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SULLIVAN: Did the American citizen who was there, the one who was to give a visa to Cuba, not come from Washington?

CORNELL: Yes, he was in Washington that he went to the Soviet embassy.

SULLIVAN: And when was the ambassador there at the time that he was in Washington?

CORNELL: He was there on September 16th.

SULLIVAN: And what happened when he got to Washington?

CORNELL: He went to the ambassador's office and got a visa, but the ambassador was not there.

SULLIVAN: And when did the ambassador return?

CORNELL: He returned on the 17th.

SULLIVAN: And what happened after the ambassador returned?

CORNELL: After the ambassador returned, the American citizen went to the embassy and got a visa.

SULLIVAN: And what happened after the American citizen got the visa?

CORNELL: After the American citizen got the visa, he went back to Cuba.

SULLIVAN: And what about the Cuban embassy?

CORNELL: The Cuban embassy was not notified of the change of address.

SULLIVAN: And what about the Cuban embassy after the change of address?

CORNELL: The Cuban embassy was notified of the change of address and was given the new address.

SULLIVAN: And what happens now?

CORNELL: The American citizen is back in Cuba, and the Cuban embassy is now notified of the change of address.

SULLIVAN: And what about the visa?

CORNELL: The visa is still valid and can be used.

SULLIVAN: And what about the ambassador?

CORNELL: The ambassador is still in Washington.

SULLIVAN: And what about the next step?

CORNELL: The next step is to contact the Cuban embassy to inform them of the change of address.

SULLIVAN: And what about the American citizen?

CORNELL: The American citizen is back in Cuba, and the Cuban embassy is notified of the change of address.
5. 1 Oct. 1963
MO (American) to MI (Sov. Emb.)

6. 1 Oct. 1963
MO (American) to OBEYDOV of Soviet Embassy

7. 3 Oct. 1963
MO (OSWALD) to MI at Sov. Emb.

8. 1 & 4 Oct.

9. 8 Oct. 1963

MO says I was at your place last Saturday and talked to your Consul. They said that they'd send a telegram to Washington, and I wanted to ask you if there is anything new? MI says I'd like to ask you to call another phone number. Please write it down; 15-60-55 and ask for a consul. Thank you.

MO (the same person who phoned a day or so ago and spoke in broken Russian) speaks to OBEYDOV. He says This is Lee OSWALD speaking. I was at your place last Saturday and spoke to a consul, and they said that they'd send a telegram to Washington, so I want to find out if you have anything new? But I don't remember the name of that consul. OBEYDOV says KOSTIKOV. He is dark (hair or skin?). MO says yes, my name is OSWALD. OBEYDOV says Just a minute I'll find out. They say that they haven't received anything yet. OSWALD says Have they done anything? OBEYDOV says Yes, they say that a request has been sent out, but nothing has been received as yet. OSWALD says And what...? OBEYDOV hangs up.

OSWALD speaks in broken Spanish then in English to MI. He says I called for a visa for Russia. MI says Call on the other phone. MO says I'm looking for a visa to go to Russia. MI says Please, call on the telephone of the consul, 15-60-55. MO says One moment please, I'll have to get a pencil to write the number down. They issue the visa there? MI That depends on your conversation. I don't know about this business. Please call the office of the consul and ask your question. MI asks for the number again. MI gives him the number and tells him to ask for the Consul of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico. MO says Thanks.

Photos of unidentified person on entering Soviet Embassy and who entered Cuban Embassy on 15 Oct 1963.

MEXICO CITY 6-53 reported According to OBEYDOV 1 Oct 63, American male who spoke broken Russian said his name was OSWALD stated he at SOVEMB 26th when he spoke with Consul whom he believed be V. VLADIMIROVICH KOSTIKOV. Subj asked Sov guard Ivan OBEYDOV who answered, if there anything new re telegram to Washington. OBEYDOV upon checking said nothing received yet, but request had been sent. Have photos male appears to be American entering Sovemb 11:16 hours leaving 12:22 on 1 Oct. Apparent age 36, athletic build, circa 6 feet, receding hairline, balding top. Wore khaki's and sport shirt. Source: LIEMPTY. No local dissen.
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DIRECTOR 74830 reported on identity of Subject of MEXI 6931:
LeeHarney OSWALD (201-2223484), DPOB 15 Oct 39, New Orleans,
former radar operator in U.S. marines who defected to USSR
in Oct 59. DIR gives description of OSWALD, background,
marrige, etc., and action to pass info to Emb. components.

MEXICO CITY 6934 requested Hqs to P/O pouch photo OSWALD.

Memo to The Ambassador on Lee OSWALD/Contact with Sov Emb.
routed to Amb. Minister, Counselor for Political Affairs,
RSC, co's to Legal, Naval and INS. Memo #6931

MEXICO CITY 7014 with refs (para 9, 10, 11 above) stated According
VOA broadcast heard at Station regarding President Kennedy assassination
one Lee H. OSWALD age 24 has been arrested in Dallas possibly in
connection assassination of President Kennedy. Direct Hqs. attention
Reps. Request priority pouch photo OSWALD so that Station can check
all recent LIEMFY coverage for Iden. Forwarding soonest copies of
only visitor to Sovemb 1 Oct who could be identical with OSWALD.

A/EMBASSY Outgoing Telegram (Control 269) from Amb. Mann stating
Foreign Minister expressed condolences, etc., and that on his
instructions the border between U.S. and Mexico had been closed to
eliminate any possibility of murderer's escape into Mexico.

DIR 84602 (ref MEXI 7014 - para 13 above) Thanks. This connection
was also noted here. Trust you will be able use all your facilities
to follow and report Sov Emb activity and reaction during these hours.
Pls cable full summaries.

Personal letter to J. C. from COS (Min) with ref to conversation of
22 Nov in which COS requested permission to give Legal copies of photos
of a certain person known to J. C. Attached are copies with dates of
visits stamped on back. At 6 p.m. 22 Nov., the Ambassador decided
this was important enough to have Legal take copies of these photos
to Dallas. Naval Attaché is making special flight for this purpose.
Legal officer going to Dallas promised to mail this to you. Copies
of these photos are being pouches night of 22 Nov. 69.
Edmundo JARDON (of Cuban Embassy) calls VILLACORTA of Prensa Latina in Havana asking about the detention of the President of Fair Play with Cuba Committee. VILLACORTA says he only knows what the agencies are reporting, that the person's name is OSWALD, that he is a member of the Fair Play with Cuba Committee, if that is true, it could have been also one of the 40 thousand or whatever on the FBI list, but surely this person is nuts. JARDON says that if this is true (that the guy is nuts) it is a terrible provocation. VILLACORTA says that up to now nothing is confirmed, that he was arrested for suspicion and looking up his file they found out he belonged to that (Committee of Fair Play with Cuba), but until now it is pure speculation. JARDON will call later.

NSMA 22553 to O/WHD to send photos (per para 16 above).

NO asks LUISA if she had heard the latest news and Luisa, jokingly replies, "Yes, of course, I know almost before KENNEDY." Both agree on the seriousness of the assassination, etc. LUISA says party at Silvia DURAN's been called off so it will not appear they are celebrating death of KENNEDY, nor will they have the party haxex coincide with the burial....LUISA says she plans to move tonight to the doctor's (female) house.

MEXI 7039 - Nexi Station has photos same unidentified American type who is possibly OSWALD entering Cuban Embassy on 15 Oct. Searching for possibility photo-documented entry Cuban Emb other days. Also attempting establish OSWALD entry and departure Mexi.

MEXI 7020 - Persons flew Mexi to U.S. who might be Iden w/OSWALD; A. Mexicana Flt 600 to Chicago 1 Nov, Lee MARTIN; B. Same flt, 12 Nov. Wilford OSWALD; C. Braniff flt 5 to San Antonio 2 Nov William OSWALD.

MEXI MEXI 7021 - O/E/NY agent left here 2000 local with 2 copies ea of 6 photos person suspected by OSWALD on special flight for Dallas. He-carrying envelope with 1 copy each photo for airmail special from Dallas to GALBOND at home per teletype with CURTIS. 1 copy each these photos plus copy each of 2 photos showing same person exiting PBRUMEN Embassy forwarded in NSMA 22553 leaving regular pouch tonight. View above, does Hqs want staff with additional photos?

DPR 8481 - Send staff with all photos OSWALD to Hqs on next flight. Call Mr. Whitten 652-6827 on arrival.
DIR 84822 - No need send staff with photos. We have asked Navy for photos again, but Mexi can see Oswald's picture sooner on press wire. Have just re-emphasized to ODENY HQs sensitivity of photos you are sending and also relayed names of travelers with similar names. Note radio says Oswald lived under alias of O. H. Lee.

DIR 84837 - Urgently require info Valeriy Vladimirich Kostikov travels outside Mexi, hour by hour whereabouts 22 Nov, all details his activities during Nov., names and backgrounds his contacts also future contacts and activities Kostikov via unilateral coverage, any indications unusual activities involving KGB and Sovemb personnel. 17 through 30 Nov.

DIR 84885 - Kostikov traveled in September with Ivan Gavrillovich Alferiev who in close contact Cuban dips during Feb 62 TTD Quito. Request reporting and coverage Alferiev as with Kostikov.

DIR 84886 - Important you review all LIENVOY tapes and transcripts since 27 Sept to locate all material pertinent to (para 9 above). Dispatch soonest by special courier, staffer if necessary, full transcripts and original tapes if available all pertinent material. Are original tapes available.

DIR 84888 - ODENY says that photos of man entering Sovemb which Mexi sent Dallas were not of Oswald. (Para 22 above) Presum Mexi has doubled checked dates of these photos and also checking all pertinent other photos for possible shots of Oswald.

MEXI 7023 - On 28 Sept 63 Silvia [illegible] Cuban Emb called Sov Consul saying North American there who had been Sovemb and wish speak with Consul. Uniden North American told Sov consul quote "I was in your Emb and spoke to your Consul. I was just now at your Emb and they took my address......" (same as para 4 above). In view Oswald in Sov Union and fact he claimed on 1 Oct LIENVOY to have visited Sovemb 28 Sept, Subj is probably Oswald. Station unable compare voice as first tape erased. Para three MEXI 7034 (para 13 above) should be 1 Oct 63. Same Subj visited Sovemb 4 Oct but not recorded LIENVOY that date. Also pouching 4 Oct photos. Making effort determine OSWALDS activities Mexico.

MEXI 7024 - Station's check indicates no other Kostikov travel outside MEXI, 6 thru 19 Nov shows Kostikov at Sovemb every day. Placing him under LIENVOY surveillance. No recent unusual KGB and Sovemb personnel activities 17 Nov to date.

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same problem exists with the Cubans, that the problem with him (the American) is that he does not know anyone in Cuba and therefore if that is true it will be difficult for him to get a visa for Cuba, because he was thinking of processing his visa (for Soviet Union), because he knew it would require waiting a long time for his visa to the Soviet Union while in Cuba and from there go to the Soviet Union. MI said the thing is that if his wife right now were in Washington she would receive her visa right now, or permission, from the Soviet Union, to return to her country, she is going to receive her visa in Washington but having this visa, she could communicate to any place this permission, for example here or any place she could receive it (visa or permission) but right now they do not have them. (no las tienen). Silvia says certainly and they cannot give a letter either because they do not know if the visa will be approved. MI says they only give visas according to indications, Silvia says then she will put that on the list. MI says he cannot give a letter of recommendation either because he does not know him (the American) and excuse me for bothering you. Silvia says that is alright and many thanks.

28 Sept. 1151
Silvia DURAN calls Soviet Embassy and talks with MI

Silvia says that in the Cuban Embassy is a North American who was at the Soviet Embassy. MI says wait a minute. Silvia speaks English with someone - and comments in Spanish that they gave APARICIO telephone 19-12-99 and to take the number down - Silvia says about the American citizen that he is going to talk with you (NY). American speaks Russian and MI speaks in English. They continue in English. American talks broken Russian and says I was in your Embassy and spoke to your consul. Just a minute. MI takes phone and asks American in English what does he want? American says Please speak Russian. MI says What else do you want? American says I was just now at your Embassy and they took my address. MI says I know that. American, in hardly recognizable Russian, says I did not know it then. I went to the Cuban Embassy to ask them for my address, because they have it. MI says Why don’t you come again and leave your address with us, it is not far from the Cuban Embassy. American says I’ll be there right away.
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No other ALFIERIEV travel. LILYRIC reporting shows ALFIERIEV at Sovemb 6 thru 19 Nov. (No coverage 9, 10, 16, 17 Nov.) Will cover with LILYSE surveillance. Stepping up processing covering Sovemb, trying get LIFERAT coverage of switchboard of apt bdg where reside Min KAZANTSEV, suspect KGB resident KONSTANTINOV and suspect GUR SCHUCHIN. Having LIPWA report movements Sidorov and effort to audio OP against SID. Incoming LIFSAT on KGB KHUTENKO will be processed ASAP. Rechecking all uncased tapes LIENTOV center.

BARKER (p) wrote to COS suggesting, since Mexican authorities closed U.S.-Mexican border (possible escape route of assassin/s), we should request Mexi authorities to put police cordon around Cuban Emb and require all visitors to identify themselves - entering and exiting.

Note to Luis ECHERRERIA to arrest Silvia DEAN, the girl who put OSWALD in touch with Sovemb. Silvia is Mexican citizen, lives at Bahia de Morlaco #7; mother lives at Ebro #12; brother at Ferrodeco #14; she drives Consul car, plates 8-92-77; phone is 45-06-96; works at Cuban Embassy.

MEXI 7025 - (Ref Dir 84886 - para 27 above) - On 28 Sept 63 LIENTOV reported fol: "Entrada ME......(same as para 4 above)". On 1 Oct 63 at 1045 hrs man called Sovemb and said "Hello this is Lee OSWALD speaking......(same as para 5 above)". Transcriber says OSWALD is the one talking in both cases and the one who called from Cuban Emb 28 Sept to Sovemb.

MEXI 7026 Luis ECHERRERIA asked COS for all info on fnu RODRIGUEZ Molina. He said he heard on radio RODRIGUEZ picked up in connection assassination and he is Mexican. Only trace here is 30 Jan 61 report from LIFERES that on Oscar RODRIGUEZ Molina, 31, Cuban, arrived here legally 21 Jan 61 on Mexican visa; Cuba on tourist card 79543/11/6, left Calle Independencia 17 as contact address w/airline. This info given ECHERRERIA. OCVNOY informed of above. Have no info. OCVNOY chief calling Dallas for details. Request Hqs traces soonest.

MEXI 7027 - To facilitate expeditious Mexi records search and asset investigations, can Hqs provide info dates activities OSWALD's most recent stay thru 22 Nov in U.S.
MEXI 7028 - COS had urgent call to see LITENSOR 23 Nov. COS thought would be for expression of condolences but developed that LIENVOY 2 had located call to Sovemb of OSWALD made on 28 Sept. Believe fact that LITENSOR aware of this contact (from joint operation) and passed data to COS is important.

MEXI 7029 - Saw photos of OSWALD on t.v. night of 22 Nov and it obvious photos sent to Dallas were not idea. Dates are given on photos, station reviewing all available photos persons entering Sov and Cub Embassies. Station suggesting-to-LITEMPO 2-that Silvia DURAN who MEXI employee at Cuban Emb and who put OSWALD on telephone from Cuban Emb to talk to Sovemb on 28 Sept be arrested immediately and held incommunicado until she gives all details of OSWALD known to her. LITEMPO 2 can say P.F.S. coverage revealed call to him if he needs to explain.

NOTE WRITTEN BY COS: At 1620 hrs on 23 Nov 63 I had a call from Jack Whitten (Washington) asking that I not do para 3 (to arrest Silvia DURAN - para 36 above). I told him too late, I could not recall request. I told him that he already should have rec'd a cable in which I told them that President here had knowledge which made this "action" (against DURAN) so that it could be Mexican initiative. He said too late. NOTE: I had return call from ECHIVERRIA at about 1515 hrs on 23 Nov 63 saying they would get "mujer" and he would immediately notify me. He thanked me for info on her. (Signed COS)

MEXI 7030 - Following care appeared at Cuban Emb: 21 Oct 63 at 1900 hrs Texas TA 582, and silver grey Buick Texas Kr-57-73 on 24 Oct at 11:35 hrs. Both car license plates were black letters on white, belief be 63 issuance. Request identification. Although no known connection suggest above be called attention office handling OSWALD case.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD from Jerry L. NARCEOS on Support Activities Assignments re OPERATIONAL Assassination.

MEXI 7032 - Info on surveillance teams - Soviets - no unusually activity.

MEXI 7033 - Fol additional calls LIENVOY probably repeat probably OSWALD: A. On 27 Sept 63 call to Sov M/L Att "Entrada, Man calling says is it necessary for me to have a visa to go to Odesa. Man inside says to call 15-60-55 and ask for the consul. Man outside asks for the address. Man inside says they will give it to you. B. On 27 Sept 63 at 1605 (see para 2 above) C. On 27 Sept 65 at 1626 (see para 3 above) D. On 1 Oct 63 at 1031 (see para 5
above. E. On 3 Oct 63 (see para 7 above)

NOTE by COS: I had a call from Washington (Jack Whitten) at 1620 hrs on 23 Nov. I told Jack Whitten at 1620/30 on 23 Nov. that this (above) would be en route to him soon. Signed by COS.

MEXI 7034 - Complete recheck photos all visitors to Cuban Emb Aug thru first half Nov against good press photos shown no unusual back Oswald visits. Similar check against all Sov emb photos from 1 Sept. Note: only visit we know he made was Cuban Emb 28 Sept Saturday on which Emb closed and we have not had coverage. In future will require at least half day photo coverage both Sov and Cub Embassies. Check manifests all planes arriving Mexi central airport from U.S. fails show Oswald arrival. Passing this info Com asking they check border airports from which Oswald might have flown Mexi. We do not get manifests these domestic flights.

MEXI 7035 - LIENVOY reporting Sovemb normal. Conversations between Alfredo MIRABAL Diaz with suspect KGB Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV (who not available, so KOSTIKOV comes on line) (One time KOSTIKOV in error addressed MIRABAL as AZCUE and MIRABAL corrects him. Comment: MIRABAL replaced Eusebio AZCUE Lopez, former Cuban Consul).

MEXI 7036 - LIENVOY Sovemb on 22 Nov, reports many calls by press people to get statement from Sov re assassination; they are all told Sovemb closed to call back Monday.

List of 14 names of contacts in ALVERLEY and KOSTIKOV at Sovemb

COS note to ECHEVERRIA to keep secret the arrest of Silvia DURAN that no info from her is published or leaked, that all info from her is cabled to Washington immediately though COS and that her arrest and her statements is not spread to any leftists......

NOTE: From COS: ECHEVERRIA said she was arrested with "seven others including her husband..." They were having a fiesta - and ECHEVERRIA had just had a meeting with the President (who apparently said "Proceed" and interrogate forcefully), signed COS.

MEXI 7037 - ECHEVERRIA informed COS at 1800 hrs that Silvia DURAN and her husband had already been arrested and were presently under interrogation by Gobemacion authorities. ECHEVERRIA promised to try to keep arrest secret. ECHEVERRIA promised all info obtained from DURAN; said first report should be ready by 2000 hrs. COS does not believe possible to keep arrest from
48. 23 Nov.  

MEXI 7036 - LILYMIC reporting on KOSTIKOV's surveillance and also on ALFIEREY.

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In Jan 63 Silvia DURAN seen in 2 cars with Texas plates, convertable plate JP 96-75 and white Volvo plate KU 94-95. Another Ford car Texas plate JJ 24-76 seen in front of residence DURAN brother. PIs resolve: Above to hold in reserve here for possible use in connection QMR interrogation DURAN.

50. 24 Nov.  

DIR 84914 - Hqs thanks Station for efforts made in helping on this critical matter. It is extremely urgent that we get verbatim transcripts in English of all OSWALD intercepts and other material which could relate to him. Forget economy of words and cable. ODENVY tells us that Jose RODRIGUEZ Molina is not involved. (para 35 above)

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DIR 84915 - Arrest of Silvia DURAN is extremely serious matter which could prejudice ODENVY freedom of action on entire question of PEREÓN responsibility. Request you ensure her arrest kept absolutely secret, that no info from her is published or leaked, that all info is called to us, and that her arrest and statements not spread to leftist. We are trying to get more info on OSWALD from ODENVY and will advise.

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DIR 84917 (ref DIR 84916 - para 51 above) Assume you are keeping Legal fully informed on developments ref.

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MEXI 7040 - U.S. Consulate Nuevo Laredo reported to Ambassador: OSWALD entered Mexi at Nuevo Laredo on 26 Sept., said age 23 years, occupation photographer, residence New Orleans, destination Mexico City, Mexican tourist card 22065. Same source (Mexi Immigration Records) state he left by auto on 3 Oct 63 at Nuevo Laredo. Will advise LITENSOR and ODENVY and will ask LITENSOR to check hotels in Mexico City to check OSWALD's activities.

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MEXI 7041 - As of 1900 23 Nov., LITENSOR surveillance team and LILYMIC and LIMITED basehouses all report KOSTIKOV under Mexi Secret Service physical surveillance. Since cannot continue LITENSOR unilateral under above conditions must cancel LITENSOR. This likely to LITENSOR reading same LITENSOR take as Station. Station has not mentioned KOSTIKOV to Mexicans.

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MEXI 7042 - Advised Legal of arrest and of Hqs desire for secrecy. Legal had not heard of arrest although he had talked to govenrment contexts several times in last hour. This good sign of REUNION control for time being. Also told Amb who "very pleased", but who also hopes can be kept secret let Washington decide on all "leaks" and releases.
SECRET

MEXI 7043 - 1100 hrs on 23 Nov., 1955 green Ford California 65 plates KUV 191 parked near Sovemb. Male driver approached main gate but did not enter. Stood looking at Emb and watching street for minute then walked across street to plant shop where remained until 1145 when left area.

MEXI 7044 - Completed analysis Russian language portions of Sovemb LIENVOY 18 thru 21 Nov. No items of possible pertinence OSWALD. All normal.

MEXI 7045 - Summary of local contacts of ALFREDEV (see para 45 above)

MEXI 7046 - ECHEVERRIA told COS Silvia DURAN completely cooperative and gave written statement attesting to 2 visits by OSWALD, who showed her U.S. passport showing long stay in USSR. Said he Communist and admirer of CASTRO. Wanted her help get transit visa Cuba order to go USSR. She could only arrange transit Cuba if already had USSR visa. Sovs told her they had further checking to do before could issue visa. Knows not why returned U.S. without visa. DURAN told governmen she had recognized OSWALD on T.V. 22 Nov and told husband about visits. Owing cooperativeness ECHEVERRIA believes will be no repercussions. No evidence Emb knows she picked up. Above preliminary report. COS will see Echeverria again morning 24 Nov. Amb Mann informed by COS of DURAN pickup and delighted. Will brief ODNV.

Antonio CARAM asks JORDON (of Cuban Emb) if anything is known or passed about the death of OSWALD. JORDON says yes they passed the message that someone shot him in the stomach. CARAM says it is all a plot. JORDON agrees that it is evident. CARAM asks isn't it true that that is what it is. JORDON says yes. JORDON says those types were wanted to make it appear to be a Communist sympathizing with Cuba, etc., etc., sure once he was in the Soviet Union, and also be subjected himself to a dirty game. CARAM believes they grabbed him for the job. JORDON agrees. CARAM says it is obvious they had to liquidate him (OSWALD) so he wouldn't talk. JORDON agrees and adds that precisely so that he (OSWALD) wouldn't talk, the job is made more difficult (to find out plot of assassination of Kennedy). JORDON says the international situation will become serious. CARAM says what a ridiculous thing to think that a bar man (caminero) is able to mix with the police and kill OSWALD in this mess they should suspect the police of Dallas. JORDON says it was all premeditated; they let him (OSWALD) be killed. CARAM says did you see the building? It is 90 meters from the street, what a coincidence they did not register the building (for surveillance), including there are the building some police were in on the complicity for sure. JORDON says perhaps so. CARAM says all of this has him very worried.
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MEXI 7047 - Re Station's newly initiated LIFEAT coverage of apartment residence KAZANTSEV, KONSTANTINOV and VICH SHCHUKIN. No calls in or out by above for coverage 1640 to 2000 hrs 23 Nov.

SIDOROV talks with OBRUBOV who says Have you heard the latest? OSWALD LIENVOY was mortally wounded in a closed chamber. The details are not given. He is being operated on, according to the radio.

(Comment: by transcriber - When OBRUBOV said "in a closed chamber" some irony could be detected in the tone of his voice, as if he had a smirk on his face, whereas SIDOROV was very non-committal with grunts for answers, and the final word uttered as if to say - "So what?")

MEXI 7048 - Re Stations LIFEAT coverage of residence Sov Cultural officer Svyatoslav Fedorovich KUZNETSOV, identified KUK. No calls whatever 18 Nov thru 21 Nov. One personal call 22 Nov between him and wife of no pertinence. No calls 23 Nov.

MEXI 7049 - LIPAWN-1 22 Nov audio product, of target Sovmilat Aleksandr Georgievich SIDOROV, of no pertinence.

MEXI 7050 - Folk LIENVOY Russian lang portions complete coverage thru 22 Nov. A 1336 hrs uniden woman asks SergeySemionovich KUNIARENKO if "they" phoned his at home. KUKH replied that "they" wanted to talk to the Ambassador. "They" were told that no one is here now because it is lunchtime. Female implies to KUKH that Sovamb says not make any statement. B 1445 hrs Yugoslav Amb Gustav VLAROV asks for Sovamb BAZAROV, V told B at dinner, V says wishes speak to him regardless. B answers. V asks if he got any additional news. B says no. V asks and what nationality, nothing is known. B says no. V says because (muffled word) here, that the nationality is Latin American. Do you understand? B says yes. I think so also. It is very important. V says then you know nothing more? B says nothing except what was broadcast on radio. B asks V if V has anything new. V says no. That is why V phoned. B says no - about other things, besides nationality. B asks V if he heard a broadcast from Washington. V says they only told me that he was wounded and then V heard on the radio that the trasmission did not help. B says yes, that he died. V says "I knew that he was wounded even before the Americans. Both laugh. Merely by accident. B says yes, there they were calling an emergency meeting of Congress. V says yes, I've heard that the one who is chief here terminated his trip and came back (ref is to Pres. Adolfo LOPEZ Mateos). B says which trip. V says "Today he was
in one of the states initiating aid projects. B says I understand.
If there is anything new I'll phone you promptly. (Only other pertinent
portions concern fact that Amb BAZAROV held a conference with apparently
most members of his staff at 1:30 hrs 22 Nov.)

MEXI 7051 - Contacts of Valery Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV (ref: DIR 84837-
para 25 above) see para 45 above.

DIR 84920 - About Silvia DURAN. One important question still puzzles
us. When OSWALD was in Mexico City in late Sept and early Oct to get a
SoY visa and a Cub transit visa, did he want to travel to Cuba right
away, alone, or have his wife join him there and then leave for Cuba,
and return via the States? These possibilities have been discussed with the
States first and then leave later. Although it appears that he was then thinking only about a peaceful
change of residence to the Sov Union, it is also possible that he was
getting documented to make a quick escape after assassinating President.
Pls, restudy LIENVOY material and give us your opinion, and also have
Mexicans question Silvia DURAN very carefully on this point. Advise.

DIR 84921 - Plates KU 9495 Fiat Multipla 1960 issued to Carol J. SOLES,
5726 Killarmet St., Corpus Christi, Texas. Motor No. 954257. Plates
JE 9675 Cadillac Sedan 1960 issued to Richard J. ARANDA 1601 N. W. 27th
St, Miami, Florida. Motor No. 50910812. Plates KJ 2676 Chevy coupe
1959 issued to Harry Lee Safie 5022 Bayhead San Antonio, Texas. Motor
No. 6998173555. (Ref: MEXI 7039 - see para 49 above) Awaiting info
from ODCOVY on other plates in MEXI 7030 (see para 38 above) and MEXI
7043 (see para 56 above).

NOTE TO COS FROM DCOS: My suggestion on this is to do nothing with it
her yet. (re para 65 above) So tell Hqs ask them for reading on these
people. We might consider giving COM the dope on Mexican plates observed
at her real house. This is a thing we should investigate first. She doesn't seem to me to have any target potential now, if she
ever did, with all the confusion surrounding her. In fact, it would
surprise me to see her lose her job.

MEXI 7053 - In meeting 24 Nov attended by ODCOVY, Amb, Min, COS and
DCOS foll obtained. OSWALD ordered rifle of same type used to kill
President from Klains Mail Order House, Chicago. Ordered in name
Alsk HIDEEL but had sent to P.O. box registered in own name. Also
OSWALD when arrested had selective service card in possession in name
Alsk HIDEEL. This same name appeared on Cuban Fair Play Committee
propaganda issued New Orleans, although OSWALD name also appeared underneath. ONEWAY had not established as of noon 23 Nov whether HIDEULL exists or alias used by OSWALD. No Mexi traces HIDEULL. Checking person photographed entering Sovemb 1 and 4 Oct and Cub Emb 15 Oct might be HIDEULL. Supplying Mexicans multiple copies ONEWAY photos OSWALD and Station photos unidentified man appropriately cropped for hotel investigation. Also checking HIDEULL by name with border posts and other GCM files.

MEXI 7054 - Refs: A. MEXI 7046 (para 59 above) and B. DIR 84920 (para 67 above) Additions or amendments ref A: a. DURAN arrested at home with husband and members of family who having party. All taken to jail. b. Since she had told not only husband but other members of family about OSWALD visits after she read name and saw TV picture, she attributed arrest to denunciation by cousin whom does not like. Thus source GCM knowledge not revealed to her. c. Does not know where OSWALD stayed in Mexi. d. Passport OSWALD showed her was still valid for USSR. He told her wished return there permanently with wife. e. DURAN had impression OSWALD had or believed he had made arrangements in Washington whereby instructions would be sent Sovemb Mexi to issue Sov entry visa in manner by which would not himself have to visit Sovemb. Failure his real or imagined instructions work smoothly caused him become rude to Sovs. (COMMENT: Para 1c of MEXI 7933 - probably para 41 above - partially bears this out but Station detects no signs rudeness in OSWALDS talks with Sovs. Further details DURAN interrogation may reveal OSWALD became abusive in Cub emb as result his frustration by Sovs.) f. Her impression he simply "comrade" who could not live comfortably under rigors of capitalism and wished return to spiritual home in USSR. g. DURAN knows not whether he got USSR visa or Cuban transit visa but if he did she had no part in it. h. If OSWALD talked anyone else in Cuban Emb she不知. ... B: DIR 84920 (para 52 above) CHEVREIRA aware before concern re leak and has warned her about talking, but feels at least fact of arrest may well be leaked by other relatives picked up same time. COS will continue push for secrecy with ECHEVERRIA. DURAN and husband will be released but kept under surveillance. Re Ref B: With MEXI 7933 Hqs has full transcripts all pertinent calls. Regret types for this period already erased. Station feeling that above is best answer obtainable to Ref B but will request interrogation DURAN if Hqs still desires.
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Press reported OSWALD entered Mexico 26 Sept with tourist card given him by Mexican Consul in New Orleans on 27 Sept. Press confirmed that 26 Sept OSWALD crossed border by NEF Nuevo Laredo, Tamps., the following day to Mex City by road. On 27 Sept he went to Cuban Consulate General to request visa to transit Cuba because he was going to Moscow via Habana. Consul Eusebio AZCUE told OSWALD that he would have to consult his government, that the paper work required 10 to 12 days. OSWALD, because of his irritable character, became annoyed with AZCUE and left the office slamming the door. On 28 Sept OSWALD went to the Consul General of the Sov Union to request a visa for Russia. He said in helping his case, that his wife was a Sov citizen; that he was a militant Communist and had lived three yrs in Russia. OSWALD told the Sov Consul that he would verify this quickly by calling his wife who was at that time in New Orleans in a hotel. The Sov Consul said he would have to consult with his government and that ordinarily a case like this would take from three to four months. OSWALD again became annoyed as he had the day before in the Cuban Embassy and left the office very mad. OSWALD returned to Texas on 3 Oct via the border of Nuevo Laredo, Tamps. Investigations so far do not indicate that OSWALD interviewed higher officials of the Sov and Cuban Embassies.

MEXI 7055 - Mex daily Excelsior (same as para 72 above), also: This not our leak...cannot eliminate Grommich as source. FBI: Pressure Hqs. is aware of AP story datelined Hava 7 Sept 63. At reception at Brazilian Emb Fidel CASTRO is quoted: "We are prepared to fight them and answer in kind. United States leaders should think (reflect) that if they are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate the Cuban leaders, they themselves will not be safe."

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Lod, CERVANTES calls from UNS offices to 18:35-70, ofice of newspaper El Mundo (sinquirat) and asks what is new. Office girl says House of Senators called to say the Commission of Foreign Affairs would be at the American Embassy at 12 to express regrets for Kennedy's death. CERVANTES makes a note of that.

Julie de Enrique GONZALEZ Pedrero comments with Cecilia that she is LIENVOY very impressed with all she has seen on T.V. since Friday and then yesterday when the other one (OSWALD) was killed. Cecilia agrees. LIENVOY

Julie says this all stems from a Fascist organization, because the police and gangsters are of the same group. Cecilia does not agree but believes this all stems from the John Birch Society. Julie says
no this could not be true because one was a Jew, that it is definitely a group of Fascists, very American, he is owner of a Cabaret of nudists and belongs to political gangsters. Cecilia says it is absurd that they let him enter (Ruby entering jail where OSWALD was). Julieta says he (Ruby) was there from the first day, that he began to mix with the police and newspapermen. It was perfectly planned, indeed some of the police probably are of the same organization because Ruby put a gun against Cecilia's back and aimed the gun at his chest (OSWALD's). Cecilia agrees, the plot is evidence of that because the police did not move to try to get in or anything for within a quarter of a second there should have been a reaction. Julieta hopes they will continue the investigation; at least Kennedy's brother has sent a special agent. Cecilia says everything about it is strange as the paper stated they found character (Ruby) drinking Coca-Cola on the second floor and they just left him there. Julieta adds that from the very first everything was absurd that he was a Communist. Cecilia says this type (OSWALD) could not be nuts because the whole thing was so perfectly planned and that is evident since the bullet was aimed at Kennedy. Julieta believes that this is all done by extreme rightists planned from very high up and that is why they had to kill OSWALD so he couldn't talk. Julieta adds that she hopes they will wake a little with this business and pay attention to what has happened because it is evident it is all a conspiracy of rightist groups and military men. She adds that in a very obvious way this individual (OSWALD) pretended he was a Communist to prepare the groundwork. Cecilia believes that he even purposely married the Russian girl. Julieta comments that all was very well prepared, step by step to blame the Communists, but that now with this (OSWALD's death) everything is more complicated and they couldn't continue (the investigation) and even the Dallas police said that with the death of OSWALD the case was closed, but the FBI answered immediately that it was not closed, that on the contrary, they had to open an investigation and also the Senate will name a commission to investigate, and Julieta hopes they won't be alarmed at whatever may be turned up. She adds that such time more details confirm that OSWALD was a Fascist and this business of trying to join an anti-Castro organization and later poke his nose into the Fair Play for Cuba surely all of this was made up by the Dallas police. Likewise she indicates that all the speeches given try to imply that he (OSWALD) was a fanatic; also NIXON spoke to the peoples of the Nation to stop this tendency toward violence and hate. Cecilia is astonished. But NIXON has made a stand as a good person. Julieta says that kind of people is frightened when they have seen just to what extent these things can happen. She hopes they continue the investigation to the end.
and, if things come out, that she hopes the public will be shaken up so that they will stop this tendency toward Fascism. Julieta continues that at the beginning she thought it was caused by racial trouble but now she thinks it is something more than that, it is a national thing well planned and that OSWALD was not just acting spontaneously. Cecilia agreed, indeed it was a perfect shot with exact calculation and could not have been done spontaneously. Julieta says that his (OSWALD's) death was evidently to shut him up and they had better not say now that Ruby was at the moment emotional (when he shot OSWALD) because Ruby is the type who could never be pictured as a great patriot since he has a criminal record. Cecilia believes that Johnson (Pres.) and all those people are paying attention to the strength in this. Julieta is sure of this and adds that the news (press) was ridiculous in respect to OSWALD in that he went to marry a Russian, later was photographed with The Daily Worker with the Communist newspaper in one hand and a Trotskyist one in the other hand; thus everything was very well prepared to blame the leftists; indeed this has always been the way they have done is, commit the terrorist acts and then try to make it appear that the acts were done by the Communists; that has always been the tactic and only the people that have no idea about politics can swallow those things. She adds that this is very dangerous, indeed they are able to assassinate a president like Kennedy; imagine how strong they are in the United States.

DUE 8959 - Since U.S. immigration records next to nothing on travel of U.S. citizens, pls ask Mexi immigration to check all their records since June '62, when OSWALD returned from Sov Union, to see if he entered or left Mexico at any other time than the 26 Sept to 3 Oct '63. We still do not know what if anything OSWALD told his Dallas interrogators about travel to Mexi. We also need info on who traveled with him and what vehicle he used on his Sept-Oct '63 trip and on any other trips. Does Mexi government have any way of telling what other tourist cards he might have had? If so, pls ask them.

Note to LITENPO - Silvia, DURAN know where OSWALD was staying in Mexico. Could we get this address from her?

MEXI 7059 - Spanish lang: take of 23 Nov Sovemb LEINVoy of no pertinence. From Russian lang portions 23 Nov, LEINVoy: 1301 hrs Polish Amb called Sovamb. Pole asked if BAZAROV going anywhere today, BAZ said staying at Emb. Pole asked is could visit BAZ, latter agreed for 1330 hrs. Otherwise, all Russian lang parts personal matters. No-one word on assassination.
MEXI 7060 - (Ref: MEXI 6866 - not in OSWALD P-file and not abstracted)
According LIEFHEBBER diar couriers ref left MEXI for Cuba 12 Nov via Cuba and 465 returned MEXI 18 Nov via Cubans. According LUENVOY, they probably left for N.Y. on 23 Nov via Aeromaves flt 451, Ananyev (phonetic) of Sov consulate N.Y. phoned Sovemb 23 Nov asking for info on which flight couriers taking. COMMENT: This only infrequently occurs. Asst Consul KOSTIKOV handled the call from N.Y.

MEXI 7061 - Composite of latest reporting by sources LICALLA, LIMITED and LILYRIC on movements in and out Sovemb by KOSTIKOV and ALFREDEV:
(All normal apparently, except 24 Nov. 1707 hrs KOSTIKOV enters Sovemb with wife and SHUBIN. 1400 drives out in ALFREDEV's car, latter at wheel, with KAZANTSEV and two unidentified Sov visitors also in car. This first time LILYRIC has seen these visiting Sovs. MEXI will identify ASAP)

MEXI 7062 - (Ref: DIR 84936 - Para 76 above) LEGAT attempting get all details re method of travel who if anyone travelled with him and any info of either travel by OSWALD or "Alex HIDELL". LEGAT checked flights Nuevo Laredo and Monterrey to and from MEX and found no evidence OSWALD use of air travel. LEGAT checking on Jack RUBINSTEIN alias Jack EUBY. LEGAT also assisting with all assets in attempt get data on where OSWALD stayed in MEX and his contacts. Job suggested in para one ref almost too big, but will make request. MEXI immigration records are poor.

Memo from RSO: Subject: Gilberto ALVARADO, tel: 41-07-31; address, Pino 172, Col. Santa Maria de la Virreina, Nicaraguan cit, born 31 Jan 40 in Ciudad Rama, State of Celaya, Nio. - Juan LORILLO, Rolan ALVARADO and Carlos Fonseca AMADOR are members of his organization in Nicaragua. Source claims he was sent to MEX by Nio Communists to go to Cuba where he will be trained in sabotage, but he will go after he gets documents as a MEX cit. The Cuban Emb in MEX is going to come up with a false MEXI birth certificate for him. Source said two persons were in the Cuban Emb in MEXI and he saw OSWALD receive $6,500. OSWALD was speaking with a Negro, about 29 yrs of age, who had a scar on his jow, had reddish hair. MEXI is probably limited. The Negro spoke English well and might be a North American. OSWALD was speaking of eliminating a person. The
John REINER calls Carlos LAGUNAS who is not in. Luz HERLOVA takes the phone. John tells Luz about Excelsior article today about OSWALD. John would like to confirm this. Luz thinks he should call the Embassy. Ask for the boy with whom they had breakfast once - Fernandez. ROA. But the Soviet Embassy? Best with KAZANTSEV. Boris KAZANTSEV. He would know about it surely. He is Counselor. He is the tall man? No, the grey haired man with glasses is KONSTANTINOV. The one with whom they were drinking with the Amb. - black hair and glasses. Ask KAZANTSEV or YATSKOV who is the Consul. YATSKOV would have been person to receive OSWALD. If he went to the Embassy, yes, YATSKOV may not know John, but KAZANTSEV knows him. KAZANTSEV speaks Spanish. He was the one who greeted John in English.

MEXI 7067 - At this moment Station officer and local Security officer (whom he contacted) are interviewing Nicaraguan who claims that on 18 Sept he saw OSWALD receive six thousand five hundred dollars in meeting inside Cuban Emb Maxi. Request Man. and DIR advise MEXI OPIM any traces Gilberto ALVARADO, DPOB: 31 Jan 40 Ciudad Rama, Celaya, Nicaragua. Claims he awaiting false Mexi documentation prior receiving sabotage training Cuba. Says Juan LOREILLO, Rolan ALVARADO and Carlos FONSECA Amador are members his (Communist) organization Nicaragua.

President DORTICOS of Havana calls Amb. Joaquin HERNANDEZ Arms of Cuban LIENVOY Embassy, Mexico City. About Silvia DURAN, the police picking her up, detaining her, interrogating her, etc. (DORTICOS asked several times about money.) DORTICOS asked HERNANDEZ to question Silvia some more and to investigate more and call him.

MEXI 7068 - Translation of transcript (of para 94 above) sent. LITENSOR also has Spanish copy. Tape being retained.

MEXI 7069 (Ref: MEXI 7067 - Para 93 above) (also see Para 82 above) Station officer (probably BARKER) with Emb Security Officer interviewed Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO Ugarte morning 26 Nov with following results:

(Repetition of Para 82 and 93 above with following additional): ALVARADO admitted he really on penetration mission for his Secret Service, reports to Major Roger JERDZ, Nio Milani, Pasaje Latino, Interior 513, tel: 46-33-76, Maxi. On 2 Sept reported in Mexi to Professor Edelberto TORRES, Address General Zuazua No. 57, Interior 5. TORRES is Nio in charge of his CP travellers to Cuba. Well known Communist. Has daughter in Moscow. On 2 Sept discussed anti-Communist guerrilla activity in with TORRES and brothers Gustavo and Humberto JERDZ. TORRES told ALVARADO he would come back from Moscow shortly for other defection
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DIR 84926 - Request cable summary all Station info on Silvia T. DURAN. Also request LITAMIL mine be queried as to his knowledge OSWALD contacts with Cuban ex and Sov embassies.

MEX 7065 - (REF: DIR 84926 Para 37 above) Silvia DURAN aka Silvia de TIRADO, Mexico City, was employed by Cuban consulate office Mexico as temporary replacement OLIMBARI upon latter's death July 63. DURAN was director IMCRG until early January 63 when pressured by Teresa PROEMZER to resign. Before July 63, per LIBNOY, DURAN had sporadic contact Cuban Emb, mainly with PROEMZER re IMCRG matters. Fall 62 had affair with Carlos LECHEVAR & in June 62 LUCIO-1 reported that Jose RUIZ-TAS said DURAN strongly drawn to his Liga Leninista Espartaco, local dissident Comm group. Para two ref: Station queried LITAMIL mine this point night 23 Nov and he disclaimed any knowledge OSWALD visits. He has been instructed report any new facts or significant reaction his associates.

DIR 84932 - Pls obtain and cable translated summary of any official reports or statements Mexicans have produced on Silvia DURAN and husband.

WAVE 8149 - 1. CODFOAM advised WAVE that phone call from one Jose San Antonio CABRERA in Mexico City (phone 18-62-34) to Dr. Emilio NUNEZ Portuondo, Miami, was monitored 24 Nov 62. Conversation was in Spanish and gist of it is: Plan of CASTRO carried forward, Bobby is next. Soon the atomic bombs will rain and they will not know from where.
2. WAVE traces NUNEZ reveals he subj of 201-312904. No record CABRERA. However, AMOT-2 advised CABRERA is probably Jose Antonio CABRERA Sainz, dpob circa 1918 Province Las Villas, Cuba. Currently resides Mexico Pobex 3506 and has same phone no. para 1 above. He is now occupied with obtaining Mexico visas for persons desiring leave Cuba. He is pronounced BATISTIANO and rightist with ties to BATISTA groups in U. S. and heads the Alianza Para El Progreso de America.

Paul KENNEDY talks with John KETTLE. Paul asks John if he read Excelsior LIFE AT this morning about OSWALD having come to Mexico and having applied for visas at Cub Emb. John does not know about it, but had planned to call someone in the Cub Emb after 0930. Paul asks if that man, etc. (no bearing)

(later, same day - continued)
Cuban Consulate to turn passport photos over to Consul AZCUE, etc., etc. At the end of Sept ALVARADO phoned American Emb several times to report his belief someone important in U.S. to be killed, used name Jorge KYHART (phonetic) to protect identity. Was asked if call related visa matter. Replied no, political matter, wished to speak to person of confidence. First time was screened by 2 females, finally spoke to man who said he would call back. ALVARADO left phone number 30-19-52 (since changed). Man never called. ALVARADO tried repeatedly contact Emb by phone was finally told "Quit wasting our time. We are working here, not playing." When ALVARADO saw OSWALD photo in newspaper he again contacted Emb 25 Nov. ALVARADO is young, quiet, very serious person, who speaks with conviction. Knows enough English to understand conversation, had tank maintenance training in Canal Zone when with Nic Army. Says he still Nic Connie party man, was originally convinced Castro. Has become disillusioned. Has been penetration agent for Nic Gov for past 4 yrs. Scheduled enter Cuba within 2 months. He explained he outraged by Kennedy assassination which he 80% sure Communist plot. Does not wish become involved in big publicity splash, hopes U.S. will keep name secret, but willing do whatever necessary. Lives at Pino No. 173, Col. Santa Maria de la Riber, Tel 41-07-31. Will accept phone call from "Rodolfo Gabaldon" to set next meeting which to take place front Juarez Monument, Parque Alameda.

MEXI 7070 - LIMITED reported Mexi Secret Service initiated heavy surveillance of Sovemb starting afternoon 23 Nov. Also Sec Serv physical surveillance of KOSTIKOV earlier reported, according LIMITED the Sec Serv started close obvious surveillance of Vitaly Borisovich SHUBIN (RGB) on 23 Nov. Note SHUBIN in past often accompanied KOSTIKOV on trips outside Sovemb.

MEXI 7072 - (REF: A. MEXI 7067 - Para 93 above; B. MEXI 7068 - Para 95; C. MEXI 7069 - Para 96 above) - Amb Mann asks following be sent by COS to Sec. Rust, Mr. Mc Cone and Mr. Hoover. This message represents combined suggestions of myself, Scott and Anderson.

In view of Nic (Ref A) and info in long distance telephone between DORTICOS and HERNANDEZ (Ref B) we suggest Mexicans be informed concerning Ref A and Nic be put at disposition of LOPEZ Mateos on condition LOPEZ Mateos will agree to order rearrest and interrogate Silvije UDRAN as follows: a) Confront Silvije with Nic and have Nic inform her of details his statement to us, b) Tell Silvije she only living non-Cuban who knows full story and hence in same position as OSWALD prior to his assassination; her only chance for survival is to come clean with whole story and to cooperate completely with Mexi Gov in return for Mexi Gov cooperation. c) She will not in any case be allowed to leave Mexi. Given apparent character of Silvije there would appear to be good chance her cracking when confronted with details of deal between OSWALD, AZCUE, MIRABAL and Silvije and unknown Cuban negro. If she did break - and we suggest Mexicans should be asked to go all out in seeing that she does - we and Mexicans would have needed corroborating of statement of the Nic. Also suggest Maxi Gov inform him and arrest unknown negro. Have Mexicanas rearrest Silvije so as to eliminate possibility of her being smuggled out of Mexi to Cuba or killed here. We lack established reliability of Nic, but suggest that DORTICOS' preoccupation with money angle tends to corroborate authenticity of Nic statement. Thus, there appears
to be strong a possibility that a down payment was made to OSWALD in Cub Emb here. Request instructions.

MEXI 7083 - (REF: MEXI 7067 - Para 93 above) PTI: ALVARADO now claims be CF penetration agent for GGN. Request MANA Station not consult Liaison on this one until further word from MEXI or DIR.

MEXI - 7084 - AMB Mann requested OENNY officer be sent to Mexi to give him more details of OSWALD/RUBINSTEIN cases. This info only because it indicates Amb's feeling he not being fully enough informed of aspects of these cases in U.S.A.

MEXI 7092 (REFS: A. DIR 85066 - not in file, not abstracted; A. MEXI 7084 - para 99 above) 1. See Ref B which crossed DIR 85039 (not in file, not abstracted). 2. Amb's feeling he not fully briefed on cases, etc.// COS finds present G/OENNY one of best and most cooperative, etc.// COS opinion it is desirable OENNY sent officer to Mexi to satisfy Amb. Unless Mr. Johnson can convince Amb that Chief/OENNY Mexi will receive and make available to him all information concerning U.S. angles of these cases.

MEXI 7093 (REF: DIR 85198 - not in file, not abstracted) Appreciate prompt instructions. ALVARADO's story being checked. He being re-interviewed, and moved to safe address. Have asked ECHEVERRIA as of night 26 Nov to put close surveillance on DURAN.

MEXI 7094 - 1. Dr. Jose Guillermo AGUIRRE of Mexi told following to Pete Moreau, USIS, on 26 Nov. A. Maria RODRIGUEZ widow of LOPEZ said a son in law of her who lives in New Orleans ta a woman with OSWALD. Son in law is a Cuban, Arnesto RODRIGUEZ who lives at 212 Jefferson Parrish, Tel. Vernon 5-9658. C. Arnesto RODRIGUEZ runs a Spanish language school, is anti-Castro. D. According to Maria RODRIGUEZ de LOPEZ her son in law has taped conversations with OSWALD. 2. Above will be passed to OENNY here on 27 Nov. Hqs may wish pass OENNY.

Note (para 102 above) from Bob Adams on 26 Nov 65. Signed COS

MEXI 7095 - Following result of OENNY investigation hotels; OSWALD registered at small Hotel del Comercio, Sahagun 19, tel: 46-60-51, on 27 Sept 65. OSWALD left this hotel on 1 Oct. OENNY evidence OSWALD travelled from Laredo to Monterrey by bus on 26 Sept then changed buses and continued on Anahuac bus Line to Mexi City arriving in time on 27 Sept for 1037 telephone call to Sovemb that date.

STATE INCOMING TELEGRAM Guadalajara, Control #369 - Local newspaper editor today told me he visited Monday by one Hector Francis COSERRANO, news photographer from Culiacan. Latter stated he travelled by bus late Sept Culiacan to Mexi City with OSWALD. They attempted converse though OSWALD's Spanish poor. OSWALD gave informant personal card and pamphlet in English with many pictures Castro, both later discarded. On arrival MEXI City, noted OSWALD's baggage included rifle in leather case. (From Linthicum - Guadalajara)
The News article on OSWALD Sought Visa Here to Russia, Report Mexican Government Sources. Article states OSWALD entered Mexico 26 Sept, Left 3 Oct, on tourist card issued in New Orleans by Maxi consulat, conferred with Cuban consul Russbic AZCUE, etc. etc.

LITEMPO-4 prepared report for LITEMPO-2 on case. Source personally interviewed Silvia DURAN as well as Horacio DURAN Navarro, Ruben DURAN Navarro, Betty SERRATOS de DURAN, Lidia Duran Navarro Vda. de FLORES, Agata ROSENO Garcia, Barbara Ann BLISS and Charles E. BENTLEY, and attached report sets forth the results obtained. Also attached are photos of Silvia and husband, Horacio. Source advised that he interrogated Silvia on two occasions and on both she denied knowledge of OSWALD's residence, whereabouts or contacts in Mexico except as set forth in the report. See report, in Spanish, Vol. I of E-5923.

NOTE: Check page 10 of report, mutual friend is Tino CONTERAS, baterista (drummer) with CONTERAS; Oscar of Tampico, 5 July 67 memo to LEGAT.

Woman calls Sovemb and wants to talk with the person who had contact with OSWALD when he was in Mexico, wants to know where he was, where he stayed in Mexico. The Sov told her no one knew anything about the case.

D.P.S. agent, Hugo CASTILLAS, calls the North American, Barbara, who lives at Bahia Magdalena 127 and reminds her that he is one of the boys from that time of the detention and that he was talking with her in the camioneta (paddy wagon?) (NOTE: Barbara refers to: Barbara Ann BLISS of LITEMPO-4 report - para 107 above - page 8, which says she lives at Bahia de Magdalena No. 125 with tel 45-13-41, divorced from Juan ESQUIVEL, Costa Rican, etc.) and said, "What a time you passed here, very pleasant, true?" Barbara remembers. Hugo asks if Charles has his white car in the same place, that at that time he was very worried that it would be stolen. Barbara comments that the others were nervous, and Betty, with the long hair, is now fighting with her husband. Hugo remembers that it seemed that day that they were having a party there in Ruben's house. Barbara indicates that it was a party for children. Hugo asks where she spent the day yesterday. Barbara said she went with Tino (CONTERAS) her sweetheart, but adds that Tino went to the United States to record some music, jazz, for he plays the drums. Hugo asks if she hasn't gone to Acapulco. Barbara responds no because she doesn't like it (Acapulco); that there you can only go for your honeymoon. Then she comments that isn't it horrible that RUBY killed OSWALD..., "but think how those policemen are in Texas... they are mules." Hugo comments that in the photo you could see that they didn't even round around (when Ruby shot OSWALD). Barbara believes that they wanted OSWALD to die. Hugo comments that now they say they might poison Jack RUBY. Barbara says the thing is not normal (when Ruby shot OSWALD). Barbara invites him to her house to have coffee anytime after 1530 hrs. Hugo will be there at 1700 hrs.
Amb. Juquin HERNANDEZ Armas calls Pres. GORTIRO of Cuba and reports there is nothing new on the Silvia DURAN case and that she had not said OSWALD was given money in the Cuban Embassy. Translation has been checked and is correct.

Memo to LEGAT from COS enclosing all conversations from technical operations pertinent to OSWALD case, i.e., 27 Sept, 1037 hrs (para 1 above) 1605, (para 2 above) 1626 (para 3 above) 1158 (para 4 above) 1031 (para 5 above) 1 Oct., 1055 (para 6 above marked 1045) (1240, 3 Oct (para 7 above) COS requested (underlined) no dissemination or discussion without prior and complete clearance and authorization of COS' organization.

STATE telegram from Tijuana (control #585) saying Negative report on RUBENSTEIN alias RUBY with all possible spelling variations checked.

Memo to LEGAT from COS telling contents of para 102 above.

MEMO to LEGAT from COS with copy of Amb. Mann's cable (para 97 above), and copy of Amb's draft of this cable.

DIR 85039 - Discussed with Mr. Alexis Johnson of State this afternoon Amb. Mann's telegram requesting ODENY officer travel MEXI for consultation on OSWALD case and other possible MEXI leads. Mr. Johnson is asking ODENY expedite travel such officer and is enlisting assistance of Deputy Attorney General KATZENBACH in this matter. Will advise.

DIR 85086 - (Ref: MEXI 7067 - para 93 above) Subj ref is LAVARADO member of Frente de Liberacion Nacional (FLN) Mio exile revolutionary group which is Cuban supported and Congo dominated. ALVARADO is also known informant Mio intel service. Nolan ALVARADO, Carlos FONSECA Amador and Juan LORIO (possibly Iden w/Juan LORILLO in ref) all well known Mio communists.

MEXI 7067 - (Ref: MEXI 7067 para 93 above) (also see para 82 above) Full name Subj is Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte, B. 31 Jan 140 Ciudad Hama, Colay, Mio. Subj, a mecanico, son of Cervilo ALVARADO and Zoila de ALVARADO. Subj about 5'4", 135 lbs, brown eyes, dark brown hair, dark complexion. Subj was informant for Mio Security Service from 62 until Aug 63 when his connection with Security discovered by FLN. After he "blown" in Aug 63, he rec'd small payment from See Serv and said he planned go to El Salvador. He told Security he would write if he obtained any info of value. On 4 Oct Mio Serv rec'd letter from Subj in MEXI dated 2 Oct. Subj said he in position get info on 2 groups in MEXI, and mentioned E.TORRES, probably Edelberto TORRES, as being involved one group. Subj signed letter Jose UGARTE, pseudonym assigned to him by Mio Serv, and gave address as Calz. Chavacano No. 142, MEXI 8. Mio Serv has had no contact with this letter. Subj was ultimate source several Station info reports, including HNH 740, 742, 753, and 762, which prepared from liaison info. He appeared to be fairly good informant with good access to FLN info. Mio services
considered him good informant, but said he might be inclined exaggerate. Should case develop to point where Mexi and HQs believe desirable break ALVARADO, Station could probably arrange have Nic officer who handled him come Mexi to question him. Rolando ALVARADO Lopez, member Nic Commie Party (PSN), is ALVARADO'S uncle. Juan LORITO Carri, member of Central Committee of PSN, traveled MANA to MEXI on 16 Sept and returned to Nic on 17 Oct. Carlos FONSECA Amador, well known leader of PLN, last reported in Honduras as of early Nov.

DIR 85066 - Further to DIR 85039 (para 114 above) Mr. Johnson has informed me that Mr. KATZENRACH spoke with C/ODENY who contended that MEXI ODENVY office possessed all relevant info and that he was not disposed to send ODENVY officer to MEXI. Pls advise a) Whether ODENVY Mexi does in fact have necessary info b) Is it desirable in your opinion that ODENVY do send agent to MEXI?

DIR 85178 - (Ref: MEXI 7069, 7076 - para 96 and 97 above) Amb Mann's message relayed to addresses. Decision will be cabled after they confer. In your investigation, suggest you contact ALVARADO'S Nic case officer in Mexi and ask him whether ALVARADO has ever told him this story or anything like it. You can do this without further authorization. Request you now take no action to arrest DURAN arrest others without approval from here. Presume you are checking to see whether ALVARADO ever made phone calls to the American Embassy he claims to have made.

DIR 85198 - (Ref: DIR 85178 - para 118 above) We feel investigation and analysis of ALVARADO's story should be pursued further before any executive action is taken. In lieu of arresting DURAN, suggest she be put under close surveillance by KUBARK or by Mexi authorities. Note ALVARADO'S claim he is still working for Nic Service and MANA's belief he was dropped in Aug 63.

DIR 85288 (Ref: MEXI 7095 - para 101 above) - ODENY says OSWALD applied for unemployment insurance in New Orleans on 17 Sept, one day before ALVARADO says he saw him in Cuban Emb Mexi. ODENY checking all airlines to see if he could have flown to MEXI by 18 Sept. He was in New Orleans on 25 Sept and left that day for Texas without paying his rent. He is believed to have been without funds during this period. ODENY says his New Orleans landlord believes he was there continuously between 17 and 25 Sept. Above gives further reason to believe ALVARADO is fabricating.

DIR 85318 (Ref: MEXI 7101 which states COS was advised at 1215 MEXI time via Lic. z ECHEVERRIA that Silvia DURAN has been re-arrested because she was attempting to leave Mexi for Cuba. Request instructions.) This instruction has been coordinated with OMACD and ODENVY. Mexi authorities should interrogate Silvia to elicit necessary clarifications outstanding points which been raised your cables last 48 hrs. You may provide questions to Mexi interrogators but we do not want any Americans to confront Silvia or be in contact with her. Advice results interrogation.
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DIR 55797 (Ref: MASA 4609 - para 110 above) Appreciate MASA info ref. Defer MEXI whether or not they went Nic case officer to assist in interrogation.

MEXI 7097 (Ref: MEXI 7069 - para 95 above) Following is translation of a resume of follow up conversation to ref. Source is LIENVOY. LTENSON has copy. Tapes being saved. HERNANDEZ Armas calls DORTECOS of Cuba at 1939 hrs. (see para 110 above)

MEXI 7098 (Ref: MEXI 7069 - para 96 above) Two Station officers interviewed ALVARADO in safehouse again night 26 Nov with following results: Subj story remained substantially same as in ref. Subj recognized photos of Cub Emb personnel Silvia DUAR, Francisco LLAGOSTERA, OSUSTE, DURAN, Francisco LLAGOSTERA, OSUSTE, Ruiz, Samuel PEREZ, Rogelio RODRIGUEZ, Raul APARICIO, Rolando ESTEVA, Hecberto JORIN, Oscar CONCEPCION, Antonio GARCIA, Jose FERNANDEZ Roa, Andres ARROMA, Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas, "Raul", Periquina ALONSO, Luisa CALDERON, and Alfredo MINASAL. Did not know names of some now by sight and gave partial descriptions such as, height, skin coloring, condition of teeth, disposition, accent, etc., not discernable from photos/ Identified photo of Oscar CONCEPCION Mendoza as tall Cuban, of para 9 ref, and photo of Luisa CALDERON as pretty girl of para 12 ref. Quickly identified New Orleans mug shot of OSWALD supplied by ODENVY. Said was positive of these identifications. (Note LIENVOY reveals CALDERAN planning move into Cub Emb 25 Nov.) Said OSWALD had green passport in pocket and Subj believes he saw pistol in shoulder holster. Said OSWALD wore long shoes and had wrist watch with yellow metal band. Described how OSWALD slouched in chair in Consulate waiting room about noon 18 Sept, seemed to be at home, appeared to know and be known by consulate personnel. Said he heard OSWALD use Mexi slang expression "Cabron", handed paper and money-passing scene of para 10 and 11 ref using Station officers as "prophi". Conversation essentially same as ref except had OSWALD use word "kill" in first reply to negro, hence "You're not the man. I can kill him." Said U.S. banknotes were in small pack, about quarter inch thick at most with paper band which negro broke before counting out fifteen hundred dollars for extra expenses and five thousand dollars as "advance". Subj said he still sergeant Nic guardia civil. Entered Mexico illegally without travel documents 29 Aug paying bribe at border having transited Honduras, Salvador and Guatemala on route. Entered Mexi en 1961 mission for secret service after contrived escape from false arrest in Nic followed by period of asylum in Mexi Emb. Said ref'd training at Fort Quicum, Canal Zone, in March 1956 (Note Subj only 15 yrs old at that time). Subj said he had Consulate on 2 or 3 Sept, 15 or 16 Sept, 18 Sept, 19 Sept, 26 Sept and 25 Nov. Station photo coverage of Cub Emb did not include consulate gate until Oct. Subj not identified on photos of persons using Emb gate. Subj admits visiting Sovemb 5 or 7 times, about 4 times with TORMES. Is somewhat fuzzy on reasons for these visits, was not pressed for detail at this session. Subj has not been identified in photo coverage Sovemb/Jan. Subj given 600 pesos to enable him move out of present quarters to hotel or rooming house elsewhere in Mexi for next few days. Signed receipt in true name. / Subj appears completely cooperative. Showing some signs of fear for safety.
MEXI 7101 (para 121 above)

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MEXI 7104: Amb Mann asks that following be passed to Sec, Rusk. He presumes KUBARK and CHERRY will be advised. Since my cable of yesterday (MEXI 7072 - para 97 above) there have been three principal developments: 1) Amb HERNANDEZ Armas at 1839 hrs last evening called DORTICOS of Cuba. In this conversation, which like the first is taped, DORTICOS expressed continued concern over possibility that Maxi police had interrogated Silvia about money. 2) ALVARADO, the NIS, was questioned by CAS officer until 2 a.m. this morning. This officer was impressed by ALVARADO who has offered make himself available as a witness and who is now hiding in place provided by CAS. We cannot guarantee ALVARADO's safety. Wealth of detail ALVARADO gives about events and personalities involved with OSWALD in Cub Embassy is striking. 3) At 1215 hrs Maxi time 27 Nov, CAS officer was advised by phone by ECHEVERRIA that he had rearrested Silvia today because he learned she was attempting to leave Maxi for Havana. However, ECHEVERRIA later told LEGAT that he had decided to rearrest Silvia to avoid any possibility she might escape to Cuba and later be unavailable as a witness. Since we had received no reply to yesterday's telegram (MEXI 7072 - para 7 above) we have not requested Maxi govt to take any action against Silvia except to maintain increased surveillance of her activities. ECHEVERRIA later denied to LEGAT that he had any specific concrete evidence that she was about to leave for Cuba. We do not now know which ECHEVERRIA statements are accurate. It is quite possible, and even probable, that contradictory statements made by ECHEVERRIA are explained by desire of CON to play down importance of OSWALD visit here. Maxi line still is that OSWALD visit related solely to visa question. Consistent with this ECHEVERRIA stated to LEGAT that DORTICOS only interested in finding out whether Maxi authorities tried to pay a story from Silvia. This is obviously incorrect interpretation. Neither LOPEZ Mateo nor ECHEVERRIA know of ALVARADO's story. Pls note that according ECHEVERRIA Silvia is being taken to Attorney General's office to which Maxi press has easy access. Possibility of habeas corpus cannot be discounted. 4) We have as yet found no trace of the red headed Cub negro described by ALVARADO, but are continuing our search for him. 5) In addition to questions raised in yesterday's telegram Washington should urgently consider possibility of requesting Maxi authorities to arrest for interrogation: Eusebio ACCUE; Luisa CALLEBON and Alfredo MIRALE. The two men are Cuban nationals and Cuban consular officers. Luisa CALLEBON is a dr secretary in Cuba consulate here. In this connection article II of Consular Convention between U. S. and Maxi exempts from arrest "Consular officers, national of the state by which they are appointed, and not engaged in any private occupation for gain" except "when charged with the commission of an act designated by local legislation as crime other than misdemeanor and subjecting the individual guilty thereof to punishment by imprisonment." We are checking to see whether all of these individuals are on current consular list. Even assuming they are, and assuming also that Cuban-Mexi Consular Convention is similar to ours, they would all seem to be subject to arrest provided Mexican law defines their apparent conspiracy with OSWALD as a crime and not a misdemeanor. They may all quickly be returned to Havana in order to eliminate any possibility that Maxi Gov could use them as witnesses. We know that ACCUE went to Havana on 18 Nov and we are not now certain that he or others are in Maxi at present time. 6) While I realize (emphasis) difficulty in giving us instructions, I
nevertheless feel obliged to point out again that time is of the essence here, Mann"

Sterile copy of above to Amb at his request - 27 Nov. 53

MEXI 7105 (Ref: DIR 85245 - not in file; not abstracted) 1. Sending photostatic copy of ten page statement by Silvio DUBIN obtained from Esquivel by hand of Roger T. KINGMAN in envelope addressed to CALFORD true name. 2. KINGMAN arriving Dallas airport at 0500 hrs 28 Nov. He will be met by his wife, hopes she will tell him what to do with envelope. 3. Sorry no time to translate statement. 4. Also including 22 Nov Luisa CALDERON (Cuban consular employee) talk to unknown man from LIENVOY. (para 19 above)

MEXI 7107 (Ref: A. DIR 85178 - para 118 above; B. DIR 85797 - para 122 above; C. CIR 85256 - para 120 above) 1) ALVAREZ story after two installments tends prove that he has been in Cub Emb and knows some of employees by sight name or both. Nothing more. 2) To resolve doubt only effective way is to have cooperation of MAJOR HERNES directed by his Hqs in interrogating ALVAREZ. If Hqs agrees suggest he be cable urgently to cooperate without question with FBI/WING officer who will contact him morning 28 Nov. Station wishes HERNES be present during interrogation to throw all Nio official weight behind it but not to participate except in parts relative ALVAREZ's alleged mission for HERNES. 3) Station concedes outside possibility this story could be SINOZA gambit get rid of CASTRO so defer to Hqs re action para 2.

Individual calls Cub Emb and says he is from Ultimas Noticias talks with Luisa CALDERON of LIENVOY Commercial Department, that they have received a cable from Cuba saying they were protesting to Mexico because of the bad treatment given a Cuban Embassy employee in Mexico in relation with the visa requested by OSWALD, the Kennedy assassin. Luisa asks him to speak with the secretary of the Ambassador.

The same individual (as para 129 above) speaks with Consuelo ESERON, says he is from Ultimas Noticias and they received a cable from Havana saying an employee of the Cuban Embassy had been badly treated by Relaciones Exteriores (Foreign Relations) when trying to find out about OSWALD's passport and the assassination of Kennedy, and he wants to find out if it is true. Consuelo pays no attention to the question and asks if the cable was received direct from Havana. The individual only says that Cuba has protested to Mexico about this behavior. Consuelo is going to find out, and then she tells him that there they know nothing, that they have no new about this. The individual says he is going to talk with the boss of information to find out personally about this. Consuelo indicates that the Ambassador's secretary, Perogrina ALONSO, is going to speak. The individual, in the meantime, speaks to someone who is with him and says (in familiar form "lu") "They are going to tell you, that you are chief of information, that they do not have...." Later the chief of information tells Perogrina that the cable came from Miami, that they heard
a radio broadcast from Havana which said that Minister Raul Roa announced that they had sent a protest to Amb. Gilberto Bosques of Mexico against the conduct of the Mexican authorities who arrested an employee "of yours" named Silvia Duran, that they were transacting some business in the Secretaria de Relaciones I "suppose to do with information about the passport of Oswald." Peregrina says she has no news of this. The head of information says he of the protest, but was there an arrest? Peregrina insists that she knows nothing.

131. 27 Nov.

COS sent letter to JO (KING), via John Horton, with copies of report prepared by LITENEO (para 107 above)

132. 27 Nov.

DIR 85245 - Dept of Justice preparing report on whole case and will want to include detailed data on Oswald's Mexi activities. LITENEO info cannot be used, but statements of Silvia Duran which carry essentially same import could be used without compromising Mexi sources. Therefore, request you cable in translated version of her statements and obtain LITENEO and LITENEO-2's permission to use statements in official report for publication. Fly note DIR LITENEO is getting from ODENNY Mexi much info which originates with LITENEO operation. ODENNY here does not realize this info produced by KUBARK operations, and ODENNY may be getting LITENEO info thru own clandestine sources in Gubernatorial even in President's office. Try to clarify with ODENNY rep there exact manner in which he has obtained such info and in form in which he sent it to ODENNY HQs. We must avoid inadvertent compromise of LITENEO.

133. 27 Nov.

NEW YORK TIMES - Trail of Oswald in Mexico Vague. ......Mexican and American investigative authorities admitted were inclined to discount Mexican immigration reports from Nuevo Laredo that Oswald entered Mexi in a U.S. sailer's uniform and in the company of two women and a man. Raul Luevan, Mexi immigration agent at Nuevo Laredo port of entry, said this (sailor's uniform) from his recollections of Oswald.....

134. 27 Nov.

NEW YORK TIMES - Cuba Attributes Murder to Right. Cuba supported Moscow's theory today that the "far right" was responsible for the assassination.....

135. 27 Nov.

NEW YORK TIMES - Cuba Exile Tells of Oswald's Career. A Cuban exile leader said that Oswald had boasted that if the U.S. attempted an invasion of Cuba, he would defend Castro. Oswald made the statement in a conversation with an anti-Castro Cuban who was posing as a Castro supporter according to Carlin BRINGUIER, New Orleans delegate to the Cuban Student Directorate. Authorities learned that Oswald, during a summer in New Orleans before going to Dallas, tried to join the anti-Communist group. BRINGUIER regarded Oswald with suspicion and later saw him distributing pro-Castro literature. BRINGUIER, a 29 yr old Havana who manages a dry-goods store.....

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Wilton HALL talks with Vanda SUMMER. WH says sad about Kennedy. the worse is what is this behind it. Very strange. WH does not doubt that OSWALD had all these connections, but OSWALD could have been hired by someone on the Right to kill Kennedy. WH thinks that P.B.I. believes that he had an accomplice. It would be impossible for one man to fire that many times in that short of time. Had to have an accomplice. A lot to come out yet. (This not in OSWALD file. It is in F-6324, Vol. 2)

Folder on left side of Vol. 2 of Hotel Registrations and travel of OSWALD given to COG by Rechevoria.

ATISBOS - Article about the Cuban Gov protesting the detention of Silvia DURAN and husband, along with entering their house, etc...all of which is hurting friendly relations between Cuba and Mexico.

EL DIA - The Amazing Puzzle of the Dallas Police. Written by El DIA correspondent. Leopoldo ARAGON. Article on discrepancies of OSWALD as the "only" killer. ......... The incognitos continue. The rumors continue. The 40,000 dollars found in OSWALD's house. A paid assassin? An assassin silenced by the bullet of someone or some who feared they might be implicated? .......

STATE TELEGRAM SENT SECSTATE 1201 FLASh (Roger Channel) For Sec Rusk and Alexis Johnson: Amb. Mann's telegram says Many thanks for your telegram 961 (not in file). Perhaps I should describe briefly the background for my recommendations on the OSWALD case. 1. In OSWALD's rather complete dossier...etc. etc. I therefore request specific instructions on following specific points: a) Mexicans must be told immediately whether we want them to continue with investigation. b) Mexicans are pressing us for immediate agreement that DURAN should be turned loose but kept under surveillance. What shall we say. Request immediate answer to this specific question. c) If ALVARADO is not to be turned over to Mexicans what do we do with him? Shall we send him to the States for interrogation? Shall Embassy give him polygraph test here? Or shall we do something else and if so what?

DIR 8571 (Ref: DIR 85318 - not in file, not abstracted) To be certain there is no misunderstanding between us, we want to insure that neither Silvia DURAN nor Cubans get impression that Americans behind her re-arrest. In other words, we want Mexi authorities to take responsibility for whole affair.

DIR 85469 (Ref: MEXI 7104 - para 126 above) Ref being passed to ODAACID and ODENVY per your request. Have discussed MEXI 7104 with Mr. Alexis Johnson. He wants Amb Mann to know that it not likely requested instructions will be forthcoming prior 28 Nov. On Wash and ODENVY has jurisdiction. Both ODAACID and KUBAKR attempting follow their wishes. For your private information, there distinct feeling here in all three agencies that
Amb is pressing 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 on CID channels to Amb this afternoon attempting to give him better perspective on whole problem. We hope this will be of some assistance in reducing his pressures on you.

DIR 85653 - ODENVY says their follow-up investigation of OSWALD’s activities has produced “reliable indications” that he was in New Orleans on 19 Sept 63. This, coupled with earlier evidence that he was in New Orleans applying for unemployment insurance on 17 Sept means OSWALD would have had to fly to Mexi and back between 17 and 19 Sept in order to be at Cub Emb. getting his pay off, as ALVARADO claims, on 18 Sept. With this added info, believe Mexi can confidently regard ALVARADO as fabricator and tailor interrogation accordingly. Perhaps he might respond to suggestion that he has been having delusions and needs psychiatric treatment.

DIR 85654 - We have just heard by phone from Kingman, who is at home, that Mexi evaluation of ALVARADO story may have been seriously warped by a piece of misinformation which crept into this case; From conversations with your officer, Kingman has the impression that they believe there is other evidence that OSWALD made a bank deposit of 5,000 dollars in the 4.8 after he got back from Mexi on 18 Sept. This would tend, if true, to corroborate ALVARADO’s story that he saw OSWALD get 5,000 for the job and 1,500 for expenses. Kingman thinks he heard that CURTIS got the info about the bank deposit from an ODENVY man named Clark. We know of no such bank deposit. ODENVY here has just affirmed they never heard this story. The story of the deposit of 5,000 dollars is therefore almost certainly erroneous. Pls check it with ODENVY there. We have advised ODENVY that this rumor exists in Mexi. We can readily see how this piece of misinformation would mislead you. Pls do not assume this story is in possession of all facts known to ODENVY or the Dallas Police or any other body. ODENVY has just levied on us official request for full info on sources and origin of rumor about 5,000 dollar bank deposit. Pls reply immediately.

DIR 85655 (Ref: DIR 85649 - Para 14.1 above) To supplement our position as outlined in ref, we wish to stress there should be no let down in your effort to follow all leads and investigate all facts which bear on this case. We have by no means excluded possibility that other as yet unknown persons may have been involved or even that other powers may have played a role. Pls continue all coverage of Sov and Cub Installations and your liaison with Mexicans.

MAFA 4613 (Ref: A. DIR 85616 - not in file, not abstracted; B. MEXI 7107 - para 128 above) Station requested EMBRTOID-1 cooperation Mexi thru Major JERZ and if possible by sending EMBRTOID-3 Mexi E-1 said ALVARADO in Mexi without EMBRTOID authority and passed off suggestion use JERZ but agreed immediately send E-5. Station agreed pay E-3 expenses. He is now in process of getting visa and plane reservations and will probably be in Mexi today unless Hqs and Mexi wish cancel. Even though his story re OSWALD may be false it possible he has been working other angle penetrates Cubans and E-5 will be able to assist in getting
facts straight. In spite Mexi 7113 (not in file, not abstracted) believe it of value
E-3 travel Mexi and contact Station officer this case. Advise flash.

146. 28 Nov.

DIR 85661 (Ref: MEXI 7113 - not in file, not abstracted; MANA 4613. Para 145 above)
Do not turn ALVARADO over to the Mexicans. We have officially asked OENNY for their
position on this move, and pending OENNY's answer and our final consideration, ALVARADO
should not be turned over to them. / Advise us if OENNY in Mexi attempts to get you to act one w.
y way or the other on the question of turning ALVARADO over to the Mexicans. / Pls note
complicating factor at that ALVARADO may be a Nic agent too. MANA pls advise its views. We agree
HERNHOLD b should go Mexi and be reachable at Nic Emb to be at Mexi disposal. / For Mexi: Note
OENNY man Larry Keenan now in Mexi was sent especially to follow up leads on entire
assassination. Pls cooperate with him fully.

147. 28 Nov.

DIR 85663 - OENNY Liaison officer officially advises that OENNY requests that KUARK
turn ALVARADO over to Mexican authorities and that KUARK request Mexican authorities to
interrogate ALVARADO in detail. OENNY reports that it understand that Mexi authorities
have a capability of polygraphing and requests that KUARK request Mexi authorities that he
be polygraphed. / OENNY expressed desire to have the results of the interrogation as soon
as possible and that the Legal Attaché be kept advised of developments. / OENNY takes
the position that inasmuch as Silvia DURAN may be released sometime today (28 Nov) according
to info which OENNY has from LEGAT, ALVARADO should be turned over to Mexicans as soon
as possible, so that their stories can be checked against each other. / Mexi Station is
instructed to carry out OENNY's requests set out above. Give full cooperation to the
LEGAT. This turnover is made without prejudice to KUARK's future role in this case.
Whether we ever resume direct contact with ALVARADO will be decided on its merits when
the issue arises.

148. 28 Nov.

MANA 4614 - (Ref: MEXI 7117 - not in file of OSWALD, but in ALVARADO P-6699 as follows:
Delighted have ERNHOLD 3. Have him call 46-94-00, x 250 and ask for Mr. Daniels,
identifying himself as Alberto SUAREZ. Meeting will take place lobby Plaza Hotel corner
Insurgentes Norte and Sullivan just off Consulate Reforma. Time will be set by phone. If
he should be able arrive 28 Nov. give him number 20496-24 and ask for Mr. David.
D PE furnish identifying data. / If KUARK interrogation in E-3 presence unsatisfactory retain
alternatives of turnover to GOB. ERNHOLD 3 (DEN) arriving Mexi APO 414, 6945
23 Mar. Was a chance he might suggest he stay either hotel Geneva or Reforma
to facilitate revoc. contact if desired by Mexi. E-1 and E-3 have been told only
that ALVARADO appears have some infor bearing on OSWALD. / E-3 speaks English, cooperates
very closely with Station. He knows ALVARADO very well and knows all details his past
activities within FN and his work for ERNHOLDS. E-3 will follow Mexi leads re
interrogation. Will probably send open code answer to E-1 thru his Emb so best suggest he send
messages thru our channels for security and MANA will relay to E-1. DIR 85663 (para 147
above) just received. Believe best not change travel plans E-3. Suggest advisability Mexi
discuss with OENNY withholding turnover to Mexi authorities until after arrival E-3. He

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much more likely solve riddle than \textsc{leftiwer}, especially view \textsc{con} power control his future.

\textsc{mana} 4615 (Ref: \textsc{mana} 4614 - para 148 above) - ILEI Franklin Anthony \textsc{wheelock} Garcia.

Born Managua 21 Feb 24. Brown hair, green eyes, 5'8", weight 170 lbs. \textsc{Wheelock} is

\textsc{cap}tain nations, chief anti Communist section, office of national security.

\textsc{mana} 4617 - PLe inform \textsc{mana} newest whether or not still desirable \textsc{erthyroid-3} travel.  
If not request permission inform \textsc{erthyroid alvarado} in hands \textsc{mex}i authorities.

\textsc{dir} 85616 - In the face of mounting evidence that \textsc{alvarado} is fabricating his story of seeing \textsc{oswald} take money in \textsc{cub} emb, urge you follow up with his local \textsc{nec} case officer and 

avail yourself of the help of the \textsc{nic} service, which a can send \textsc{erthyroid-3}, a good 

\textsc{kubark} asset, to help in interrogation. We find it incredible that the \textsc{cubans} would 
brief and pay an assassin in front of a \textsc{nic} interloper. We think it possible or even 

likely that he has been in and out of \textsc{cub} emb as a \textsc{nic} agent trying to infiltrate cuba 
and has picked up names and faces there in so doing. All he has said about \textsc{oswald} he could 
have gotten from the press, except for certain incorrect items such as his statement that 
\textsc{oswald} wore glasses. / The fact that \textsc{alvarado} is a calm, nice and intelligent young man 
does not mean he is not fabricator. / \textsc{fbi} and other agencies are being flooded by 

fabrications on the \textsc{oswald} case from several continents some originating with people on the 

fringes of the intelligence business. Such fabrications are not usually done for money, 

but out of sickly fancy and a desire to get into the intelligence game. / We do not think it a 

remarkable coincidence that both \textsc{dorticos} and \textsc{alvarado} talk about money paid to \textsc{oswald}. 

For one thing, pay for an assassin is a factor which immediately rises in the mind of 

\textsc{expert} and layman alike. Secondly, \textsc{dorticos} may have heard through some Russian or Cuban 

source in the \textsc{mexi} government that \textsc{duran} was asked whether the \textsc{mexi} government paid \textsc{oswald} for the 

alleged assignment. / While we do not insist that \textsc{alvarado}'s story is beyond all belief 

we do urge that \textsc{mexi} place \textsc{alvarado} under the most searching scrutiny. His interrogators 
must probe deeply into his make-up and lead his back through the thought processes 

which may have led him to make this possible mis-step. In securing confessions of 

fabrications, a sympathetic attitude, stressing awareness of the severe mental strain 

the subject must be under, and with generous recognition of his "basically fine motivation" 
coupled with promises of face-saving secrecy, and even specious hopes of "useful" future 

cooperation are often effective. \textsc{mexi} must be devoted to these tactics. / Have 

just received \textsc{mexi} 7107 - para 128 above - Concour that \textsc{mana} lend all assistance and induce 

\textsc{nic} service to cooperate. Think there is just no possibility that this is a \textsc{nic} frame-up, 

but hope \textsc{nic} cooperation will prove helpful.

\textsc{mexi} 7113 (Ref: \textsc{dir} 85653 - Para 142 above) Request \textsc{optm} authorization turn \textsc{alvarado} over 
to \textsc{liebos} with brief explanations he plans to be witness to payroll, to \textsc{oswald} in \textsc{cub}.

\textsc{consulate} 18 sept., admits is in \textsc{mexi} illegally, admits \textsc{cp} membership, visits to \textsc{span}.

Claims that \textsc{cuban} con now involved in documenting him with fake \textsc{mexi} papers for travel 
to \textsc{cub}. Latter point alone would give \textsc{mexi} authorities good reason to subject him to
detailed interrogation. / With Hqs approval of turn-over Station would plan no further contact with ALVARADO.

MEXI 7114 (Ref: DIR 65654 - para 143 above) Mr. Clark Anderson, LEGAT, told C03 and Amb Mann of rumor that "OSWALD had deposited five thousand dollars in a bank in the U. S." / On 27 Nov, Amb in presence C03 asked Anderson about this again and Anderson said rumor was on T.V. and radio in Mex. Anderson said he had no info from his Hqs to confirm or deny this. He said he would check his Hqs. / C03 has not heard rumor but feels sure Anderson or some of his office did hear this. This Station had no additional info concerning this but now assumes ALVARADO may have heard same radio or T.V. report and thus have had "basis" for 5,000 dollar payment.

MEXI 7115 LITAMIL 9 reported 27 Nov after Silvia DURAN first arrest was public knowledge that there was deal discussion of this in Emb. She back in office 25 Nov and seemed quite pleased with her performance. Her account interrogation contained little new except police had threatened her with extradition to U. S. to face OSWALD. She had no fear of confrontation. L-9 said there almost no discussion in Emb. Staff meeting 23 Nov very short and somber with general impression being one of shock and disbelief. Heard no expressions of pleasure. / LITAMIL 7 seen night 27 Nov had nothing to add to above. Indeed her version much less detailed. Neither L-7 or L-9 had any personal knowledge OSWALD presence Cub Emb at any time.

MEXI 7117 (see para 148 above) (Ref: MAMA 4613 - para 145 above)

MEXI 7118 (Ref: DIR 85371 - para 141 above) Note second pickup which made on GCM initiative without prior consultation with Station; or PSWSING obviously evidence great desire Mexi authorities to be of service. Immediately after pickup Echeverria had received instructions from LITENSO to release before 1800 and C03 said so. At Hqs request CURTIS furnished interrogation questions to Echeverria night 27 Nov. In view ref felt no alternative but inform Echeverria neither CURTIS nor PSWSING making official request for her continued detention. Decision re release must be theirs. This was done at 1200 noon on 28 Nov.

MEXI 7119 (Ref: DIR 85245 - para 132 above) Have furnished LEGAT all pertinent info from LIENVOY on OSWALD case, including brief memo dated 16 Oct 63 on OSWALD's contacts with this Sovemb. / In all cases have put statement "This info from confidential source. It must not be distributed, etc." / On 27 Nov COS talked with LEGAT and made following points: A. We wished his site KUBARK as the source of all info he receives from this Station and sent to his Hqs. B. We require that no distribution of KUBARK info be made outside LEGAT's office without prior clearance with KUBARK Hqs. C. A great deal of our info as he knows, comes from sensitive, and some of from technical operations and all of these sensitive operations have taken years, much work and many dollars to build. We therefore, require careful control of this info. / LEGAT insists that he has in all cases
158. 28 Nov.

MEXI 7120 - Believe useful have Spanish speaking LCFLUTTER operator available Mexi certainly for ALVARADO and possibly for others. If Hqs agrees pls arrange soonest and advise.

159. 28 Nov.

MEXI 7124 (REF: DIR 85663 - para 147 above) COS in contact with Echeverria at 1430 hours and Echeverria grateful that ALVARADO being turned over to government. // Echeverria was given ALVARADO's present address and alias under which he registered. Mexicans will pick him up and question him on basis of very brief story given Echeverria by COS. // Echeverria advises that unless significant developments from present interrogation of Silvia DURAN (based upon questions furnished by COS 27 Nov) or from interrogation of ALVARADO, DURAN will be released during night 28 Nov or early morning 29 Nov // Echeverria advised COS that Mexi Gov had refused to accept "muy grosero" (very rude) note of protest handed to Amb. BOSQUES in Havana yesterday by Raul ROA, Cub foreign minister. // Will advise any results that become available from Mexi interrogation of ALVARADO.

160. 28 Nov.

DIR 85667 (Ref: MEXI 7120 - para 158 above) No fluent Spanish speaking flutter man available at all. For reasons of security and compartmentation, prefer not to have KUBMK operator double trained with Mexi operator. Would only confuse case. Prefer wait until all Mexi resources exhausted before we decide if we want to resume management of case, including LCFLUTTER. // Seasoned operators available here on short notice.

161. 29 Nov.

Memo to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO Ugarte; On the morning of 26 Nov an officer of this Section, accompanied by Mr. Plamek of the Security Office, interviewed Subj in a parked car on the south edge of the city. The following statements, unless otherwise noted, are those of the Subject; etc., etc. (Complete info on ALVARADO up to time of his arrest on 26 Nov.)

162. 29 Nov.

NHMA 22545 - Attached is a reel of tape containing three conversations reported in ref (MEXI 7068 - para 95 above).

163. 29 Nov.

Check names

164. 29 Nov.

MEXI 7125 (Ref: DIR 85672 - Pls continue to keep us filled in on status of interrogations of Silvia DURAN, ALVARADO, and others implicated as fast as you can get info. We have no other ready source of info on these cases. Request you utilize capable officer for liaison with GHQs and fwd details and results to your office for cabling to us at regular intervals. Request status report, even negative, by 0500 hrs. Be sure to keep us informed of what info if any is leaked to public information media there.) Echeverria advised COS early on 29 Nov that Silvia DURAN again released. She released at about 1000
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hrs on 28 Nov. / DURAN is under close surveillance and will be apprehended any time info
received to warrant. She still appears to Mexicans to have been involved only in business
of possible Cub and Gov visas for OSWALD. / Will report soonest on ALVARADO interrogation.

165. 29 Nov.

MEXI 7126 (Ref: A. MEXI 7125 - Para 164 above 1. DIR 65712 - para 164 above) LITEMPO 4
with whom BENAUDUM and COS dealing directly at suggestion of Echeverria will keep us
advised of interrogation of ALVARADO as it progresses. / LITEMPO 4 states that his first
oral report will be ready at 1100 hrs on 29 Nov. / BENAUDUM will be in direct contact
with LITEMPO 4 at that time and COS will send data as soon as obtained. / COS in handling
case since LITEMPO, LITEMPOS and LIVED¥ involved and need to see LITEMPO, LIVED¥,
Echeverria and others (no one speaks any English). Also continuous liaison with Amb
and ODEXY necessary and COS wishes control those personally.

166. 29 Nov.

MEXI 7127 - LITEMPO 4 reported at 1130 hrs that ALVARADO claims that he present inside
Cub Emb when OSWALD given 6,500 dollars. Same story given Mexicans as ALVARADO gave
Station. One difference is that ALVARADO failed identify Silvia DURAN from several
photos LITEMPOS showed him. With Station officer ALVARADO did identify her. / Introgation
continues. ALVARADO has up to now been "suave" and friendly. Now LITEMPO 4 states he
is tougher. / ALVARADO has also claimed he here in 1961 on mission for his service and
gives same story re present visit as he gave Station (namely, his awaiting documentation
as a mid officer furnished him by his Cub ambassador, for a training mission in sabotage
missions to Cuba). / Above brief and preliminary. LITEMPO 4 "doubts" story and will begin work
to "break" ALVARADO. / Will await contact by OLYLOID 3 and, if he wishes to do so, will
have LITEMPO 4 call him at his hotel and let him participate. Feel sure LITEMPO 4 would
welcome this. / Above given orally to LEGAT.

167. 29 Nov.

MEXI 7128 (Ref: DIR 65712 - Time is of essence in reporting what the Mexicans are learning
from ALVARADO and Silvia DURAN. Up to now, we have been re-writing and relaying every-
thing you report over to ODEXY Hq and this results in some unavoidable delay. We would
like to be sure that you are immediately giving ODEXY there everything you get about ALVARADO
and DURAN as ODEXY Mexi can cable the same data direct to ODEXY Hq. Pls satisfy your-
self that ODEXY there has adequate combo facilities and secretarial staff to keep its
Hq informed as fast as you keep us informed, and advise us on this. / If you find that
ODEXY there does not have adequate combo or staff and wants to rely on us to relay the
material, they may of course send messages right through our channels, or you can rely
on us to relay the info as we have been. / In any case, be sure you indicate on all cables
whether ODEXY Mexi has been given the same info. / ODEXY is locally being advised by COS
personally of everything Station learns concerning OSWALD case and, now, on ALVARADO interro-
gation. / Feel sure ODEXY office, which almost same size as RUBACK station, has adequate
staff for reporting needs. / Usual care here is that COS notifies Hq, reports to
chief ODEXY and to Amb orally then subsequently advises ODEXY by memo. / Hq is assured
that all info known to Station on those cases is being given to them shortly since info abou
169. 29 Nov.

MEXI 7137 (Ref: MEXI 7168 - para 95 above - MEXI 7097 - para 123 above) Copy of LIEVNOY tapes of conversations references pouch 29 Nov by KYBAT pouch HMA 22545.

DIR 85669 (Ref: MANA 4617 - para 150 above) - Keep EYENNOID 3 should go MEXI even though ALVARADO may be in MEXI hands. Assume he can be used as consultant at least, that he will know whether he can and should contact MEXI authorities, and that MEXI will clear any active use we make of him with the ODENVY rep. ODENVY here knows he is coming to MEXI to help. At 1530 Wash. time, which is about 1630 your time, we have no further news or requests. We are going home but can be back and on the wire on short notice.

DIR 85672 (see para 165 above)

170. 29 Nov.

MEXI 7156 (Ref: MEXI 7127 - Para 166 above) - LITEMO 4, who is very intelligent officer, had talked personally to ALVARADO twice. He saw him for one hour morning of 29 Nov, then for some three hrs afternoon 29 Nov. / LITEMO 4 states that after first session he believed ALVARADO story a fantastic lie; after second session and all previous and interim interrogations, ALVARADO sticks to same story re OSWALD. LITEMO 4 states "Although this still preliminary, either ALVARADO is telling truth essentially or is the best liar I have talked to in many years and I have talked to some of the biggest." LITEMO 4 "inclined" believe ALVARADO telling truth in general outline; but believes he mixed up on dates. / EYENNOID 3 arrived in MEXI. Is now at Geneva Hotel. Will be seen at 1800 hrs. If he willing participate, will get LITEMO 4 to contact E-5 immediately. / Contents of para's one and two (except for identity of source) have been given orally to chief ODENVY and to chief OMACID by COS. Source was described as "Mexican official."

172. 29 Nov.

MEXI 7160 - As hrs. aware, Station's double agents have not had meetings with Sovs since assassination. This principally due fact that prior to 22 Nov the Sovs scheduled future sessions for period mostly beginning circa 1 Dec; also due factor that one agent (LUBETNOY-1) out of touch with Sov C/O and that another agent (LULIE-1) out of country... etc., etc. / Request instructions on what tactic or elicitation effort if any that doubles should make. / Also request similar instructions re Station's Sov access against agents LURNOY 1 and LUCIE-1. LUCIE-1 may also have opportunity meet Sovs if Station wants.

Memo to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Silvia Tirado de DURAN. Attached is a copy of a 10 page statement of info obtained by Gobernacion during the first detention of Subj. #975

173. 29 Nov.

DIR 85712 (Ref: DIR 85672 - para 165 above) see para 167 above

174. 30 Nov.

DIR 86012 (Ref: MEXI 7160 - para 172 above) STATION's double agents obviously cannot direct pointed question to C/O's but should be alert to and report any comments on case. Perhaps can provoke discussion in innocuous questions as to general effect events expected to have on international relations. In instructing agents station should not of course make any ref to OSWALD/DURAN/ALVARADO et al. Or to investigative meas being taken.
176. 30 Nov.

MEXI 7168 (Ref: MEXI 7156 - para 171 above) LIITEMPO 4 and ETHYROID 3 met evening 29 Nov "unofficially" and B 3 reported on ALVARADO's background. He told LIITEMPO 4 that ALVARADO had been 'seventy-five percent accurate' in his reporting and had had access and furnished good info on Comm in past. He said, however, that ALVARADO inclined 'go off on his own' at times and impossible control. At 1030 hours on 30 Nov LIITEMPO 4 he reported to COS that ALVARADO has signed a statement saying that his story of seeing OSWALD inside Cub Emb is completely false. He also stated that he had not seen anyone handed money by Cub Con officers. He said too that he had not called the U. S. Emb (as previously claimed) on 20 Sept to warn them. He said his first call to the U. S. Emb was on 25 Nov the evening he saw the U. S. Emb Security officer. ALVARADO still claims that the remainder of his story, the parts about visits to the Cub Con and plans for his (false) documentation as a Mexi and plans to go to Cuba for sabotage training are true. LIITEMPO 4 still inclined believe these portions of story. ALVARADO stated his motive was to try to get the U.S.A. to take action against Pidel CASTRO. He states he hates CASTRO passionately and thought his presentation, if he could have his story believed, would help to make the U.S.A. take forceful action against CASTRO. ODENVY being informed of above.

Police #9 reports to the Chief of Co. 8 the following: Here in front of the Cuban LIENVOY Embassy just now was a group of 35 or 40 persons carrying signs and we were able to take one away - the others got away. We have a photographer detained here with the patrol. The Lieutenant asks what photographer he is talking about. #9 says he is the same as the others in the group. The Lieutenant insists and asks if he (the photographer) is from the press or from where and what will the police do with him. #9 does not know but he will investigate.

Amb HERNANDEZ Armas calls Subsecretary GOROTIZA and says the following: "Pardon me for bothering you but I want you to know what has happened..." The Amb reports about the demonstration of para 177 above, and getting to the point, requests that GOROTIZA try not to have anything published in the press, nor pictures published...

DIR 86064 (Ref: MEXI 7168 - para 176 above) White House, ODACID, and ODENVY here all advised ALVARADO confessed he fabricated his story. Pls give LIITEMPO 4 our official thanks. Because the resolution of this case will be closely scrutinized in the up-coming review of this entire episode, pls ascertain in cable details of how the confession was obtained. What threats, promises, inducements, and tactics were used by LIITEMPO 4. Was ALVARADO physically mistreated? Much. Pls learn whether ALVARADO actually did hear the false radio report about OSWALD's making a 5,000 dollar bank deposit and use that in his story. MA NA and MEXI pls clarify with ETHYROID 3 and MIc military attaches whether ALVARADO was still their agent when he visited Cuban Emb. Pls keep track of ALVARADO's whereabouts and urge the Nics not to do away with him. Pls continue to follow all leads and tips. Question of whether OSWALD acted solely on his own has still not been finally resolved. Pls cable any results of second interrogation of Silvia DURAN when you get it.
DIR 66054 - Hqs has received report that on day of Pres Kennedy's assassination (22 Nov) Cuban aircraft delayed its departure from Mexico City five hours from 1700 to 2200 awaiting important passenger who arrived Mexico City airport in private twin motor aircraft at 2130 hours Mexi time. Passenger transferred directly to Cuba plane without going through customs or immigration. Travelled in pilots cabin to Havana. Above from KUBLER diplomat - who passenger on same plane to Havana. Request you attempt identify and determine person - unusual actions at airport.

Contents of para 179 above sent to LITTEMOS 77. No indication; however stated on the Xerox copy of the info is re sent to 50-6-61/4 (LITTEMPO file)

NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald's Mother Places Blame on Federal and Dallas Officers. She asks why (defector) was not being watched - Insists FBI showed her Ruby's photo before Son was killed. by Jack Langguth. ...... Also article on "Oswald Had Applied to a Swiss School".

AMBASSAD Mexico City A-631 - Mexico Rejects Cuban Note on Oswald Case. - The Mexican and Cuban Governments have clashed over the investigation conducted by Mexico police into the activities of OSMALD while he was in Mexico from 26 Sept to 3 Oct. Mexico Foreign Minister Manuel BALLO announced on 28 Nov that the Maxi Amb to Cuba, Gilberto DOSQUES, had been instructed to return as "unacceptable" the Cub Gov's note of 26 Nov which had protested .......

MEXICO 7199 - IMM 8194 On 30 Nov approximately 35 to 40 persons picketed in front of the Cuban Emb. ...... (Same as para 178 above)

Unidentified woman outside (WO) calls for New York Times Correspondent, Peter KIPEK, and asks for Ivan ALFIERI. Not in. Then the Amb. Not in, to call tomorrow. WO asks if anyone knows when OSMALD went to the Sov Amb to request a visa. Man inside says call tomorrow at 9 and talk with someone else.

Woman Outside (WO) calling for Peter KIPEK, New York Times correspondent, asks for the Cuban Amb and PEREGRINA says call back in 15 minutes, then asks what Sr. KIPEK wants to talk with the Amb about. WO says he wants to talk personally with the Amb.

Perdgrina says no, that the Amb will speak with KIPEK. WO says KIPEK left, but she herself would like to interview the Amb in order to get some data about OSMALD's stay in Mexico. PEREGRINA says when the Amb comes I shall give him your message, if you will give me the telephone of Sr. KIPEK or where you are so we can call the Amb when he returns. WO asks if the Amb has not yet arrived and PEREGRINA says no. WO says then give the message to the Amb, the telephone is 25-53-13 or 25-53-14. PEREGRINA takes the message.
Carlos SANCHEZ asks Peregrina (of Cuban Emb) if his application arrived. Peregrina says to wait a moment. Then SANCHEZ talks with the Amb. The Amb asks with whom does SANCHEZ want to talk. SANCHEZ says with PEGRENGRA. Amb says to wait a moment. Incomplete.

Richard BEYMER, North American, calls Cub Emb from Acapulco and talks with Luisa CALDERON and asks about Silvia DURAN. Luisa says Silvia should be in her house right now.

Richard asks if Silvia is hurt. Luisa says no, that she has only bruises probably because they grabbed her arm very tight but that it is not serious. She (Luisa) adds that she cannot explain by telephone and asks when Richard will be coming to Mexico City. Richard says "This depends on you people... Anything (new) known about Cuba?" Luisa, after consulting with someone, responds that there is not an answer yet, but that today a plane will be coming in from Cuba and possibly something will arrive by diplomatic pouch, and for Richard to call again tomorrow. Richard asks if Silvia still works at the Emb. Luisa responds certainly she does. Richard will call tomorrow.

MEXI 7203 (R REF: DIR 86694 - Para 180 above) Following from ERYTHROID 3 to Station Office 1800 2 Dec: ERYTHROID 3 saw ALVARADO afternoon 2 Dec for first time. Meeting lasted only seven minutes (Previous meeting had been laid on by Mexicans but ERYTHROID 3 was not contacted as planned). In brief interview in company two Mexi officials ALVARADO reverted to previous story. Claimed he did see OSWALD, did call PEWSENG to report. (PEWSENG investigation does not support latter statement.) Said he told Mexicans he fabricating because he was "mentally mistreated" specifically because of threat he would be hung by testicles. Not actually physically mistreated. / ERYTHROID 3 speaking for self and No Milat say ALVARADO was not their agent when he visited Cub Emb. / ERYTHROID 3 was told ALVARADO would be deported. He asked and received permission escort ALVARADO to MANA on 4 Dec. ERYTHROID 3 said he naturally unable come to any definite conclusion as to ALVARADO veracity but would be able to do so once he returned MANA and had chance complete interrogation. ERYTHROID 3 reported gist above to his HQS MANA afternoon 2 Dec. / Above being reported to Amb and OENVY.

Memo to LEGAT, Subject: Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte - Attached is a copy of an interrogation report based upon the Mexi interrogation of Subject. (not in OSWALD file, that is, the attachment)
Memo to LEGAT, Subject: Conversations between Cuban President Osvaldo Dorticos and Cuban Ambassador to Mexico, Joaquin Hernandez Armas on 26 Nov 63. Attached are two transcripts of conversations... (These transcripts are in the LIENNOY tech chron file; they are also in the OSWALD F-file with dispatch to HQs transmitting tapes and transcripts.) Note by RIGGS.

Peter KINNAF of the New York Times tells LEONOV of the Sov Emb that he is very interested in interviewing Amb BAZAROV about OSWALD's stay in Mexico. LEONOV will give the message.

Memo to LEGAT, Subj: Assassination of Pres John F. Kennedy Nov 22, 1963 at Dallas, Texas. On 2 Dec a person identifying himself as Luis FERNANDEZ Gonzalez, cit of Honduras, appeared at Emb Reception Desk of U.S. Emb and said he had info of interest concerning OSWALD... Only living relative is his mother, Aurora GONZALEZ, who resides in Honduras. FERNANDEZ in Mexi illegitimately needs assistance to go to U.S., is member of MN and his leader is Agustino O CARDENAS of Youth Section of MN. Said he knew Saul LOPEZ, pres chief of MN. Said that on/about 25 Sept he met one John WHITE who greatly resembles OSWALD. FERNANDEZ accompanied WHITE and LOPEZ to Guymuragua, went to Hotel and called White for the day... FERNANDEZ said WHITE and LOPEZ left Mexico for Monterrey in LOPEZ' automobile (knows this because he was invited to go too). Gave a description of WHITE (resembling OSWALD) was told Emb could be of no assistance to him in this regard because he was illegally in Mexi... Noted that FERNANDEZ was filthy, heavily bearded and had every appearance of a penniless tramp. Inasmuch as it appears FERNANDEZ is an opportunist, no further action is believed warranted.

MEXI 7209 (Ref: MEXI 7203 - para 190 above) Amb MANN sent cable to Mr. Alexis Johnson recounting contents of ref and recommending that OLEKVY and NABARK consider sending experts (including LOCHUTTER operator) to MAMA to interrogate ALVARADO.

NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald Below Average in Junior High. Article about OSWALD's c... school years with low averages, however no indication of being a trouble maker, an absentee or in need of psychiatric care. Dr personal health he wrote "abnormal cardiac in left ear".

NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald's Trip to Mexico in Sept was a Lonely Venture, Inquiry Shows. 7-Day Visit's cost pub at under $50. He is believed to have made no political Contacts while in Quest for Cuban Visa. By Peter KRESS (para 155, 156 and 157 above) - OSWALD traveled to Nuevo Laredo on 26 Sept via Transportes Frontera to Mexi leaving at 2:30 p.m. arriving Friday 27 Sept at 8:30 a.m. (750 miles). Stayed at Comercio Hotel on Bernardo de Sahagun St. Carried one leather suitcase about 2 feet long. No hotel room in Guymuragua. Run by Mrs. Dolores Ramirez de BARRERO. She said OSWALD ate there once. OSWALD left Mexi City on Wed 2 Oct on Frontier at 7 a.m. and arrived at Nuevo Laredo at 6:30 a.m. Thurs 3 Oct. It is believed OSWALD left New Orleans on 24 Sept after having sent his wife to Dallas the previous day with a friend. He vanished from his cheap apartment there on that day without having paid
his rent. He is believed to have hitch-hiked to Laredo on the American side of the border where he arrived 26 Sept. It was his custom to travel by hitch-hiking. It was presumed he hitch-hiked north to Dallas from Laredo on his return from Mexico. He arrived in Dallas the evening of Oct 3 and checked into the Dallas Y.M.C.A. The distance from Laredo to Dallas is 475 miles. Sebastian PEÑA, Hernandez, desk clerk of the Hotel Comercio, said OWSLAD had arrived alone and had left early in the mornings and come back late at night, and that he had had no visitors.

NEW YORK TIMES - FBI Hopes to Compile Assassination Data Soon. FBI Denies Showing Mrs. OWSLAD Ruby Photo. FBI report to Pres. Johnson will be a narrative account in minute detail. If it follows the pattern of other FBI investigatory reports, it will stick to positive statements of what happened, dismissing baseless rumors by not mentioning them. FBI denied showing a picture of Ruby to Mrs. OWSLAD before fatal shooting of OWSLAD by Ruby. (Writer's note: The picture shown to Mrs. O was probably the unidentified American at Sov Emb Mexico, carried up to Dallas - the picture - by LEGAT.) Moscow, 2 Dec. Investiga suggested today that the FBI was implicated in the shooting of Pres. Kennedy's accused assassin, OWSLAD. The Sov Gov published a front-page report on Mrs. OWSLAD's charge that FBI showed her a photograph of her son's killer before the Dallas nightclub operator shot OWSLAD.

NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald's Mother Talks about Money and "Class" - Aware of Not Having Either, She Says, "That's Way We Lived, My Son and I." By Jack Langught. Article tells about OWSLAD's mother's three marriages and the three sons, baptism of OWSLAD's Baby, etc.

Peter ZHIZNIK calls ZAYAKOV. Peter says he is newspaperman from New York Times and that KOUKHARENKO indicated he should talk with ZAYAKOV. Man inside Sov Emb says he does not understand. Peter says it is difficult because they do not speak each other language. Later woman outside tries to speak but no one answers so she hangs up.

WQ calls Sovemb saying she is calling for Peter KHISS, correspondent of the New York Times, and asks for ZAYAKOV. Man inside says ZAYAKOV is in Acapulco. WQ says KOUKHARENKO said to call and ask for ZAYAKOV. Woman inside says for KOUKHARENKO call the press office on 15-22-04. WQ thanks.

Out (of Sovemb) to 15-23-04. OBYEDNOV talks to KOUKHARENKO. OBY says they'll be phoning you now from the N.Y. Times. KUKH: Don't let them phone again. OBY: Listen further - YSSN is not here. He has left. KUKH: Why didn't you tell him that? What have I... OBY: I've said that but he, she is asking for you again. I said you are not here. KUKH: Many thanks. OBY: They'll be phoning you now? KUKH: I won't answer. OBY: I said that he is not in that he has left already. KUKH: Fins. (Trans. Comment: There is a definite reluctance on the part of everyone to talk to this correspondent of the N.Y. Times. In fact OBY told him that YAT is out of town, whereas the children...
Peter KINSE of N.Y. Times asks for ALFIERI, says he is not here, to call tomorrow. Peter asks if it would be possible to go this afternoon or tonight. Man inside says tomorrow at 9 to 11. Peter does not know if he will be in the city tomorrow but "hi mozo", that he is sorry to bother them so much. Man inside hangs up.

Peter KINSE of N.Y. Times asks to speak with Ivan ALFIERI or the one in charge of Press at the Sovemb. Man inside says wait a moment. Peter says he is going through the city and would like an interview with the Amb for just a few minutes. LEONOV says wait a moment that he will connect Peter with the Amb's Secretary. Peter says thanks. Later.

LEONOV says the Secretary has not yet arrived and the Amb is not in and does not know if he will be in later or not, in fact that he himself just arrived at the Amb. Peter says perhaps it would be better if he would pass by the Emb because he is anxious about this appointment and also with other Embassies around there, so please talk down his (Peter's) name so he can tell the Amb's Secretary his wishes, that there is an American correspondent in the city who wants to go speak with the Amb. LEONOV says okay give him his name. Peter x gives his name, that he has been sent to Mexico by the N.Y. Times to do some work on the activities of "that Senator Lee OSWALD, the assassin of our president" and as you know the USSR Government has been sharing with the U.S. government this business and he really wants to talk a few minutes with the Amb and find out "this type - what were his desires here" for as you know the Embassy here (which Embassy) feels that all is not correct. LEONOV says he will tell the Amb's Secretary when she arrives, about the case, it is just that for Peter's information the Amb is planning to go to Acapulco for the Movie Festival, but sometime today you will be advised. Peter says okay but in case the Amb does not have time, then find out what person in the Emb can discuss this case and have the information needed for the interview "that type had there" (why OSWALD was at the Sovemb). LEONOV says okay, not to worry that he will give the message just as soon as someone arrives. Peter asks if he goes to the Emb could he ask for LEONOV. LEONOV says it would be perfectly alright. Peter apologizes for his poor Spanish. LEONOV answers in English (perfect English).

"My English is even worse." Peter responds, "Your English sounds wonderful. Goodbye."

MEXI 7216 - LITEMPO 4 asked COS at 1300 hrs on 3 Dec for urgent traces on U.S. cit Gilberado P. LOPÉZ. / LITEMPO 4 states LOPÉZ arrived MEXI on 23 Nov en route to Havana. He has disappeared, no record of trip to Havana. / LOPÉZ had FM-2 (tourist card limited to 15 days) #2455 obtained in Tampa, Fla on 20 Nov. / Have not checked above with ODENNY. / Subj, PP 5301XZ, left MEXI for Havana on 27 Nov via Cuba (only passenger aboard). / Subj, PP 7177 - Not in file; found in 50-500/42, 2 Dec 63 LITEMPO airlist. / 27 Nov shows Gilberado LOPÉZ U.S. cit PP 53101XZ left MEXI for Havana.

Above being passed Amb Mann and ODENNY MEXI. No Station traces. / Appreciate early reply.
MEMO to The Amb from COS, Subj: Anti-Cuban Demonstration in Front of the Cuban Emb - EMB 6104 (same as para 176 and 184 above)

WAVE 6855 - AMKNOB 1 SW message rec'd WAVE 30 Nov reflected foll: A. Following WAVE CO instructions, A 1 sent cable with follow-up letter to RAUL at CIS address Haba upon A 1 return Mexi; B. A 1 waited 15 days without receiving answer to letter sent RAUL; C. A 1 contacted PERUHUM Emb 22 Nov attempting reestablish contact with RAUL. A 1 talked via telco with girl named Silvia who claimed to be sec of consulate. Silvia denied knowing RAUL. 22 Nov A 1 sent another cable PERUHUM CIS address requesting meeting. E. 25 Nov A 1 rec'd urgent wire from RAUL sent from Tacubaya, D. P., dt 23 Nov which acknowledged receipt A 1 wire and requested A 1 wait for RAUL. E. NAHbau "threat" of assassination president and facing such acts must double strength fight red crimes. C. A 1 said USWALD face familiar and may have seen him at PERUHUM or Mexi. A 1 will further advise. H. A 1 convinced COS employs killers and assassins. This regard mentioned case two persons killed Mexi by fnn CORONOSKY who received three hundred dollars for deed from PERUHUM Emb Mexi. / Will advise additional details upon receipt. / 3. Mexi: Request info re para 1 H above.

MEXI 7224 (Ref: MEXI 7216 - para 205 above) - ODENYV locally (who advised of LOPEZ by Gobertainment contact) advises LOPEZ came into Mexi at Nuevo Laredo on 23 Nov. / ODENYV asking for his check. 3. LOPEZ listed as having U.S. passport.

MEMO for COS from CHADEM, Subj: N. Y. Times Article on USWALD. - Carl MIDDALE visited me on the morning of 4 Dec. He brought with him a cutting from the 3 Dec West Coast edition of the N. Y. Times. This was a story about USWALD's visit to Mexi, and went into great detail about where he stayed and who he saw. MIDDALE asked me if the story was accurate. I told him I did not know. (I have refused to comment to a MIDDALE on any aspects of the USWALD case). / MIDDALE said he felt certain that the N. Y. Times man got his information from Jules PARIS' file.

DIR 9665 (Ref: MEXI 7203 - para 190 above) - Although we are confident that ALVARADO is a fabricator and that his retraction of his confession is false, it has been decided that he should be LEFT UNTRUSTED. We do not want him returned to Nic until after the FLUTTER is finished because we fear that he will be too agitated in Nic, apprehensive that he will be mistreated. Ple arrange with LITEMPO to have ALVARADO released to us for several more days. Ask BRYTHNORD 3 to remain in Mexi to assist us. / Mr. Davis of KUSODA will arrive in Mexi 4 Dec. We do not want to blow him and pretend that Mexicans not be aware of our plans to FLUTTER ALVARADO until after Mr. Davis has left. He may pose as Dept of Justice man. / FLUTTER should be performed on private or hotel premises, with Mr. Davis in charge and by F. Clark Anderson of ODENYV as interpreter. / Although it is likely that ALVARADO will be returned to Nic later, we do not want to disclose this now. It is important before and during the FLUTTER that ALVARADO not be
in fear of bodily harm, that he be rested, etc... We realize that Mexicans and Nics have some equity and plenty of rights in this case, but we do not want to stop and discuss jurisdictional questions. MANA pls inform your liaison that there will be some further interrogation of ALVARADO in Mexi before his return. Advise if you run into problems on this.

211. 4 Dec.

MANA 4627 (Ref: DIR 86563 - para 210 above) - ETHRHOID I concurs further interrogation ALVARADO in Mexi also in E 3 remaining Mexi as long as can be of service to us there. Interposes absolutely no problems, offering complete cooperation and agreement and any way he wish handle ALVARADO interrogations.

222. 3 Dec.

MEXI 7229 (Ref: 86563 - para 210 above) - CGS talked with Echeverria at 1930 hrs on 3 Dec. Echeverria said A. He will order LITENCO 4 to hold ALVARADO until COS is completed with "some additional questioning." B. In reply to COS REQUEST to "borrow" ALVARADO, Echeverria said yes. C. COS told Echeverria that questioning would be done jointly with OECNVY and COS "guaranteed" return of ALVARADO to LITENCO 4. 

/station has advised ETHRHOID 3 of delay for 2 or 3 days departure of ALVARADO. E 3 will have hope to remain in Mexi. Submit following plan for Hqs approval A. Will have Messrs. Anderson and Joe Garcia of LEGAT pick up ALVARADO B from governmation. D. ALVARADO will be taken either to former ZENRAS safehouse or Hotel suite. Advise C. Anderson and/or Garcia will act as interpreters for Mr. Davis. D. Plan to "borrow" ALVARADO early morning of 5 Dec and hope we can return him on evening of 5 Dec. E. Will install microphones in apartment or hotel on 4 Dec to insure recording on Davis/ALVARADO interview. Request ETHRHOID 3 be notified by his superiors to remain Mexi a few more days in case MANA can arrange this. Advise Davis ETA.

213. 4 Dec.

DIR 86621 (Ref: MEXI 7229 - Para 212 above) Your plan and progress most heartening. All parts approved with full comments. Exact role of OECNVY man is up to their chief, but we'll give you outline for them and the selection of personnel seems perfect. We prefer hotel....If MANA 4627 is not enough authority for ETHRHOID 3 pls cable MANA for more.

234. 4 Dec.

MANA 4628 (Ref: DIR 86563 - para 210 above and MANA 4627 - para 211 above) ETHRHOID 1 just read telegram from E 3 sent from Mexi at 1147 pm Mexi time 3 Dec announcing E 3 arrival MANA on TACA today 4 Dec bring ALVARADO. If this true need confirmation before 2:00 pm local time today as E 1 feels special handling and security precautions required. E 1 feels strongly ALVARADO should not be returned MANA before interrogation completed. Interrogation away from scene of events with subsequent difficulties checking news info may follow up interrog in MANA impractical.
DIR 86659 (Ref: DIR 86621 - para 213 above) - Mr. Davis arrives MEXI on American flight 35 at 2341 on 4 Dec. Will be traveling on tourist card unless he can get MEXI visa today in his official passport. Will carry FINTEK instrument and should be set and assembled through customs. Is available without slowing his connection to KUBARK or with this case. A Pls reserve suitable convenient hotel room. Request ALVARADO not be interrogated further until Mr. Davis takes over. Further interrogation might confuse case. ALVARADO should rest and eat well. Important he not spend today worrying too much.

MEXI 7232 (Ref: MANA 4828 - para 214 above) ETHIOPIA 3 remaining MEXI until interrogation of ALVARADO completed. Will advise MANA ETA when known. Believe return ALVARADO accompanied by F 3 will not be prior to 7 Dec.

MEXI 7239 (Ref: DIR 86659 - para 215 above) As stated previously we cannot guarantee against any baggage searches without working thru LITEMPO and blowing KUBARK connection to traveler.

MEXI 7241 - Station holding all reels from 22 Nov 65 for both Cuban and Sov Embassies. Unless advised to contrary, Station will erase routine tapes Sovemb keeping normal two week lag. Can retain Cuban taps as long as Hqs wishes. If period to extend indefinitely, may need more tapes. Have two months supply new tapes at Station.

MEXI 7243 (Ref: A. DIR 84637 - para 25 above; B. DIR 84638 - para 26 above; C. MEXI 7026 - para 50 above) LIGALLA, LILYREC and LIEVRO coverage of KOSTIKOV and ALBERGHEV thru 30 Nov indicate no particular deviation of their mode activities, no travel outside MEXI.

Memo for the Files from CGS, Subject: Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. Cit. - On 3 Dec 65 LITEMPO 4 reported that one Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. cit who arrived in MEXI on 23 Nov "looked suspicious". LOPEZ, according to LITEMPO 4 had FM 8-24523 (a limited, 15 day, tourist card) issued in Tampa, Fla. on 20 Nov 65. J 4 said Gobernacion had , as of 3 Dec "lost" Gilberto LOPEZ. They were looking for him. J 2 L 4 asked for any data from the U.S.A.

DIR 86761 (Ref: MEXI 7216 - para 205 above) Our check with ODACID on Gilberto C. LOPEZ has produced nothing as yet. Very difficult for ODACID to do anything fast with Subject's name and passport number only. Hope they can tell us something by noon five Dec. First ODENY trace shows something on possible Gilberto LOPEZ in pro Castro activities in Los Angeles. Will get more and advise. If LITEMPO 4 can give us Gilberto's birthday it will help. We assume that you have not told LITEMPO 4 that LOPEZ flew to Cuba on 27 Nov because you do not want to blow the LIPES operation. This problem is up to you.
MEXI 7253 (Ref: DIR 86761 - para 221 above) - LITEMPO 4 reported to COS late 4 Dec that, A. LOPEZ crossed at Laredo Texas on 23 Nov; B. Registered in Roosevelt Hotel Mexi City on 25 Nov at 1600 hrs Mexi City time in room 203; C. Departed as only passenger on Cubana flight on night 27 Nov for Habana. Checked out of hotel at 1000 hrs./ LITEMPO 4 has a good photograph of Gilberto LOPEZ taken at airport on departure. Will get copies. / He para 3 LITEMPOS run airport so data re flights to Cuba available to them. Station did not report LITEMPO data to L 4. / Will attempt to get birth data.

MEXI 7256 (Ref: DIR 86767 - para 233 above) - Peter K. WOODHEAD arrived, met by AAC3 and got through customs with no problem. / After study with LEGAT have decided hold apartment in Mexico City which was used by KUCLD personnel for 66 which was used by KUCLD personnel for 66. / ARGENSANE L.P. told completely backed out by being renting for 'visiting Americans'.

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No future plan to use apart by Station. Apart bldg has no watchmen; no adjoining apart or bldgs. Messrs Clark Anderson and Joe Garcia of LEGAT studied apart on 4 Dec with DOCS. / WOODHEAD stayed at apart on night of 4 Dec and approves. / Plan to have Anderson and Garcia pick up ALVARADO and bring him to apart. Mexi police will accompany to apart but will not enter bldg. Anderson alone will interpret. / Will have RESIGNO in bedroom to monitor and record interrogation. RESIGNO will not be given to Anderson, Garcia or Mexican. / Plan to have interrogation begin at 1400 hrs 5 Dec, adjourn overnight and continue morning of 6 Dec. / Plan send copy of tapes by WOODHEAD if possible.

MEXI 7257 (Ref: MEXI 7265 - para 224 above) - Preliminary questioning as per ref took place. Initial attitude at one of resentment against Emb for turning over to Mexicans after his volunteering help and against Mexicans for treating him 'like a dog'. / View above, question of LCFLUTTER not yet broached. Migration inspectors taking him out for good meal tonight in hopes of prolonging upswing of rapport reached by interrogators toward end of session. / Hope know early afternoon 5 Dec whether ill take LCFLUTTER. Prefer cable summary after reading more definitive point in interrogation.

John Bethe asks if Paul KENNEDY has gathered any influence on the Mexican political scene as far as the assassination is concerned. No, he has not gotten a thing on it. Paul thinks the only thing it could have done was to impress the political people about the spontaneity of the sympathy for Kennedy. Only this, but doesn't go into it very much. Apparently they did react spontaneously, but then you could look at Mexi's vote in the U.N. on the CAS, on Venezuela-Cuban deal and you can see that it didn't make a lot of difference. No, not on international front. John does not think it would make any difference to Mexi politics. No, or inside, Paul says.
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HMEA 22561 (Ref. A. MEXI 7203 - para 190 above; B. MEXI 7209 - para 195 above) - Attached are copies of the MEXI interrogation report on Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte. / The last quoted portion is ALVARADO's statement in which he admits that the story, about his seeing OSWALD in Cuba Consulate in MEXI and having seen OSWALD paid money in the Cuba Consulate, is false. / A copy of this report was given to CENZY locally.

HMEA 22579 (Ref. MEXI 7253 - para 222 above) - Attached are copies of a photo of Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. citizen, taken night of 27 Nov at MEXI airport by MEXI authorities. Subject checked into MEXI Hotel Roosevelt, Av. Insurgentes 287, at 1:00AM on 25 Nov 63. He stayed in room 203. At 1900 hrs on 27 Nov Subj checked out of the Hotel Roosevelt and at 2100 hrs on 27 Nov Subj departed MEXI for HABANA. / Subj was listed on Cubana flight #463 of 27 Nov as the only passenger. A crew of nine Cubans was listed. On departure from MEXI, Subject used U. S. passport #510152 which contained a Cuban "courtesy" visa. / Source (LIEBERFOT) states the timing and circumstances surrounding Subj's travel through MEXI and departure for HABANA are suspicious. / Source urgently requests all data on Subj.

HMEA 2687 (Ref. MEXI 6982 - not in file, not abstracted) Poll results LINEAGE-1 meet with KUZNETSOV 1 Dec. A. Re assassination, KUZ said act incomprehensible because could not affect changes in U.S. especially foreign policy or benefit racists. OSWALD Commin tendsencies if true, or stay Russia had no bearing crime because CP directive since time of LENIN considered oppression only damaged Commin movement. / B. Contradictions about crime: Use 3 different types of arms, inability account for OSWALD apprehension far from site of assassination, some bullets explosive others not. KUZ incoherently disconnected by L-1 questions re OSWALD Emergency Exit work marriage Soviet Union. Established that although not common foreigners can work Soviet Union. Then stated and repeated he did not know details but doubts there were special circumstances OSWALD's case. Re emigration Russian wife, no restrictions but few left Soviet Union because psychologically attached Soviet cult. / L-1 asked K if Soviets could assist financially in issuance consular magazine Revista Monitor of which L-1 editor. K replied L-1 could talk with consul Pavel Antovovich YAKOV about it but doubted any official help forthcoming.

Warren Commission on this???

Gilberto Policarpo LOPEZ, born 26 Jan 40 in HABANA, Cuba. Both his parents were U.S. citizens. / His address at time he got his last U.S. passport was Cerro 1307, Consular Arango y Carvajal, Cerro, HABANA, Cuba. / His last U.S. passport expired on 25 Jan 63. (Above - original sent to LIEBERFOT)

MEXI 7288 - ETHRORD 3 returning MAMA FAA fit 5CL, 7 Dec. Requests advise his wife to meet him.

MEXI 7289 - ALVARADO LCFLUITER indicated he fabricating facts of his story. Interrogation revealed Subj unsure of day of week allegedly saw OSWALD. Thinks it was on Tuesday which would have been 17 Sept. / When shown photos of OSWALD during testing, deception patterns were evidenced. When Subj was confronted with this he stated that he had ushers

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Subj: admitting that he must have made honest mistake in relating original story in his identification of OSWALD. / WOODHEAD arriving Dallas 7 Dec on AA 58. / Echavarria will hold ALVARADO until 9 Dec so ERHARD 3 will not have to accompany.

DIR 89188 (Ref: MEXI 7233 - not in file; not abstracted - not found; possibly transposition of numbers, i.e., MEXI 7252 - para 222 above) You may pass LITEMPO 4 following from OMAICID but do not tell him it from OMAICID. A. Gilberto Policarpio Lopez with same passport number born 26 Jan 40 in Havana, Cuba, etc., etc. (info given to LITEMPO 4, see para 220 above) / This man is not identical with the Gilbert Lopez who was assassinated with pro-Castro groups in Los Angeles. We hope to get more from ODENVY on Gilberto Policarpio Lopez. Will advise.

DIR 87666 (Ref: MEXI 7289 - para 232 above) Presume all concerned now agree ALVARADO will be returned to Nic. We satisfied his whole story about seeing anyone paid to assassinate prez was a hoax. / We want to avoid all possible mishaps which might result in ALVARADO to realize his fabricating on this case, so we request that Nic and Nic authorities take no punitive measures against him beyond deporting him to Nic. If ERHARDO can give him something useful and non-sensitive to do for a few months it will help. / Feal its successful wind-up of this tricky incident speaks for itself / Thanks to all hands.

MEXI 7290 - LITEMPO 4 advised OSS on 7 Dec that ALVARADO will be returned to MANA by TACA; flt #773 departing MEX at 0920 hrs on 8 Dec. / Pls advise ERHARD 3 who arriving MANA 7 Dec on P.S.S.

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Lee Harvey Oswald - The Man and The Mystery. Suspected Assassin of Kennedy was Withdrawn and Friendless. Turned to Marx in High School. / by Donald JANSON - Article about the type character OSWALD was.

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Following articles: Oswald Chafed at Life in Soviet. He Wrote Mother He was Eager to Return to U.S., by Jack LANGHUT. / Dallas Suspends Critical Teacher. She Says View on Climate of Hate Led to Ouster. / Texts of Letters to Pro-Castro Group (six letters printed which OSWALD wrote to Fair Play for Cuba Committee); Six Oswald Letters are Given to FBI. Pro-Castro Group Here Finds Notes in Its Files. / Texts of Oswald Letters to Mother on Soviet Trip. / Kennedy's Guard Brings Questions. Ex-Chief of Secret Service Raises Queries in Slaying. / EXCLUSIVE - FBI Gets Harvey Letters. / The FBI obtained copies of letters OSWALD sent to Fair Play for Cuba Committee; originals went to FBI said Vincent Theodore Lee, 36 of N.Y., chairman of FPCC.
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DIR 87770 (Ref: MEXI 7241 - para 218 above) Pls do not erase any Soviet or Cuban tapes until further notice. Advise how much more tape you need.

NOTE TO COS from RIGGS - ARSHekt was told yesterday but I told him not to tell the LIENVOY people - just keep bringing in the reels to me....We have a month to six weeks reserve. Nevertheless, am requesting 500 new ones - if not needed for this, we can store half of them with MCHARKARTY for not-yet-known targets. (This note attached to MEXI 7241 - para 239 above)

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald Met Offer of Friendship With Salinas. by Donald JANSON

THE NEW YORK TIMES - FBI's Risk List Omitted Oswald, Secret Service Got Names Before Kennedy's Trip. - by Joseph A. LOFTUS

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Beyond a Doubt, FBI Concludes. He Acted Alone and Did Not Know Ruby, Says Report to Warren Inquiry Panel.

Memo to COS from Registry: Vincent LEE (U.S. head of Fair Play for Cuba Committee - para 237 above) - LEE traveled from Mexico to Cuba on 28 Dec 62 with passport #807324. LEE traveled from Cuba to Mexico on 21 January 1963 / (Elizabeth MORA traveled from Cuba to Mexico on 30 Dec 62 with courtesy passport #7864. Elizabeth Calliet (sic) de MORA traveled from Cuba to Mexico on 21 Jan 63 - the same plane as LEE).

MEXI 7335 (Ref: A MEXI 7256 - para 224 above, B DIR 87666 - para 257 above) X Six tapes on which interrogation of Gilbert ALVARADO done by Peter K. WOODHEAD being pouched by HMAA 22660 on 12 Dec. / Copies of these six tapes given to LEGAT (who was interpreter for WOODHEAD) on 10 Dec. Understand he pouching these to his HQs on 12 Dec also.

MEXI 7355 - Mexi newspaper Excelsior carried story on 9 Dec of Vicente LEE (Chairman of Fair Play for Cuba Committee in W.) exchange of letters with Lee OSWALD. Following to HENADUM from "ODENNY source" who was directed for many years by HENADUM in Mex. / ODEENNY source known to COS and to USHARKART (at HQs). Source is U. S. oil Communist and member of American Commmie group in Mexi in good standing. Source reported on 10 Dec that: A. Source's old friend Elizabeth Calliet de MORA (Betty MORA) American Negro, Communist who now naturalized Mexi and wife of Francisco MORA (Mexi Commmie) been called to Cuba Emb and told to forget that she saw Vicent LEE in Cuba in Dec 62 and Jan 63. / Betty MORA and her husband are frightened because they both believe LEE and OSWALD had close relationship and probably LEE in on "planning" of OSWALD assassination of Pres. K. / Station files show that Vincent LEE travelled to Cuba from Mexi on 28 Dec 62 with U.S. passport 28073217. LEE returned to US from Havana on 21 Jan 63. / Betty MORA travelled to Havana on 30 Dec 62 with "courtesy passport #7864" and returned on same flight as Vincent LEE on 21 Jan 63. / Para 2 above will be received by ODEENNY locally from their source and the should treat in manner to protect HENADUM contacts.
MEXI 7347 - Some en clear attachments to IMWA 22604 (Top Secret Lauricile sent to C/AVV/HE) pouch 12 Dec certain to OSMALD application for Cuban visa and Cuban "line" that "North American reactionaries wished to make Cuba - victim of their criminal designs." [No local dissen of this material] [Source: LICASA/1]

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MEXI 7352 (DIR 67770 - para 239 above) - Current use tapes about six doz per week for both CUB and Gov Emb lines. ...... Is there something particular which Mexi should watch for or should tapes and or transcripts be pouched Rd.  

249. 11 Dec.

What did OSMALD tell SPAHR ??

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald Assailed Right-Wing Views. Spoke Out In Public After Attending Dallas Rally - by Donald JANSON. also A Troubled Marine by Bill BECKER (OSMALD was decen- ated from Private First Class to private while in Japan. Chief Warrant Officer Eduard J. SPAHR said that OSMALD "was my personal problem during that time. Not even his own mother knew him like I did," although he gave a lengthy statement to the FBI about OSMALD, he declined to give specifics to a reporter.

250. 11 Dec.

Memo to The Amb (cc to COS) from LEGAT, Subject: OSMALD - page 4 states that 3 Dec issue of western edition of New York Times written by Peter KISS said that OSMALD took a 2:50 p.m. bus to Thursday 26 Sept from Nuevo Laredo for the 750 mile trip to end at Mexi on Friday, Sept 27, that the trip was made on a Transportes Fronteras bus. (para 197 above) KISS advised that this info was furnished to him by one Lucio LOPEZ, a clerk in the Transportes Fronteras office in Mexi. KISS said LOPEZ had told him the Ministry of Government had gotten this info from the Nuevo Laredo office of the bus company. / It is to be noted that Sources in the Ministry of Government have indicated that investigation to date in Nuevo Laredo and Mexi City has failed to uncover any info regarding OSMALD's travel from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City....

Check. Gobernacion tells KISSS one thing and LEGAT a different story.

251 12 Dec.

DIR 88642 - ODENVY pushing to wind up its analysis of Mexi aspects this case and urgently needs results from interrogation of Silvia DURAN and her husband during their arrest. We conjecture she may not have been interrogated at all during her second arrest but pls find out the facts and advise. ...

252. 12 Dec.

MEXI 7364 (Ref: MEXI 7362 - not in file, not abstracted; found in DURAN P-7869 - with ref

DIR 88642 - para 251 above - "Since 12 Dec is Mexi holiday COS unable reach either LITMNA 4 or Echeverria. / Will attempt promptly in full with ref on 15 Dec." DURAN arrested second time 27 Nov, interrogated 28 and released 29 Nov. Interrogation based on questions prepared by Stanion and approved by ODENVY here. A. Asked her relations with number of individuals including some arrested names and other registered owners of cars she seen in during Jan 63 surveillance by LITMNA. Disclaimed knowledge of all. B. Claimed never member of Liga Leninista Espartaco or PCM, as agreed with ideas of neither except as regards support for Cuba. C. Claimed no affiliation with JCAP, nor connection with Sovemb which only visited once at anniversary of revolution. D. Remembered OSMALD perfectly and denied he
vore glasses. Otherwise no addition to original story. E. knew of no red haired negro in Emb. No new people arrived at Emb around time OSWALD visit. F. Admitted one 15 day trip to EBBUMEN in 61, none since and had no plans go. Denied he had requested Alb send her there after first interrogation. / Regret not having forwarded this sooner, but saw absolutely no contribution to resolution basic mystery particularly after ALVARADO COPLUTTER. Pouching questions and full interrogation report 15 Dec.

MEXI 7369 (out of place) See para 252 above.

MEXI 28600 (Ref: MEXI 7369 - para 248 above) Attached are copies of the six tapes which resulted from the interrogation of ALVARADO on 5 Dec 65 and 6 Dec 65 by Peter E. WOODHEAD. /...LEGAT acted as interpreter./...LEGAT given copies of these tapes. / Original six tapes are being held in Mexi City Station.

Memo to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Interrogation of Silvia Tirado de DURAN during her "second arrest" - Attached are a) Mexi report of interrogation and b) list of questions suggested to Mexicans. These were shown to Mr. Anderson in draft prior to passage to Mexicans.

DIR 8899 (Ref: DIR 8739 - not in file, not abstracted: MEXI 7030 - para 38 above) ODENY investigation shows car of E. Morgan Daniels with Plate TA 562 which Mexi reported outside Cub Emb on 21 Oct had not been outside Texas around that date. We attach no special significance to this. / Still checking owners other cars.

MEXI 28695 (Ref: MEXI 7369 - para 252 above) Attached are a) Mexi Government interrogation report on the "second arrest" of Silvia... and b) list of suggested questions submitted by Station. / A copy of each of these was given to LEGAT.

DIR 88290 (Ref: MEXI 7352 - para 248 above) Upon receipt you may resume usual practice of keeping Cub and Sov tapes, two weeks up and then erasing, but pls do not erase tapes made between 32 Nov and present. Will advise. / Pls continue watch for Sov or Cub reaction to investigation, evidence of their complicity, signs they putting out propaganda about case. FYI only, Sov intel in India had letters sent to ODNY leaders demanding full investigation of case. / How many tapes do you want to replace those tied up by para 1 ?

A/B/C

WAVE 8949 (Ref: - not sent Mexi - WAVE 8858, DIR 87746, WAVE 87536) JENTONS returned WAVE 12 Dec. In addition to COMM channel outlined para 5 ref C, JENTONS also included in his letter to UNSTAR suggestion that UNSTAR could also send name of source and other details via NEXSTT pouch to NEXSTT 3 in Mexi, if UNSTAR felt personal letter via NASA inaccuracy or slow. UNSTAR should ask NEXSTT 3 pass letter personally to JENTONS. / We refer para 1 and assume ODENY questioned NIEITO on alleged Dallas contacts, since ref A reported only that NIEITO could give info on Dallas contacts.
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DIR 89566 (Ref: MEXI 7054 - para 32 above) (see para 4 above) In para two ref Silvia DURAN states that APARICIO has a telephone and that its number is 14-12-99. For our analysis of this case, can Mexi shed light on who APARICIO is, whether he has that number, and what this might have to do with our case. We guess it might merely have been a case of mistaken identity. / In para 2 notes, monitors make every effort to identify voices of various SIFO's whom OSWALD spoke on the telephone or who dealt with his case with Silvia DURAN. (NOTE: In pencil writing 14-12-99 not listed 1962.)

NOTE: COS wrote on cable “He is Paul APARICIO, Cuban Emb official.

Memo from LEGAT - Their Hqs reported our bearing. Texas license KR 5773 (see para 58 above) observed at Cub Emb during time OSWALD was in Mexi, is registered to Harmonic Duarte Marti, Jr., Sanatorio Balindres, Tulpan #23, Mexi, for a 1963 Buick. / Their Hqs also advised us life from Mexi one Robert Edmond GODFREY reported 11th of July 1963 in auto-Castro underground in Mexi for past six yrs under the name of General Roberto de Edmond COMES where he has under his command a secret army of 3,500 men in Mexi. He claims to have a “secret agent” working in Cuba Emb here and alleges that OSWALD was in the Cube Emb on 12 July 63 to obtain a visa to Cuba. He claims that OSWALD stayed in Mexi for about one week at that time and supposedly traveled here by airplane. GALLANT claims that his agent in the Cuba Emb pointed OSWALD out to him in Mexi last July. / LEGAT files reflect that GALLANT was arrested by Mexi authorities and deported to the U.S. in Aug 63 at our request in view of fact he was wanted on forgery charges in Calif. GALLANT was born 19 Mar 22 at Claremont, New Hampshire and is married to a Mexi cit. He was residing in the corners of Cali and Montefiore Street, Apari 3927. / Col Lindavista at the time of his arrest on 21 Aug 63. / P/S OSWALD departed Nuevo Laredo for Mexi City at 2 p.m. on 26 Sept. on Plecha Roba bus No. 516. Some of OSWALD’s fellow passengers on this bus have been identified, and a British couple who noticed him on the bus stated he was traveling alone and left the bus in Mexico City alone. / For retention there is attached a copy of the 2 sections of the Mexi tourist card (FM 8) utilized by OSWALD in entering and leaving Mexi.

HOW 12193 - - - - - Thanks for Station’s help in case... Basically, what the New York Times has printed about the report is all true. We have meanwhile been flooded with fabrications, of which the ALVARADO story was the most troublesome. / - - - - - - - - -

John BETTIE with Robin (?). Robin was involved in assassination stories. Had to go to Washington. John BETTIE says he will eat his hat if “there aren’t people behind OSWALD and Ruby and he will eat his shoes if these aren’t ultra-nice.” John BETTIE does not believe all this business, A lot of talk about being one lone mad man. John does not believe it.

HMA 26827 (Ref: MEXI 7355 - para 246 above) - Attached are a) 2 copies of photo of Vincent LEE taken at airport prior to his boarding Cuba flight #65 en route to Havana on 26 Dec 62. b) Copies of the Passenger Manifest of Aeronaves MIA #101, showing LEE’s travel from N.Y.C. to Mexi on 26 Dec 62. c) 2 Copies of Cuban manifest #65 of 26 Dec 62 showing LEE’s travel from Mexi to Havana. d) Copies of Cuban manifest #400 of 22 Jan 63 showing LEE’s travel form Mexi to Havana. e) Copies of Aeronaves MIA #400 of 22 Jan 65 showing LEE’s travel from Mexi to N.Y.C. / As noted in ref, Betty MORA is very concerned over her association in Cuba and travel

Check Betty MORA

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(on 21 Jan 63) with Vincent LEE. (All attachments in LEE P-8683)

Politics magazine publishes an article by Fidel CASTRO on "Cuba Ante el Asesinato de Kennedy"

DIR 90487 - Request Station photograph entire station file on Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV and pouch one copy or microfilm in first possible pouch. Also request Station subject comments on file and on KOSTIKOV's activities and relationship to other Sovs. Mexi. This analysis would accompany photos if possible. If not, pls cable. Little in HQS file on KOSTIKOV and your info and study will be a vital contribution to our presentation to Warren Commission.

MEXI 7488 (Ref: DIR 90487 - para 266 above) Pouching copy KOSTIKOV file and analysis in priority dispatch HQSA 22652 o/a 20 Dec. Order meet pouch deadline and satisfy HQs request ASAP. Station unable excuse true staffer names from file & routing sheets, memos, etc.

DIR 90466 (Ref: MEXI 7115 - para 154 above) Our present plan in passing info to Warren Commission is to eliminate mention of taps, in order protect your continuing ops. Will rely instead on statements of SILVIA DURAN and on contents of Sov Con file which Sovs gave ODACID here. File shows both OSWALD and wife were dickering with Sovs in Wash by mail to get permission return to Russia. Exact detailed info from LITAML 7 and 9 on just what SILVIA DURAN and other officials said about OSWALD's visits and his dealings would be valuable and usable corroborative evidence. Request you request them carefully on these points, attempting get as much authentic data as possible, without mixing in what they know from newspapers. Pls cable summaries and pouch detailed statements.

MEXI 7527 (Ref: DIR 89566 - para 260 above) 14-12-99 is home number of Raul APARICIO Nogales, Cultural Attache of Emb. Doubt any connection OSWALD as APARICIO was on sick-leave during significant period. Re para two Refs. See MEXI 7035 (para 41 above). No further info available as tapes have been erased. (See para 4 above)


MEXI 7615 (Ref: DIR 88680 - para 265 above) LITAML 9 has nothing additional to offer beyond account of MEXI 7115 (para 154 above) except that SILVIA said at that time that she was perfectly willing travel to U.S. to confront OSWALD if necessary. L9 did not talk to SILVIA about OSWALD visit, merely stood around with other staff members while SILVIA recounted arrest, interrogation, release. SILVIA did not mention any details of her encounter with OSWALD. L9 reported on 27 Dec that SILVIA has not returned to work since release from second arrest. Her husband was angry over FOIEN ROA note which made cause-celebre of affair, told PBRUEN Emb official that ROA note inaccurate in claiming SILVIA mistreated by Mexi police.
DIR 92766 - Request very discreet check to learn whether AMPALM 26 (XIEN), unwitting Cuban propaganda writer for AMPALM project at WAVE, has visited Maxi since assassination of Kennedy. AMPALM 26 has originated a report that OSWALD had a long conference with Cub Amb in Maxi in restaurant on outskirts of Maxi. AMPALM 26 report has found its way into unofficial analysis of whole case prepared by Cuban psychologist, Jose I. LASAGA in Miami. / Do not wish AMPALM 26 to learn his identity as a source this information has been divulged by LASAGA. PIs check immigration records and local sources who might know.

DIR 92767 (Ref: DIR 92766 - para 272 above) IDEN is Salvador DIAZ Version.

Note to BENADUM: PIs determine whether or not a Cuban writer, presently in Miami, has visited Maxi. His name is Salvador DIAZ Version.

MEXI 7690 (HEFS: A. DIR 90487 - para 266 above; B. MEXI 5943 - not abstracted, not in file; C. HMG 22652 - para 267 above) Believe foll info which supplemental Ref C report worthwhile in inclusion RQS presentation: The unidentified Sov of Ref B who met Sergey Nikolayevich ANTONOV (Chief Latin American Dept KGB) has now been positively identified by LIPRE as being Valery Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV.

MEXI 7682 - Although assume info below probably not pertinent since first name OSWALD's wife is Marina, wish nevertheless report foll: 7 Nov 63 Aeronaves fit 400 to N. Y. manifest lists passenger "de OSWALD Elena". No other apparent pertinent names among other 16 passengers.

MEMO to Boonstra, cc to COS, from LEGAT: Subject: OSWALD - Attached is a memo setting forth the results of an interview of one Ylario ROJAS Villanueva of Guadalajara who wrote a letter to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy which contained info allegedly having to do with assassination of K. Letter was presented to Nat F. Kennedy said... I am communicating with you because I do not trust anyone in the matter I intend to deal with. I am communicating with you because I do not trust anyone in the matter I intend to deal with. I am communicating with you because I do not trust anyone in the matter I intend to deal with.

...death of your brother... I used to be a friend of OSWALD and also of Albert, as well as three more people. I knew about the plan, but I never thought that it would turn out to be a true plan.... Signed Ylario ROJAS, Manuel Acoma 1367, Guadalajara. / Upon interview on 10 Jan 64 ROJAS furnished the following info: In June or July 62, ROJAS was in Mexico City... Then approached him about smuggling Cuban propaganda into Maxi. The Cuban said he would see him later in Guadalajara. / Around middle of Aug 62, the Cuban arrived in Guadalajara in an automobile and drove ROJAS to Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua. In Mexico ROJAS went to a movie in Ciudad Juarez and apparently the Cuban was over into El Paso. When the movie was over, ROJAS was picked up in front of the theater by the Cuban who at that time introduced him-to-an-individual. ROJAS has no independent memory of this individual's name, but recognizes him by photo as OSWALD. The three went to a bar where they discussed the introduction of CASTRO propaganda into Maxi via Cosamal, an island located... They talked about length, including discussions of everyday matters, for about four hours and they also did quite a bit of drinking. The Cuban apparently turned his car over to OSWALD and the Cuban and ROJAS spent the night in a hotel... ROJAS said the following morning they left Ciudad Juarez on a flight of Aeronaves and flew to Monterrey.
It is to be noted that Aeronaves has no such flight as that described by ROJAS. After arrival in Guadalajara the Cuban gave ROJAS 400 pesos and told him he would receive further instructions at a later date. / In the latter part of Dec 62 the Cuban came to Guadalajara and gave ROJAS 900 pesos and told him to proceed to Cozumel by bus within about five days. ROJAS arrived in Cozumel just after Christmas 62. There he was met by 2 Cuban men and a Cuban woman whose first name was CRISTINA. ROJAS explained that, although he cannot recall the names of the Cubans, he has them written down in a notebook which he left with Daniel SOLIS, a municipal policeman in Cozumel. ROJAS stated SOLIS would not deliver the book to anyone but him. / About 25 Dec 62 OSWALD arrived in Cozumel, having proceeded there from Jamaica via Mexicanan de Aviacion. OSWALD, the three Cubans and ROJAS again discussed the introduction of Cuban propaganda.......During the time of these discussions OSWALD and the three Cubans stayed at the Hotel Playa in Cozumel and ROJAS stayed with Daniel SOLIS. / OSWALD remained in Cozumel for 2 or 3 days and then returned to Jamaica by air. The three Cubans and ROJAS continued to reside in Cozumel until about 15 Feb 63 when OSWALD again came to Cozumel from Jamaica. On this occasion OSWALD stayed three days in Cozumel. The day after his arrival an American by the name of ALBERT arrived from Jamaica. All conversations between this American, OSWALD, and the three Cubans were in English, ROJAS stating that all three Cubans spoke very good English. The Cuban woman, CRISTINA, told ROJAS that they had discussed the elimination of Pres Kennedy. She stated that OSWALD was for killing Kennedy but that ALBERT and the Cuban did not agree with OSWALD. / ROJAS stated that he has ALBERT's last name entered in the notebook which is in the possession of Daniel SOLIS. He claimed he got ALBERT's name from a U.S. Gov credential in the bath house of the Hotel Islena where ALBERT stayed. / OSWALD allegedly stated that, no matter what the opposition, he would have to go through with it (the killing) because otherwise he might lose his life, indicating that he was acting under orders. / ROJAS stayed in Cozumel until early March 63 then returned by bus to Guad. ..... / ROJAS could not explain why he cannot remember the names of the three Cubans in Cozumel after having been with them for nearly three months. He described them / / / / ROJAS stated he is willing to go anywhere if his expenses are paid to make any indentification and to pick up his notebook with the full names of the individuals mentioned. It was noted during the interview that he appeared sincere, but stated he is desperately in need of money. He lives in a slum area of Guadalajara, is 31 yrs old, about five feet nine inches, medium build, dark brown Hair, dark complexion, brown eyes and has a mustache.

MEXI 77G - LEGAT requests following which connected with investigation of a lead on OSWALD. / It is requested that the full investigation be conducted at Cozumel. A. Determine whether a municipal policeman named Daniel SOLIS actually exists and is living and working in Cozumel. B. If SOLIS does exist, determine whether he is acquainted with ROJAS.... / C. Determine whether SOLIS has a notebook in his possession which belongs to ROJAS.... / Pls cable reply.
Check Eduardo BOSELL Navarro

279. 14 Jan.

MEX 7776 (Ref: DIR 92756 - para 279 above) No evidence to date of travel to Mexi by AMPALM 26 during 1963. / Fall volunteered by C/O DENNY in Mexi, on evening 13 Jan in his oral revew to CBS of current problems in their investigations of leads pertinent to OSWALD case: A. DENNY

Has sent cable to Mexi stating (AMPALM/26) was source of analysis prepared by Cuban psychologist, Jose I. LASAGA of Miami, B. DENNY interviewed AMPALM 26 who said: Silvia DURAN took OSWALD to Caballo Bayo restaurant near Chapultepec Golf Club where they met Cuban Amb to Mexi, Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas. Then HERNANDEZ Armas told OSWALD for a ride in his car so that they could talk privately. C. AMPALM/26 told DENNY his source was Eduardo BOSELL Navarro, Knudsen newspaperman who writes editorials for Excelsior. D. C/O DENNY sent Matthew Crawford, Assistant to interview BOSELL Navarro on 12 Jan. E. BOSELL Navarro said AMPALM/26 had "imagine" whole story. BOSELL Navarro said he did not know any more than that OSWALD had been taken and visited the Cub Emb and Silvia DURAN. BOSELL Navarro said everything he knew had been published and was public knowledge. / C/O DENNY, Mexio said he knew AMPALM/26 well when both were in Havana. He said AMPALM/26 "noted for reporting is based upon his intuitive feelings" and very rarely reported facts. / Believe DENNY told AMPALM/26 he had been cited to them at source by Jose I. LASAGA.

A bulletin from Fundacion del Cardenal Mindszenty, with address: A P.O. Box 3321, Clayton Branch, St. Louis 5, Missouri, the following was translated "Consigna Comunista de propaganda en Relacion Con la Muerte del Presidente Kennedy", published by Comite Mexicano Para La Divulgacion de los Objetivos, Estrategia y Tacticas del Comunismo. Article pointing out the assassination was the work of the Communists. (From LEHUFF/1)  

280. 15 Jan.

HMM 8209 (Source: LITAML 9) Officials of the Cub Emb in Mexi received very few Christmas greetings from Mexi Gov officials. It is believed that the lack of the traditional exchange of Christmas greetings between Mexi Gov and Cub Emb was the result of the recent diplomatic caused among Mexi officials by the strong note dated 26 Nov 63, rec'd by the Mexi Ministry of Foreign Relations from Raul ROA Garcia, Cub Minister of Foreign Relations, over the detention by Mexi authorities of Silvia DURAN in connection with the visit to the Cub Emb in Mexi of OSWALD. / ....

281. 16 Jan.

WAVE 0569 (Refs: A. MEX 7776 - para 279 above; B. DIR 92756 - para 272 above; C. WAVE 2311 - not rec'd; D. DIR 06473 - not rec'd; E. WAVE 1856 - not rec'd; F. PACT 1845 - (in 0647); 12 Nov 63, ODORIO STRANSACK, filed 200-134-11/5/5; G. WAVE 1856 - not rec'd. 1. Ref para 1 and AMPALM 26 cited planned depart WAVE area for Mexi 20 Nov 63 in order attend seminar Federacion Internacional de Organizaciones de Periodistas Profesionales (FIOPP) held Mexi 18-22 Nov 63. Para 2 B Ref F confirms planned attendance FIOPP by AMPALM 26. On return WAVE area A 26 told AMBARDEL he attended FIOPP seminar / 2. WAVE agrees para 3 Ref A that A 26 noted for skepticism reporting particularly re his association with ODEARL. (See Refs C, E and G.) In reply query para 3 ref E, Ref D informed WAVE A 26 not ODEARL agent. FYI AMBARDEL 1 reported learning from A 26 that the latter scheduled make speeches at FIOPP seminar and later continue on to Central America probably to Nicaragua. In similar statement to AMPALM 4, A 26 implied confidential ODYONE.

Check AMPALM 26 trip to Managua; does he know ALVARADO ??

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mission. Re para 2 Ref B. Pan Am Airways records show A 26 departed WAVE area 16 Nov 63 via PAA fit 503 for MANA with transfer in Guat to PAA flight 501 for MANA. PAA records reflect A 26 traveled as planned, however view fact A 26 had to transfer in Guat, it possible he traveled to Mexi, either prior visit MANA or afterwards. No record travel A 26 local ODOS office since A 26 permanent U.S. resident as of 7 Nov 62 and granted reentry permit 3 Jan 63 valid one yr. Latter allows A 26 multiple departures and entries without restrictions. Request Hqs check ODOS certifal to determine if A 26 arrived from Mexi on or about 1 Dec 63. A 26 ODOS registration No. A 7759307. / AMPAL 4 has obtained copy of LASAGA report. WAVE can pouch if Hqs interested.

283. 16 Jan

MEXI 7719 (Ref: MEXI 7776 - para 279 above) LITEMPO 4 reported on 16 Jan that AMPAL 26 was in Mexi on 21 Nov 63. LITEMPO 4 does not yet know arrival or departure dates. / AMPAL 26 was invited to Mexi to attend "Colegio Nacional de Periodistas" to assist in series of meetings organized by that group, according to L 4.

284. 16 Jan

MXID 0305 (Ref: MEXI 7764 - para 278 above, also see para 277) - Daniel SOLIS well known municipal policeman Cozumel of good reputation over past 11 yrs. / SOLIS does not know any person named Ylaro ROJAS Villanueva. SOLIS wife's uncle named Eladio VILLANUEVA Ramirez from Guadalajara and believes originally from Manuel Doblado, Guanajuato. This uncle visited SOLIS in Cozumel about first 2 weeks in June 63. Uncle arrived by bus to Puerto Juarez and boat to Cozumel, broke, seeking work, with no luggage and nothing more than clothes on back. Uncle said his suitcase had fallen from top of bus into water at unspecified ferry crossing encrusted Merida. Uncle said suitcase contained "important papers" and all his personal belongings. SOLIS housed him and got him temporary job as bricklayer assistant. Uncle worked Cozumel until around mid-June and then left for Vera Cruz by boat to Puerto Juarez. Present whereabouts Uncle not known SOLIS. SOLIS gave him clothes and 500 pesos financial assistance on departure. While at SOLIS house, uncle wrote three letters to skipper ferry boat trying recover suitcase but no answer. Uncle sent and received no other mail. Uncle had no notebook of any kind. Uncle was not in contact with any Cubans on Cozumel. Only known associates were Mexi airforce sergeant "Polo" and his bricklayer boss Leonel VILLANUEVA (no relation). (COMMENT: SOLIS said no Cubans or North Americans official named Albert in Cozumel in June 63 or in period late Dec 62 to early March 63 other than visits Cuban officials Mrid. This confirmed by Station/Base contact Joaquin NASSIM who highly knowledgeable Cozumel matters. Base did not breed possible OSWALD presence Cozumel with SOLIS but NASSIM said highly doubtful). / SOLIS description of uncle: Age about 35, 5 feet 8, about 165 lbs, stocky, skin "moreno" black straight hair, mustache, long face. Usually worked as chauffeur or farmer. SOLIS said uncle did not seem aberrated.

285. 20 Jan

MEMO to LEGAT from COS; Subject: OSWALD - reporting info in para 284 above.
MEMO to Boonstra, cc to COS from LEGAT; Subject: OSWALD - It is to be noted that the White House was in receipt of a paper entitled "Possible Psychological Motivations in the Assassination of Pres. Kennedy" written by Jose I. Lasaqa of Miami, Fla. This speculative paper attempted to establish that the motivation of OSWALD in the assassination of Pres. K was Fidel CASTRO OR a CASTRO agent and that OSWALD was motivated during his trip to Mexi between 27 Sept and 2 Oct 63. The paper alleged that OSWALD held an extended interview with the Cuban Amb in Mexi whom he met in a restaurant on the outskirts of Mexi from which restaurant they both later left in the Amb's car for a talk without being overheard. Source of this latter info was alleged to be Salvador DIAZ Verson. This individual was interviewed at Miami. He stated that while in Mexi 29-29 Nov 63 attending the Congress of the International Federation of Professional Newspaper Organizations, he was at the offices of the newspaper Excelsior on the night of 25 Nov 63. There he learned through the Mexi press that the Mexi Gov had arrested one Silvia DURAN; that DURAN allegedly had OSWALD as a guest in her house during his visit to Mexi and that DURAN placed OSWALD in contact with officials of the Cuban Emb in Mexi. DIAZ Verson stated that he was approached by Dr. BORRELL Navarro, an exiled Cuban newspaperman employed by Excelsior, that OSWALD and DURAN on the day following OSWALD's arrival in Mexi went to a restaurant called the Caballo Blanco or possibly the Caballo Bayo where they met an official of the Cuban Emb. DIAZ Verson claimed that he knows nothing about OSWALD and the Cuban official leaving the restaurant together in a car. It was ascertained that Dr. Eduardo BORRELL Navarro, a former Cuban Cabinet Minister who on occasion writes feature articles for the Mexi City Excelsior, currently resides at 1303 Romero St., Apart 301, Mexi. BORRELL Navarro was interviewed on 11 Jan at which time he furnished the following info: Salvador DIAZ Verson was in Mexi as claimed and discussed OSWALD with BORRELL and other Cuban exiles. DIAZ Verson also visited BORRELL in BORRELL's home. BORRELL did not tell the story credited to him by DIAZ Verson concerning the visit to a Mexi City restaurant by OSWALD and Silvia DURAN. BORRELL had never heard the story or any similar story before. BORRELL knew of no meeting between OSWALD and Cub Emb officials other than the meetings which occurred at the time OSWALD visited the Cub Cons in Mexi. BORRELL knew nothing concerning any visit by OSWALD to the home of DURAN. It is to be noted that DURAN was questioned by Mexi authorities.
on 23 Nov 63. At that time she confirmed that OSWALD visited the Cub Emb in Mexi during the time he was in Mexi from 27 Sept to 2 Oct. She alleged that the purpose of his visits to the Cuban Emb was to obtain a Cuban visa. She stated she had given him a telephone number to use in calling her concerning the visa, but denied that he had ever visited in her home. On 17 Jan 64 a source... advised that he had been unable to locate a Caballo Bianco restaurant in Mexi, but stated there is a Caballo Bayo restaurant located on outskirts of Mexi. Source went to restaurant, showed photos of former Cub Con Busebio AZCUEZ Lopez, who was in charge of Cub Con at the time of OSWALD's visit there, of Cub Amb HERNANDEZ Armas, of Silvia DURAN and of OSWALD to employees of restaurant and conducted extensive interviews of these employees. He was unable to find anyone among the employees who could recall any of the persons as having been at restaurant.

MEMX 8003 (Ref: DIR 97829 - para 289 below) - Station has reported all available info on OSWALD activities Mexi. Practically all info from LIENVOY and all other sources was also reported locally to ODENVY and to Amb Mann. It may be that some Station info included by local ODENVY reps in their reporting; believe however local ODENVY will have indicated KUBARK as source.

DIR 97829 - Fletcher M. KNIGHT appeared before Warren Commission on 28 Jan and received guidelines on what they expect from KUBARK. On Sat, 1 Feb, we will give commission a report on OSWALD's activities in Mexi, presented in this sub. We ask you to protect your sources and techniques. Pls review your reporting to us on this subj and cable in anything additional you may have in time for us to include in report.

DIR 98676 (Ref: MEMX 7964 - para 286 above) Before deciding on LCFLUTTER of ROJAS need much more info on his background for clearance purposes. Pls have ODENVY supply vital data, background, job history, some idea of physical and mental condition. Also need know: Would LCFLUTTER be done in secret or must Mexi authorities know? KUBARK not in favor of cutting in local authorities because it hurts security and mobility of FLUTTER experts. We have no traces on ROJAS with present identifying data. We in contact with ODENVY here on case. Pls ask ODENVY Mexi to supply added data.

MEMO to COS from LEGAT; Subject: OSWALD - Re: Ylario ROJAS Vilanueva aka Hilario ROJAS Vilanueva, Eladio VILANUEVA, Eladio VILANUEVA Rojas. Bio Data: ROJAS does not have any birth certificate but states he was born in 1932 or 1933 on a ranch known as Guayabo de Santa Rita, located near the town of Ciudad Manuel Doblado in the state of Guanajuato. His mother still resides at the ranch and her name is Estefania ROJAS and is now about 86 yrs old. He did not know his father, therefore uses his mother's surname, ROJAS. ROJAS lived on the ranch and went to primary school there; finished sixth grade at age of 14. Worked at various jobs about the ranch and in 1969 entered U.S. illegally and worked in the El Centro, Calif. area for a person named McILVANY near Highway 99 and Romy Street. McILVANY was engaged in drainage and irrigation work and ROJAS worked for him about 7 yrs. In 1954 he was allowed to leave the U.S. voluntarily by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. ROJAS
also claims a common-law marriage to Alicia GALVEZ and that a child was born in the U.S. of this marriage, Alicia still corresponds with him and lives at Calle Republica del Salvador #152, Col. Cuauhtemoc, MexicoDf, Mex. / In about 1954 he returned to the ranch where he continued with his work on the ranch. During 1946 or 57 he was employed by a bottling company at Tijuana, Mex which bottled 7-Up... / In 1960 he returned to Guadalajara. It had no fixed employment since his Tijuana job with the U-Up bottling firm in 57 or 58, occasional temporary jobs since about 50, mostly involving truckloading. / He married his present wife, Yolanda CONCHA in 58 and now has five children, the youngest born 21 Dec 69. / Letters which have been observed indicate by postmark that ROJAS was in Cozumel, but at a later period than he has stated and apparently for at least three to possibly five months, which contradicts information received from Daniel SOLIS, who stated Ylaricio ROJAS Villanueva lived in Cozumel for about 2 weeks in June 62. ROJAS readily admits that he, ROJAS, is the uncle of SOLIS's wife. / A verification of his reported travel to the U.S. border, namely, Nuevo Laredo, has been established, although not on the specific dates furnished by ROJAS. CMA records reflect one Hilario ROJAS was on flt from Guadalajara to Nuevo Laredo on 3 Aug 62. CMA records further reflect that a telegram dated 31 July 62 at Nuevo Laredo authorized the CMA ticket office in Guadalajara to issue a ticket to Hilario ROJAS of 665 Chilares Street, Guadalajara. (It is noted that ROJAS has stated that he formerly resided at Chilares Street in Guadalajara.) / ROJAS appears to be in normal physical condition and no outward signs observed of any mental deficiency. He did not reveal any mental quirks. He tends to be volatile in his conversations and to wander from specific lines of questioning. / He appears to react mentally in a manner reflecting innate intelligence superior to that of his stated sixth grade education. / He does not volunteer any motive for furnishing info to the U.S. Gov concerning his alleged association with unidentified Cubans and with OSWALD, both at U.S. border and at Cozumel. / Other than discrepancies noted in various interviews conducted with ROJAS, the only apparently unusual development concerns a reportedly second letter that he has directed to U.S. Consulate according to his own statement, stated that he had additional info to furnish. According to ROJAS, this additional info concerned a so-called camera which he saw in Cozumel in the possession of the unidentified Cubans and OSWALD, which camera reportedly had adaptations which could be utilized to fire about five cartridges, which cartridges reportedly have a small gas compartment and that said gas was for the purpose of cutting down on the noise made in firing said camera. He also described a rifle supposedly in the possession of these previously mentioned individuals. He claims to have been told by the Cubans that the "camera" was worth about $50,000 and was a Russian invention. / Attitude toward Polygraph Examination: It was explained to ROJAS that it might be in his future to afford him the use of certain instruments. He said he would be agreeable to submit an examination. / Attitude of Mexican Government re Polygraph Examination: It is assumed that, as in the past case of the Ni, Echeverria should be consulted and his authorization obtained to conduct said examination. At the same time, he can also be told that general results of exam would be furnished him. / It is further suggested that the full name of ROJAS should be furnished Echeverria and the fact that he would be examined either in Guadalajara or Mexico. There does not appear to be any reason for Echeverria to be furnished the idea of the Polygraph examiner....
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MEXI 8117 (Ref: DIR 98676 - para 290 above) Following rec'd from local ODENNY on 7 Feb. (Reporting contents of para 291 above)

DIR 00302 (Ref: MEXI 8117 - para 292 above) Will trace and clear ROJAS. Since he Mexi cit. we do not want to LCIPLUTER him in Mexi with knowledge of government there. ALVARADO case was different because we knew ALVARADO would be sent straight back to Nic. Will confer with ODENNY here on pros and cons of taking him to Texas, where facilities would be better. Will advise.

Note on cover sheet of DIR 00302 - Advised Henry Johnson (LEGAT) on 11 Feb 64. Signed COS

MEMO to COS from JKEVENKUM (source): Source has been told to drop everything else and concentrate on Betty MORA to endeavor to find out any additional info which she might have re OSWALD and his activities in behalf of the Fairplay Forough Committee in New Orleans, La. prior to the assassination. (See para 26 above) In this connection it will be recalled that MORA stated after the death of the President that she hoped that the FBI would not look too hard in New Orleans because it could be very bad "for us". Source also reported that Reva BERNSTEIN, former Chairman of the FFPCC in Detroit, Mich., has been in Mexi for more than a month, that she had been in Puerto Vallarta for a month, that she had wanted to go to Playa Azul but that she did not do so because "it was not good to do so - so soon after the assassination", that she was leaving Mexi to go to Zijuatenejo. Source does not believe she was in Puerto Vallarta, nor that she is presently in Zijuatenejo. BERNSTEIN also told source that she had been questioned in Detroit, prior to her departure for Mexi, by the RCMP, but that no inquiry had been made of her by the FBI or any U.S. police or investigative agency. The interrogation had to do with the FFPCC, its activities in the Detroit area, and the fact that she had reportedly acted as a mail drop for Canadian communists. This interrogation took place in the office of her lawyer in Detroit. She admitted to source that she had, in fact, acted as a drop, but that she told the RCMP that she had merely acted as the addressee for "progressive publications" for her Canadian friends.

Note written in margin of above Memo: Should I report for Hqs info only? by COS. RIGGS wrote: Since this deals with OSWALD case and has already been reported by the source to ODENNY, I believe we should not send to Hqs. It adds nothing to the case and if Hqs should decide to dissem. it would blow source to ODENNY (our use of source). Signed RIGGS.

MEXI 8194 (Ref: MRID 0385 - para 284 above and B. MEXI 7934 - para 286 above) LEGAT requests the following additional questions be put to Daniel SOLIS: A. Verify if SOLIS has received two letters recently from Eladio ROJAS Villanueva aka Eladio VILLANUEVA regarding notebook. B. Ask SOLIS to forward notebook if found to: Mr. Edwin O. Johnson, Consulado Americano, Guadalajara, Jalisco. C. Letters in possession VILLANUEVA indicate he in Cozumel with Daniel SOLIS for at least three months in 1965. Can SOLIS recall dates? D. Ask SOLIS if VILLANUEVA in contact with Cubans or Americans while in Cozumel. Ask him how VILLANUEVA occupied his time. / Please cable reply.
FOR JACK STEWART, MEXICA. from Joe Garcia (LEGAT) requesting information contained in para 296 above.

MRID 0404 (Ref: MEXI 8194 - para 296 above) 1. Poll SOLIS reply para 1 Ref: A. Had not received two letters recently from VILLANUEVA. B. Would forward as requested any notebook that turned up. C. Best recollection VILLANUEVA arrived Cozumel very early June 22, left on 4 July 63 on ferry boat Alberto for Puerto Juarez. SOLIS received three letters, since burned, from VILLANUEVA in Guadalajara in months immediately following VILLANUEVA departure from Cozumel. SOLIS answered all three. In last of three replies SOLIS asked VILLANUEVA repay 500 peso loan. SOLIS never heard from VILLANUEVA after that. VILLANUEVA in one of three letters asked if SOLIS would like to be "secret police agent" on Cozumel. SOLIS had no further info on possible contacts VILLANUEVA with Cubans or Americans on Cozumel. VILLANUEVA when not working as albanil, spent his time at SOLIS home "chapeando" (weeding, cutting brush) and usually in hammock by 2030 hrs. SOLIS and VILLANUEVA sometimes visited Mavaza night-club together. VILLANUEVA did not appear to be much of a drinker. / 2. SOLIS also said VILLANUEVA arrived Cozumel with Sergeant second class "Polo" (military); Polo was arriving on new assignment of Cozumel Military Base; VILLANUEVA said had met Polo in MEXI City; Polo came around SOLIS house twice after VILLANUEVA departure looking for VILLANUEVA. (CONFIDENTIAL: Base asked HASSIM JOAQUIN discreetly obtain all info possible on Polo; will advise. Base and JOAQUIN assured SOLIS were not telling straight forward story. SOLIS daughter, apparently unprized, confirmed burning of letters from VILLANUEVA.

MEMO to LEGAT from COS: Subject: OSWALD - Memo reports info contained in para 296 above.

MEXI 8341 to MRID - Mr. Joseph Garcia, LEGAT, going to Merida 21 Feb. Said would contact COS soon after arrival. Garcia would like to meet and talk to Daniel SOLIS re VILLANUEVA. He also has "few other leads" in area but did not specify whether pertinent OFFLOOK or not.

DIR 02697 - No traces ROJAS aka VILLANUEVA. KUBARK now prepared to LQPLUTTER him in Texas if ODENNY still wants it. Have told ODENNY here and awaiting their decision.

MEMO to COS from LEGAT; Subject: OSWALD. (See para 197 above) As reported previously, source made available a copy of the bus manifest of a company called Transportes Frontera which covered the trip of the bus which departed Mexi 2 Oct 63 and scheduled arrival time at Nuevo Laredo at 6 a.m. on 3 Oct. The passenger listed as occupying seat 1 on this manifest was OSWALD, no first name given. Destination was given as Laredo. No ticket number was listed by name beside the names of the remaining passengers. This manifest was poorly prepared in longhand with names of some of the passengers being incomplete and in some cases illegible. Toward the bottom of the manifest is a notation "9 Laredo, 7 Monterrey"; however, including the name of OSWALD, 10 passengers appear on the list with a destination of Laredo. Francisco ALVARADO, ticket salesman and dispatcher at the
Transpores Frontera terminal in Mexi, was interviewed several times, the last being on 17 Dec. ALVARADO had no recollection of OSWALD and could offer no explanation as to why no ticket number appeared beside his name or as to the reason for the discrepancy in the number of passengers listed for Laredo. / / As previously reported, Francisco SOUCEDO Velez and Dionicio REYNA Paz, chauffeurs on the trip... were interviewed. They had no personal recollection of OSWALD nor could they offer any explanations concerning the discrepancy in the number of passengers and the fact that no ticket number appeared beside OSWALD's name. / SOUCEDO explained that tickets bearing a prefix of 39 covered travel from Mexi to Monterrey and those with a prefix of 10 covered the travel from Mexi to Nuevo Laredo. He also pointed out that tickets collected from the passengers on a given trip are forwarded to the offices of the bus company in Monterrey. / On 9 Dec Telesforo QUIROGA, ticket agent at Transpores Frontera office, Monterrey was interviewed. All tickets listed by number on the passenger manifest for the 2-3 Oct 63 trip from Mexi to Nuevo Laredo were located. QUIROGA could offer no explanation as to why no ticket number was listed for OSWALD, and it was impossible for him to locate a ticket which might have been used by OSWALD. / OSWALD in Mexi stayed at Hotel del Comercio, Calle Sahagun 19. On 20 Jan 64 Guillermo GARCIA Luna, manager of this hotel, reported: / The hotel does not use a system of registration cards for guests, but rather uses a guest registry book. On the first day a guest arrives he, himself, makes the initial entry in the book, this including the name of the guest, the place from which he is arriving, his occupation, and his nationality. Thereafter on each day the guest continues at the hotel the same info is entered in the book on the page designed for that date. Any entry is made by a hotel employee. / Guests pay in advance. OSWALD registered on 27 Sept, arriving being shown as "USA (Texas)", occupation "photo" and nationality was "U.S. citizen". Handwriting on this entry in the registry book has been identified with known handwriting of OSWALD by the FBI. / OSWALD was listed as staying in room 18 from 27 Sept through night of 1 Oct. Mr. GARCIA Luna said rooms 18 through 27 occupy one floor of the hotel. He was able to furnish info on three of the guests who occupied rooms on same floor as OSWALD because they frequently stop at the hotel when in Mexi. Guest were: Mr. PERRY Pfliego, railroad employee, room 19 on 26 Sept and 27 and 28 Sept; A Captain ESQUIVEL of Veracruz occupies room 19 on 20 Sept 63; Capt. Antonio CABRERA, Capt. Antonio CABRERA, room 24, Sept 15 and 17; have been interviewed. / OSWALD was living in a hotel in Mexi but had not been noticed OSWALD. / The following investigation was conducted in Veracruz on 23-24 Jan; Ernest HOLM, Vice Consul, Amer Con, contacted logical sources of his office.../None of these sources was able to identify Captain ESQUIVEL, Lt. COMMANDER Charles EDSON, assigned to Navi Academy as an instructor by the U.S. Navy was unable to locate any info on ESQUIVEL. Inspector Alberto MORALES, Veracruz Police Dept, was unable to obtain any info on ESQUIVEL. / Investigation continuing./ Intensive investigation continuing to locate Mario RESENDIZ of Monclova.

MEMO from LEGAT to COS; Subject: Jack L. RUBY, OSWALD - Victim. / Information has been received that RUBY traveled to Cuba from Mexi in the latter part of 62 under name of Jack L. RUBY.
Jack Leon RUBY, Jack RUBENSTEIN, or Jacob RUBENSTEIN. / Advise of any info to verify this travel by RUBY.

MEMO to LEGAT from COS; Subject: RUBY - Info available to this office tells to confirm that RUBY left Mexi for Havana or arrived in Mexi from Havana by air anytime during 1962.

MEMO from LEGAT to Bonnsta, co to COS; Subject: OSWALD. - Ref: LEGAT memo dated 13 Jan 64 (para 27 above) / Same background info as para 277 with followings additional: ROJAS claimed he could pinpoint the date 14 August 1962 as the day he arrived in Mexi because he sat in seat #14 on the bus and his hotel room was #14 and he arrived in Mexi, by coincidence, on 14 Aug 62. (That day, while waiting in a park near the bus station of the bus... Estrellas de Oro, and the hotel where he stayed was in the vicinity, he was contacted by an unidentified individual, who he later learned was a Cuban. He saw this Cuban over a period of two days and this Cuban proposed that ROJAS help him in smuggling Cuban propaganda to Mexico.) / ...... // / Details on interrogations concerning ROJAS, SOLIS, etc., ended up (see 22 of Memo 5 Mar from LEGAT) with "All ROJAS, at Guadalajara, Jelisco, continued to maintain that he had met OSWALD at Nuevo Laredo and again later at Cozumal, as he had previously declared; however, subsequently on that day he orally admitted that he had never known or met OSWALD anywhere." / A written, signed statement declaring all information had been false was prepared and signed by ROJAS.

MEMO to COS from LEGAT; Subject: OSWALD. Source produced original of a passenger list or manifest relating to departure No. 2, Bus No. 340, 2 Oct 63, of the Transportes Frontera, S.A. de C. V. bus line, which has its headquarters in Monterrey, N. L. and its Mexi terminal at Buena Vista Street #7. / The passenger list or manifest was clear evidence that OSWALD had departed from Mexi on the bus connected therewith which left Mexi at 11:10 p.m. and scheduled to have arrived at Nuevo Laredo, Tamp. (across border from Laredo, Texas) at 5:30 a.m., 3 Oct 63. / Info on passenger list is handwritten, not complete and not all legible, etc... (report submitted typed list of passengers, seat number, ticket number and destination, etc.). "Inquiry at Transportes Frontera Bus Terminal" - On 5 March 63, Gilberto LOZANO Gutierrez advised that he is the Manager of the Mexi Terminal of Transportes Frontera Bus Company, Buena Vista #7, which has a franchise for "through service" between Mexi, Monterrey and Laredo, but is not permitted to sell tickets or pick up passengers at intermediate localities. / LOZANO said that Transportes Frontera had made a complete study of its records and procedures and has now arrived at the conclusion that the person designated as "OSWALD" on the 2 Oct 63 passenger manifest did not purchase a ticket and could not have traveled on the trip to which it relates. He pointed out that the list of passenger reservations, tickets sold, and passengers actually boarding the bus in Mexi are recorded on the form which is provided for that purpose and is maintained on a clip board on the counter from which ticket sales normally are made by the ticket salesman and dispatcher, Francisco ALVARADO. / He admitted that ALVARADO occasionally is assisted during rush hours or a temporary absence from the counter by the baggage handler, Lucio LOPEZ Medina, who may receive and record reservations on the manifest but does not handle the actual receipt of payment
for tickets. / According to Mr. LOZANO, a reservation is recorded by assigning a seat number available and recording opposite the seat number assigned, the name and destination of the individual requesting the reservations. That reservation is respected under normal conditions until two hours before departure time; however, in the event all seats are not filled, it may be held until the actual departure of the bus. Prior to the departure of the bus, a final check is made of passengers in connection with tickets sold for that particular trip, and at that time the dispatcher communicates by radio to the company headquarters in Monterrey the number of "paying" passengers on the bus in relation to the Monterrey or Laredo destinations for which they purchased tickets. / Francisco ALVARADO, ticket salesman and dispatcher for Transportes Fronteiras, advised that he prepared most of the handwriting on the "2 Oct 63" manifest which bore the name "OSWALD" and destination "Laredo" opposite Seat No. 4. He stated that he did not write the "OSWALD" reservation and it was his opinion that the reservation had been made and the info recorded by the baggage handler, Lucio LOPEZ. ALVARADO is quite certain at the present time that the individual designated on the list as "OSWALD" did not purchase a ticket and did not travel on the trip relating to that manifest. No ticket number was recorded for that person, and a search of the company's records in Monterrey had failed to locate a ticket stub which was not otherwise accounted for in connection with that particular trip. / The notations by ALVARADO of "9 Laredo, 7 Monterrey" reflected that he had reported by radio to the Monterrey office of the company that the bus had departed with nine "paying" passengers for Laredo and seven "paying" passengers destined for Monterrey. The trip was divided into "Laredo Passenger" and "Monterrey Passenger" with no ticket number, indicating he did not travel; "Angel PEREZ" with no ticket number or destination, which confirmed that he had not purchased a ticket and had not boarded the bus; and "Nicolas GONZALEZ" Seat No. 10, listed as having traveled on a pass to Torreon. / ALVARADO and Gilberto LOZANO stated that the notations on the back of the manifest referred to advances of funds made by ALVARADO to LOZANO from the cash for repairs, parts or other requirements. They related that the passenger lists were kept as a permanent record, and, when the manifest was located in the "trash" at the request of investigators of the Mexican Presidential Staff, the blanks at the top of the form had not been filled in at the time destination, trip number, bus number, and date, but they had completed those blanks from their personal knowledge in order to make that data clear to the investigators. They also had listed the names of the drivers on the form at that time. They affirmed that the handwritten "Transportes Fronteiras" at the top of the document had been added by some official of the Mexican Government after the document was borrowed from them. / Both LOZANO and ALVARADO stated that they had no recollection of OSWALD, etc. . . . they could offer no explanation as to how Mexican authorities had arrived at the conclusion that OSWALD had travelled on the Transportes Fronteiras bus of 2 Oct 63, but pointed out that after the name was located on the manifest, they had not been given any opportunity of reviewing, analyzing or checking out the data thereon. / Lucio LOPEZ Medina, baggage and freight handler at Monterrey airports, related that he often assists the ticket salesman by recording reservations and in quite certain that he wrote the "OSWALD" and "LAREDO" opposite Seat No. 4 on the passenger manifest of 2 Oct 63. He stated that he also had recorded the reservations and ticket sales to "FOO SANCHEZ" one of the drivers.
Lucio LOPEZ said he probably wrote "OSWALD" and "LAREDO" on the manifest, yet believes OSWALD did not make the trip on 2 Oct.

308. 19 Mar
Check Enrique RUZ Montalvo

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opposite Seats Nos. 1 and 3, etc., and possibly other items on the manifest. He acknowledged that he had no personal recollection of OSWALD, could not recognize his photo as being of anyone who had been at the bus terminal, and did not believe that OSWALD had embarked on the bus of 2 Oct 63. / LOPEZ said that the reservation was made by the individual in person, as he did not recall having received a reservation by telephone from any person (who spoke very little Spanish and that he has no knowledge of English). / LOZANO said his company, the "Flecha Roja", and "Transportes del Norte" are the only bus lines which afford direct service between Mexico and Laredo, Texas. / "Inquiry at Flecha Roja Bus Terminal Jesús SAUCEDO, Controller at the terminal of the Flecha Roja, Maxi, and investigators made a search of manifests with negative results. / Inquiry at Transportes del Norte Bus Terminal. Ricardo BIELTRAN Medina,Mgr of Maxi terminal stated emphatically that records had been searched by agents of the Maxi Presidential Staff, Ministry of Gov., the Federal Judicial Police, and himself, and no record had been located identifiable with OSWALD.

Washington Report - BACKGROUND FOR ASSASSINATION, published by The American Security Council Editorial Staff. (good reading) Analysis on "why and how" OSWALD's order could have come from Moscow.

DIR 0697 - Dallas News today carries story to effect that Jack RUBY's lawyer, Mr. Melvin M. ELLI, was interviewed at border on route to Mexico City. Interview does not reveal purpose trip. Pls report any info you can develop on ELLI's activities or significance this maneuver. ODACID and President's commission extremely interested.

NAVY 0698 - Enrique RUIZ Montalvo, agent of the Federal Judicial Police, informed Base that one of his contacts reported in late Feb that Gilberto LOPEZ, US cit, was involved in assassination. According this contact, LOPEZ entered Maxi on foot from Laredo, Texas about 1200 hours on 13 Nov carrying U.S. passport 519996 issued 13 July 62 and proceeded by bus to Mexico City where he entered Cuban area. On 27 Nov he left Cuba on Cuba flight 46 and was the only passenger allowed on the plane. LOPEZ was issued Maxi travel form 8 No. 24553 at Nuevo Laredo. / RUIZ said could not verify this info, but believed it might be of interest to U.S. gov. / Base and ODACID files contain no identifiable traces on LOPEZ/LOPEZ. Pls advise results has passport check including bio data on LOPEZ if possible for further checking by Base and Station. / Background info re Base contact with RUIZ contained in HMDA 2120. 18 Mar being pounced 20 Mar.

MEXI 0737 (RED) - DFR 0895 - not-in-file; not abstracted - Local radio broadcast naming 18 Mar trip Maxi with Maxi and recent visit "old friend" Victor VELASQUEZ. Station notified ODENVY / Station traces on VELASQUEZ. ELLI member of Board (Chairman) of Directors of International Academy of Trial Lawyers, 545 Fifth Ave, N.Y.. / Reply to Amb's request for trace stated in Dec 58 VELASQUEZ former History professor at UNAM and Falangist leader in Mexi 1942 and directed drug smuggling for party. Proceeds being used for Falangist propaganda. E-2 report 1945 says V pro-U.S. and no longer has Falangist connections. In interview with Amb described self as anti-Comm, Royalist and believer in Porfirio Diaz policy. Was inviting
Amb to party for Truman B. TUCKER, N.Y. lawyer listed in letterhead as President of Academy of Trial Lawyers. / Barnett GOODRICH, COS contact, reported Mar 61 that V was behind attacks launched against U.S. lawyers practicing in Mexi and controlled and financed group UNAM students who attacked U.S. lawyers. / V was character reference listed in FROQ of Jorge PRIETO Laurens, who president of Frente Popular Anticomunista de Mexi and 2nd of Confederacion interamericana de defensa del continente. / In Oct 62 when Mr. Robert FLORESTEDT (KUBARKER) here from NSC collecting NS material he visited V who described as Mexico's outstanding criminal lawyer and who had written article on U.S. invidiousness. He described V as not revealed in what way V of service. / ODENNY has no record but their inquiries reveal V outstanding and highly respected trial lawyer here. / In absence COS and since JKB leaving town 20 Mar for weekend asking ODENNY their ability follow BELLi movements. If nil, will attempt cover via LEMBRACE surveillance. Will explore other possibilities with TESSAROLHO and GOODRICH and JKB after his return 23 Mar.

MEXICO 8700 (Ref: MINTY 8709 - Para 309 above) - Ref info jibes fully with that provided Station by LTREPQ & early Dec 63. / DIR: Assumes ODENNY furnished no further info on Subj after DIR 87088 (not then in abstracted).

THE NEWS - Fired By Ruby, BELLi Is Here - by Jaime Flenn; Melvin BELLi appealed to "public opinion and my fellow lawyers" not to pass judgment on his conduct in the Jack RUBY trial until all "technical details of the trial and the defense are known." / BELLi, discharged as attorney for RUBY, convicted killer of OSWALD, made the statement through a spokesman, VELASQUEZ, well known local lawyer. / The indirect statement followed a reported criticism of BELLi by Walter C. CRAIG of Phoenix, Ariz., American Bar Assn. president. / ....

...BELLi arrived last night by train, and checked into a mid-town hotel, and was in contact with VELASQUEZ, the latter said today. / ....BELLi said he would make a full statement of his position upon his arrival in San Francisco.

MEXICO CITY DAILY BULLETIN (Date-lined Paris, Mar 30 Appl) ...A Paris weekly magazine has been publishing a series of extracts from a book by U.S. lawyer Thomas Buchanan - which book found an publisher in the U.S. - which claims that the assassination of Fred. Kennedy was part of a

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The book "The Assassins of President Kennedy" indicates OSWALD was little more than a "patsy" in a conspiracy put together by a number of men. The 24 yr old was used according to Buchanan, to (a) acquire the rifle used in K slaying, (b) facilitate the entrance into the Dallas Book Depository of a marksman and (c) cover up for the rest of the gang by accepting full guilt for the crime. Buchanan claims that Dallas Policeman Tippit, who was shot down by OSWALD shortly following the assassination, had as his "job" the "silencing" of OSWALD but that OSWALD was quicker on the draw. Buchanan - whose conclusions are also supported by N.Y. Civil Rights Attorney Mark Lane, appearing before the Warren Com. "representing" the slain OSWALD - also claims that there was a sniper at the underpass bridge under which the Kennedy motorcade was moving and that this sniper also opened fire. He says this second sniper might have been RUBY, who showed up following the killing in the office of the "Dallas Morning News," the only building of quick, sure access for the sniper on the bridge. His conclusion is clear - that Ruby gunned down OSWALD in the police station just as it was feared OSWALD was ready to "spill" the whole story.

315. 1 April

Was VELASQUEZ been queried recently?

MEXI 8878 (Ref: MEXI 8737 - para 310 above) - As HQS knows BELLi remained Mexi only one night and Victor VELASQUEZ issued innocuous press statement for him. TESSAROLO and BENAVIDES both report VELASQUEZ reputation among local lawyers is shabby. While he effective defense lawyer with excellent batting average, said to be completely without ethics. Interesting that in current Mexi bar association attack against U.S. lawyers practicing Mexi, bar apparently not risking dignity its case by allowing VELASQUEZ join campaign. BENAVIDES not optimistic re his or LITEMPO chances learn content BELLi/VELASQUEZ discussions.

316. 1 April

NOTE: Written by COS on cover of MEXI 8878 above. "I have a friend, Gerald SCHULD, who is very close to Victor VELASQUEZ - maybe I can get us some comment via Gerry from Victor V.

317. 3 Apr

MEMO to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Photographs. Ref is made to our conversation of 3 Apr 64 and the request for sixteen copies of each of some five items. There are attached 16 copies of each of the requested items. (On file copy is "See HNSA 25629, 9 Apr 64" - para 2 B.3 below)

318. 7 Apr 1810 hrs

DEPARTMENT INCOMING TELEGRAM (Control 133) - President's commission on assassination informed that members of commission staff plan travel to Mexi 8 Apr in connection with investigation of OSWALD's activities in Mexi during period 26 Sept to 3 Oct 63. Names of staff members are William T. COLEMAN and W. NAYLES CLASNOC, Howard P. WILKINS of Justice Dept., currently assigned to commission staff, will accompany them. These lawyers have been instructed (1) to inform themselves of investigative effort made by American agencies abroad; (2) to become informed with as much detail as possible regarding investigative effort of Mexican agencies; and (3) to consult with appropriate U.S. and Mexican officials as to what further investigation should be initiated. Sub should not disclose fact of trip or its purpose to anyone. Avoidance of publicity is of paramount interest to both U.S. and Mex. Jnl Assist.
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DIR 12633 - Wish alert you that three members of Warren Commission Legal Staff, WILKINS, SLAWSON, and COLEMAN, will arrive Mexi without publicity...to confer with you Station, HEPBING, and ODENVY about investigative action taken on OSWALD case. / Main purpose is assure themselves about completeness of investigation by KUBANK, ODENVY, and Mexicans. All have studied our reports in detail. KUBANK endorses purpose of trip. / Will cable further guidelines on what expected from your Station.

319. 7 Apr

DIR 13026 (Ref: DIR 12633 - para 319 above) Subjects arrive.../ They want to know if Mexicans have further written investigative reports... / Some high officials themselves, try to talk to Silvia KUBANK, whether Mexicans will let them later publish just what Mexicans did in case. / These officers know we have tap assets, may have guessed from coverage, we have photo points and a source in Cuban Emb, but they want to know details of our arrangements with Mexicans. Request CURTIS lend all needed assistance with minimum possible disclosure of assets and techniques, and no publicity at all.

320. 8 Apr

DIR 13204 (Ref: MEXI 6923 - para 322 below) Your visitors know CURTIS must leave 13 Apr for conference here.... / Consultation with Division......

321. 9 Apr

MEXI 6923 - Station Chief's meeting first on agenda followed by consultations with Division and Desk. Plus confirm. Also number of days... ODACID telegram of 7 Apr probably will be fairly demanding and CURTIS, who was Station CO, will be expected to participate in discussions.

322. 3 Apr

MEMO 23229 Attached are copies of documents pertinent to OSWALD's trip to Mexi in Oct 63. / These copies were made (as extra ones) when ODENVY asked Station to make photographic copies for them. / Attached are for HQS only for completion of HQS files. (ATTs are as follows: Reproduced above is a "Solicitudes de Reservacion" (Reservation Request), also described as a "Ticket Purchase Order" by Transportes Chihuahuenses Travel Agency, Mexi City, issued to Mr. H. 0. LEE for "one seat from Mexi to Laredo," confirmed Mr. SAUCEDO in the amount of 93.75 pesos and dated 50 Sept 63. #2. Reproduced above is a "Orygional International Exchange Order" issued by Transportes Chihuahuenses Travel Agency, Mexi City on 1 Oct 63 to H. 0. LEE for travel from Laredo, Texas to Dallas, Texas, following entry to the U.S. via Transportes del Norte.

323. 9 Apr

MEMO FOR THE FILES from COS, Subject: Theodore Vincent LEE - On 10 Apr 64 BERNADUM reported that his "American source" had talked to Elizabeth Catlett de MORA (Betty MORA) on 9 Apr. / Among the items discussed was Subject (see his file). He was formerly Chief (in U.S.A.) of "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" (which was dissolved after OSWALD's assassination of K and publication and proof of OSWALD's involvement in the "Fair Play" activities). / Subject has now organized and is directing a "Revolutionary Aid Committee in the U.S.A." MORA reports that this Committee is being financed from the Communist Chinese via Havana and Mexi.
THE NEWS - Local Police Mum on OSWALD Prob - Mexi police authorities refused to acknowledge their participation in the activities of OSWALD during his visit to Mexi City. / ....Various Mexi police corps are cooperating in the investigation carried here by 3 Americans, SLAWSON, WILLIAMS and COLEMAN on the steps of the alleged assassin of Pres. K. / OSWALD, shot to death by HUBY in Dallas, visited Mexi 26 Sept for one week, visited Mexi City to obtain a visa to travel to Cuba and Sov Union.

AMBASSADOR OUTGOING TELEGRAM Control 122 - Upon their arrival at Mexi City 8 Apr the identities of COLEMAN, SLAWSON and WILLIAMS as members of President's Commission staff were known to Eastern airlines and to at least one other unidentified individual at airport. / ....Thus we foresee no problem w/ GOM from unexpected publicity.

La Prensa - Three Investigators of Kennedy Case in D. R. - About arrival of three mentioned in para 326 above, also they traveled on diplomatic passports, were received by members of the U.S. Emb and refused to make comments to newspapers. / Bags were not inspected. Etc.

Novedades - Three Investigators of the Death of JFK in Mexico - Same as para 327 above.

El Dia - Three Agents Arrive from U.S. who are Investigating the Assassination of Pres. K. - Same as above except last paragraph "However, it was not possible to find out if the three visitors who came for the investigation have come with the authorization of the authorities of our country, since, when we tried to ask them (or interview them), they would not respond."

Novedades - A U.S. Senate Commission in Mexico, Investigates Activities of OSWALD Here - Same as above but with more detail, including "...OSWALD attended a reunion in which were various persons, who, for some time have been active in political affairs, and the meeting was held in a house in Colonia Condessa. .... Also stated was that the investigation would be in collaboration with the DPS of the D.F. and Police Chief, General Luis GUBA Jimenez."

MEXI 8966 (Ref: A. DIR 15026 - para 320 above; B. DIR 16253 - para 319 above) Giving info of newspaper articles on visit of SLAWSON, WILLIAMS and COLEMAN. Also "On morning 9 Apr COS participated with Amb., Min Boonstra and LEGAT in briefing session. On afternoon 9 Apr COS and DCoS spent 3 hrs with visitors. Memo of briefing will be forwarded. / On 10 Apr at request visitors and with approval of COS has asked LEGAT to accompany. Amb told LEGAT 8 on night of 8 Apr (When Amb made his protocol call) of planned arrival, purpose of visit and desire...no publicity. / Will report on visit to LITENPO 8.

MEMO FOR RECORD signed by COS; Material from P-8593 shown to Warren Commission; 1. English translations of callsmade by OSWALD to Sov Emb....2. Conversation between Pres. DORTICOS and Cub Amb SERRANNO Armas in Mexi on 26 Nov 65. 3. Conversation between Cub Amb to Mexi and Pres. DORTICOS in Havana on 26 Nov 63.
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MEXI 8954 (Ref: MEXI 8966 - para 331 above) Publicity on visit continued on 10 and 11 Apr including "The News"... which on 11 Apr stated Mexi police authorities refused to comment on visit. / On 10 Apr at 1130 hrs, with approval Amb, COS took three and LITEMPO 8 to see LITEMPO 8 and acted as interpreter. / LITEMPO 8 cooperative and friendly. / Visitors asked A. For a complete written report on "Measures taken and investigations made" by Mexi authorities after assassination. They promised that any portion they wished to publish in committee report would be cleared with Mexi authorities prior to publication. B. LITEMPO 8 said he would gladly assemble full report but he asked that "in order to make report official" Amb should request this report from Mexi Foreign Minister. LITEMPO 8 said he would contact X FORMIN and tell him to get request to LITEMPO 8. LITEMPO 8 said report would come back via same channel in very short time. / C. Commission reps then asked if LITEMPO 8 objected if Mexi citizens (such as manager of hotel where OSWALD stayed in Mexi) were invited and voluntarily came into U.S. Emb to give statements to commission reps. D. LITEMPO 8 said the Mexi Gov could not agree to this. Said this would appear to be official investigation by U.S. authorities in Mexi. He said it would be against Mexi sovereignty. He then suggested that the commission reps let his office invite such Mexicans to luncheons or dinners with one of LITEMPO 8's subordinates and the commission reps. (Note: This the reps subsequently decided would not be worth risk of offense to Mexicans and bad publicity since they could not take depositions and really discuss matter in public restaurants.) / Amb sent note to Formmin GOROSTITZA on afternoon 11 Apr. / Believe COS and DCOS can assure Emb that 5 reps pleased with sessions they had with Station. Source (tel taps) revealed to them first by Amb and "sees" from these (with Source known to them) revealed by COS. They state they already had told of this source. They also said already committed to clear all drafts of intended reports with KUBARK.

AMBASSAD OUS ONGING TELEGRAM #169 - Same info as para 333 above reported by Amb Freeman

HUMA 23249 to C/WHD, Subject: Visit of Staff Representatives of the Warren Commission: Attached are copies of a Memo for the Record to record talks held with COLEMAN, SAWSON and WILLIAMS, Staff Reps of Warren Commission: 1. On 9 Apr 64, Messrs. C., S. and W. Staff Reps of the Warren Comm, came to Amb's office. 2. Amb, Boonstra, LEGAT and I met there at 0945 hrs on 9 Apr; Amb asked that LEGAT and I cooperate fully; these 3 would have top Secret clearances, etc. 3. When visitors came in, Amb told them that he wished them to call on us for any and all help needed, but that he wished personally to approve in advance any and all contacts with Mexi authorities and/or Mexi citizens. 4. Amb briefed them about secret and sensitive sources, such as tel taps, and reminded them any published item from those sources had to have prior clearance with KUBARK and OSWNY, etc. 5. Amb outlined "rules" for visitors to work. Amb made protocol call on Echeverria, etc. 6. See MEXI 8963 (para 333 above). 7. On 9 and 10 Apr, DCOS and I met with visitors. 3 hrs on 9 Apr and 25 on 10 Apr. In our offices, they: a. Reviewed the "take" for LITENYO for 27, 28 Sept and 1 Oct 63...They made a "schedule" of OSWALL's activities. Note: "Takes" were Eng transcripts.
b. Eng translations of 2 conversations of 26 Nov between Pres DORTICOS and Cub Amb HERNANDEZ.

c. Had me review Silvia DURAN case; they were shown pics of Silvia and husband. d. Had me review case of ALVARADO, the Nic. e. Visitors asked what actions Mexi Station took beginning 22 Nov. I told va: a. Reminded Hqs, Amb Mann and ODEHY locally that we had sent them all (in Oct 63) data on OSWALD recording visit to Mexi and visits to Cub and Cub Emb.

b. They all station assets and sources into job of trying to get all possible details of OSWALD's travel to and from Mexi, place he stayed, contact, etc. c. Stayed in continuous contact with Hqs on leads with ODEHY to coordinate work. d. With Hqs approval, got in touch with Mexi authorities and obtained help in cases -- the outstanding ones being, Silvia DURAN and ALVARADO. e. Put coverages on DURAN, KOSTIKOV and contact in Mexi with OSWALD.

f. Note: The knew about tel conversations OSWALD had except for A. OSWALD wanted to go to Odessa, and b. OSWALD wanted a visa for his wife "who was a Russian". 10. They said that Assistant Sec Mann still has the "feeling in his guts" that Castro hired OSWALD to kill Kostikov. However, that the OSWALD has not been able to get any proof of this.

11. No documents or photos were given visitors. Eng translations read were kept by Station. They are attached. 13. It is believed that all 3 of these visitors were pleased with Station's work on OSWALD case.

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Memo from LEGAT to COS: Lee Harvey OSWALD. Hotel accommodations of OSWALD in Mexi City.

Info verifying OSWALD stayed at Hotel del Comercio, located at Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, in room No. 18. OSWALD registered at "LEE, HARVEY OSWALD, USA, TEXAS, PHOTO, US citizen". Owner and manager of hotel, Guillermo GARCIA Luna cooperated with LEGAT. LEGAT had FBI Laboratory check handwriting of hotel registry of OSWALD with true signature and was found identical. / List of names and residences, room numbers and dates of occupancy of those registered at hotel during time OSWALD was there. / GARCIA Luna received OSWALD at Hotel del Comercio at between 1000 and 1100; OSWALD's room No. 18 was 16.00 pesos daily with bath, that the registry book indicates OSWALD stayed at hotel night of 1-2 Oct and departed during day of 2 Oct 63. GARCIA Luna could not recall circumstances of OSWALD's departure nor the hour. He believed OSWALD neither spoke nor understood any Spanish. He had not observed OSWALD in the hotel during the day and he was never accompanied by any person. He recalled that OSWALD carried a medium-size, brown handbag, which had a zipper and was either of Neugahyde or canvas material. He did not remember that OSWALD had ever worn a coat and believed he usually appeared in a Short-sleeved shirt of a knit variety. Matilde GARNICA, maid at the hotel del Comercio, recognized photo of OSWALD as being the young American who had occupied room No. 18 for almost a week during the latter part of last year. She arrives at work between 0900 and 1000 and leaves at 1100. Clearly recalls OSWALD, as few Americans stay at the hotel. He had few personal effects, carried in a "small brown, zipper handbag" of canvas or imitation leather material. She had seen OSWALD the day of his arrival and the following Saturday as he still was in his room when she checked to determine which rooms were available for cleaning. When she saw him in the room on Saturday he said "good morning" in English, and a short time later left the hotel.
Pedro RODRIGUEZ Ledesma, night watchman at hotel, claims OSWALD left hotel at 0600 or 0700 hrs, for RODRIGUEZ was able to get a taxi for him; however, the maid, Matilde GARCICA, claimed she spoke to OSWALD that Saturday morning of his departure when he said "good morning" and he was in his room. Matilde GARCICA enters work between 0600 and 1000. Time discrepancy??

If OSWALD ate meals at 1400 at restaurant next door to hotel, why was he never seen at hotel during the day? Did he never enter his room during the day, after lunch, to wash his hands? Why, if he were in area of CUB or Sov Est or Colonie Comesa, would he return to the hotel location to eat, yet not be seen at the hotel??

Negro?? Any connection?? Brought up by GARCIA Luna because of efforts to locate him so he could pay the bill??

Sebastian PEREZ Hernandez, desk clerk and assistant to the owner of the Hotel del Comercio, had not conversed with OSWALD but remembered him clearly because few Americans stay at the hotel. He said OSWALD left the hotel each morning and did not return until evening, possibly after PEREZ Hernandez had completed his working day and left the hotel. OSWALD was alone and usually wore a knit, short-sleeved sport shirt and no coat or jacket. He did not remember seeing OSWALD depart the hotel on the morning of 2 Oct, but it was possible that the night watchman, who remained at the reception desk during the night might have been aware of OSWALD's departure from the hotel. Watchman is Pedro RODRIGUEZ who could be located at the hotel after 2100 or during the early morning hours. RODRIGUEZ Ledeas wash hours are from 2100 to 0600, however, he often is able to leave the hotel by 0800 or early. The owner and manager, Guillerme GARCIA Luna, has arrived to relieve him and hand reception duties. He clearly recalls the young American whom he later identified in his mind as OSWALD and remembers that on the date of the latter's departure from the hotel and on the basis of sign language and the word "taxi" which he understood that OSWALD wanted a taxicab, RODRIGUEZ walked around the corner from the hotel where he obtained a taxicab. He believed OSWALD left the hotel between 0650 and 0700 and that it was getting light when he went in search of the taxicab. He could not be more precise concerning the time. He believed OSWALD gave him a small tip of one or two pesos. OSWALD carried his own luggage downstairs and waited in front of the hotel with the luggage until RODRIGUEZ returned with the taxicab. RODRIGUEZ commented that while he had little difficulty obtaining a taxi at the early hour, it became very difficult to secure taxi transportation between 0730 and 0830 because of the heavy traffic at that time. RODRIGUEZ related that OSWALD always arrived at the hotel late at night, "midnight or thereafter," but he never noticed any indication that OSWALD had been drinking. / Guillerme GARCIA Luna said of Pedro RODRIGUEZ Ledesma that RODRIGUEZ is "humble but very serious, deeply religious, a family man, and highly reliable." / Dolores RAMIREZ de BARBERO, owner, manager and sometimes cook at small restaurant immediately adjacent to Hotel del Comercio, stated that because of proximity, of hotel, many hotel guests dined at her establishment. She remembered OSWALD had eaten several meals at the restaurant in the late afternoon or after a period of one week. OSWALD appeared at the restaurant after the noon rush hour or some time after 1400, always alone, and ordered food by pointing at menu. Ate soup of rice, fish, and either meat or eggs, but rejected desert and coffee, and was very money (cost) conscious. Meals cost five to six pesos. / / / / Individuals in neighborhood of hotel were queried with negative results. / / / / Guillerme GARCIA Luna advised that on the basis of a search of an abandoned correspondence, review of his records and accounts, and refreshing his memory through discussions with other personnel at hotel, he had been able to develop the following data: Antonio OLIVIA is a Negro who had been considered Cuban but had clarified to GARCIA Luna that he had grown up on east coast of Mexico, where "Cuban Spanish" is spoken. He registered as "musician" but was known to have been employed as a cook or cook's helper in an unidentified Mexi City restaurant. He had been living at the hotel with a woman to whom he referred as his "wife" but GARCIA Luna judged that she might have been his paramour. They left the hotel without paying a substantial hotel bill, and GARCIA Luna has been attempting to locate them without success.
All other inquiries of hotel guests during OSWALD visit were negative. LEGAT sources reported that Guillermo GARCIA Luna and his hotel, del Comercio, to be reputable.  

MEMO TO LEGAT from COS. Photographs. Attached are, as requested, two prints of each negative. (See 336 below)  

HMMA 23331 - Attached are photos made from film sent to this office by local ODEHNY rep on 24 Apr 67. Local ODEHNY rep requested two copies each. He said these would be sent to his org for Warren Commission. The photos include ones of the local Sov Emb, the local Cuba Consulate, Hotel del Comercio, bus terminal -- places of interest to the Warren Ussee because of OSWALD's Mexi visit. It is requested that this dispatch and atts be routed to Chief, HUDSKE.  

DIR 16827 - Warren commission requests we furnish following info: A. Hours when Cuban and Sov Embassies and Consulates in Mexi City are open to public; their normal working hours, their procedures and regulations, formal and informal involved in issuing permits for travel to and through Cuba. B. Description of procedures and regulations of Mexi government for travel of PERME cits to and through Cuba. Request Mexi cable summary of all that can be ascertained on above.  

MEX3 9332 (Ref: DIR 16827 - para 39 above) Sov Emb and Con are not open to public. Offices are in compound accessible only by appointment. Sov guards are on outside gate around clock. Normal work hours were 0900 to 1600 but recently changed to 0900 to 1400 Monday through Friday. Sov Con frequently change. Now open 1100 to 1300 Mondays and Fridays. Sixteen Sov families live in compound. Visitors ring bell at gate at all hours. Russian speakers can get in anytime. Others usually turned away by guard after hours. Sovs are not known to issue permits for travel Cuba. Cuban Emb and consulate in same compound, have separate entrances. Consulate receives visitors from 1000 to 1400 hrs Monday through Friday. Emb working hours are from 0900 to 1700 hours same days. Most Emb visitors usually attended before 1400 hrs. These are also applied for Estab 63. Cuban Emb procedures and regulations for issuing permits for travel to and through Cuba: Visas normally valid for 3 months from date of issue. Prior authorization from Habana invariably required before issuance any visa. Applicant completes visa application form at Consulate, permit obtained in exchange of cables between Emb and Minrex Habana. In many cases visas issued on separate sheet paper in effort conceal fact of travel. Mexi govt procedures and reg for travel PERME cits to and through Cuba unchanged since HMMA 20887, 3 May 67. PERME cits with passports and Cub visas are free to travel to Cuba. PERME cits can obtain tourist cards from Mexi consol Habana for return via Mexi.  

HMMA 23398 - Attached are copies of 2 pages which were reproduced by Station for local ODEHNY who procured documents (on loan) from Sec de Gob. (Documents are list of a person entering
MEXICO 9430 - ODENVY req'd large pkg through pouch with committee counsel Lee RANKIN with instructions pass unopened to Dr. Dale CAMERON attending psychiatric convention here. On turnover CAMERON opened package ODENVY office and C/ODENVY would see only that it contained pile documents stamped top secret and classified lined out. CAMERON walked out of office carrying papers, probably to Hotel Maria Isabel where most conventiones staying. Station understands CAMERON intends deliver talk on psychiatric assessment of OSWALD, presumably on basis these papers. Although Station ignorant content or origin documents appear odd see top secret docs relevant GPFLOOR case declassified prior issuance committee report. Have not informed ODENVY this cable although C/ODENVY said he was cabling his Hqs which he thought probably did not know contents of package.

MEMO to Boostra from LEGAT, copy to POS - In accordance with our conversation, there is attached a copy of the report forwarded to the Sec of For Relations by the Acting Sec of Gobernamo. While the report at the end bears date of 5 May 64, source who made a copy of the report while for copying advised that it was actually delivered to Foreign Relations on 9 May 64. (see para 344 below)

MEMO 23443 - Attached are copies of the Gobernamo Report on the steps taken and investigations made by the Mexi Gov as a result of President K's assassination. As will be recalled, this report was asked for by the three members of the Warren Commission who visited Mexi 8-13 Apr 64. ... The attached copies are "unofficial". The report had not yet (as of 15 May) been received by U.S. Amb from the Sec of For Affairs. The attached was received from LITENPO/1. A copy was also sent this Station by the LEGAT who received a copy unofficially from Lt. Santiago Ibanez Llamas, Director of Investigations, Gobernamo. No pass copy to Chief, KUEFER. (Highlights of Report, in rough translation) - Just as soon as GOM learned of the death of Pres. K, the country closed its borders, in case the assassin would try to flee Dallas into Mexico. Also troops were sent to border towns in case it would be necessary. Upon learning the name of the assassin, investigations were begun because it was known OSWALD was in Mexico in 1962. Through Immigration Department we could establish for sure that OSWALD entered Mexi via Nuevo Laredo, Tamps, 26 Sept 63 as a tourist, etc., etc., and made a photostatic copy of document of entry into country. On 27 Sept 63 he stayed at the Hotel del Comercio, etc. During his five day stay in Mexi City, OSWALD tried to obtain a Cuban visa in transit to the Sov Union, etc. Interviewed Sr. Silvia Duran, etc., OSWALD cancelled his reservations at the hotel on 1 Oct and reserved a seat on the bus to Transported Frontiera to return to Nuevo Laredo the following day. However, he did not travel on this bus, nor any other bus which travels to Nuevo Laredo, Tamps. Confirmed OSWALD left Mexi at Nuevo Laredo on 3 Oct, etc. On 26 Nov an inspector, Jose Maria del Valle, went to Nuevo Laredo to investigate OSWALD's travels and also the existent rumor that OSWALD had been there previously to obtain a divorce in Mexico, etc. Because one of the stenographers, Foa II, in the Immigration Office in Nuevo Laredo stated OSWALD had travelled in by car from there to his country; however, proof was not found in a search of papers in customs that OSWALD left by car.
There are supposed to be 17 attachments; where are they??

How can they be so sure that OSWALD had no political contacts??

Signed by Lt. Luis ECHEVERRIA

AMEMBASSY A-1359 - Mexican Report on Activities of OSWALD While in Mexico - On 11 Apr the Emb delivered to Sec of For Relations note #1349, dated 10 Apr 64, requesting report on investigation conducted by Mexi national agencies into activities of OSWALD. Emb note also requested a description of the measures which were taken by Mexi Govt, etc. / Under cover of note #1349-26, dated 14 May 64, the Sec of For Relations of Mexi has transmitted to Emb a confidential memo setting forth info requested. The original note and attached memo are forwarded herewith, with the request that they be made available to President's Commission on Assassination. A certified copy of the Mexi note and memo is included for the Department's files, while another certified copy has been retained in Emb files. / Department's attention is drawn to the reservation that memo may not be published, in part or in full, without the express consent of the Mexi Govt.

ANNA 235420 - Mexi Gov Report on Actions Taken and Investigations Made After the Death of Pres. Kennedy (Ref: ANNA 23443 - para 344 above) Same info as para 344 above except the declaration of Silvia DURAN about her contact with OSWALD (nothing new).

NOTE: Written by COS - This copy of the Foreign Office's 'edited' version of Lt. Luis ECHEVERRIA's report was given to me by LEGAT on 2 June 64. We already have copies. (Attached is the same report as para 346 above.

AMEMBASSY A1461 "Supplementary Mexican Report on Activities of OSWALD (ref: A 1359 - para 345 above) - Referenced airgram transmitted a note and a memo from Mexi Sec of For Rel on investigations, etc. / Supplemeting that info, Note No. 505503 dated 9 June 1964, transmitting a number of photostatic copies of documents pertinent to this case. The original of that note and its annexes are forwarded herewith, with the request that they be made available to the President's Commission on the Assassination. A certified copy of the Mexi note and its annexes are included for the Department's files, another retained in the Embassy. / Department's attention is drawn to the reservation that... may not be published...without permission of Mexi Government.

Potomac Cable No. 278 (Unclassified) (Sent via wireless file 6-12-64) - The Warren Commission - This is a two page document stating the aims of the Commission, which was established on 29 Nov 63, and that its work report would be published in July 1964.
350. 19 June

SECRET

MEKI 998 (Ref: MEKI 9861 - not in OSWALD file; see YATSKOV 885) During Subject's
(SUBJECT IS LIOVAL-1) (John Emil BLANKENHEIM) 11-12 June 64 trip with Sov Consul Pavel Antanovich
YATSKOV (GOB), latter mentioned could do favor for Subj and import rifle free of duty from U.S.
for Subj's hunting interests. Subj casually responded that Y could probably order one from
KLEIN discount store Chicago. This caused Sov to ask Subj if though OSWALD actually Pres K's
assassin. Subj said definitely believed this true basis newspaper accounts. Y countered
saying did not believe OSWALD involved and briefly explained his position by folly: "I met
OSWALD here. He stormed into my office and wanted me to introduce and recommend him to the Cubans.
He told me that he had lived in the USSR. I told him that I would have to check before I could
recommend him. He was nervous and his hands trembled, and he stormed out of my office. I don't
believe that a person as nervous as OSWALD, whose hands trembled, could have accurately fired
a rifle." Above is full extent of Y's statement as recalled by Subj who did not try eliciting
further.

LEGAT EFFORT (filed in Bulky)

351. 22 June Read carefully

352. 25 June
353. 24 June

DIR 30547 (Ref: MEX 9948 - para 350 above) - Pls check LICALLA and LIENVOY records try to determine if YATSKOV was in Mexico City during period OSWALD there and if YATSKOV and OSWALD had any dealings.

Emb Sat., 28 Sept, day on which OSWALD claimed had visited Emb and talked to consul (MEX 7025, 23 Nov. - para 32 above). Also enable your views possibility OSWALD could have met YATSKOV rather than or in addition to KOSIKOV.

ANNEXEY Incoming Telegram Control #72 - President's Commission considers it absolutely necessary to publish documents supplied by GOM (with possible exception Annex 3, reservation sheet of bus company, and Annex 5, except the statements by Mrs. Duran and husband which extremely important to Commission). You requested contact GOM soonest indicating above. You may wish to emphasize that Commission desires publish as much info possible, etc. Report will be published at earliest late July or early August. FYI Substantially all info in documents supplied by GOM had also been supplied Commission by other sources, etc., etc.

NOTE on above: 'Underlined "other sources" - LIENVOY? Also - Amb. will request from Foreign Minister. Signed COS

355. 7 July

DIR 33368 - Call Station attention to DEPT 22 dated 2 July to Mexi (para 354 above) dealing with commission intention publish most of docs received from GOM. Station may wish monitor reply to protect any of its ops interests.

356. 21 July

THE NEWS by Holmes Alexander - Double-Check, datelined Washington - Hugh Aynsworth, a friend of Alexander, will publish anything the Commission omits. Aynsworth has been conducting a parallel investigation of testimony, affidavits and ballistic reports.

...OSWALD's own words show him in his vacillating loyalty, swinging to the Communists, and then swinging back to his native country. When he was pro-Russian, he took money from the Soviet secret police. When he was pro-American, he was able to raise money for home-ward passage at the American Embassy. Aynsworth claimed that the FBI knew OSWALD to be a potential assassin. And FBI agent is quoted as telling the Dallas police on 22 Nov. "We knew he was capable of assassinating the President, but we didn't dream he would do it, etc., etc.

357. 31 July

ANNEXEY Outgoing Telegram, Control 9555 - GOROSTIZA told me that GOM has no objection to publication of all documents except statement of Mrs. Duran (annex 5 mentioned in GOM Note 505503 dated 9 June 1964) (see para 348 - annexes missing). Publication would be embarrassing to GOM because of extensive questioning of Mrs. Duran, etc. I suggested that another way of handling problem would be for GOROSTIZA to indicate parts of Duran statement, publication of which would be particularly embarrassing to GOM, with view to deleting these from published document. GOROSTIZA agreed to re-read document with this in view....
MEMO

To: Tel Conversation between Foreign Secretary GOROSTIZA and Minister Boonstra - GOROSTIZA gave permission to publish all of the documents concerning OSWALD, including that document No. 5 relating to Silvia DURÁN...

Spanish Amb Outgoing Telegram #122 from Amb Freeman to SecState advising info in para 358 above.

Memo of Conversation between Amb Jose GALLASTEGUI, Secretariat of Foreign Relations, and Boonstra - Note from GOM dated 25 July 66 stated permission given to publish all info on OSWALD case, but omitted Document #5 (on DURÁN). GALLASTEGUI said note had been written before decision was made to permit publishing info on DURÁN, to return note and another would be sent....

Spanish Amb Mexico to Dept of State - Permission to Publish Documents on OSWALD with attached Note No. 507794 from GOM....

MEXI 661 (Ref: WAVE 029) - 17 Aug 69 - 1. 19 Aug KUJUMP Houston advised KUJUMP WAVE area of foll: A. Oscar RODRIGUEZ Molina VPOR 10 Dec 29 Jan 20 Havana, Havana effects Black River crossing from Mex to Brownsville, Texas, 18 Aug. B. Subj picked up by and in custody OCURO Brounville. C. Subj claims visit PERDHI May 61 for few months, then returned BROWNVILLE with family. D. Worked food ration dept BROWNVILLE until 63 when arrested for counter ARTHUG-1 activities. E. While in jail approx 21 days was recruited by CIS for alleged mission abroad. F. Subj when picked up during above river crossing requested talk with ODTKES int rep. 2. WAVE sending Wilfred O. GLOVER to Houston/Brownsville contact KUJUMP Houston and assess Subj Brownsville order further determine nature CIS mission. Focus same and possible OP viability case. 3. WAVE traces possibly Iden Subj previously forwarded addesses. (BELLI 1969, 29 Feb 61; MEXI 747, 2 Mar 61; WAVE 437, 10 Mar 61; MEXI 7999, 12 May 61; and WAVE 632, 25 May 61. Local OCURO/ODENY traces pending. 4. Reuest addesses traces...). Station traces reflect Oscar RODRIGUEZ Molina arrived Mexi from Havana 22 Jan 66. Havana contact address Dona Antonia 17. (LIFIRIS B/Doc) MEXI 6 TO66, 25 Nov 65 ECHEVERRIA asked COS for all info on Subj. Said had heard on radio FNU RODRIGUEZ Molina picked up connection OPFLOOR and RODRIGUEZ a Mexican.

DIR 47056 - 1. FYI. We are informed by Warren Comm Marina OSWALD has very recently provided additional documentary materials pertaining to late husband's Mexi stay. To wit: Map of Mexi site containing location marks and a Mexi site TV guide. Our understanding that very detailed search of Paul residence in Dallas has been conducted by appropriate authority and other materials with bearing on case have been produced. ODENY has forwarded it rep Mexi copies of map and other unspecified materials on or about 29 Aug. We have been assured copies from Commission will forward for our info soonest. May well be that local ODENY rep will bring this up with you on his own. Apparently none of this new info significantly alters previous conclusions re OSWALD's stay.

What are new materials??

NW 65924 Doct:32108146 Page 81
DIR 47423 - Have rec'd from Warren Comm for analysis and comment photo copy OSWALD Cuba visa application Mexi 27 Sept 63. Comm rec'd photo copy of document from Cubans via Ms Stiss and ODACID in past week. OSWALD's signature being analyzed here. Document bears magic scrit notation OSWALD's address Mexi possibly made by Silvia DURAN. We require urgently handwriting samples! DURAN Signature minimum, prefer larger sample if available. Also desire original but photo copy will do if that all you have. Pouching soonest FYI photo copy doc.

MEXI 0805 (Ref: DIR 47423 para 564 above) - Next pouch 8 Sept. Will forward photos of DURAN signature only which is all we have at present. Attempting obtain larger sample from LITEMPOS. Will advise. (Attached to cable is photo of DURAN's signature)

MEMO FOR THE RECORD by CQS - HQs is in urgent need of handwriting specimens of DURAN. ACTION: Get LIAKAYAK/2 to have LIMID coverage put on DURAN urgently and try to get some fast specimens...

BMW 24260 - Transmitted herewith are two photostatic samples of DURAN's signature.

BMW 24260 - The attached documents and translation, provided by ODACID, are FYI. The Warren Comm has decided not to confront Mrs. DURAN with the copy of OSWALD's visa application, therefore, no action by Mexi with respect to the paper is desired at this time.

Attached is the translation of the visa application of OSWALD, in which is stated "Planned date of arrival in Cuba: September 30, 1963"

BMW 24304 - Attached is another copy of DURAN's signature, furnished by LITEMPOS who is searching for additional handwriting specimens of DURAN. Station can put LIMID coverage on DURAN....

DIR 49619 (Ref MEXI 0805 para 365 above) Slawson of Warren Comm in discussion DURAN's handwriting sample asked if info available re current state her morale, attitude, current employment status. FYI only, HQS believes commission may seek to have DURAN certify she compiled OSWALD's visa application papers supplied by GOC through Swiss. Request Sta furnish ASAP available in re situation and outlook DURAN. Suggest you not consult 'mix' officials at this time.

DIR 4991 - Warren Comm asks for any substantive data which can be cited in published report as authoritative source of allegations that DURAN and her husband were or are members of the Communist party. Comm attorney Slawson recalls that both CBS and COHENVY referred to these allegations during his visit to Mexi. Pls advise by return cable whether any documentary or other evidence exists or can be attributed to Mexi police authorities. In her deposition DURAN formally denied such membership.
DIR 50732 (Ref: BM 12899 - para 369 above) Request Station cable its opinion authenticity visa application. Also, if available or possible promptly procure, desire other samples or blanks for comparison and possible authentication. Does stationery of Havana's response check out with any available exemplars?

MEXI 0930 (Ref: DIR 49,619 - para 370 above, and DIR 49,941 - para 371 above) - COS checked with LITENPO 4 who personally participated in interrogation of DURAN re OSWALD. A. Her full name is Silvia Tirado Bazar de DURAN. Husband's name is Horacio DURAN Navarro. B. At time of interrogation by MEXI authorities on OSWALD case both DURAN and his band denied they were members of the PCM, FPS or any Commie or Marxist front groups. C. Both stated they "believed completely in Marxist Leninist principles and tried to live as Marxists". D. LITENPO 4 stated "No MEXI has worked for Cuban Emb in MEXI since 1959 who is not a completely convinced Communist." ... E. Both Silvia and husband were listed in LITENPO 4 organization's files as Communists, members of PCM. This however not retransmittable in documentary form. / Horacio continues to live at Av Constituyentes #143-3, but Silvia has disappeared. Husband refuses to say where she is, merely states "she is out of Mexico". Whereabouts unknown to LITENPO for some three 4 weeks; believed to be hidden by Cubans. / LITENPO 4 reports that Silvia has not worked since detention on OSWALD case. Does not know present status her morale but believes she still frightened, very pro-Castro, pro Communist and anti USA and anti-Mexi police authorities. / Horacio has kept up payments on rent, light bills and seems to live as well as ever; source of his income mystery to LITENPO 4. / LITENPO 4 actively hunting Silvia and will provide any info to COS.

MEXI 0969 (Ref: DIR 50732 - para 372 above) STATION does not have exemplar available for comparison with ref visa application. Type face matches that of other documents from Emb. Weak impression of top of lower case letter "b" also appears in document from commercial office of Emb apparently prepared on same typewriter as visa application form. Stationery used for letter from Habana appears genuine. Both documents have authentic flavor. Attempting obtain blank visa application for comparison. / LITAMIL 9 recently received letter from Mercy MARTINEZ who actually signed letter from Habana. Will check signatures when L-9 locates letter.

BM 12351 (Ref: BM 24334 - para 369 above) - We appreciate the offer to put LINUD on Silvia but do not feel it necessary since handwriting investigation can now be considered completed. / All Rqs components involved in OPELCON wish to express their appreciation......

AMWMB Outgoing Telegram #619 - Emb's Legat has copious file on George de MOHRENSECHTL. Legat advises that all info in his file is also on had at FBI, Wash. (Note by COS: Clark Anderson says this fellow was once thought to have been involved in OSWALD case.)
DIR 51937 - COS will recall that several photos of unidentified person were handcarried by LEGAT officer to Dallas on about 23 Nov to assist in investigation. Soon after OSWALD's arrest and prior to his murder by RUBY, cropped photo of this man was shown by the FBI to OSWALD's mother who disclaimed any knowledge. / After OSWALD's death his mother publicly claimed the FBI had shown her a photo of RUBY prior to the killing of her son. When again shown copy, cropped differently, she stated it not identical with the one shown her the first time. / Because of this publicity Warren Comm will publish copies of both photos among documents keyd to its survey of FBI postcrime handling./ Report to be released 28 Out.... (Note written by COS: God! This was of tough looking American type going into Soviet Embassy. Do you have copy of photo? Did we ever get identity?)

MEXI 101I (Ref: DIR 51937 - para 377 above) - Station unclear as to purpose served by publication photo of person not even involved this case. /.../ Cannot predict security effect of publication. /.../ Station wishes forewarn house operators for hostile reactions. Will clear all three affected bases of all tech equipment for indefinite period just prior to publication. / May Station assume no material originating LIFEAT or LIENVOY to appear?....

MEXI 1018 (Ref: A. DIR 52598 - para 360 below; B. MEXI 11076 - para 378 above) Refs obviously crossed..../Only remaining hope would appear to be to get ASCHAM prevail on Comm not only retouch background in photos but also retouch face to degree obviously not identifiable with RUBY but also not with actual subj of photo. / If neither suppression nor effective alteration plans succeed, LIONOS, LEPAYO, LEYOSO, recent LIGATL installation and LIGATL properties of all gear on phased basis.... Also evacuating LIONOS base house and sending occupants away for week on pretext....

DIR 52598 (Ref: DIR 51937 - para 378 above) - Each photo shows same unidentified man. One closely cropped, other cropped but with enough background to clearly identify Spectren main gate.......

HDDS 3734 - Enclosed are copies of the two photographs mentioned in DIR 51937 (para 377 above) and subsequent cable. /.....

DIR 52774 (Ref: MEXI 1016 para 379 above) OXENVY showed her spread but Subj photo only one which attracted attention. Comm adamant needs photo to establish chain of evidence. Doubt other photos will be published. OXENVY told her nothing re identity or origin of photo. /.../ We have assurance from Comm staff that background details of photo will be obscured. / Nevertheless, believe prudence dictates equipment should be removed from installations including LIGATL....

DIR 52929 (Ref: DIR 51937 - para 377 above) Poll is pertinent excerpt from Warren Comm: "Affidavits obtained from the CIA and from the two FBI agents who trimmed the photographs ....Original photo has been taken by the CIA outside of the U.S....Copy of book being handcarried by KINGMAN. (note by COS: I suppose we relax, let happen whatever happens!)
MEMO from LEGAT: Oscar RODRIGUEZ Molina - Cuban

MEXI 1040 (Ref: DIR 52929 - para 365 above) Request KINGMAN carry annex with photos. Station already has basic report, obtained thru chief FESWING 26 Sept.

(PROBABLY SPECIAL CHANNEL) (Ref: DIR 52774 - para 382 above) Per ref, operations suspended in LIDESA as of 1707 hrs 28 Sept 64 and all gear removed same day.

THE NEWS - Inside Washington - Mystery of OSWALD's 6 Days in Mexico by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott - the reason for the mysterious Mexi trip of OSWALD. / Informational gap about OSWALD's eight days in Mexico.... / While reporting that OSWALD escaped surveillance during much of his Mexican visit, the commission will reveal that the "limited" observations by U.S. and Mexi intelligence authorities clearly indicate the trip involved more than an effort to obtain a visa for travel to Cuba and Russia. ... the surveillance failure was a major U.S. blunder, since a number of government agencies had advance notice that OSWALD planned to go to Mexico. ... It was during these fateful eight days that U.S. authorities lost trace of OSWALD, although the CIA was warned to keep a careful check on OSWALD because of his connections with the Fair-Play for Cuba Committee. ... (Note by COS: What a false statement!!)

DIR 53264 (Ref: MEXI 1040 - para 385 above) Pls see para four DIR 5298 (para 380 above) Mr. Hankin due return 30 Sept and photo in question not sent to print pending his return and discussions with us. / Will forward pertinent appendix as soon as available.

MEMO FOR THE FILES from COS; Subject: Warren Commission Report - I sent copies of the Warren Comm Report (book) to: DIA/Ordez, LIELEGANT and Mr. Barnell Goodrich. / I also asked that ECHEWARRIA be sent a copy from the Amb. He had been "listed" by LEGAT. / I have retained a copy for the office. / All of the above are without appendices.

DIR 54271 - Galley proofs received from Comm 2 Oct. Pouching 4 Oct. Background is completely blacked out. / Also learned that all appendices will be made public simultaneously sometime in Nov. This is change in schedule given in DIR 5298 (para 380 above). / You may wish to modify timing and planning of MEXI 1018 (para 379 above)

HEW 12963 - Enclosed are the galley proofs of 2 photos mentioned in DIR 54271 (para 390 above)

EXCELSIOR - Advertising TV program "The reconstruction of the Assassination of Pres. JFK." exclusive pictures of the FBI; commentary - Agustin BARRIOS Gomez
SECRET

MEXI 1120 - Per LIMVOY 30 Sept Silvia DURAN informed Paul FEYREYRA of Cuban Embassy that she had been on an excursion with some students to Isla Mujeres and Marida. FEYREYRA, who recently returned from Cuba said Rusebio AZQUI sent greetings to Silvia.

12MA 24463 (Ref: A. EDIN 1268R - para 365 above; B. DIR 50732 - para 372 above; C. MEX1 0969 - para 374 above) 1. Attached for KGB are: An item dated Jan 64 recovered from Cub Emb trash by LITAM/2 which may have been prepared on the same typewriter used to prepare the visa application form of Ref A; and 3 Xerox copies of the signature of Mercy MARTINEZ (Mercedes MARTINEZ del Custo) taken from a letter to her to LITAM/9 dated Sept 64. / Mercy MARTINEZ is listed by Cub/For Mnl as Sub-Director of the Secretariat of the Ministry. Her immediate superior is Juan MILES NILO OTERO Rodriguez for whom she signed the letter of Ref A. / It is requested that every effort be made to insure that the attachments are handled in such a way as to protect LITAM/9 and the LITAM/2 trash operation from compromise. (No attachments)

MEMO FOR FILES from COS: On 16 Sept 64 I saw LITAM/4 who advised that a. Silvia DURAN, at time she was questioned about OSWALD denied that she or her husband was a member of the Commie Party, the PPS or any other Commie or Malarkist organization. Her husband, when questioned at the same time, gave the same replies. b. Silvia and husband admitted they believed in Marxism, tried to live so as to "conform to Marxist/Leninist theories". Silvia said "I am a Marxist". c. Silvia has disappeared from her home; Horacio claims he does not know where she is. He continues to live at Av Constituyentes 143-5 and is able to pay rent, lights, etc. / LITAM/4 said he could be quoted as saying that "no Mexi except Communists had worked for the Cub Emb in Mexi since Jan 59".

THE NEWS - Pillon Insists OSWALD is Collaborator in Red Network - By Robert S. Allen and Paul Scofield. Documents delivered to the archives where the papers will be available - if they do not disappear - to researchers, future investigators and students of history. ....Pillon traced OSWALD's activities in the Sov Union, his close association with the KGB, his marriage to the niece of a Lt. Colonel of the Soviet MVD, and his later visits to Mexi, reporting: "...Upon arrival in Sov Union, OSWALD voluntarily became associated with the Sov Secret Police (KGB). .... Pillon is responsible for recruiting and training of agents for sabotage, assassination, incitement of riots and other forms of terror. KGB arranged press conferences to publicize OSWALD's defection, then provided a job for him in the sheet metal shop of a radio factory in Minsk. OSWALD was not a skilled sheet metal worker. His job was a clerical job of "checker". This was a sham cover job. OSWALD was given a 5,000 ruble lump sum payment prior to going to Minsk. Thereafter, he received 700 rubles per month as wages and an additional 700 rubles per month from the KGB. The 700 ruble payment from the KGB was falsely represented as emanating from the Sov Red Cross. The 1,400 ruble monthly income of OSWALD was comparable to salary of Gen mgr of the factory where he worked. KGB provided OSWALD with a scarce and comparatively luxurious apartment in Minsk for a period of more than two years.

who is source?? What info did we get from Station Moscow?? Research this...
SECRET

MEMO 1191 - On 9 Oct LICOML-1 reported as foll.: 7 Oct Aleksy Ivanovich GARMASHOV (deputy
KGB resident Maxi) asked L-1 re availability of apt in immediate vicinity LIMERICK installation,
and specifically asked about quarters above L-1 store. L-1 described quarters which too
small for Sovs. GARMASHOV (C) added two owners of nearby apt bldg and refused rent to Sovs.
L-1 then volunteered try rent apt in his name for Sovs which G accepted. Later same day
L-1 discovered two 15 Oct in same bldg which houses (unknown to L-1)
LILINIC which Sta reactivated 9 Oct. on 9 Oct Sta again visited L-1 after being informed of
vacant apt and stated he would like to see larger of two apartments L-1 escorted G to apt top
two rooms G looked out front window which faces LIMERICK for extended period L-1 noted
activity inside LIMERICK compound could be seen from this point. After inspection, G stated not interested because apt dirty and did not have
garage for cars (L-1 notes that Sovs aware bldg no garage prior to G inspection tour.)
Sta believes above is concrete indication Sovs looking for likely KUBARK photo base sites.
LILINIC is one of eight or nine apartments which could give such coverage as LILINIC. No possible
anticipate what Sov next step will be nor timing. Request Hqs comments on security
surrounding report annexes prior to their release and possibility Sovs have already obtained
copies. 

MEMO FOR THE RECORD from Flannery (C/CA) Elena GARRO told Enrico Orio (who relayed to
TICHEBORN on 9 Oct) that they and her daughter were invited to a party at the Cuban Emb during
the period she now finds out that OSMAND was here in Maxi prior to the assassination. She
was invited by a Maxi secretary in the Emb whose husband is a cousin of the GARRO
family (Heronio DURAN????). At the party, she saw three Gringos, not drinking, not mixing,
and more or less just standing around together like "three bumps on a log". They were so
obviously out of place, she asked someone in the Emb about them and was told that "they
were just passing zhs through". She claims that on account of the way these gringos
stood out she took a good long look at them as did her daughter. When assassination occurred
and OSMAND's picture was spread into the newspapers, both Elena and her daughter immediately
said that he was one of the three gringos "without a doubt" at the party.

Note covering above memo to COS: Do you want me to send the gist of this to Hqs? COS wrote:
Yes, but we should follow up first. Flannery then wrote: Nothing further.

DIR 56976 (Ref: MEMO 1191 - para 397 above) Hqs has no evidence that Sovs have advance copy
of photo. Comm sources assure us its copy of photo furnished by the FBI has also been
altered to black out the background. At present the annex is scheduled for release around
mid Nov. Considered opinion here is that Sov action per ref would seem to be a logical CI
step as a precautionary measure on basis of published Comm report. That a thorough
security survey should be done at this time either on Sov Emb's own initiative or on request
from Moscow is not at all surprising, independently of any specific information contained in Comm report.
SECRET

THE NEWS - Inside Washington CIA Withheld Vital Intelligence from Warren Commission - by
Robert S. Allen and Paul Scoff — Despite the commission's written request for all documents
that might shed light on the assassination, CIA failed to turn over a national intelligence
estimate warning that it is possible for the KGB to remove Western officials who actively oppose
Soviet policies, titled "Soviet Strategic Executive Action". . . .McConkey furnished the Comm
with the CIA's secret surveillance reports on OSWALD's eight days in Mexico before assassination,
including details of OSWALD's contact with the head KGB agent in the Sov Emb there. . . .

Six investigators also are trying to determine why the CIA in its pre-assassination report
to the State Department on OSWALD's trip to Mexico gave details only of the defector's visit
to the Sov Emb and not the Cub Emb. CIA did not report the latter visit until after the
assassination. (In DODS handwriting is the note: Who talked to these guys? - about the
secret surveillance reports - Annie G. wrote: The caller from the Cub Emb was unidenti-
fied until NEXT and might have been on OSWALD and might be connected by PEARLCLASS).

NEW YORK TIMES - Plot Idea Studies by Warren Group - The doubts may remain despite exhaustive
Examination - 26 volumes of Comm data released yesterday include, lengthy testimony by a member
of the John Birch Society... named (revilo P. Oliver), professor at University of Illinois.
"...over up for Communist Conspiracy". . . .Article carries picture which was shown to
OSWALD's mother. . . . Comm found that the picture was of an unidentified man in a foreign
country with whom the CIA thought OSWALD might have been associated. . . .Thomas B. Buchanan
who wrote "Who Killed Kennedy" and Mark Lane, a N.Y. lawyer who was briefly Mrs. OSWALD's
lawyer (mother of OSWALD). Lane declined to disclose name of his & alleged informant.

DIR 66600 (Ref: DIR 54971 - para 390 above) First picture and rehash of "Marguerite's Story" appear on page 19 of 25 Nov issue of N.Y. Times. / FYI: Background in all copies
of original photo in Comm's possession obliterated.

MEMO FOR THE FILES from COS - Sub: June COBB - On 28 Nov 66 LENIUF/1 reported the roll
which he had learned from LICHT/1: a. The former wife of Octavio PAZ rented a room to an
American Communist, June COBB. Mrs. PAZ is afraid of Miss Cob who broke legs and smashed
ribs of a pet cat. . . . b. COBB is promiscuous and sleeps with men. . . . c. Mrs. PAZ
believes COBB may have been "planted" on her by Communists. . . . Mrs. PAZ tried to talk to
Robert Kennedy when he was here to tell him she had personally met OSWALD at Duran's house
. . . . PAZ reported this info to American official of Emb who said he was Warren Comm rep.

Rafael LOZANO with Dudley DOUST. DD just got back. DD talked to TELLO and asked him LIFEBEAT
about OSWALD. OSWALD was here this year. About the OSWALD incident, the roughing up
business is nonsense and the reason they rejected the Note of course was because it was not passed
in the formal way and was just a rude note. He (TELLO) does not think it was very serious.
SECRET

HM33 3848 - Attached is one set of the hearing transcripts and exhibits of the Warren Comm Report. (Attachment is para 407 below)

BK D 4726 - Warren Commission Testimony - Selected Excerpts

HM33 3844 (Ref: ECGA 3171, 2 Nov 64 - not in file; not abstracted) Attached is a copy of a CSCI to the FBI reporting an incident which might be connected with the assassination... (attachment is para 409 below)

MEMO TO FBI from WOPACT - An untested source recently furnished us with the following information: Allegedly received from a well known Cuban scientist and acquaintance on 23 Nov 65, but which he had forgotten to report. The release of the Warren Comm Report reminded him of the incident. The scientist said he had been at the Havana airport on 23 Nov 65 when at 1700 hrs an aircraft with Mexi markings landed and parked at far side of the field. Two men, whom he recognized as Cuban "gangsters" alighted, entered rear entrance of administration bldg. and disappeared without going through normal customs procedures. His curiosity was aroused, and he was able to learn that the aircraft had just arrived from Dallas, Texas, via Tijuana and Mexi City. The plane had been forced to land at Tijuana due to engine trouble. By combining the date, the origin of the flight, and the known reputation of the two men, he theorized that the two men must have been involved in assassination.

He speculated that OSWALD had acted in the capacity of Castro, and that the two Cubans had been in Dallas to organize or oversee the operation. He told the source that he had been greatly distressed by what he had seen and heard and had to tell someone about it. He then cautioned the source not to tell anyone else about it, or they would be shot by the Cubans. The source has passed away since furnishing above info, thus making any follow-up on this matter impossible.

DIR 61342 - Request identify and Station traces person(s) at Mexi address: E.F. Aldo 325, Guadalajara (Jalisco), Mexico. George de MOMHILZDT, who connected OSWALD case and who now living Haiti, received letter postmarked 30 Sept 64 with above return address.

Notes written in long hand on above cable - Maybe: Apdo Must be Guadalajara, Jalisco Clark Anderson's office has a good man, Ed Johnson, in Guadalajara - would probably be best man to check this out.

MEXI 2430 (Ref: DIR 61342 para 410 above) Believe ref address is Apdo 325, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. OEDNY has rep in Guadalajara with excellent police contacts. Request be authorized Sta to pursue lead through local OEDNY chief.

DIR 64099 (Ref: DIR 61342 para 410 above and MEXI 2430 para 411 above) Station authorized pursue lead on Mexi address through local OEDNY. OEDNY rep may also be advised of lead being included in voluminous report on recent activities of de MOMHILZDT which being prepared for OEDNY office. (Note: Request passed to Hank Johnson on 15 Feb.)

Was this never checked out????

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HM4A 25401 (Ref: DIR 86680 - par 258 above) In compliance with Ref. Mexi Sta continues to hold several hundred hot reels covering Sov and Cub Emb during period 22 Nov - 1 Dec 65. Sta Mexi would like to know if these reels can now be erased for re-use, or if these should be sent to Hqs for retention.

MEXI 2714 (Ref: DIR 81342 - para 410 above and MEXI 2330 - para 411 above) ODNVY reports P.O. Box of refs is mail address of Almacenes Favier, large French-owned department store in Guadalejara.

HMNV 13460 (Ref: HMMA 25401 - para 413 q above) Pri forward reels mentioned in ref, with any identifying and explanatory data available, to Hqs for retention. (On copy of dispatch is Annie G.'s writing - 1 Apr 65. Shipping reels to Hqs w/microfilm of transcripts.)

MEMO to FBI from WAPACT - A usually reliable source in Mexi City provided me with a copy of an anonymous letter to the Sov Emb which refers to OSSwald and which is enclosed for your info. / The files of this office contain no info on William R. Bobking (?? sp??)

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MEXI 016 (Ref: HOS 146 - ???) Correct that coverage Sov Emb burner was as past (LIMITED and LILYRAC). Correct that PBPRIME visitor was rare. / Suggest comment to ODNVY evidence that word has gotten around that PBPRIME was Mexi aware identifies PBPRIME visitors to Sov Emb, which probably deterrent to all but extremely naive / CURKINS believes wide distribution Warren Comm report on OSSwald case could have caused a decrease in visitors.

Cub Emb Long distance. Woman outside (WO) in English informs the Cub Emb there is a long distance call from Chicago for Amb ARMAS. Man inside (MI) says to wait a moment. Later WO in French asks if ARMAS speaks French. ARMAS says no. WO continues in French and says she is speaking for Sr. GAN (1) of Chicago, in the United States, and continues in the same language asking if Silvia Duran was a friend of OSSwald, the person who assassinated the President Kennedy. ARMAS does not understand her language and in Spanish says that Silvia worked for awhile in the Embassy, but quite a while ago she left her work there and has not been seen since. WO continues in French and asks if Silvia returned to Cuba. ARMAS says no that she is a Mexican and therefore resides in Mexico but he does not know her address. WO, in her language, asks if Silvia was a friend of OSSwald. ARMAS, without understanding, says "ST" (saying "ST" to everything) and asks who is talking. WO does not understand, but insists in knowing if she (Silvia) was a friend of OSSwald. ARMAS says "si...gu..." and...may bien. si...si senorita (it seems that what he is saying is not being understood). WO continues in her language which ARMAS does not understand and says that he knows nothing more and that all he is saying is that "the Mrs. DURAN no longer works in the Embassy and they don't know her address". WO again in her language asks if SILVIA was a friend of OSSwald and if it is "verdad" (she says this in Spanish). ARMAS says "si...señor...si". WO says thank you. ARMAS says "Buenos dias...eh...!!"
SECRET

MEXI 3832 - Lienvo reported 15 Jun 65 that unidentified woman speaking French called Cub Amb HERNANDEZ Armas from Chicago on behalf of a Jm Mr. GAN (phon) asked if Silvia DURAN was friend of OSWALD and if she had returned to Cuba. Amb who does not understand much French said DURAN used to work at Emb, no longer does, that she resides Mex but he does not know her address. Woman again asd if DURAN was friend OSWALD, Amb did not understand question but answered yes. / Pouching tape.

HMNA 26594 (Ref: MEXI 3832 - para 419 above) Transmitted herewith is the tape mentioned in referenced cable.

MEMO to FBI from WOFACT - reporting info in paras 419 and 420 above. CSCI 316/02654-65

EXCELSIOR - Widow of OSWALD has been hit by her new husband and he threatens suicide. Kenneth Jess FORTER is now in the same jail as RUBY.

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The Revolver and the Gun of OSWALD, Confiscated.

DIR 56683 (Ref: DIR 57610 - not filed; not abstracted) If suitable access developed AZCUE per ref, has interested any new or aftermath info that can be brought to light OSWALD's visa application at Cub Emb Mexi Sept 63.

THE NEWS - 1 page on KENNEDY on the second anniversary of his death.... Thousands of Memorials Immortalize Kennedy....Marina Oswald Wants to Forget (now Mrs. Kenneth Porter .... she is publishing a book)....Flowers Mark Assassination Site....Gov Connally Can't Forget Tragedy

MEMO OF CONVERSATION - Elena Garro de paz with Charles Thomas (Political Officer) - Elena said she had met OSWALD.... In Sept 65, after her return from abroad, she went to a party at the house of Pro. HUERTAS, who is married to her cousin. Elena accompanied her. She met OSWALD and 2 other young Americans. At party she was discouraged from talking with him.... Other guests were Cuban Consul, AZCUE, General CLARK Flores, Silvia DURAN, who she later learned was OSWALD's mistress while he was here, Edilio CARBALLIDO, and a Latin American negro man with red hair. / In Nov 62 when identity of assassin became known, she and her daughter went to Cub Emb and shouted "assassin" and other insults at the staff there. / Shortly afterward, she and her daughter were visited by a friend, Manuel CARVILLO, then official in Secretariat of Bobernacion, and were told he had orders to escort them to a small and obscure hotel in center of town. They were kept there for eight days under pretext that they were in danger. When she told CARVILLO she wanted to go to Amer Emb and explain what she knew of OSWALD, she was told that the Amer Emb was full of Communist spies.... Some of the other people at the party were taken to Veracruz to be "protected" by Gov. LOPEZ Arista. Ruben DURAN is "protected" by Gov. CARBALLIDO and now driving a big car and looking very prosperous. / Many Communists believe assassination was result of Commie plot engineered by Castro.

NOTE: There are handwritten notes and marks on the document, which include: "Where is ref?" "Where did Marina's book ever come out?" "How did Elena de Garro know about Silvia being the mistress of OSWALD?" "This is 1965. Station heard from LPTKU/3 in July 67." "How did Elena know about a red-haired negro?"
Note to Stan W from COS: What an imagination she has! Should we send to Hq's? - Stan replied: Suggest sending. There have been stories around town about all this. Thomas is not only person she has talked to. Migdall has a little folder into which he was putting all the notes. He can find relating OSWALD to the Cubans; when he gets enough of them he will make public. He didn’t fully remember the sequence, but he, like everyone else, was interested in OSWALD and the local leftists & Cubans in one of her squibs. / Isaac Don Levine is writing a book about the assassination; Migdall says that the Cuban connection bothered him increasingly as he progresses in his work. / EJL had long talk with Marina not too long ago in Russian; IDL in Russian Jewish emigre, and reputed scholar - and left convinced that she hiding info.

NEXT 5621. Info in para 425 above reported to Hq's. / Station checking CARGO statements with LIONLICH, LICHAH1/etc. Will cable results. (Note from COS to Annie and Watson: Ask Thomas if he’ll “follow up” get questions from Annie G. Let’s discuss.)

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION, 10 Dec (65) between Elena GARRO de Paz and Charles Thomas, Political Officer: On 25 Dec Elena discussed her alleged encounter with OSWALD. Also present were Thomas’ wife, and Elena’s daughter, Eleonora. Further info was given subsequently on 9 Jan 66. During this latter conversation, Elena admitted she had gone to AENB on an earlier occasion with her daughter and mother-in-law and talked to two Emb officers (presumably from LEGAT) about this matter. She said since the Emb officers did not give much credence to anything they said, they did not bother to give a very complete story. The following info supplements and adds to the memo of Dec 10. / 1. Lydia, Horacio, and Ruben DURAN are all cousins of Elena’s. Silvia is married to Horacio, a weak man, who was converted to Communism by Eduardo GONZALEZ. Elena has nothing to do with Silvia when she visits and considers her a whore. Ruben was born in U.S. and served in U.S. army during war. Party was held at home of Ruben. / Elena believes date of party was 2 or 3 Sept 65, few days before visit of Sov astronaut, Gagarin, but is not sure of date. / At the party OSWALD wore a black sweater. He tended to be silent and stared at the floor. Two young American companions, one very tall and slender and had long brown hair which hung across forehead, gaunt face and long protruding chin; other was tall, short light brown hair. / All three were obviously Americans and did not mix or dance with other people. The three were friends, because Elena saw them by chance the next day walking down the street together. / Although Elena had returned from Europe in June, she had already met Eusebio AZCUE and knows positively he was at party. On another occasion (not clear whether before-or after the party in question), she attended a party where she saw Eusebio AZCUE and Emilio CARRALLIDO and a Latin American negro man with red hair. (These last 2 were not at the DURAN party as was stated in the 10 Dec memo.) CARRALLIDO and AZCUE, with others, were in heated discussion on that occasion about Kennedy and they came to conclusion that the only solution was to kill him. Elena said CARRALLIDO is known as a Castro agent; he had been to Red China, Sov Union, and many times to Cuba. Following assassination he spent a year in Cuba, then got a job teaching at Rutgers University through Dr. Jose VASQUEZ Aranaz, formerly with Rockefeller Foundation in N.Y. and who was now a professor at Rutgers. The day after assassination, Elena encountered Sra. de AZCUE in Sandborns. On seeing her, Sra. de AZCUE hurried out of store. AZCUE was called back to Havana after assassination and his wife followed shortly.

Check files on AZCUE and CARRALLIDO especially LEMNOY during Sept-Oct 65.
Others present at DURAN party were Horacio and Silvia, Lydia DURAN; Elena's philocomunist sister, Mama GUBERNA; Gen. Jose Jesus CLARK Flores and his mistress, a Guat woman; a medical doctor from Dañida Hospital; a young American couple, both fat and blond, who were spending their honeymoon in Mex; a 40 yr old Mexican woman in a red dress; and a strange man who claimed to be Mexican but did not look or talk like one. His first name was Alejandro and he subsequently wrote Elena several love letters. She turned him in to the Amer Emb.

Ricardo GUERRA and wife Rosario CASTELLANOS were supposed to come to party but failed to come when they learned she (Elena) would be there. / On Sat., 23 Nov 63, Elena's brother drove her and Elena to Cub Emb at 3 p.m. Her brother was embarrassed by their behavior and drove a block up the street to wait for them after letting them out. The two women then went inside gate and shouted "Assassin" and other insults. Later that day a friend, Manuel CALVILLO took them to small hotel for safety!...Since Elena could not remember name of hotel, she took Thomas to the part of town where she remembered it to be - Vermont Hotel, Calle Vermont 297 one and a half blocks west of Insurgentes just south of Viaduct. Elena said hotel is owned by someone from San Luis Potosi and used by businessmen from that area. She and Elena did not register. CALVILLO registered them as relatives or friends of his from San Luis Potosi. They stayed there until the following Friday and hardly left their room. / Elena and Elena saw newspapers with OSWALD's picture and knew they had been him at party. When CALVILLO visited them at hotel, she told him she wanted to report to Amer Emb what she knew about OSWALD's connections with local communists and with AZCUNAS. CALVILLO said she shouldn't go because the Amer Emb was full of Communist spies. When she returned to her house the following week, guards were posted outside it. / When she saw her sister, Deva GUERRA, the latter was terrified because of OSWALD's presence at the DURAN party. She de GUERRA was very angry with DURAN because she thought they had become involved in the assassination plot for her and CUB. (Or CUB? or de GUERRA? or CUB?) She was called in by two communists, whom she refused to identify, and was warned with threats never to reveal to anyone that she had been to a party with OSWALD. She remained so terrified that she would not accompany Elena to the Amer Emb to tell what she knew of OSWALD. / Shortly after assassination, Emilio CARBALLIDO, took DURAN to Jalapa, Veracruz and kept them out of the way for a while until the initial shock of assassination wore off. CARBALLIDO has connections with the University of Veracruz Press. / Shortly after assassination, an Amer woman, June COBB, came and spent several days in Elena's house. She was sent by their mutual friend, Eunice ODIO, a Costa Rican who is now June CUBB's roommate and who was formerly the mistress of VASQUEZ Amoral when he was with Rockefeller Foundation, and Ernesto de la FERRA. June CUBB commented later in the assassination plan in getting Deva GUERRA drunk one night, and the latter told all she knew about OSWALD and the party at the home of Ruben COBB. She then got them to tell what they knew to the Amer authorities. Claiming to be CIA agents, she advised against coming to Amer Emb and urged them to go to Texas to tell their story. Failing in this, she said she would arrange a meeting in a quiet cafe with the Chief of the CIA in Mexico. The meeting did not materialize, however, because she was asked to leave when Elena's house. COBB had kicked the cat. / At end of Jan 64, Ruben visited Elena. He said he was going to visit the U.S. and wanted her to protect him as much as possible while he was away.../ Six months after assassination, she was talking to Hoe PALOMARES of...
Secretariat of Gobernacion about another matter, she told the story of her encounter with OSWALD. The only person she could remember who told her this, however, was Victor RICO Galan. She said she understood that OSWALD had come to Mexico more than once.

MEMO to Annie Goodpasture to Cuban Section: Will you read this (memo in para 427 above) and tell me if this woman and daughter were seen creating such a disturbance - as they claim in front of the Cuban Embassy. J. Piccolo wrote "Hi yo, tam-poo," Judy wrote "No pictures either."

MEMO to The Amb (go to COS) from LEGAT - Ref is made to memo dated 10 Dec 65 (para 425 above) ... / For your info, Elena and Elena were interviewed by personnel of this office on 16 and 18 Nov 64 at which time they furnished info similar to that set forth in ref memo. Committed a that time failed to substantiate allegations made by Elena and daughter. / In view of the fact Elena's allegations have been previously checked out without substantiation, no further action is being taken concerning her recent repetition of those allegations.

MEMO 5741 - Ref: MEXI 5621 - para 426 above; LEGAT interviewed Elena and Elena Nov 64 and failed to substantiate allegations. Ref. MEXI 5621 - will advise further info obtained.

NOTE attached to MEXI 5741, written by DCOS (White): "See bottom document in 50-6-129/3 on this subject. I don't know what FBI did in Nov 64, but the GARRO's have been talking about this for a long time and she is said to be extremely bright." Annie G. wrote the following: "1. LA Memo said they checked info MEXI 5621 and found it unsubstantiated. COS asked me to send this cable. 2. We will try to confirm or refute Mrs. G. de P's info and follow up." COS wrote "She is also 'nuts'."

Document by LICOOKIE dated 5 October 1964 - Mexican Communists who had contact with OSWALD, as has not appeared in Warren Cover write-ups in press. - All weekend Elena Galan and Elena Duran (the daughter) and Deba (dubbed communists) Galan sat around recalling details of their having been in a group with OSWALD here last fall during the days that he was in Mexi. The write-ups of the Warren Comp report in the newspapers sparked this discussion, and they apparently had never really sat around determined to piece it all together, although all 3 were deeply affected.... The main points; Elena and Deba are first cousins of three young Mexicans named Duran: Ruben, Horacio, and Lyna. Horacio is the husband of Silvia the Mexican girl who was arrested for questioning about OSWALD because she had been in touch with him at the Cuban Embassy where he went there looking for a visa. (She is or was also a ringleader at the Cub-Mexican Institute in Tokio) / While OSWALD was here last fall the DURAN cousins invited the GARRO sisters and young Elena to a "twist" party at the home of Ruben Duran mid-week. A few Communists they knew (Deba is a Comisi herself, and Elena has been known to hang around) were Spanish girl and went to Republican Spain with Octavio Paz, and a number of people who struck them as very peculiar at the time, were there. AND OSWALD WAS THERE WITH TWO OTHER BEATNIK LOOKING BOYS, ONE OF WHOM WAS VERY TALL AND ALL THINGS OF WHOM THEY REMEMBER QUITE WELL.
Elena and Elina were so sickened (by the news of the assassination) that they broke off their relations with the DURANs. However, their cousins very nervously looked them up later. Deba GARRO de DUARTE told me that Lynn DURAN and one of the DURAN boys have made trips to Texas. And that most conspicuously they have all prospered this last year. Always poor before, they now have an expensive car each. Horacio works at EL DIA newspaper.

Note by COS: Returned on 21 Apr 65 as L/1 never regained contact with Elena GARRO de PAZ.

A-727 To: Dept of State FROM: Amembassy, Mexico - As of possible interest to Washington agencies, there is transmitted herewith a memo of conversation containing some observations about Cuba. Victor RICO Galan is a Spanish-born Mexican journalist who has been one of the most prolific and ardent apologists for Castro's Cuba in Mexico.

Attachment: Participants: Elena GARRO de PAZ, Mexican writer, and Charles Wm. Thomas, Political Officer - l. RICO Galan told Elena that Husebio AZCUE, former Cuban Consul in Mexico, was one of the most powerful men now in Cuba... /... He was recalled to Havana immediately on the assassination when he was Cuban Consul in Mexico, presumably because he had had contact with OSWALD ...

THE NEWS - BBC Films Lee OSWALD Story with US Actor - ....
THE NEWS - Fight for OSWALD's Guns in Court - ....

Memo To The Amb, cc to COS - from LEGAT - Ref is made to Memo of Conversation dated 25 Dec 65 (para 27 above), rec'd by this office on 27 Jan 66, and LEGAT memo dated 27 Dec 65 (para 429 above)... / Extensive investigation conducted in the U.S. and Mexico after the assassination failed to disclose that OSWALD traveled to Mexico prior to 26 Sept 63. OSWALD was residing in New Orleans, Louisiana in early Sept 63 and no info has been obtained to indicate that he was x away from that area in early Sept 63. In view of the fact that Elena GARRO de PAZ's allegations have been previously checked out without substantiation, no further action is being taken concerning her recent repetition of those allegations.

Memo to C/VIS from COS on Visa Applicant #220, 9 June 66, DUARTE Martinez, Herminio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 15 Dec 66 - Pls see LEGAT report dated 16 Dec 63, subject: OSWALD for info on one Herminio DUARTE Martinez. ... Note to COS from Rosa P. - Ref LEGAT report stated that DUARTE's car was noted at the Cuban Emb at the same time OSWALD was there.
THE NEWS - Jury Finds RUBY Sane -

DIR 12633 - Has reviewed advance copy book entitled "Inquest" by Edward J. EPSTEIN, subject being assassination... Book in hands major reviewers, to be released sometime June 66. In discussing CIA role in OSWALD investigations, statement is made on page 24 that WarrenConn had picture by CIA purportedly showing OSWALD entering Cub Emb and that they were "consulted" by OSWALD. FUL, this is picture page 246, Vol 18 of WarrenConn... / Since book now in print but not yet on sale, foregone advance notice to alert Station for whatever precautionary measures....

THE NEWS - Lawyers Plead RUBY's Guilt Based on Perjured Testimony -

Memo of Conversation - Subject: Further on OSWALD and K Assassination - (Ref: Memo this Subj of 25 Dec 65 - para 427 above) Participants - Elena and Thomas (Pol Officer) - Elena described some developments which may have some bearing on her claim that she saw OSWALD at party at home of her cousin Ruben DURAN when OSWALD was in Mexico prior to Caracas. Elena said Carlos was not present. Elena is well acquainted with Cub Amb HERNANDEZ, and that he was not leftist but his brother, Alfonso, was a Communist. Amb HERNANDEZ told SORIANO he wanted to meet Elena, so SORIANO arranged a party at his own casa on 30 June 66 and invited both of them. Also present were Tito MONTEROSO and his wife; Elvira VARGAS, leftist journalist with NOVEDADES and personal friend of Pres DIAZ Ordaz; Emanuel CARNALLO, the pro-Castro writer; Joaquin DIAZ Canedo, head of publishing firm called Editorial Mortiz; and Juan SORIANO, painter, who was invited to make her feel at ease, since he is a friend of hers and was the only anti-Communist there besides herself. / During evening, Amb HERNANDEZ, whom she described as intelligent and cultured, concentrated his attention on her.... and expressed interest in her friend, Carlos MADRAZO. He issued a personal invitation to her to attend the annual literary festival of the Casa de las Americas in Havana. She said she was not a Fidelista and would not go unless Juan SORIANO went with her. Amb HERNANDEZ then invited SORIANO but the latter denounced the Castro regime over the objections of the others present.... / Later, her friend, Victor RICO Galan who personally dislikes Amb HERNANDEZ warned her not to go to Cuba alone. / On 4 July 66 a driver from the Cub Emb delivered to her home on Calle Alcazar in Lomas Virreyes an envelope containing two letters and some printed matter from the Casa de las Americas in Havana. The first letter, written last October (66) gave her address in Vermont 32 and the second letter, written in April, gave her address as Vermont 39. The envelope for the first letter, with the above address, was marked for return to the sender, which was the Cub Emb here. The second envelope, which contained the whole pkg, had no address as it was hand delivered to her home - see attachments. / Elena stated the only reason the letters were addressed to her at Calle Vermont was because she spent several days at the Hotel Vermont after the assassination. The correct address of the hotel is Vermont 29, so she concluded the Cub Gov carried that street and number, with a minor error, as her regular address. / Since CALVILLO had taken her to the hotel ostensibly to protect her from the Communists, this raised the question of how the Cubans obtained that...
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address. She said that the only people who knew she had been at the Hotel Vermont were CALVILLO and two close friends of his, Ernesto de la Peña and Margarita MICHELENA. Two
other friends of those three who might have learned of it are Horner OCHOA and Jane COBB.
She has always been suspicious of all three because they went out of their way to
cultivate her when she returned from Europe in 1957 and made such a point of being outspoken
professional anti-Communist. ...Elena said CALVILLO was a close personal friend of Noe
PALOMARES and Pres. DIAS Ordoz, and that guards, presumably from Gobernación, had been
placed outside her home when she returned from the Hotel Vermont...... Elena thought it
possible that the CUB Emb had deliberately given her the letters from the Casa de las
Americas with the Vermont Street address in order to frighten her. She was already con-
cerned about what appeared to be three gunshots that had been fired through her upstairs
window while she was out of the house three weeks ago. ....Finally, Elena said she had
recently encountered her cousin, Lydia M. MIRANDA, and that the latter had been very friendly
and wanted to meet her again. She said Lydia was very poor and had a small job with
Division Cultural at the Anthropological Museum.

Attached are letters to Elena from the Casa de las Americas.

THE NEWS - Warren Report Questioned - Richard N. Goodwin made the suggestion (of an inde-
pendent group to determine whether the Warren Comm investigation was inadequate and defective)
in a key"Excerpt" in Book Week of the book by Edward Jay ESSTEIN entitled "Inquest, the
Warren Comm and the Establishment of Truth."....Goodwin said, "It not only says
questions but demands exploration and answers."

THE NEWS - New Home for OSWALD's Widow - About Marina and new husband moving

The Second OSWALD; The Case for a Conspiracy Theory - Inquest by Edward Jay ESSTEIN, and,
Whitewash by Harold Weisberg - by Richard H. Popkin

Presents theory that there were two OSWALD's in the conspiracy....

THE NEWS - New Book Due on JFK Case - The third book since the Warren Comm - "Rush to
Judgement" by Mark Lane, a New York City lawyer, - ...."The force of the evidence is
inescapable - the case against OSWALD as the lone assassin is refuted by the very witnesses
upon whom the commission relied.... the FBI report devestates the commission's conclusion
that all of the shots were fired from the rear and that they were fired by a lone assassin."
480. 12 Dec 66

THE NEWS - RUBY's Cancer At Advanced Stage

THE NEWS - by William F. Buckley, Jr. - Warren Comm's Investigations Should Resume

THE NEWS - by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott - The Warren Comm Uncoveres Curious Information (About "Mr. X" reporting to the U.S. Emb in Moscow about background of OSWALD and friendship with RUBY, etc....)

THE NEWS - Jack Ruby Has Cancer

THE NEWS - Ruby Undergoes Extensive Tests

THE NEWS - Mrs. JFK Takes First Legal Steps to Stop Book ("The Death of a President" by William Manchester) Also Dill Offers One Million For JFK Death Book

THE NEWS - Jackie Not Seeking Out-Of-Court Deal (re: book "Death of a President") and Author Only Wants Book Given Chance

THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - Careful Chronology Reviewed in OSWALD Case - This article states that OSWALD was not a crackpot....premeditated murder.... Also states OSWALD's letter of 9 Nov 63 to Sov Emb in Washington, reporting on "my meeting with Comrade KOSTIN in the Embassy, Mexico City."

487. 2 Jan 67

Check Comrade KOSTIN

488. 3 Jan 67

COS does not believe OSWALD was stupid.

489. 3 Jan 67 ?

From Merida Mario MENENDEZ Rodriguez asks Carlos FERREYRA at the Revista Sucesos, if anything has arrived for him from Chile. FERREYRA says no, but says that an envelope arrived for him from CARASNO Roke. MENENDEZ understands and adds that the article that will come but about who killed KHERESOV (on Saturday, 7 Jan 67), in the introduction it says that RUBY is in agony, to tall ANFARAN to correct it because RUBY also has died, he died today. At the same time MENENDEZ says for FERREYRA to meet him at the airport the next day at 16:30. FERREYRA agrees.

490. 4 Jan 67

THE NEWS - RUBY Dies Of Cancer

THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - OSWALD A Drilled Communist - that OSWALD was a drilled, dedicated, and who killed KHERESOV. OSWALD's key MVD contact (in Russia) was Colonel Nikolay AKSEMOV. The Alas in his U.S. alias - Alek J. HICKEL - was OSWALD's nickname in Rueda. Comrade KOSTIKOV at Sov Emb Maxi was MVD officer Valdimir Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV....OSWALD's undated letter to his wife, written herb (Dallas) and found secret.
in his personal effects by the Dallas police, includes: "Certain of my documents are in the small blue value...The Embassy (i.e., Sov Emb) will come quickly to your assistance on learning everything...The 'Red Cross' will also help you...we have friends here."

He wrote these instructions in Russian...Trapped by her own coverups, Marina finally stated that OSWALD had laid plans to reach Cuba by returning to New Orleans and hijacking an airliner flying to Havana from there.

RUBY Flown to Chicago
THE NEWS - RUBY's Corpse Closely Guarded
THE NEWS - RUBY Laid to Rest
THE NEWS - by Inez Knoe - RUBY's Killing of OSWALD Owing to Long Arm of Coincidence
THE NEWS - by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson - JFK Initiated Dallas Trip; Visit Not Urged by Johnson
THE NEWS - Returns Home - Jacqueline K arrives...after she returned from her Caribbean vacation....
THE NEWS - Mrs. K tries to Avoid Court Action (re: Death of a President)
THE NEWS - Mrs. K Agrees to Publication of "The Death of a President"; also Stern Prints Another Part, Uncensored.

MEMO to COS from LEGAT - Subject: William R. DOBKINS - Ref is made to your memo #11,174 dated 17 Nov 66, captioned "Correspondence for the Cuban Embassy." (Not in OSWALD file...is as follows: to LEGAT from COS - From a usually reliable, sensitive source the attached item of correspondence has been made available to us. / The envelope containing the attached clipping bore the following return address: William R. DOBKINS, 415 South Main, Monahans. Texas. There is no info available in our records of DOBKINS. / (no attachment)!!.)

LEGAT memo is: We have been advised that William R. DOBKINS is a person of doubtful mental stability who has been interviewed in connection with the assassination. He claimed to have served in the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) with OSWALD and alleged that after telling OSWALD of his "debt of honor" (to JFK) he was aware of OSWALD's "eagerness to kill Pres. Johnson, Gov Connally of Texas, and Texas Railroad Commissioner James Angleton. Subject also threatened these persons in a 1964 letter to the Chairman of Texas for Goldwater. / Subj has claimed that he traveled to Mexico following his discharge from the USMC in order to arrange a defection to Russia. The approximate dates of this travel are at present unknown. / By letter dated 5 Apr 65, entitled "Correspondence to the Sov Emb in Mexico City," your Hqs furnished our Hqs with a copy of a rambling anonymous letter which concerned DOBKINS, OSWALD, various political personalities in Texas, and the assassination.
which the letter relates to the uncompromising attitude of Pres Johnson. It is felt that
DORKINS may have authored this letter. Mrs. Marguerite OSWALD, mother of OSWALD, knows
DORKINS and was in contact with him in Nov 66. She claims that he is very similar to her
late son and that some of the travel activity attributed to her son might have actually
applied to DORKINS. / You are requested to advise if you have any record indicating that
SUBJ has been a visitor to the Sov or Cub Emb or has attempted to use their Consular
facilities to arrange travel to the Sov Union. Additional descriptive data concerning
him will be furnished to you when available. / You are further requested to authorize
dissem in suitably paraphrased language with the source completely protected....DORKINS
was in contact with the Cub Emb in Mexi.

CGS answer to LEGAT was Memo #11,499 (not in OSWALD file) dated 23 Feb 67 (from request
of 18 Jan ????) The files of this office contain no info regarding SUBJ in addition
that contained in my memo dated 17 Nov 66. / You are authorized to dissem...... to the
intelligence community of the U.S. Gov as that SUBJ was in contact with the Cub Emb in Mexi.

THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - OSWALD Wrongly Called Crazy (criticizing the Manchester
book, Death of a President.

THE NEWS - German Court Postpones Ruling on Look's Suit

BOOK DISPATCH 5047 (9 attachments b/w - 1 SECRET; 8 Unclassified) TO Certain Stations and
Bases, from Chief, WOVIEW, Subject: Countering Criticism of the Warren Report. PSYCH
1. Our Concern...increasing challenge to the Warren Commission's Report... 2. Trend
of opinion is a matter of concern to the U.S. gov including our organization... 3. Action.
We do not recommend that discussions of the assassination question be initiated, however
addresses are requested; a. To discuss...b. To employ propaganda.... 4. In private or
media discussion...the following arguments should be useful; a. No significant new
evidence...b.c.d.e.f.g... 5. Where possible, counter speculation by encouraging reference
to the Commission's Report itself....

EL SOL - Two Years Nine Months OSWALD spent in doctrine in USSR; What Influences Moved his
Imbalance? by Jesus Benitez -

THE NEWS - Der Stern OKs Cuts in JFK Book (re: Death of a President)

THE NEWS - by Joseph W. Grigg - Mark Lane Challenges Warren Report. and Lawyer Takes
Issue With Lane and OSWALD Victim's Widow Hewed (Polkoff TIPPT's wife)

THE NEWS - by Art Buchwald - The Manchester Story; also, W. Winchell's Jacqueline's
legal fees over Manchester will be a flyly. Mother-in-law picking up tab.
MEMO of Conversation between Elena GARRD de PAZ and Thomas (Pol Officer) - Elena said Mario MENENDEZ, Editor of Suceso, asked her to write more articles for the magazine. MENENDEZ had been to the U.S. recently and that therefore must have a valid visa, despite the fact he is an agent of Fidel Castro. Elena said her cousin, Raul DURAN also goes to the U.S. often without difficulty, despite the fact he entertained OSWALD... Horacio DURAN now works for Joaquin CISTERNOS, Private Sec of Pres. Ram071 Ortez. Through Horacio's intervention CISTERNOS ordered Gobernacion to clear a visa for son of Eusebio AZCUE who was Cuban Consul in Mexico at time of assassination. Dr. Yolanda ORTIZ Accession was arrested at the same time as Victor RICO Galan but released on payment of a $5,000 peso bond. After her release, Dr. ORTIZ then got from RICO Galan's mother all sensitive papers, documents, letters, etc. belonging to RICO. Elena said she turned them over to the Maxi Gov or perhaps the Cub Emb. ... Elena said that the Cubans were willing to pay her a great deal of money if she would go to Habana and write a biography of Fidel Castro. ... She said she had no desire to do so and was in fact afraid to go because of the OSWALD episode, but that she found the offer tempting since Octavio Paz was no longer sending her any money.

THE NEWS - MARY's Cancer Could Have Come From Emotions

THE NEWS - New Probe Launched into Kennedy Assassination (Begins - the Jim Garrison case) ..... A Cuban serving nine years for burglary has been transferred from the Angola Pen to the Orleans Parish Prison. This man formerly lived just a block from the last New Orleans address of OSWALD and is reported to have known OSWALD.

THE NEWS - OSWALD Didn't Act Alone, Says D. A.

THE NEWS - Several Involved in JFK Murder - Dave LEWIS, who is employed at the Trailways Bus Station here (New Orleans) said that there were other people involved and he didn't tell the FBI because the FBI didn't ask him.

EL SOL - The Reds Killed KENNEDY says Juanita CASTRO

THE NEWS - Conversation Clued D.A. in on "Plot" in JFK Murder - also - New JFK Probe No Roach, Says D's Witness - David F. LEWIS, Jr., 26, skinny, dark-haired man said he knew five persons implicated in New Orleans in a plot against the life of K.

THE NEWS - Pilot Involved in JFK Probe Found Dead - David W. FERRIE, 46, was found dead in bed covered by a sheet. Coroner Chetta said FERRIE died of a ruptured blood vessel at the base of the brain. Garrison said there were 15 bottles of pills in the apartment and death was apparent suicide.
THE NEWS - DA Won't Turn Over JFK Probe to Peds

MEMO from LEGAT to CBS Subject: William Ray DORKINS (Ref: LEGAT memo of 18 Jan 67 - para 500 above) We have rec'd info that the reported travel to Mexico of Subj in order to arrange for his defection to Sov Union occurred following his discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps in August 1959. He went to Tijuana, Baja California, where he contacted a local "communist" with whom he had become acquainted in a tavern, and sought to arrange his defection through this person. We are arranging for appropriate inquiry to be conducted in Tijuana. DORKINS is described as Race White; Sex Male; DOB 46 Jan 37; McCoy, Tex. Height 5 ft 9 inches; weight 150 lbs; Hair Black; eyes Brown; Scar on scar under middle of forehead; education High school graduate / It was the opinion of the Sheriff of Ward County, Monahans, Texas, that all members of the DORKINS family were mentally unbalanced. / A photo of Subj is enclosed.

EL SOL - Castro's Friends are in "Entredicho" ; also Complot en Nueva Orleans ; also Que Murio de "Alta Presicion" (re: death of David FERRIE - para 515 above) .... The name of FERRIE was mentioned again yesterday when Perry R. RUSSO, of Baton Rouge, said that FERRIE said one month before the assassination "We shall kill him - and before long." FERRIE had told a group of newspapermen the week before that the authorities suspected him of being the pilot who would make the "get-away" after the assassination.

THE NEWS - JFK Plot Case Solved Says New Orleans D.A. ; and Pilot's Death Ruled Natural (re: FERRIE death)

THE NEWS - More Deaths Feared in JFK Plot Case - J.S. (Jack) MARTIN, a man believed to have given GARRISON much of the info on which his investigation of the assassination is based, said he is in exclusion "for reasons of security".

EL SOL - Plotters Against Kennedy Will Not Escape

THE NEWS - Letters to the Editors - from Frank WORIEL - ...Wondering if GARRISON is as much concerned with assassination mystery as in getting to top of Louisiana politics ....

EL HERALDO - 66 Hours of the Life of OSWALD in Mexico - by Soorjo R. GARCIA - During the 96 hrs in Mexico, OSWALD dealt with only six people who now fear for their lives. Those six are Guillermo BANCA, Sebastian PEREZ, Angel CURIEL, Dolores RAMIREZ, Margarita RUBASTIDA and Matilde GARRIKA.
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NO (Antonio ANDRADE) from the Herald talks with Cub Emb (ARACELLI) and says he is a good L'EVITTOY friend of Amb HERNANDEZ Armas and ESCALZIN and was in charge of a series of reports about Cuba. ARACELLI says: What do you want? ANDRADE says he wants to know when OSWALD arrived asking for a visa and you turned him down. ARACELLI asks why, at this point, does he want to know now? ANDRADE says for the newspaper. ARACELLI says he would have to come here (to the Cub Emb) personally and speak with the First Secretary, that by phone she could not tell him anything. ANDRADE says he will go to the Emb the next day.

THE NEWS - DA's Witness in Hiding - J.S. (Jack) MARTIN (para 520) said, "Now I'm hid out. I'm stuck in an unpleasant and nasty situation. When you play spy and get caught in enemy territory, you get no help."

THE NEWS - Over-All Picture of JFK Probe Underground - ....An official report, on file in Washington, quoted agents as saying MARTIN (para 520) told them: "he suffers from telephobia when drinking and that it was during one of his drinking sprees that he telephoned Asst. Dist. Atty. H.S. Kohlman and told him this fantastic story about FERRIE being involved with OSWALD."

NEXT #517 - Following is LIENVOY text of conversation between Antonio ANDRADE and "Secretary of Cuban Consul" who Catalina FERNES Sarduy de CEPEÑO (Identified intel member and wife of Gerardo CEPEÑO (Gallardo Mexico Cuban official) (Contents of para 524 above)

THE NEWS - FERRIE Died of Natural Causes - ....In Dallas, Asst. Dist. Atty. Bill Alexander set the stage for GARRISON's men to interview a Cuban exile about the events leading up to the assassination...Alexander said that 2 Dallas police officers familiar with the assassination must be present and any interview must be held in a Dallas government bldg. before witness Sergio ARCHACHA would meet with GARRISON investigators, and "ARCHACHA damned well better not disappear, because we will be very unhappy."

EL HERALDO - Fidel Castro Decided on the Death of Kennedy - According to El Tiempo, Spanish language daily printed in U.S., collaborator Stanley Ross said the FBI in New York, on 19 Nov 63 - 3 days before the assassination - detained one Cuban named Pascual Enrique RUIZCÓNDOR, Cuban, detained 3 days before assassination.

....Also about ARCHACHA (para 526)

THE NEWS - FERRIE-GOSWALD Seen-Together - .... prior to assassination-by a law officer making a check early one morning in the fall of 1963 - two men sitting together in a car. One of them identified himself at the time as OSWALD. The officer last week identified FERRIE'S body as the other occupant of the vehicle.

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Who were Americans in Mexico in contact with OSWALD in 1963??

2 Mar

Clay SHAW
James R. LEWALLEN ??

3 Mar

MEXICO CITY, 0546 - Mexi Eng language News article by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott, 2 Mar. Wash., states "Still secret WOFACT report on OSWALD's Sept activities which was sent to the State Dept Intelligence Division on 11 Oct 63 could possibly shed some new light on the Nov trip and possibly other links of the accused assassin." / Station believes this memo may be based on MEXI 0453, 8 Oct 63 (para 9 above). Recommend that this memo not be declassified for newspaper sources since would blow WOFACT and give grounds for criticism against WOFACT and LIRAMA. Believe would also further convince LIRAMA of poor security in this Sept. / Pls advise action taken protect WOFACT.

3 Mar

EL SOL - Newspaperman ELESON says Fidel Castro ordered the crime - According to GARRISON, OSWALD, Clay SHAW and pilot David W. FERRIE and "others" plotted in New Orleans in Sept 63 for the assassination. (Same info as para 529 above)

3 Mar

EL UNIVERSAL GRAPICCO - Three key points in the conspiracy to murder Kennedy - more about GARRISON - SHAW and FERRIE met in the latter's apartment to plan K's death. / Materials confiscated from SHAW's apartment.

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"Truth Serum" Allegedly Uncover Plot Evidence - GARRISON says he has evidence that OSWALD, SHAW and FERRIE met in Sept 63 to discuss "how they would kill JFK". The evidence came from an unnamed informant, whose statements were corroborated while the informant was under the influence of sodium pentothal, or truth serum. / Clark, the new U.S. attorney general, said the FBI investigated SHAW late in 63 and cleared him of any link with the assassination.
ULTIMAS NOTICIAS - Conclusions of GARRISON - Same info as above newspaper reports.

THE NEWS - by Allen and Scott - Key To GARRISON Probe in Missing Woman - re: Mrs. Sylvia ODIO. Info is that contained in MEX 0564 (para 533 above)

also: Cuban Embassy Knows A Lot About OSWALD - A Cuban exile said that the Cuban exile, who had visited Mexico two months before killing KENNEDY, Dr. Alberto GARCIA Menocal, secretary general of the Cuban Business Association in Mexico, an old schoolmate of Casto Paz, left Cuba one year after the Cuban revolution that ousted Batista. He said it is probable that Mexican police have many details on OSWALD's visit here which at that time were considered unimportant but could now be used in GARRISON's investigation.

THE NEWS - GARRISON Questions 4th Suspect in Case - GARRISON subpoenaed a fourth man today - Dante MARCHINDI, whose wife told reporters at the couple's home that she thought GARRISON may have wanted to talk with her husband because he knew James LEWALLEN, a former roommate of FERRIE. MARCHINDI returned to his home briefly before going to GARRISON's office and denied his wife's statements.

EL SOL - GARRISON looking for Fame, Says Mayor Welch

??? - Cuban Embassy Has Said Nothing About OSWALD - re: statements of Dr. Alberto GARCIA Menocal (para 539 above)

THE NEWS - Cuban Embassy Refuses Comment on Possible Link to JFK Case - ... that OSWALD received instructions and funds for the assassination from Cuban officials in MEX. (Earlier, employees of the hotel where OSWALD stayed and a luncheon where he ate said they had been questioned this week by an unidentified man regarding contacts OSWALD may have made in MEX. The paper reported that MEX. federal police had obtained a list of "highly interesting" persons with whom OSWALD had direct or indirect contact, including several U.S. citizens.)


also: NOVEL Booked on Fugitive Charge - NOVEL, Gordon, 25, remained in jail in lieu of $10,000 bond after his appearance in Columbus Municipal Court on a fugitive charge filed formally by police from suburban Gahanna, where he was arrested Saturday night, at the request of GARRISON, who wants NOVEL as a witness in his inquiry... conspiring.
also Cuban Jailed in GARRISON Probe - Hestia ARACURA Smith, 44, a former anti-Castro Cuban exile leader in New Orleans, was arrested on a warrant by GARRISON. Warrant accused ARACURA with conspiring with David FERRIE, now dead, and Gordon NOVEL, now in jail in Columbus.

EL SOL - OSWALD and SHAW, Members of a Castro Commando - Doug EHLSON, reporter for the radio channel in U.S. called "WINS," accused Castro of giving the order to assassinate K. OSWALD's trip to Mexico was not for the purpose of getting a visa to Cuba, but rather to receive orders and funds from Cuban officials in order to commit the assassination...

EL HERALDO - The FBI Admits the Innocence of SHAW - Johnson says it is useless to open a new investigation; Proofs of GARRISON.... also, picture of SHAW and picture of Dean A. ANDREW, named by GARRISON.

DEN 80439 - (Ref: MEXI 517 - para 527 above) - No was traces ANDRADE, Fuentes and CEPEDA.

MEMO from LUCOMET-2 to José (Piccolo) - Attached is a clipping from the publication LUMINHIS page 3, of Sol de Mexico, 4 Mar 67; Surveilled OSWALD in Mexico, but not in Dallas. CIA agents take note, in Mexico airport, of travelers to and from Cuba. The counter-espionage service of the CIA photographed OSWALD when he arrived in Mexico and sent the info to the FBI, emphasizing the fact that OSWALD was in contact with the Sov and Cub Embassies in Mex. "U.S. News and World Report" says that Mexi is of much importance to the CIA because of the number of Communist agents who, from Mexico, extend their net of operations to the U.S. and South America.

EL HERALDO - Dan MARCCHINI is the fourth person cited by GARRISON - He was a co-worker of OSWALD. - Info in previous newspaper clippings.

THE NEWS - OSWALD-Arms Cache Raid Links Sought - GARRISON was seeking a possible connection between OSWALD and a group of men involved in a 1965 FBI raid on a munitions cache in Laconbe, Louisiana. The report came after Dante MAROCHINI, 42, fourth man in GARRISON's probe, spent 90 minutes in the DA's office. MAROCHINI and OSWALD once were employed here (New Orleans) at the same time by the same coffee manufacturer, though the plants were a block apart. Records show...

also - Officials Here Dodge "Cuban Plot" Query. Government officials (of Mexico) declined to become embroiled in the controversy about an alleged Cuban plot to assassinate K. They said: "We will not go into it again" unless asked by the U.S. An official spokesman said there was no evidence to support a charge that the Cuban plot was involved.

also - Houston Mayor Welch Calls GARRISON a Publicity Seeker...

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THE NEWS - Sidelines by Loyd Rosenfield; also, Letters to the Editor - a letter saying OSWALD took orders from the Cub Emb and Warren is a Communist, written by Richard M. WIECE.

THE NEWS - OSWALD's Movements Here Barely Written by Jaime Plenn (COS wrote to Annie J. "Anything new in this?" and Annie replied "No. All is rehash.")

also about ALVARADO denying, then again confirming his knowledge of OSWALD

EL SOL - Will the truth be known today? Will the Castro agent claim he was sent to kill Kennedy? Raulolo CONDEGA, Castro agent, will be interviewed today. (He was held on 14 Nov 63, accused as a Castro agent, admitting being an employee and agent of the Castro regime, and added was sent by Castro to assassinate Pres. K. He was held in Bellevue Hospital where he was declared a "loco" and then sent to Creedmore hospital where he has been incommunicado.)

DIR E1029 - (Ref: MEXX 0564 - para 553 above) - On 10 Oct 63 Hqs disseminated report to State, FBI, Navy and Immigration based on 1 Oct 63 LIENVY info on OSWALD contact with Sov Emb. This dissemination was classified secret, and any attempt to declassify would require NSC/3 approval. Classification has not been dropped. Appropriate NSC/3 office which coordinates all OSWALD related material is aware of sensitivity of Mex info and need to protect LIENVY source.


also; GARRISON Under Pressure to Reveal Informant - It is our position that he (GARRISON) must present testimony from witnesses who have personal knowledge of the events involved; in his sequestration allegatoins. This would mean GARRISON's "confidential informant" who allegedly overheard SHAH OSWALD and FERRIE plotted to kill Pres. K. would have to testify. GARRISON would be in danger of having his case thrown out of court, according to William J. WEGMANN and Edward P. WEGMANN, attorneys for Clay SHAW.

also; Proof Will Come Hard Says Reporter Merriman Smith (Editor's note: SMITH, UPI White House reporter who won the Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the assassination, went to New Orleans last week to look into charges that the murder of the young president involved a conspiracy spawned in Louisiana. Following is his report)...

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THE NEWS - OSWALD "Home and Dry" by Court Action - by Henry J. Taylor - a review of OSWALD's stay in the Sov Union, when he renounced his U.S. citizenship, etc.

THE NEWS - OSWALD's Wife a Member of the Komsomol - by Henry J. Taylor - about OSWALD marrying Marina, niece of MVD...She stated to Amer Emb in Moscow she did not belong to the KOMSOMOL, when applying for a visa to the U.S. - later she admitted she had lied.

THE NEWS - Judge Upholds GARRISON.

THE NEWS - Two More Enter JFK Investigation - New Orleans Grand Jury took a hand in GARRISON's investigation...and summoned an attorney who was asked to represent OSWALD after the assassination...Dan ANDREWS practiced law in New Orleans at the time of the assassination and told the Warren Comm he received a call from a man named Clay HERTHRAND after the assassination, asking ANDREWS to represent OSWALD. ANDREWS said he was ill at the time and did not take the case. Mrs. Josephine HUG spent 24 minutes with the jury. She was once worked for Clay L SHAW.

THE NEWS - Man Refuses Lie Detector - Dean L. ANDREWS refused to take a lie detector test. Sam (Monk) Selden, ANDREWS' attorney, said he had advised ANDREWS to refuse "on the grounds that it was not necessary."

THE NEWS - Cabble Remembers Hauling OSWALD, FERRIE Together - Raymond CUMMINGS, 34, also a former policeman, told a news conference that he was certain it was OSWALD and FERRIE, in his cab.

THE NEWS - SHAW Gets Special Hearing.

MEMO TO LEGAT from COG - Subject: William Ray DORSTINE - Reference is made to your memo dated 24 Feb 67 (para 517 above) - no record could be found of a visit by a person resembling Subject to the Cuban or Soviet Emb. Should more precise info be obtained on the time when Subj was actually in Mexico, a further check can be made.

THE NEWS - CIA Report of OSWALD Visit Here Kept Secret -
also: SHAW Seeks to Squash Plot Charge -
also: Ramsey-Clark Unhappy With New JFK Probe.

THE NEWS - SHAW's Motion Overruled - A three-judge panel overruled today a defense motion asking that only a single judge preside over a preliminary hearing for SHAW. Another development - Raymond DUMMINS, the Dallas Carpenter who claims that he once drove OSWALD, FERRIE and a third man to Jack RUBY's nightclub arrived here by plane...
EL SOL - RUSSO Says He Saw SHAW, OSWALD and FERRIE Plan the Death of Kennedy

AMEXK Incoming Telegram #441 - from Tampico - Local reporter tells me he knew OSWALD slightly but adds he can shed no new light on case and would lose job or any publicity. Short Telegram follows. Signed by Reyle.

THE NEWS - Witness Tells of Plot to Kill John Kennedy - (Picture of RUSSO and SHAW)
Witness Ferry RUSSO, identified by SHAW as one of three men he heard plotting to kill Pres. K. In Sept. of '63. A 25 yr old insurance salesman testified he heard OSWALD, FERRIE and SHAW conspiring to assassinate Pres. K in 1963 two months before K was killed in Dallas. He pointed out SHAW as the man he met at the party as "Clem BERTHAND". RUSSO said he saw OSWALD four times in New Orleans, in the months before the assassination and he knew him as Leon OSWALD.

THE NEWS - GARRISON Witness Confesses Confusion - GARRISON's star witness testified today he kept knowledge of an alleged plot to assassinate Pres. K to himself for more than three years because he was "confused" about whether OSWALD was the man he knew as "Leon OSWALD". Ferry RUSSO 25, a Baton Rouge, La., insurance salesman said he witnessed SHAW, OSWALD and FERRIE plotting the assassination in New Orleans and that he became "deiated" of identity when one of GARRISON's men drew whiskers on a picture of OSWALD to make him look like the unshaven man he knew.

A-45 Dept of State from AMKONCONSUL Tampico - Subj: Tampico Reporter Knew OSWALD - (Ref: Tampico 59, 15 Mar 67 - para 567 above) - During course of recent conversation, diary drink for a couple of Tampico newsmen, one of them mentioned to me he had recognized the picture of OSWALD when it appeared following the assassination. He said he commented on this to his editor at the time. The latter advised him to keep the matter to himself. Later during the evening he requested that I not reveal to anyone what he had told me, claiming to fear for his job if anything came to light at this point. I later (during daylight hours) approached him for permission to inform the Dept. He replied was a black and his knowledge of OSWALD had been slight. Simply to have set OSWALD at the university in Mexico City. He had planned to travel to Cuba, but Cubans were not prepared to grant him a visa. His contacts with OSWALD had been fleeting and of no consequence, and he repeated his request for information that he would lose his job if the matter came to light. When I pressed him further...treated in strictest confidence, he agreed to my doing so.

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GARRISON's "confidential informant", RUSSO

THE NEWS - DA's Witness Says He Was Y Hypnotized - (see para 556 above) - GARRISON's "confidential informant", Ferry R. RUSSO, said GARRISON had him hypnotized three times before bringing him to court to testify about a conspiracy to kill Pres. K. (presumably RUSSO was hypnotized to see if he were telling the truth in his story to GARRISON investigators that he heard SHAW, OSWALD and FERRIE plotting...
also: DA Aide Suspended, Indicted for Perjury - (see para 560 above) Dean ANDREWS, former attorney who told the Warren Comm he was asked to represent OSWALD after assassination was indicted for perjury. The indictment said ANDREWS testified falsely before the grand jury concerning GARRISON's investigation.

THE NEWS - State Lacked Evidence to Convict OSWALD: Tonahill - Joe H. TONAHILL, the co-counsel for the later RUBY said OSWALD could never have been convicted in Texas for the assassination. Texas law prohibited the testimony of a wife from being entered into the court record....

also: Judges Rule Evidence Sufficient to Try SHAW. . . . "..." The court finds that sufficient evidence has been presented to establish probable cause that a crime has been committed, and further, that sufficient evidence has been presented to justify the bringing into play further steps of the criminal process against the arrestee, SHAW.

THE NEWS - Did OSWALD Die From RUBY's Shot? -

THE NEWS - SHAW Just Getting Checkup (and) Gun Found Near SHAW's Car - SHAW was hospitalized for "his annual physical" and for treatment of a recurrent back pain that first developed during his military career.

THE NEWS - Grand Jury Indicts SHAW For Conspiracy

also: Witness Calls JFK Probe "Fraud" - Nightclub operator Gordon NOVEL, subpoenaed earlier in the day by a New Orleans grand jury, accused GARRISON of conducting a "political, police state inquisition".

THE NEWS - Subpoenaed GARRISON Witness Flees City - GARRISON's office ordered the arrest of Gordon NOVEL, former owner of a French Quarter bar, as material witness in the investigation of assassination. NOVEL did not appear and could not be found here, later turned up in Columbus, Ohio; he left here today saying he was going to Chicago.

Meantime, GARRISON'S office issued two more subpoenas - one directed Donald DOODY to appear for questioning; the other ordered Layton MARTENS to go before the grand jury next Wednesday. (DOODY - red-bearded)

also: Counterespionage Says US Reds Not In On JFK Plot - Herbert Philbrick, former counterespionage author of "I Led Three Lives" has discounted any theories blaming American Communists for assassination. Philbrick said he was inclined to believe the orders to kill K originated in Communist-dominated Cuba.

Gordon NOVEL, Flees

check Donald DOODY and Layton MARTENS early contacts
THE NEWS - Chicago Asked to Arrest NOVEL - Gordon NOVEL, the "missing" witness in GARRISON's investigation, popped up in a Washington suburb and took a lie detector test on his charges that the GARRISON investigation was a "fraud." The operator of the polygraph test said NOVEL "passed" the lie test. "He showed no deceptions" . . . NOVEL was a roommate of the late FERRE.
6 Apr 67

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FBI agent Peter Krueger in Acapulco with GARRISON ??

check Luis CASTILLO - possible early contact or trainee for assassination

check "Jose"

check Antonio ELORIGA

2 May

check YATSKOV - early contact

6 May

check Guy BANISTER - early contact

THE NEWS - SHAW Enters Plea of Innocent -

THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - The Greatest Nonsense Of All -

THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - Why Did OSWALD Kill Patrolman Tippit? -

THE NEWS - by Allen Scott - Agency To Review New Evidence In JFK Killing Eyed - (2/3 of the commission's estimated 28,000 documents have been declassified since it published its findings on 25 Sept 64. The remaining one-third, which include several hundred documents believed to have significant new value, are still barred from public scrutiny.)

THE NEWS - GARRISON Fails to Appear Despite Rumored Stay Here - Mexi newspapers said GARRISON was in Mexi as part of his investigation into the assassination. / / / In Acapulco. / / /

Paper said GARRISON was accompanied by a special FBI inspector named Peter Krueger and four FBI agents. No Peter Krueger could be located in Acapulco.

THE NEWS - JFK Assassination Plot Told by Puerto Rican - A 28 yr old Puerto Rican, who says he was trained in a Cuban espionage school, claims he was involved in a plot that put him in Dallas at the time of the assassination. / / The newspaper quoted Luis CASTILLO, under investigation by the National Bureau of Investigation, as saying that in Dallas he was instructed by an unidentified man who gave him a rifle to shoot a man in an open car. / CASTILLO said he was not able to use his rifle but heard that a man called "Jose" was successful. / CASTILLO was produced for local newsmen by the FBI which said he was arrested in Bulacan province, south of Manila, last 2 Mar, a month after he entered Manila supposedly to contact leading members of the Communist movement here. / CASTILLO said he followed orders in Sept 63 to assume the identity of a Filipino in the Chicago area, named Antonio ELORIGA, and was deported by U.S. to Philippines for overstaying in the U.S.

also: Picture of SHAW - arrives for his arraignment in New Orleans...

Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV has stated that he talked to OSWALD when he was in Mexico LIENVOY (ca. 28 Sep 63) and that he believed OSWALD was too nervous a person to have been able to shoot Pres. K. (prepared by WERNING, sent with EMA 31952, 2 May 67)

THE SAN ANTONIO LIGHT - GARRISON Busy - OSWALD, CIA Linked - ... re: ... witnessed reported killing OSWALD, BANISTER, ARJANCIC and FERRERE together in the building (FERRERE died 22 Feb 67; BANISTER died of a heart attack in the summer of 64)
THE NEWS - La. Daily Claims OSWALD CIA Agent

MEXI 1364 - Following from C/LIBERO locally on 8 May for HQS info only. / Mr. Bernard Diederich / C/Latin American Bureau of Time Life was introduced on 4 May to C/LIBERO by Alva co C/LIBERO. / Diederich said he had been assigned task of determining facts about a photo (now known not to be OSWALD) which WOPACT sent urgently to LIBERO Dallas on day assassination. Diederich said photo appeared in Warren report and in an Esquire article / C/LIBERO told Diederich he had no comment and suggested Diederich go to Wash if he wished to investigate this matter. Diederich intimated he would go to LIBERO and WOPACT Wash. / C/LIBERO reported to his HQ - asked that fact he reported to Station not be told his HQs.

THE NEWS - Man Confirms News Report of GARRISON Brisk, Threats - Alvin R. BAEUCEUF, a 21 yrs old New Orleans man "confirms in all details" a magazine account that he was first offered money and then threatened in GARRISON's investigation of assassination... / Newsweek story said Lynn Loisel, a GARRISON investigator, offered BAEUCEUF up to $3,000 and a job with an airline to "fill in the gaps" about the late KERZER... / GARRISON on these developments: The Justice Dept, claiming "executive immunity" moved to exempt FBI agent Regis Kennedy from testifying before a grand jury investigating GARRISON's charges... The grand jury issued a subpoena calling on the CIA in Wash to produce a picture. GARRISON claims was taken of OSWALD and a Cuban companion in Mexi. Gordon NOVEL, a former New Orleans night club owner GARRISON is trying to extradite from Columbus, Ohio, will file a $10 million libel suit against the DA.

Official-Informal CONFIDENTIAL, to Wesley D. Boles, Esquire, C/Mexi Political Affairs, Office of Mexi Affairs, Dept of State, Wash, Dear Wes... from Benjamin J. Ryyle, Amer Consul Tampico - about his "informant" knowing OSWALD. Informant said he and a group of fellow students met OSWALD when they came out of the Cineclub, which I understood to be at the Escuela de Filosofia. He described OSWALD as "introverted". OSWALD was with the group during the remainder of the afternoon, evening and following day... / OSWALD went to the UNAM to look for pro-Castro students who might help him persuade the Cuban Emb to grant him a visa. He spoke little Spanish, but indicated he was from California and a member of the pro-Castro group in New Orleans (no mention of Texas). informant claims to have visited Cuba, to be well acquainted with Raúl ROA... friendly with Maria Teresa FROUZA, who I understood him to say defected from the Cub Emb in Mexi and may now be in Miami... / He asserted he was the student who personally chiseled the Miguel Aleman statue on the UNAM campus with the dynamite when it was mutilated some years ago... (NOTE from RIGGS - Believe this should be corrected to Polit Section here. From DOSS, believe we should hit Ryyle on his source when next he comes up here or when someone from Cuba section go there. DOSS wrote Agree...
EL UNIVERSAL - Director of CIA Cited by GARRISON for Clarification - re: picture of OSWALD and a Cuban leaving the Cub Emb in Mex, taken by an agent of the CIA and retouched not to reveal the identity of one of the men, if not both, as a Federal Agent.

THE NEWS - GARRISON Claims Code Links RUBY, OSWALD and SHAW - GARRISON said RUBY's unpublished telephone number appears in code in address books belonging to OSWALD and SHAW. / /////
GARRISON said SHAW's address book contains a unique address which exists also in the address book of OSWALD, as printed in the Warren Comm exhibits Volume XVI, page 58. / He said both notebooks contain the same Dallas post office reference, "P.O. Box 19106".

THE NEWS - Solon Calls GARRISON's Evidence "Important" - Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., said... if GARRISON can verify that RUBY's telephone number was written down in code in the papers of OSWALD and SHAW, it would "prove that there definitely was a conspiracy" / /////

HMMW J5465 - In view of recent reopening of the publicity regarding OSWALD and WOJAC evidence, Hqs would like to determine whether the Station still has on hand the negatives from which the prints available at the prints were made of the unidentified "mystery man" coming out of both the Shy and Cub Embassies. If prints are still on file, it is requested that they remain so, and that they be forwarded to the station for retention in a safe, destroyed if the latter action is ever contemplated. End. Note by RIDS: CGS: I personally checked on 27 May 67 and negatives are in LIMTED photo chrono (J 145 77) for Oct 65.

THE NEWS - Analysis of JFK Kennedy Files Refutes 2nd Gunman Theory -

THE NEWS - All CIA/ - "This Knocks Hell Out of GARRISON Case" says Alan Adelson, an attorney for the RUBY family.

also - Five Anti-Castro Cubans Killed JFK: GARRISON said Pres. K was assassinated by 5 anti-Castro Cubans angered over K's handling of the Bay of Pigs invasion. He said OSWALD did not shoot K and "did not even touch a gun on that day."

THE NEWS - NOVEL Files Suit Against GARRISON

THE NEWS - Evidence From News Media to be Part of SHAW Trial -

THE NEWS - GARRISON to bare "other plotter" -

THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - GARRISON No Buffoon at All -... // GARRISON turned to Volume XVI, Page 58 of the Commission's Report, OSWALD kept a diary. Page 58 shows a note OSWALD made, "P.O. Box 19106". SHAW's notebook contains the identical note. / GARRISON demonstrated for me the simple code that translates "P.O.Box 19106" into Whitehall 1-5601. GARRISON found that RUBY had an unpublished telephone number in Dallas in 1965, and that number was...
607. (continued) 29 May 67

Who is the "Latin"?

608. 29 May

609. 30 May

610. 31 May 1967

611. 2 June

612. 6 June

Was this proved?

613. 13 June 67

Check validity of LIRINO/S

OSWALD and STILWIA had an affair

Why didn’t Mexi police give us all info?

614. 3 June

615. 12 June

same info as para 592 above

YATSUKOV — early contact

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Whitehall 1-5601. This development would connect OSWALD with both SHAW and RENYU. The man GARRISON now wants most to find is a Latin, likewise revealed, whom GARRISON has traced back to the Bay of Pigs debacle.

DEMA 32105 — Ref: DEMA 15488 (para 601 above) — The prints forwarded to HGS in Ref. were taken of a person leaving the Soviet Embassy. The negatives of these prints are in the Station files.

THE NEWS — By SHAW Trial Judge — Contempt Warnings Cited

THE NEWS — by Henry J. Taylor — Some Facts About OSWALD Still Unanswered

THE NEWS — Taylor Tripper (about above article in which Taylor said OSWALD left New Orleans about noon on a bus and reached Maxi City the next morning, which is an impossible task.

THE NEWS — GARRISON Says RENYU Part of Conspiracy — GARRISON alleged that SHAW made a trip to the Capitol House Hotel in Baton Rouge in the fall of 1963 and met with RENYU and OSWALD and supplied them with funds....

DEMA 32243 — to C/WHD. Subject: PBRUEN/The LIRINO/3 Operation

.../.../page 2 — para 6; HGS’ attention is called to paragraphs 3 through 5 of RENYU’s report dated 26 May. The fact that Silvia DURAN had sexual intercourse with OSWALD on several occasions when the latter was in Maxi City is probably new, but adds little to the OSWALD case. The Mexi police did not report the extent of the DURAN-OSWALD relationship to this Station...

Meeting with LIRINO/3, dated 26 May 67 — /.../LIRINO/3, trying to keep active certain contacts he had had in the past, of the official Cuban circle, mentioned specifically the case of Silvia and Horacio DURAN and explained the background of his relationship with them /Silvia DURAN informed LIRINO/3 that she had first met OSWALD when he applied for a visa and had gone with him several times since she liked him from the start. She admitted that she had sexual relations with him but insisted that she had no idea of his plans. When the news of the assassination broke she stated that she was immediately taken into custody by the Mexi police and interrogated thoroughly and beaten until she admitted that she had had an affair with OSWALD. She added that ever since then she has cut off all contact with the Cubans, particularly since her husband Horacio, who was badly shaken by the whole affair, went into a rage and has forbidden her to see them...

THE NEWS — FBI Never Investigated Clay SHAW

MEMO on Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV prepared by Jonathan L. WERNING - YATSKOV has stated that he talked to OSWALD when he was in Mexico (ca. 28 Sept 63), and that he believed OSWALD was too nervous a person to have been able to shoot Pres. K (Source: YIOVAL-1)
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FROM 15,557 - to COS, Subject: K ASSAssination Report on OSWALD's Trip to Mexi City
1. The American Consul in Tampico, Ruyle, has sent to the Dept of State a letter of 11 May 67
   a copy of which is attached. It constitutes the first piece of substantive info
   about OSWALD's sojourn in Mexi to appear since his
   assassination of Pres K. We understand the
   reluctance of the unidentified source to become
   involved, but the fact remains that this info
   cannot continue to be withheld or
   concealed. 
2. Although the Warren Comm obtained
   no facts from the source on his
   OSWALD's part, this allegation has been made by elements
   of the press covering GARRISON's investigation
   in New Orleans. It is therefore necessary to
   confirm this possibility in mind when interviewing
   OSWALD in Mexi. It is our hope that the facts
   obtained through these interviews will help to
   confirm several of GARRISON's allegations
   about involvement of anti-Castro Cubans, WOPACT, etc., are false.
   (Note: 22 June 67 COS told Nafe Ferris orally about this.)

DIF 12832 - Mr. Richard Welch, COS Georgetown, travelling on tourist card but carrying dip pp,
will arrive Mexi 17 June on Panam 156 at 2040 hrs. Mr. Welch hand carrying special material
for COS. Also wishes discuss with Station and ROWTON proposal for CPS use of latter in Guyana
Request Station meet, escort through customs and arrange accommodation. He will depart Mexico
City 20 June via Visa 761. (Note: for ROWTON pers. Met by CP/D)

MEXI 1839 (Ref: DIF 12832 - para 617 above) On 20 June received letter and attachments
sent by LUND / Will attempt actions suggested; appreciate guidance.

FROM 15574 - to COS, Subject: OSWALD - (Ref: HMM 32103 - para 608 above; and, HMM 15438 -
para 601 above. In addition to the photos forwarded to Hqs of mystery man in front of Sov Emb,
Hqs also has a photo taken in front of Club Emb of a man who appears to be identical with the
mystery man. The date written on the back of this print is 15 Oct 63. We have no record
of a transmittal dispatch number, only an indication it was forwarded here by your Station.
The background on this one photo was compared with another photo recently submitted by you to
Hqs of another unidentified person photographed entering the Cub Emb, and there is little doubt
that the 15 Oct 63 photo was indeed taken in front of the Cub Emb. This photo was the one
referred to in HMM 15438. Hqs assumes that you also have the negative of this 15 Oct 63
photo. End. (Note by HIOS: This negative is filed in LIONION photo Chrono and was in the
file on 3 July 67. Personally checked by HIOS. Answered by HMM -)

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Key Aide Resigns GARRISON Inquiry - Investigator Quits in Fight Over
Assassination Case - Chief Investigator for GARRISON, William K. Gurvitch, quit his job today
in the midst of a stormy dispute over the way the K assassination inquiry is being conducted...
THE NEWS - by Walter Lippmann - "The Death of a President" - A Review

also: More Holes Punctured in JFK Probe - Attorney Dean ANDREWS, Jr., said today the Clay BERTRAND who sought legal counsel for accused presidential assassin OSWALD was French Quarter bar operator Eugene C. DAVIS. ANDREWS' statement came on the heels of DAVIS' appearance before the Grand Jury. ANDREWS said in an interview that Clay L. SHAW, accused by GARRISON of conspiring to murder Pres K. "never was, and never will be" Clay BERTRAND. ANDREWS was under indictment for perjury in the GARRISON investigation said he would voluntarily go before the grand jury and tell them that DAVIS was Clay BERTRAND.

MEXI 1960 (Ref: HW 15557 - para 6.6 above) - DOSCHER travelled Tampico on 25 June 67 in attempt identify source of Amb Consul letter per ref and make contact with him. AM Consul placed DOSCHER in contact with informant OSCAR CONTRERAS who is reporter for El Sol de Tampico is about 30 yrs old and married with three children; studied law at UNAM for 3 yrs (approximately 1960-1964); belonged clandestine pro-Castro Revolutionary group at UNAM; visited Cuba where met Castro and Haul ROA; was prosecuted by police for these activities; and finally decided got away from group and from police by changing residence to Tampico (circa 1964). CONTRERAS claims he no longer member any organization, but is visited often by old friends who still active. Regarding OSWALD case, he extremely cautious and refused give DOSCHER details contact with OSWALD. Said reason he could not give names persons who met OSWALD is that persons still active revolutionaries and if they found out he informed them, he and his family would be grave danger. Although CONTRERAS was not able or willing give dates and names, he said OSWALD visited UNAM campus shortly after Cub Emb refused him visa to visit Cu a. OSWALD made inquiries regarding pro-Cubian revolutionary group at UNAM and was directed to CONTRERAS and his friends. OSWALD met CONTRERAS and four other peers as they came out of roundtable discussion held in faculty of Philosophy. OSWALD told group it urge he visit Cuba and that Cub Emb denied him visa. He requested aid from CONTRERAS' group. CONTRERAS and others mistrusted OSWALD because they felt he was CIA provocateur. Group allowed OSWALD to accompany them the rest of that day, that night, and part of the next day. OSWALD very introverted and appeared slightly crazy. OSWALD made no mention assassination plot, but kept bringing up point he had to travel to Cuba immediately. As to whether OSWALD might have been homosexual, CONTRERAS said he introverted and had complexes and he could have been type to enjoy such relations. While he was with group, however, he showed no sign of this. Tendency. DOSCHER was to have third meeting with CONTRERAS evening 26 June 67 but CONTRERAS did not make appearance. If above not sufficient, Station can possibly turn into over-to LITIMPOS with request they pursue case for additional info. Pls advise.
THE NEWS - by Walter Lippmann - The Death of a President - "The Transfiguration of JFK" - Manchester Had Malice Toward None

DEA 52433 to C/WHD from COS, Subj: OSWALD (Ref: HMW 15574 - para 619 above) - The negative of ref photo is filed at Mexi Station. This photo was taken in front of the Cuban emb but the photo published in the Warren Commission report was taken in front of the Sov emb. This Station has on file negatives of both photos.

DIR 165823 (Ref: MEXI 1950 - para 60 above) - Although it is possible CONTHERAS may have fabricated entire story, importance of any leads this matter demands we explore to fullest. Believe story should be given LNERGO unless you have objections. If not, do you prefer handle locally or want us do so here? Once LNERGO in act, they may wish take up with Mexi authorities. Newspaper article CONTHERAS as leader of UNAM revolutionary bloc tends give some substance to this story. Does Station have any contacts or assets who might be able to identify other members of CONTHERAS group at time? If CONTHERAS colleagues identified, conceivably a follow up approach to him armed with this new knowledge might persuade him give more of story. In any event, if unable to resolve CONTHERAS story unilaterally, will have to take up with Mexi officials and considering such possibility it may be wise to risk exposure by asset by unilateral effort. Because of this and in view LIOCAKES relationship with LINTENGOS, it may not be wise to use LIOCAKES despite their long handling history at UNAM. Request views re proceeding on own, through LINTENGOS, or handling lead to LNERGO with proviso we be kept informed. No identifiable traces CONTHERAS.

MEXI 1991 (Ref: DIR 165823 - para 626 above) - Station feels any further unilateral handling of CONTHERAS would not be profitable and prefers pass entire case to LINTENGOS for action. Also, prefer inform LNERGO locally re case. In order accomplish above, COS plans have private meeting with LINTENGOS-8 and will orally give him info available on CONTHERAS. COS has already advised LNERGO of initial info (HMW 15557 - para 616 above) and preparing follow-up memo containing info on DOSCHER's visit to Tampico. LNERGO to be advised that MEXI authorities now handling case and request LNERGO take no action without prior consultation Station.

MEMO to LEGAT from COS, Subj: OSWALD Visit in Mexi - memo reporting info in above paragraphs to LEGAT - on CONTHERAS.

NOTE to COS from LUND (attached to cover of Vol. 5 of P-0593)
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DIR 17187 (Ref: MEXI 1971 - para 627 above) - Concur. Will take parallel action by advising INERGO here.

THE NEWS - D.A. Wants Sept Trial for SHAW - GARRISON is ready for trial of Clay L. SHAW

THE NEWS - Manchester Book Labeled Unreliable

THE NEWS - GARRISON Charges Newman - GARRISON said a warrant had been issued for the arrest of a network Newman on charges the reporter attempted to bribe Perry Raymond Russo, the star witness in GARRISON's attempt to prove the assassination was a conspiracy. / GARRISON charged that Walter SHERIDAN... had worked for NBC in New Orleans for two and one-half years. SHERIDAN has devoted his efforts almost exclusively since Feb investigating GARRISON's assassination conspiracy theory and legal activities.

**MEMO from JKB [Source ITIMEPO/12] re: Oscar CONTRERAS** - Attached is a report on captioned subject, dated 7 July 67. / It will be noted that the records of the UNAM Law School reflect that the only Oscar CONTRERAS listed is one Oscar CONTRERAS Larrique who was registered as a student there in 1959-60, but not during the period 1961-63.

Attachment as follows: In the Law Faculty at UNAM in the files there is only listed Oscar CONTRERAS Larrique, a student who registered in 1959 and 1960 to study Law, having quit "en este ultimo año" / He is from Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, born 14 Feb 39, of Eustacio L. CONTRERAS and Buendia Larrique, his secondary studies were at Escuela Nacional Secundaria Preparatoria Federal in Tamaulipas from 52 to 55. / On 17 Jan 61, in Excelsior, appear one Oscar CONTRERAS, as a signor of a protest for the Bloque Estudiantil Revolucionario.

**BLOQUE ESTUDIANTIL REVOLUCIONARIO (HER)**

The first time we heard of the HER was in July 61 when activities began in politics among students. / 13 July 61 - University groups of the left, especially HER, and the Movimiento America Latina (MAL), headed by Humberto RENANZ (of HER) and Pedro SANZ Zepeda (of MAL) made propaganda utilizing "lupercalios de paz" to attack the clergy and the Secretariat of Government. / Directors of MAL are: Hugo ARANDA, Oscar GONZALEZ and Hulan (Dina) CAMACHO, and those from the HER planned to have meetings in the Ateneo Espanol or UNAM, according to the instructions of Jose Antonio CORTUONDO (spelled CORTUONDO in report). Amb of Cuba / 15 July 61 - This group with other groups of the left continue having meetings at University City. / 25 July 61 - This group invited students of Instituto Politecnico Nacional (TPN) to an "act" to be held on 26 July 61 at Univ City to commemorate the Cuban Revolution / 26 July 61 - This group, along with MAL will organize an "act" in the Humanities Auditorium to honor the Cuban Revolution. / 15 Sept 61 - The students of Law School, headed which head the leftist political group named Patricio Isabamba will become affiliated with the HER.
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Oscar CONTRERAS - Have all these names been checked as possibly having had contact with OSWALD when CONTRERAS was at UWAM and OSWALD went there? ?

30 Nov 61 - University Leftists, directed by the EER, Movimiento Liberacion Nacional and MAL, directed by Antonio TERRIO Adame, Vicente VILLAMAR, Jose Eduardo PASCUAL and Humberto HIRIANTE will summon the students to a Defense of the Cuban Revolution and will be led by the Comite Universitario Pro-Defensa of the same leaders. / 24 Jun 62 - A meeting will be planned for the Apoyo a Cuba en el Hemiciclo a Juarez if the police does not stop it / 7 Mar 62 - Principal leaders are; Victor Manuel BAREZO, Carlos ARAUJO, Hugo CASTRO Aranda, Antonio TERRIO Adame, Jose CRUZ Guzmán, Carlos ORTIZ Tadea, Daniel MOLINA, Enrique ALVAREZ, Humberto HIRIANTE (spelled HIRIAN), Oscar GONZALEZ, Hilda GARCIA, Pedro SAINZ, Zepeda, Alberto CEJOR, Jose Eduardo PASCUAL, Juan SALDAÑA, Martin PÉREZ, Eusébio, Vicente VILLAMAR, Ruben FERREZ, Horacio, and Jesus OCHOA. This group ceased functioning as such about the middle of 1962 and one Oscar CONTRERAS, who was not one of the leaders, it is possible he was a lesser militant and signed as a leader in the Excelsior publication so as not to compromise the actual leaders.

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This is not proof that CONTRERAS was not at UWAM in Sept 63

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GARRISON Gets "Equal Time" Spot

Statement 8 July: Amer consul, William Harben, in Merida, reported following: A. Amer retired seaman Joseph HARET now in Merida was aboard Ferrel Lines Freighter African Dawn April 67 in Har Es Salaam when that ship unloaded considerable freight to be shipped to Cuba which was loaded on a vessel berthed 700 yards away. Harben describes HARET as alert, intelligent and experienced seaman. B. American citizen Dennis Lynn HARBER describing self as armed forces vet on 100 percent disability pension told Harben that a Robert BROWN, Box 569 Boulder, Colo, whom he knew previously when teaching Eng to Cuban refugees in school run by Fred DIXON in Miami visited him at his (HARBER's) parent's home in Tampa and questioned him using concealed tape recorder about several Americans who had worked at Miami school. Bob BROWN, Ed COLLINS, William SEYMOUR, Leonard MILL and Frank HARGRAVES. He also showed HARBER photo of David FEHR in New Orleans investigation of Pres K's death and asked if he knew him. HARBER claims to have translated for BROWN, book by Cub officer, Alberto BAYO entitled "One Hundred Fifty Questions for Guerrilla Fighter" published by Panther publications. Also claims worked Bertiz school New York. In view apparent robust physical health, Harben suspected HARBER be affected with some sort psychoneurosis etc. 2. Believe para 1B info should be passed to LNEGO.

THE NEWS - Three Assassins in JFK Conspiracy Says GARRISON

Memo to Director, FBI in Washington, Subj: OSWALD - memo reports info in paras 634, 635 above.

THE NEWS - Connally Writing Own Account of Assassination

BNNW 15695 to CO3, Subj: Possible Mexican Ramifications of Assassination of Pres K.

1. An LNEGO informant alleges that "quite some time" before the assassination, OSWALD met in Mex City with a member of WOFACT whose alias was Bill MEDINA. The latter's true name was not known to the informant. Would you please advise whether the name "Bill MEDINA" is known in any context. We assume there is no connection with IDENTITY but would appreciate your comments.

2. Another LNEGO report includes a statement to the effect that one Sam DEPINO, News Dept, WVEU Television, New Orleans claimed to have received info that GARRISON might try to connect with an ex-Nazi now living in Mex City with the assassination. The ex-Nazi was supposedly active in the propaganda field and was also described as "one of the heads of WOFACT in Mex." Can you surmise who might be the identity of this incongruous describing?

IDENTITY is Alfredo MEDINA Vidieila

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644. 11 Aug 67

Thayer WALDO ??

DIR 26597 (Ref: MADRID 2170 being relayed Maxi City - )
1. Following info from KOWAGT and LNHUE field reports: A. THAYER WALDO reported as stringer for Drew Pearson in Uruguay 1946 where he known for in accurately reporting Emb events. He friendly with group of Spanish Communists in Uruguay. Report from Uruguay also disclosed that Waldo made derog. remarks regarding U.S. policy in Latin America and expressed himself as sympathizer with Sov politics. Reliability of above report cannot be judged since not available in files. B. WALDO also reportedly served as correspondent for Pearson in Ecuador and Colombia. After being invited to Emb tour of Cali by Pres Calo PLAZA, Subj took steps in 1950 to renounce U.S. citizenship and obtain Ecuadorian citizenship. In advance official position with latter government. Later decided retain U.S. citizenship. In 1953 Subj was administrator of El Sol, leftist daily in Quito. In April 1955 he launched the 2 Pacific Post newspaper in Ecuador. Subj considered unreliable, dishonest and unsavory by Americans and Ecuadorians. June 1955 WALDO deported from Ecuador by Pres Jose Maria VELASCO Ibarra for writing derog articles concerning Ecuadorian government. He then spent one month in Cali, Colombia where he re-issued U.S. passport. Wife Helen, a Hungarian national, joined Subj in Cali, travelling from Quito on IRPO passport. C. Jan 60, Havana Station reported WALDO as American newsman from Maxi in Habana who might be offered chitchotship of Eng language Times of Habana. Late Jan 60, Maxi Station reported Subj discussed a week tour of Cuba with Emb officials. His files indicate WALDO resided Maxi two yrs prior to 1960 at Cali, Colima 107, Sept 7, Maxi 7.
2. Latest info available has is Maxi 9265 indicating WALDO Public relations head of Univ of America as of 3 Aug 65. 2. Suggest address as pass above info to Emb officers who in touch with Subj. / 3. For Maxi; Request traces on Subj.

645. 11 Aug

Maxi THAYER

MEXI 2454 - (Ref: DIR 26597 - para 644 above) - 1. Maxi Station files contains same derog on WALDO (aka Mark THAYER) as ref. In addition KBNS 3282 of 1 Feb 60 cites usually reliable source in HBG 104 of 16 June 55 that Subj's former partner in Pacific Post, Francis R. BURMULLER, was fired by SUB and was expelled from Maxi COG raised Subj in Amb staff meeting 3 Aug. Commercial counselor who sits on board of regents at Univ of Mexico, said Maxi had been fired by Univ since he was not doing his work. This puts WALDO in position of having violated working papers requirements, and according commercial counselor, probably accounted for WALDO's expulsion by GO. Counselor for public affairs added that WALDO apparently kicked into Texas because he had called Emb Press Attache from there on 2 Aug. / 3. In same staff meeting Coun for Public Affairs said Maxi foreign correspondents assoc concerned over base because (a) they feared WALDO might have been expelled because of anti-Mexican articles he wrote for Denver Post amp. New York Times (for which he stringer), and (b) WALDO chatted club house, 6,000 pesos to Emb. WALDO is U.S. citizen and had latest U.S. passport issued Maxi 1966. / 5 Maxi Eng News carries story by Jaime PLEUN 11 Aug headlined Search on for Missing Newman. PLEUN writes that disappearance of WALDO public relations director at Univ of Amer, has become object of official and private inquiries.
Following is gist PLENNY article: WALDO left Mexi unexpectedly early July. Last heard from in letter postmarked Los Angeles addressed to University claiming he had been trailed in Mexi and that pressure put on him to leave country. WALDO a member of foreign correspondents association, which lists him as correspondent for Denver Post, San Francisco Chronicle, and those cities. Also wrote regularly for Chicago papers. Both Univ and Associated Press trying to locate WALDO. 6. PLENNY story continued: WALDO in Dallas at time assassination and reported events of that week to U.S. newspapers. Several months ago he called press conference here and outlined his points of view that differed with Warren report. Short while before leaving Mexi, WALDO known to have been investigating activities in Mexi of OSWALD and a reported visit to Mexi by members of a secret U.S. organization at time Pres. K visited Mexi 1962. WALDO friends said they told them he had been commissioned in New Orleans by GARRISON to verify reports of certain incidents during KENNEDY visit Mexi. GOM Immigration officials have denied WALDO deported. U.S. Embassy officials said they had no info to supply re WALDO's whereabouts. 7. LIMERO Chief Mexi advised COS on 11 Aug that LIMERO trying to locate to interview him re OSWALD case. Request COS advise LIMERO if whereabouts known.

Could WALDO's wife be carried about time spent in Dallas during assassination?

THE NEWS - Search On For Missing Newsman - re Thayer WALDO - info given above

MEXI 2463 (Ref: MEXI 2454 - para 945 above) - 1. Muxi Eng News 12 August carries follow-up story on Thayer WALDO by Pearl GONZALES. Dist follows. 2. WALDO reported 11 August to be working on a news story for "Ramparts" magazine. While a spokesman for "Ramparts" said WALDO has an assignment for the magazine, he declined to say exactly what the assignment is or where WALDO located. 3. When the news contacted William TURNER, staff writer of the California magazine at noon 11 Aug, he said, "I just talked to WALDO 5 min ago. There's no mystery. He is just busy traveling, which is why he hasn't written to anyone or why he hasn't left a forwarding address. Even as he hung up he was getting ready to leave for another city." 4. TURNER went on to say that WALDO explained his resignation from the Univ of the tenor as resulting from pressures applied to Univ officials by powerful Amer business interests following his talk at the foreign correspondents club Debunking The Warren Report. WALDO went "on vacation" in Los Angeles in July, TURNER said, wired his resignation to Univ, then followed up with a letter to press of Univ. From Los Angeles WALDO continued to San Francisco where he contacted "Ramparts" and was put to work on temporary basis. TURNER concluded by saying WALDO "definitely not put out of Mexi." 5. Two professors at Univ said they weren't surprised at WALDO's resignation since he had been neglecting his job. One professor attributed this to the fact WALDO under tremendous emotional strain since his wife allegedly in States waiting for decree on divorce she filed several months ago.

THE NEWS - GARRISON Wins Perjury Case - against Dean ANDREWS

THE NEWS - DA Says OSWALD, RUBY, SHAW Conspired Against Kennedy - ///GARRISON said that SHAW once met with RUBY and OSWALD at the Jack Tar Capitol House in Baton Rouge and handed them money, that the meeting occurred from 2 to 9 p.m. on 3 Sept 63/ /// that SHAW went to Portland, Ore. in Nov 63 in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy. The route took him through Houston, Los Angeles and San Francisco...
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HMIA 32806: to C/WBC, Subject: LNRWIO Reports on Ramifications of Assassination.
Ref: HMID 15695 - para 543 above - As far as can be determined, no WOFACI member has used the alias BILL MEDINA. As assumption with regard to para 1, last sentence is correct. As Asks aware, there is no ex-Nazi who is "one of the heads of WOFACI in Mexico."

THE NEWS - Nov-CIA Men Killed JFK Says GARRISON

NEEI 27580 - Ref: NEEI 2756 - ) - Following editorial written by LIQUIFIER in lead editorial column of Novi prestige daily Excelsior re GARRISON interview in "Playboy": Title: Versions by GARRISON. Text: It is ... /////LIQUIFIER wrote above editorial solely with aim of discrediting GARRISON. Since most Mexicans do not believe in Warren report LIQUIFIER had to express normal Novi doubt about assassination. Most Novi readers will assume that editorial represents official GOM and Excelsior management attitude toward GARRISON interview. Pls advise whether Has wants Novi Station pouch or cable Spanish text ////

Playboy Interview: Jim GARRISON (Note written by COS: This guy GARRISON is so far gone that he would not be acceptable in any lucky bin !!)

NOYERADES - OSWALD Requested Help from us to Kill Kennedy, says Castro - His Amb in E.M. Mexico informed, but he didn't take it seriously - Castro revealed in a newspaper interview that OSWALD visited the Cub Emb in Mexico in order to request help to carry out his plan to assassinate Pres K. Castro told the newspaperman, Englishman, Goor CLARK, who was on a visit in Havana, according to an article just published in the U S The Inquirer: "I knew OSWALD was planning to assassinate Pres K. but I didn't think he would do it" OSWALD visited the Cub Emb in Mexico on two occasions; he said he wanted to work for us, but OSWALD was planning to assassinate Pres K. The second time, he said he wanted to liberate Cuba from American imperialism, kill Kennedy and it was exactly that which he was thinking of doing "Castro added that the Cub Amb in Mexico told him of OSWALD's visits and that OSWALD had said he did not give it any importance. He (the Cub Amb in Mexico) thought he was dealing with a braggart "Also, I would consider killing a Chief of Staff to be a stupidity. As far as Cuba is concerned the U.S. Government will continue to be the same - with one president or another." / The reporter asked Castro if his government warned the U.S. about OSWALD's plans. Castro answered that his Governmen does not have, and did not have any kind of relations with the government of the U.S. Also, "If I had taken OSWALD seriously, I could have informed the United Nations or some similar official organization. I doubt that anyone would have believed it anyway. Anyway I thought that OSWALD's visit to the Cub Emb (in Naxi) probably had something to do with the CIA of the U.S." 

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