJECT WILL  
BE FORWARDED AT SAME TIME FOR POSSIBLE COMPARISON OF SIGNATURE ON  
THIS CARD WITH KNOWN SIGNATURE OF SUBJECT IN ORDER TO DEFINITELY  
ESTABLISH HE WAS PERSON TO WHOM THE CARD WAS ISSUED IN HIS TRAVEL IN  
NEW ORLEANS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY INFO DEVELOPED IN  
U.S. INVESTIGATION WHICH WOULD SERVE AS LEADS TO VERIFY SUBJECT'S  
ACTIVITIES HERE, INCLUDING ANY LONG DISTANCE CALLS MADE TO MEXICO OR  
RELATIVES OF SUBJECT WHILE HERE.

CLARA D. ANDERSON

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URGENT 11-23-63 7:23 PM CST EEA  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM SAC DALLAS 232220

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. RE TELEPHONIC REQUEST OF MR. MALLEY.

SET FORTH HEREINAFTER IS TRANSCRIPT OF CONVERSATION RECEIVED BY LEGAT MEXICO FROM CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHICH IS CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE ACTUAL TAPE FROM WHICH THIS TRANSCRIPT WAS MADE HAS BEEN ERASED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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- Callahan
- Conrad
- Felt
- Gale
- Rosen
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- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Holmes
- Gandy

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: November 23, 1963

FROM : Mr. Belmont

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS

At 11:50 a. m., I called SAC Shanklin at Dallas and suggested that in view of the importance of determining whether the subject, Oswald, took a trip into Mexico and was in touch with the Cuban and Soviet Embassies in Mexico City, we should attempt to check the entry points at the Mexican border to determine whether there is a record of his travel. I pointed out that ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, he said he was unable to remain over fifteen days in Mexico due to Mexican restrictions and would have to use his real name if he went back. Dallas will see that this check is made at the border.

Inasmuch as the Dallas Agents who listened to the tape of the conversation allegedly of Oswald from the ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ and examined the photographs of the visitor ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ and were of the opinion that neither the tape nor the photograph pertained to Oswald, I requested Shanklin to immediately send a photograph of Oswald to our Legal Attache. This will be done by Agent Rudd who is returning to Mexico City by air. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ in Mexico should check the photographs of Oswald against visitors ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ to see if they can identify him. Further, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ should attempt to identify the photograph of ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ to the ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ on October 1, 1963, inasmuch as he may have been a messenger or associate of Oswald. Particularly, they should try to see if he is an em ployee of the Cuban Embassy.

Relative to the Post Office box in Dallas to which the title was shipped from Chicago, I told Shanklin to be sure that the application for the box and any other correspondence dealing with the box was secured from the Post Office Department and sent in here for handwriting examination to further tie it in to Oswald.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

AHB:LS  
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November 23, 1963

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20501

My dear Mr. President:

There are enclosed the results of our inquiry into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and background information relative to Lee Harvey Oswald. — Summary

Additional information with respect to this matter will be furnished to you when available.

OCT 17 1963  
NEW ORLEANS, LA  
TEXAS  
HISK

Respectfully submitted,

*Handwritten initials*

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November 23, 1963

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY  
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963

President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed by an unknown assailant at approximately 12:30 p. m., November 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas. Investigation was immediately instituted in an effort to identify and apprehend the person responsible for this assassination.

At approximately 2:00 p. m., information was received that a suspicious person had entered the Texas Theater which is located about six tenths of a mile from the four hundred block of East 10th Street in Dallas where J. D. Tippitt, a Dallas Police Department patrolman had been shot and killed about 1:13 p. m. Officers of the Dallas Police Department and FBI Agents converged on the theater and took into custody Lee Harvey Oswald who resisted arrest and attempted to fire a .38 caliber revolver which was taken from his person.

State complaints were filed on November 22, 1963, charging Oswald with the murder of President Kennedy and Patrolman Tippitt.

Investigation has established that Oswald was employed at the Texas School Book Depository which has been identified as the building from which the fatal shots were fired at the President. A fellow employee stated he took Oswald to work on the morning of November 22, 1963, at which time Oswald was carrying a package of sufficient length to contain a disassembled rifle and which Oswald said consisted of curtain rods. Oswald was observed on the fifth floor of the building in which he was employed at approximately 11:50 a. m., November 22, 1963. Oswald was again observed inside the building shortly after the shooting but could not be found thereafter. Another fellow employee stated shots were fired "right over his head" while this employee was watching the car occupied by President Kennedy passing in front of the building. A witness to the shooting stated that the shots were fired by

- \_\_\_\_\_ Nelson
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Mohr
- \_\_\_\_\_ DeLoach
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