

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY:

Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO Ugarte

ALVARADO Ugarte, Gilberto Nolasco

In the following are cited those portions (including footnotes) of the SCHWEIKER Report pertaining to Gilberto ALVARADO. Comments relating to these portions are in roman characters.

At noon on November 25, "D", a Latin American, appeared at the American Embassy in Mexico City.³⁵ (FN: This incident is discussed in the Warren Report, pp. 308, 309; Cable from Mexico Station to CIA Headquarters, 11/25/63.) [Comment: The first cable in the file announcing ALVARADO's claim is MEXI-7067 (IN 68291), 26 November 1963. ALVARADO at no time appeared at the American Embassy - some of our own reporting is in error, e.g., DIR 85089, 26 November 1963, a dissemination to FBI, State, and the White House, states: "On 26 November 1963, Gilberto ALVARADO, a professed Castroite Nicaraguan . . . came to the American Embassy in Mexico and made a statement about Lee OSWALD." According to ALVARADO's interrogation by Mexican authorities, he called the American Embassy on 25 November and "succeeded in speaking to a high official with whom he made an appointment for that same day at 5:30 p.m. near the Hotel Maria Isabel. Two individuals appeared for the appointment." According to a note in the Mexico Station file, signed by the Embassy Security Officer, A. C. PLAMBECK - dated 25 November - these two men were SNIGHT and PLAMBECK; both were Embassy security officers.] He told Embassy personnel that he was in the Cuban consulate on September 17 and saw Cubans who discussed assassination pay OSWALD a sum of money. [Comment: During his first meeting with Embassy officials, ALVARADO claimed he had been at the Cuban Consulate on the 18th of September, not the 17th. In fact, at no time, did he refer to the date 17 September. Later, during his interrogation in connection with the polygraph examination on 6 December 1963, ALVARADO revealed he was "unsure of the day of week allegedly saw OSWALD. Thinks that it was on Tuesday" which would have been 17 September. (MEXI-7289 (IN 75588), 7 December 1963).] He later repeated his story to the CIA Mexico Station

* Regional Security Officer, U.S. Embassy.

Chief. [Comment: At no time, at least there is no mention in the files, did ALVARADO repeat his story to the "CIA Mexico Station Chief". ALVARADO first told his story, as indicated above, to two officers from the Embassy Security Office. The next morning, he met with PLAMBECK from the Embassy Security Office, and a Station officer. During another meeting that evening (26 November), ALVARADO was interrogated by two officers from the Station. (Note for the Record, dated 25 November 1963, signed by PLAMBECK; Memorandum for Clark ANDERSON, Legal Attache, dated 29 November 1963, from Winston M. SCOTT.)] The CIA and the Warren Commission later concluded that the story was a fabrication, but the Agency was clearly concerned with "D"'s story at the time.³⁶ (FN: "D" later admitted that the story about OSWALD had been fabricated. Cable from Mexico City to CIA Headquarters, 11/30/63. It had also been determined by the FBI that OSWALD was probably in New Orleans on September 17. Cable from CIA Headquarters to Mexico Station, 11/28/63.) [Comment: There were actually two cables, DIR 85258, 27 November 1963, and DIR 85653, 28 November 1963, which indicated OSWALD was in New Orleans on 17 and 19 September 1963.]

Later in that day [26 November 1963], the Mexico Station cabled Headquarters on the details of its interrogation of "D".³⁹ (FN: Cable from Mexico Station to CIA Headquarters, 11/26/63.) [MEXI-7069 (IN 68376), 26 November 1963.] It also reported other information from a sensitive and reliable source which tended to confirm "D"'s story that OSWALD may have been paid by the Cubans to assassinate President Kennedy. [Comment: It would appear from

this statement, the authors of the report were referring to MEXI-7069

7069 (IN 68376); however, this cable does not contain any remarks alluding to information which "tended to confirm 'D's' story".

This information appears in MEXI-7072 (IN 68406), 26 November 1963, which contains Ambassador MANN's message to RUSK, McGONE, and

HOOVER. MANN's statement reads as follows: "While we recognize lack of established reliability of Nicaraguan and danger of reaching

hasty conclusions, we suggest that DORTICOS' preoccupation with money angle of interrogation of Silvia DURAN tends to corroborate to some extent authenticity of the Nicaraguan's statement. Thus, there appears to be a strong possibility that a down payment was made to OSWALD in the Cuban Embassy there, presumably with promise of a subsequent payment after assassination." The Ambassador was reading somewhat more into the situation than was the case. The reference to DORTICOS - the Cuban President - relates to two telephone conversation between DORTICOS and HERNANDEZ, the Cuban Ambassador to Mexico, on 26 November 1963. The first conversation, which took place at 0924, was forwarded, in resume, to Headquarters on 26 November 1963 (MEXI-7068 IN); the second conversation, which took place at 1839, was forwarded, in resume, to Headquarters on 27 November 1963 (MEXI-7097 IN). In the first conversation DORTICOS asks (if) "the Federals of that country wanted Senora DURAN to say something, that they had some interest in, and had offered some money to the American?" To which HERNANDEZ answers that there was nothing about money. In the second conversation, DORTICOS is quoted as saying: "I was referring as to whether they had threatened her so that she would make a statement that the Consulate had given money to the man - that American." HERNANDEZ answered that "nothing absolutely was given her" [sic]. It would not appear from a close reading of these two conversations that they contain information "which tended to confirm 'D's' story . . .".] *This report has never been satisfactorily explained, although it was made available to the Warren Commission Staff. In any event, these reports certainly must have fueled suspicions of Cuban involvement in the assassination. Based on the evidence it reviewed, the Warren Commission later determined that "D"'s story was a fabrication.* [Comment: This statement appears to be gratuitous - the Warren Commission did not ask about the ALVARADO case until 21 April 1964. On that date RANKIN addressed a letter to Richard HELMS in which he stated inter alia "We are aware, of course, from previous reports that the allegations made by ALVARADO were

thoroughly investigated by Central Intelligence Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation representatives in Mexico City in liaison with the responsible Mexican law enforcement authorities. Reference is made to the discussion of these allegations in your memorandum dated January 31, 1964, at pages 11-14.

"Upon review of our complete file on this matter, we find that we lack full documentation of the investigation conducted of these allegations. It would be helpful if our records could be supplemented by a report from your Agency supplying more details regarding the investigation undertaken by your Agency and other concerned Agencies into this matter and your evaluation as to the truth of ALVARADO's assertions. In particular, it would be helpful if a report could be submitted by the expert who conducted the polygraph examination which emphasizes the specific conclusions which he made based on the responses by ALVARADO in answering key questions on this matter." (Letter to Richard HELMS, DDP, dated 21 April 1964, from J. Lee RANKIN, General Counsel.) The Agency responded on 1 June 1964. (Memorandum to J. Lee RANKIN, dated 1 June 1964, from Richard HELMS, DDP; Subject: Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte.)

The American Ambassador in Mexico later sent a cable [MEXI-7072 (IN 68406), 26 November 1963] to State Department through CIA channels. In that cable he gave his opinion that the Cubans were involved in the assassination, and recommended certain investigative steps which should be taken in Mexico.⁴⁰ (FN: Cable from Mexico Station to CIA Headquarters, 11/26/63.)

By November 27, the Mexico Station and CIA Headquarters were also beginning to question the accuracy of "D's" story. The cables between the Mexico Station and Headquarters indicate the possibility that the story was a fabrication. Nevertheless, on November 28, Headquarters cabled a reminder to the Mexico Station to "follow all leads". The Station was instructed to continue investigating the possibility of Cuban or Soviet involvement, because Headquarters had not excluded the possibility that other persons

were involved with OSWALD.⁴⁴ (FN: A cable from CIA Headquarters to Mexico Station, 11/28/63.) [DIR 85655, 28 November 1963]

Later that day [27 November] Headquarters learned that Mexican authorities planned to arrest Silvia DURAN again and warned the Station that the Mexicans must take responsibility for the arrest. After learning that the U.S. Ambassador was continuing to press for a vigorous investigation into Cuban involvement, Headquarters also warned the Station Chief that the Ambassador was pushing the case too hard and his proposals could lead to a "flap" with the Cubans.⁴⁶ (FN: A cable from CIA Headquarters to Mexico Station, 11/28/63.) [DIR 85655, 28 November 1963] Finally, the Agency concluded that "D"'s story was a fabrication and terminated its interest in him.⁴⁷ (FN: Ibid.)

On November 30, Director McCONE met with the President at 11 a.m. While there was a discussion of the allegations made by "D" the memorandum records no action was required on the "OSWALD situation".⁴⁹ (FN: Memo-andum for the Record by Director McCone, 12/2/63) [Comment: Memorandum not available in the file.]

On December 1, McCONE met with the President and BUNDY. McCONE's memorandum of the meeting indicates they again discussed "D"'s story. Later that day, Headquarters cabled the Mexico Station and stated that the White House had been told the story was a fabrication.

Later that day [2 December], the Mexico Station reported it had reason to doubt its earlier conclusion that "D" was fabricating. [Comment: The authors of the Report give no source for this statement. Moreover, they leave the reader in the air as to what was the outcome of further investigation to determine whether the earlier conclusion that ALVARADO was fabricating was an accurate conclusion. The facts are as follows:

On 2 December, Captain ⁰⁶WHEELOCK⁰⁶ saw ALVARADO during the Captain ⁰⁶Franklin Anthony WHEELOCK⁰⁶ Garcia, chief of the Anti-Communist Section of the

On 2 December, Captain ⁰⁶WHEELOCK saw ALVARADO during the afternoon for the first time. In a brief interview, which lasted only seven minutes, in the company of two Mexican officials, ALVARADO reverted to his previous story. He claimed he did see OSWALD and that he did call the Embassy to report. (Latter statement not supported by Embassy investigation.) ALVARADO went on to say that he told the Mexicans he was fabricating because he was "mentally mistreated"; specifically because he was threatened that he would be hanged by the testicles. Actually he was not physically mistreated. ⁰⁶WHEELOCK said he was unable to come to any definite conclusion as to ALVARADO's veracity; however, he would be able to do so once he returned to Managua and had a chance to complete the interrogation. (MEXI-7023 IN 71702, 2 December 1963)

On 3 December 1963, Headquarters tells the Mexico Station that although Headquarters is confident that ALVARADO is a fabricator and that his retraction of his confession is false, it has been decided that he should be placed on the polygraph. Headquarters asks that the Station arrange to have ALVARADO released to CIA custody for several days and ask ⁰⁶WHEELOCK to remain in Mexico to assist.

A polygraph operator from the Office of Security will arrive on 4 December. He will be in charge of the polygraph interview, but will be assisted by Clark ANDERSON (Legal Attache), who has been selected as an interpreter. The FBI will notify ANDERSON of this. (DIR 86563, 3 December 1963)

* Captain ⁰⁶Franklin Anthony WHEELOCK Garcia, Chief of the Anti-Communist Section of the [redacted], arrived in Mexico City on 29 November 1963. ⁰⁶WHEELOCK went to Mexico in response to Mexico Station's request for assistance in interrogating ALVARADO. For further details see accompanying chronological summary on Gilberto ALVARADO.

ECHEVARRIA, the acting minister of gobernacion, agreed to permit CIA to "borrow" ALVARADO. The plan was to pick up ALVARADO on 5 December and return him that evening. (MEXI-7229 IN-72877, 3 December 1963) ALVARADO was picked up as planned and underwent preliminary questioning on 5 December. The next day he underwent a polygraph interview. The results of this interview indicated that ALVARADO was fabricating his story. Interrogation revealed that he was unsure as to the exact day of the week he allegedly saw OSWALD. He thought it was on a Tuesday which would have been the 17th of September. When ALVARADO was shown a series of photographs during the testing, deception patterns became evident. When he was confronted with this he answered that he had the utmost confidence in the polygraph and that it must be correct. The interrogation was concluded with ALVARADO admitting he must have made an "honest mistake" in relating the original story in his identification of OSWALD. (MEXI-7289 IN 75588, 7 December)

Following the receipt of the results of the above interview with ALVARADO, Headquarters disseminated the results to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"The re-interrogation of Gilberto ALVARADO, Nicaraguan informant who claimed to have seen Lee OSWALD receive money to assassinate Kennedy, has been concluded. Our Mexico City Station advises us that ALVARADO admitted he must have been mistaken in saying that he saw OSWALD in the Cuban Embassy. Also, he was uncertain of the date on which he might have seen someone like OSWALD and thought it must have been on a Tuesday, which would have made it 17 September 1963. Although the final report of the polygraph interview is not yet available, the preliminary finding is that ALVARADO evidenced deception reactions when talking about OSWALD.

"It is expected that ALVARADO will be deported to Nicaragua on 9 December 1963.

"A representative of your Bureau participated in the interrogation of ALVARADO."

(DIR 87667, 7 December 1963)

Except for forwarding to the Warren Commission various reported material on ALVARADO, the Agency had completed its investigation of the allegation that the Cuban Consulate had given

OSWALD six thousand five hundred dollars to assassinate an unnamed target.

* The CIA reported on November 26 that Alvarado "is a well-known Nicaraguan underground member who is also a representative of the Nicaraguan security service and official of which has provided this Agency with his reports for over a year. We consider his reliability to be questionable although he has not been wholly discredited." (CIA Doc. 007/Teletype/NO/ DIR-85089, 11/26/63.)

contended that, following the assassination and after the publication of Oswald's photograph, he recognized this third man as Lee Harvey Oswald. (CIA Doc. IN 68376, 11/26/63.)

Page 2001163/4 (5,6) Alvarado alleged that while sitting on the floor of the bathroom standing by the bathroom door off the passageway leading to the patio, he observed that a tall Cuban who had been seated at the desk, approached the red-haired Negro and handed him a sum of money to join the group for a moment and hand a sum of American money to the red-haired Negro.* Alvarado reported that the following exchange then transpired

(CIA Doc. MEXF7069/ IN 68376, 11/26/63.)

Alvarado alleged ... (Ibid.)

The CIA/~~\$/Mexico/City/Station~~ Headquarters received a reported on Alvarado's allegation ...

Page 2001165:

On the morning of November 26 Alvarado was questioned at the American Embassy at a site outside the American Embassy by two Embassy officials, one of whom was a CIA representative; the other was an Embassy security officer. As a follow-up to Alvarado's initial intelligence interview, CIA's Mexico City/Station requested all of Headquarters/States Headquarters was asked for any traces on Gilberto Alavarado-Ugarte. (CIA Doc. IN 68291, 11/26/63.)

Page 2001166:

IN/ADDIZIONI/ON/XOFENBER/ZB/INE/CI/A/MEXICO/CIZY/

(Excise entire paragraph.)

In addition, in late November 1963, CIA Headquarters received two reports, from a highly sensitive and reliable source, regarding the concern of Cuban President Dorticos that Silvia Duran, during her interrogation by Mexican authorities, might have been forced to make a statement that the Cuban Consulate had given money to Lee Harvey Oswald. In his reply to Dorticos, Joaquin Hernandez-Armas, the Cuban Ambassador to Mexico, stated that there had been no mention of money. (CIA Docs. IN 68328, 11/26/63, and IN 69010, 11/27/63.)

Page 2001167 (9):

On November 27, ~~THE/CIA/S/MEXICO/CITY/STANDARD/ABLED~~
CIA Headquarters received a report of Mann's request that an
FBI representative be dispatched to Mexico City. (CIA Doc.
~~MEXI/7088~~ IN 68496, 11/27/63.) ~~THE/MEXICO/CITY/STANDARD/ABLED~~
~~IN~~ Headquarters learned from a second cable on the 27th that
"Mann feels not fully briefed on Oswald/Rubinstein case."
(CIA Doc. ~~MEXI/7097~~ IN 68542, 11/27/63.) As a result, ~~THE/CIA/S~~
~~MEXICO/CITY/CHIEF/OF/STANDARD~~ the recommendation was made that
the FBI dispatch a representative to Mexico City unless the State
Department could convince Mann that he was being briefed fully
by the Legal Attache on all information ~~developed~~. (Ibid.)

with ~~BITCH/ONYX~~ a representative of the ~~CIA/S~~ Counter Intelli-
gence Staff. (CIA Doc. ~~WHO/ADDY/INFB/FILB/ONYX~~ Memorandum,
11/27/63.) During the course of their conversation, Papich ~~AND~~
~~ONYX~~ suggested ~~discussed/Alvarado's/Allegation///IL/WAS/Papich's~~
~~polished~~ that "the Ambassador ~~ONYX~~ The CI Staff repre-
sentative responded, "It might ...

Page 2001168 (10):

Alvarado was undergoing a detailed reinterrogation ~~conducted/by/~~
~~CIA/representatives/IL/A/CIA/safeguards/~~ by United States officials
after being moved to a safe address. (CIA Doc. ~~MEXI/7093~~ IN 68530,
11/27/63.)

Page 2001169 (11):

Excise entire second paragraph. Replace with following:

On 27 November Ambassador Mann informed the Department
of the Cuban President's concern over possibility that Duran might
have been forced into making a statement about the passage of
money. He also noted that Alvarado was being questioned ~~discussed/~~
~~discussed~~ by an Agency representative ~~by/CIA/representatives/IL/MEXICO~~
~~CITY/~~ The Ambassador ~~He~~ commented: ...

Page 2001170 (12):

That day CIA representatives in Washington met with
Alexis Johnson of the State Department to discuss Mann's re-

quest for arrests. Later, in a cable to Mexico/City/Station the field discovering this matter, CIA Headquarters noted that: ...

Page 2001172 (14):

Furthermore, the same FBI memorandum noted: "Legal Attache instructed to follow with CIA/Mexico/City representatives steps being taken to locate and identify the unidentified Negro and Canadian referred to by Alvarado-Ugarte." (Ibid.)

Nevertheless, by November 27, the record indicates that CIA doubted Alvarado's veracity. CIA Headquarters reported cable the Mexico/City/Station indicating that FBI had placed Oswald in New Orleans continuously between from September 17 through and September 25th. The cable report concluded that the placement of Alvarado Oswald in New Orleans was a further reason not to believe Alvarado's allegation. ...

The Mexico/City/Station reported to On 27 November CIA Headquarters received information that Alvarado's story ... The Station requested that [redacted] /Alvarado's /Nizcataguan case / offer to /be present at /Alvarado's /interviewing to add weight to the questioning /through [redacted] would

Page 2001173 (15):

asked /questioning / / / / /

In a second CIA Headquarters cable message to Mexico City sent on November 27, CIA Headquarters stated that "In the face of mounting evidence it appears that Alvarado's story is a fabrication." Wage / to / follow up with / with / Nizcataguan case offer to (CIA Doc. DIR 85616, 11/27/63.)

... On November 28, the CIA's Mexico/City/Station cable CIA Headquarters received a request that Alvarado be turned over It was noted by the Station that the "[l]atter point" ... The Mexico/City/Station It was proposed that if / case contact with Alvarado would cease after following his release to the Mexican authorities. (Ibid.)

Page 2001174 (16):

In its response to the above message, CIA Headquarters
~~responded that day by cable to the Mexico City Station requesting~~
 Headquarters instructed its representatives that Alvarado was not
 to be turned over to the Mexicans prior to before discussion of
 the matter with the FBI. ~~The Mexico City Station was ordered to~~
~~notify~~ CIA Headquarters was to be notified if the FBI/Legal
Legal Attache in Mexico City attempted ~~to persuade the Station~~
 to ~~please~~ have Alvarado turned over to the Mexicans. ...

Page 2001175 (17):

CIA Headquarters subsequently ~~cabled the Mexico City~~
Station reported that the FBI ...

*Apparently, the FBI and CIA had differing views regarding the
~~Mexico City~~ Mexican aspects of the assassination investigation.
 A ~~Field/Office~~ memorandum, dated November 29, 1963 reveals that
~~Office~~ CIA on November 28 had advised Sam Papich of the FBI that
 the CIA was not yet prepared to turn Alvarado over to the Mexicans.
 Acting on instructions from Richard Helms, ~~Office~~ the Agency in-
 formed Papich that the CIA considered it the FBI's responsibility
 to decide whether Alvarado would be turned over to the Mexicans.
 Papich responded that he believed the responsibility was the CIA's.
 Papich, after consultation with his superiors, informed ~~Office~~ his
Agency contact that the FBI had officially decided that Alvarado
 would be released to the Mexicans for interrogation and poly-
 graphing. ~~Office~~ CIA later informed Papich that the CIA was imme-
 diately complying with the FBI instructions. (CIA Doc. ~~Office~~
Memorandum to the Record, 11/29/63, C/S/C/S/S/P/F/L/O/L/H/O.)

Page 2001176 (18):

Excise first paragraph.

is the best liar I have talked to in my many years and I ...

~~The Mexico City Station also reported on~~ On November
 29th, CIA Headquarters received the report that Alvarado had
 repeated his original statement ...

Page 2001178 (20):

Page 2001180 (22):

Page 2001181 (23):

Page 2001182 (24):

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* This same cable noted that ~~Addison~~ this representative was to be used The original ~~Mexico City Station~~ request for

ALVAREZADO/WAS/POLYGRAPHED/AT/A/CIA/SAFEHOUSE/IN
MEXICO/CITY/LCIA/DOE//MEXI/72366/12/3/83//ON/DEFENSE/3/
THE/CIA/POLYGRAPH/OPERATOR/AND/CIA/KE/ANDERSON/WAS/ABLE/TO
ESTABLISH/A/TAPROOT/WITH/ALVAREZADO//HOUSE/IN/SAFE/TO/A/
POLYGRAPH/WAS/NOT/THE/ANALYSIS//LCIA/DOE//MEXI/72366/12/3/83//
Alvarado was polygraphed on December 6. . . .

* During the course of his interrogation only the FBI representative and the polygraph , although not known to Alvarado, a CIA technician tape-recorded the questions

Consequent to Alvarado's polygraphing, ~~Anderson~~ the FBI representative notified FBI Headquarters

... in Mexico City, the allegations of Gilberto Alvarado-Ugarte, and ~~suspect/connections/between~~ the expressed concern of the Cuban President ~~Portillo's/and/the/Cuban/Ambassador/to/Mexico/Atlas~~ that Silvia Duran might have been forced into making a statement that officials of the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City passed money to Oswald.

- Page 2001152 Line 8 - "(CIA Doc, MEXI 1180, 11/23/63)"
- This is not a CIA document. It is a cable sent by MANN from the Embassy in Mexico City. The Agency does not have a copy in its files.
- Line 16 - (CIA Doc. ~~MXXI/7068~~ IN 68376, 11/26/63, FOIA No. 125-52)
- Line 25 - (CIA ~~047/7676776~~ Doc. DIR-85089, 11/26/63, FOIA No. 109-44.)
- Page 2001155 Line 8 - (CIA out Teletype no. 85089, 11/26/63.)
- Wrong document - should be IN 68376, 11/26/63, FOIA No. 125-52, and DIR-85199, 11/27/63, FOIA No. 136-55.)
- Line 13 - (CIA Doc. ~~MXXI/7068~~ IN 68376, 11/26/63, FOIA No. 125-52.)
- Line 18 - [Ibid.] Wrong document - should be CIA Doc. IN 68291, 11/26/63, FOIA No. 124-54.
- Line 23 - (MEXI 1182, 11/25/63) - This is an Embassy Cable sent from the US Embassy in Mexico City - it is not a CIA document.
- Page 2001156 Line 22 - (CIA Doc. ~~MXXI/7068~~ IN 68328, 11/26/63, FOIA No. 129-59.)
- Page 2001157 Line 4 - (CIA Doc. ~~MXXI/7077~~ IN 68406, 11/26/63, FOIA No. 128-590.)
- Line 8 - (CIA Doc. ~~MXXI/7084~~ IN 68496, 11/27/63, FOIA No. 168-612.)
- Line 11 - (CIA Doc. ~~MXXI/7077~~ IN 68542, 11/27/63, FOIA No. 169-612A.)
- Page 2001168 Line 2 - "that "the Ambassador there wants nuts"...
- I assume this was a Freudian slip, it should read "the Ambassador there went nuts"...
- Page 2001168 Line 17 - (CIA Doc. MEXI-7093, 11/27/63.) Inasmuch as the preceeding sentence does not appear in the document cited in footnote, assume citation is inaccurate.
- Line 21 - "(CIA Doc. ~~MXXI/7098~~ IN 69127, 11/27/63, FOIA No. 164-69.) This citation should also include IN 68376, 11/26/63.
- IN 69127 has statement that ALVARADO identified photograph of ... Luisa CALDERO as pretty girl of para 12 ref. (See IN 68376, para 12.)
- Page 2001169 Line 4 - (Ibid.) This footnote refers to IN 69127, 11/27/63. Latter cable states that ALVARADO identified photograph of Oscar Concepcion MENDOZA as tall Cuban of para 9 ref [IN IN 68376]. Nowhere in either cable does it say that the tall Cuban was sitting at AZCUE's desk. Citations from IN 68376 are as follows:
- Paragraph 5: At noon on 18 Sep subject went to Cuban Consulate to turn passport photos over to Consul AZCUE. Sat in wai-

Line 15 - (CIA Doc. ~~MEXI/7289~~ IN 75588, 12/7/63, FOIA No. 341-713.)

Quote "an honest mistake" taken from this cable -

"3. We concluded interrogation with subj admitting that he must have made honest mistake in relating original story in his identification of OSWALD."

Page 2001184 Line 8 - (CIA Doc. DIR 87666, 12/7/63, FOIA No. 351-141.)

Line 10 - CIA Doc. ~~MEXI/7289~~ IN 75588, 12/7/63)

NB: According to DIR-87667, 12/7/63, a dessimination to the FBI, "it is expected that Alvarado will be deported to Nicaragua on 9 December 1963." IN 75835, 12/7/63, indicates that Alvarado "will be returned home at 0930 on 8 December."

IN 75588, 12/7/63, FOIA No. 341-713
DIR-87667, 12/7/63, FOIA No. 349-717
IN 75835, 12/7/63, FOIA No. 343-138

Line 15 - (... see also CIA Doc. ~~MEXI/7289~~ IN 75588, 12/7/63, FOIA No. 341-713.)

ting room and saw group of approx eight persons enter Consulate and go into AZCUE office but unknown person was sitting at AZCUE desk.

Paragraph 9: Subj saw tall Cuban join group momentarily and pass American currency to negro. This unidentified Cuban apparently came out of AZCUE office into patio. Described as tall, solidly built mulatto, curly hair, brown suit, red striped tie, about 37 years old. Subj never saw this man after 18 Sep.

There is no place in either cable that indicates that the person described in paragraph 5 and paragraph 9 are one and the same. Nor is it clear that the person seated at AZCUE's desk was the one who handed a large amount of currency to the red-haired negro ...

Rather than making reference to "Ibid" which would be the preceding cable IN 69127, the writer should have cited IN 68376, 11/26/63.

Page 2001169 Line 6 - (CIA Doc. ~~MEX/77007~~ IN 69010, 11/27/63, FOIA No. 175-617.)

Line 17 - (CIA Doc. ~~MEX/77004~~ IN 69225, 11/27/63, FOIA No. 174-616;)

Page 2001170 Line 4 - Quotation from DIR-85573 not quite accurately done.

"5. ... Washington should urgently consider feasibility of requesting Mexican authorities to arrest for interrogation: Eusebio AZCUE; Luisa CALDERON and Alfredo MIRABAL.* ... They may all quickly be returned to Havana in order to eliminate any possibility that Mexican Government could use them as witnesses. ...

"6. While I realize enormous difficulty in giving us instructions, I nevertheless feel obliged to point out again that time is of the essence here." (Ibid,)

Line 22 - Statement not accurately quoted.

"3. ... there distinct feeling here in all three agencies [FBI, CIA, and State] that Ambassador is pushing this case too hard. ... and that we could well create flap with Cubans which could have serious repercussions. Understand from Mr. Johnson that he sent telegram through State channels to Ambassador this afternoon attempting to give him better perspective on this whole problem. ..." (CIA Doc. DIR-85469, 11/27/63, FOIA No. 178-620.)

[*Azcue and Mirabal were Cuban intelligence officers assigned to the Cuban Consulate in Mexico.]