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14 June 1967

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Disposition - This document was denied. The document transmitted a memorandum written by a State Department official concerning a contact he had with an individual alleging having become acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald in Mexico City. The State Department officer's memorandum is an attachment to this document. The attachment has been referred to State Department which will deal with it directly. The Agency dispatch transmitting a copy of this memorandum will not be released since it discusses the contents of the attachment in such a way as to reveal completely the contents. The Agency document also contains information confirming the existence of an Agency station in a specific city abroad, information identifying Agency components, Agency staff employees, Agency cryptonyms and Agency internal filing instructions. The document is therefore denied under the authority of exemptions (b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(3).

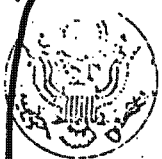
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AMENDED COMMENT

This document has been referred to the Department of State which has not yet responded as of 30 January 1978.

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TO	Chief of Station, Mexico City		
INFO.	Signed: R.O. #1 - [unclear]		
FROM	Chief, Western Hemisphere Division		
SUBJECT	Kennedy Assassination Report on Oswald's Trip to Mexico City		
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCE			
<p>LETTER FROM BENJIMAN J. RUYLE, AMERICAN CONSUL TAMPICO, MEXICO, TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE DESCRIBING ALLEGATIONS OF UNDISCLOSED SOURCE CONCERNING ATTEMPTS OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD TO HAVE PRO-CASTRO STUDENTS AT UNAM PERSUADE CUBAN EMBASSY TO GRANT OSWALD VISA FOR CUBA</p> <p>1. The American Consul in Tampico, Mr. Benjamin J. Ruyle, has sent to the Department of State, Washington, D. C., a letter of 11 May 1967, a copy of which is herewith attached. It was sent in response to a request by his desk officer in compliance with our ongoing.</p> <p>2. This report constitutes the first piece of substantive information about Lee Harvey Oswald's sojourn in Mexico City to appear since the assassination of President Kennedy. We understand the reluctance of the unidentified source to become involved, but the fact remains that this information cannot continue to be withheld or concealed.</p> <p>3. It is requested that you confer with Mr. Ruyle to determine the identity of the source and the best way of approaching him. His desire to stay out of trouble seems likelier to be gratified through cooperation with U. S. authorities than it would be if we were forced to turn the matter over to the Mexican authorities.</p> <p>4. It is also requested that you determine whether the attached information has been made available to LNERGO and, if it has not, to request that this step be taken.</p> <p>5. The information needed is the identity of the source, an approximate date for the two days spent with Oswald, the identities of all others in contact with Oswald at that time, and a detailed account of what happened.</p> <p>6. Although the Warren Commission obtained no facts pointing to homosexuality on Oswald's part, this allegation has been made by elements of the press covering District Attorney Jim Garrison's</p>			
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<div data-bbox="193 336 1537 577">[investigation in New Orleans. It is therefore necessary to bear this possibility in mind when interviewing the source and others who spent time with Oswald in Mexico City. It is our hope that the facts obtained through these interviews will help to confirm that several of Garrison's allegations about involvement of anti-Castro Cubans, WOFAC, etc., are false.]</div> <div data-bbox="310 577 1486 645">8. We are coordinating closely in this matter with (WOMUSE)</div> <div data-bbox="840 685 1176 779">(Thomas W. LUND)</div> <div data-bbox="210 833 1033 927">ATTACHMENT: (Letter from American Consul in Tampico)</div> <div data-bbox="210 927 974 1048">DISTRIBUTION: Orig & 1 - [COS, Mexico City] (w/att.)</div>		
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May 11, 1967

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Wesley D. Boles, Esquire
Chief, Mexican Political Affairs, Office of Mexican Affairs
Department of State, Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Wes:

The missing Lee Harvey Oswald airgram referred to in your letter of April 14 is Tampico's A-43, which I drafted on March 16. It ought to have reached you before April 14.

I had originally debated with myself whether to send anything at all, considering my "informant" did not seem to offer anything new. However, in view of the admittedly "electrifying quality" of the subject, I finally decided to record the matter.

Because of your letter, I invited my friend to lunch today. We went over the ground in somewhat more detail, as set forth below, but he did not claim he was making world-shaking revelations, and I do not believe he was.

He said he and a group of fellow students met Oswald one afternoon (he does not recall the date) when they came out of the Cineclub, which I understood to be at the Escuela de Filosofia (I am not familiar with the University of Mexico). He described Oswald as "raro" and ~~EXTRAORDINARY~~ "introvertido", a person who obviously had complexes and problems.

Oswald was with the group during the remainder of the afternoon and evening and all the following day. They paid for his meals during this time. (It was of interest to me my informant said that, in addition to recognizing Oswald's photograph following the assassination of President Kennedy, he easily recalled Oswald's name because both "Harvey" and "Oswald" connoted rabbit to him, something I had not thought of.)

Oswald evidently had gone to the university to look for pro-Castro students who might help him persuade the Cuban Embassy to grant him a visa. He spoke little Spanish, but indicated he was from California, as well as that he had been a member of a pro-Castro group in New Orleans (no

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I am not trying to be coy about my informant's name. I should nevertheless like to protect him to the extent possible. He claims not to have discussed his acquaintance with Oswald with anyone except me. I take this with a grain of salt, but he does seem genuinely fearful of losing his job if he is tied publicly to this matter.

He also seems fearful of trouble with his former pro-Castro student friends if they get the impression he "ratte" on anyone. I gather they are not altogether "former", considering he says some of them still visit him here from time to time.

Incidentally, he claims to have visited Cuba, to be well acquainted with Raúl Rox and, to a lesser degree, with Castro. He claims further to have been friendly with onetime Havana Proenza, who I understood him to say defected from the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City and may now be in Miami.

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I am aware my friend may have fabricated everything he told me. My personal evaluation is that he has been truthful.

Sincerely,

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William J. Rayle
American Consul

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Benjamin J. Ruyle
American Consul

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31 July 1975

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Disposition - This document was denied. The document is a review of information in the Oswald 201 file which still warrants continued protection under the classification system. The document identifies and explains the nature of the hazard that would be involved for a number of foreign intelligence sources and operational methods if this document or other documents containing information on the same activities were to be released. The information is properly classified and denied. This particular document also contains information identifying an Agency staff employee and Agency internal filing instructions. The document was therefore denied under the authority of exemptions (b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(3).

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31 July 1975

Document Number 1186-999A
for FOIA Review on NOV 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: (LA/EICO)
Mr. William Sturbitts

SUBJECT : Review of Lee Harvey OSWALD 201 File
for Freedom of Information Request

REFERENCE : Request Number 75-105, 2 June 1975

1. A review of the Lee Harvey OSWALD file (201-289248) has been completed by (the Mexican Branch) in connection with reference Freedom of Information request. Most of the information contained in the file that pertains to Mexico came from (sensitive sources and methods, such as photo surveillance, [bilateral] teltap and mail intercept operations.²⁴ Although the mail intercept and photo surveillance activities have been discontinued, the fact that they were in operation in Mexico continues to be considered sensitive. The [bilateral teltap is still active], and, therefore, is sensitive.

2. The Mexican information reviewed covered three areas:

a. Sylvia DURAN Tirado. A Mexican female employed by the Cuban Embassy in Mexico who provided assistance to OSWALD in his attempts to obtain a Cuban visa. Information regarding DURAN appears in the Warren Report, however, it is not attributed to the Agency. The Government of Mexico (GOM) did arrest and interrogate DURAN re her connection with OSWALD, and a copy of the GOM deposition appears in the Report. The deposition was turned over to the Commission by the GOM via State Department. Since knowledge of DURAN's contact with OSWALD originally came to both the GOM's and Agency's attention via the [bilateral] teltap, all mention of Agency knowledge or participation in DURAN's arrest and subsequent interrogation has been marked for non-release.

b. Photo of unidentified man (taken in front of the Soviet Embassy) in Mexico. This photo was taken by (Station Mexico photo surveillance of the Soviet Embassy) during the month of October 1963. When news of the arrest of OSWALD as Kennedy's assassin became known, the Station immediately forwarded copies of the photo to the FBI in the mistaken assumption that the photo was of OSWALD taken while he was in Mexico that fall. It was later determined that the photo was not of OSWALD and in fact had been taken after he had departed Mexico. (OSWALD was in Mexico from 26 September thru 3 October 1963.) Even though the photo was not of OSWALD it had been shown to OSWALD's wife and mother, with the background partially

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dropped in an effort to disguise the place where the photo had been taken. The photo became somewhat of an issue when the Warren Commission decided it belonged in the Report as part of the exhibits since it had been shown to the OSWALDs. The Agency finally allowed the picture to appear in the report with the background completely blocked out and with the agreement that no mention would be made about where it had been taken. As far as can be determined, the Agency has never admitted publicly that the photo was taken in Mexico, even though there has been a great deal of speculation to that effect by several authors and journalists. As a matter of fact, one of the lawyers who worked with the Commission later leaked information (to an author regarding the photo, but erroneously said it had been taken in front of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico by CIA. Still, the Agency has not revealed the actual location, only saying it was taken somewhere outside the U.S. All mention of the photo has therefore been marked to be withheld, because of sensitive sources and methods involved.

c. Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte. ALVARADO, a Nicaraguan citizen, walked in to the U.S. Embassy in Mexico, claiming to have knowledge re Kennedy's assassination. It was learned that ALVARADO was an agent for the Nicaraguan Intelligence Service (NIS), however his story re the assassination was separate from his work for the NIS. After lengthy interrogation, including a polygraph, it was determined that ALVARADO had been fabricating a story claiming he had seen OSWALD receive money from a Cuban official at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. The ALVARADO story appears in the Warren Report but it does not reveal his identity. (In order to continue to protect ALVARADO and the Nicaraguan government from possible embarrassment all mention of ALVARADO has been marked for non-release.

2. A list and copies of documents from the OSWALD file have been forwarded to your office for review by other (LA) branches and possibly other Divisions. The documents are marked according to which volume they belong in the 201 file (there are 57 volumes plus many bulky attachments.)

3. During the review, it was necessary several times to refer to the Warren Report and the exhibits to ascertain exactly what was already known about the Mexican aspect of the case. It is doubtful that the other branches will find this necessary, but in case they do, the Warren Report is held in the Library.

(Jack Mathews)
C/LA/Mexico

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24 November 1963

Disposition - This document was numbered and included in this list in error. The document originated with the Department of Navy, to which it has been referred for direct response.

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POSSIBLE SOVIET INFORMER

13-ASST ALUSNA RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL 23 NOV FROM PERSON CLAIMING TO BE POLISH DRIVER OF RUSSIAN VEHICLE. MOST OF CONVERSATION RECORDED BY ALUSNA. INFO TOUCHED ON SEVERAL AREAS INCLUDING: POSSIBLE CONNECTION SOVIET GOVT SUPPLYING

MONEY TO INDIVIDUAL IN U.S. TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT;

POSSIBLE SOVIET IMPLICATION IN U.S.S. THRESHER INCIDENT;

SYSTEM OF USSR EMBASSY PERSONNEL MEETING MIGRANTS TO

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AUSTRALIA, PROVIDING FALSE PASSPORTS AND SENDING THEM TO

OTHER COUNTRIES; RUSSIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CUBA AND

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INFO TO SOVIET EMB; SENDING OF AGENTS FROM AUST TO U.S.

PERSON GAVE CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ON MODUS OPERANDI OF TWO SOVIET AGENTS IN SYDNEY.

2. PERSON HAS AGREED TO MEETING WITH ASST ALUSNA IN SYDNEY IN NEAR FUTURE. HAS ASKED FOR ASSURANCE HE WILL BE PROTECTED IF HE COOPERATES. TOLD THAT THIS COULD BE DISCUSSED AT FIRST MEETING.

3. AMBASSADOR ^{MAA 29, 29} [REDACTED] INFORMED. ^{MAA 29} [REDACTED] CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE FOR WELL DESCRIBED CAR AND DRIVER WHO CLAIMS TO BE IN CANBERRA NOW; KEEPING SOVIET EMBASSY UNDER SURVEILLANCE; ²⁴

[REDACTED] HAS ARRANGED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE SURVEILLANCE OF ORIGINATOR AND/OR PLACE FROM WHICH CALL MADE. [REDACTED] PLAN TO COVER MEETING OF ASST ALUSNA IN SYDNEY IF IT EVENTUATES. ²⁹

4. [REDACTED] ²⁴

5. ON 15 OCTOBER 1962 A SIMILAR CALL WAS RECEIVED AT EMB

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POSSIBLY FROM SAME PERSON. IN THAT CALL REFERENCE MADE TO PLOT WITH REWARD 100,000 DOLLARS TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

CALLER ALSO STATED USSR SUBS ON WAY TO CUBA WITH TROOPS WHOSE SECOND OBJECTIVE TO GUARANTEE SUPPORT TO GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI. SUBSTANCE OF CALL PASSED TO [REDACTED] AT THAT TIME BUT NO FURTHER INFO DEVELOPED. ²⁹

6. WHILE SOME ASPECTS INDICATE INDIVIDUAL A CRANK OTHERS SEEM MORE AUTHENTIC. ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR, FEEL MATTER SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED UNTIL ADDITIONAL FACTS

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