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Lee Harvey OSWALD

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Handwritten notes:
NB: Mason her testimony says first LHO told her he was going to Spain. This was not the case.

REASON FOR CONTACT

Handwritten: NB: Ans. on Flight Paper over line # 516 at c. 1000 on 27 Sept, Friday
Regard at Wgts del to commission

DATE	TIME	CONTACT	REASON FOR CONTACT
1963			
27 Sept. (Friday)	1037	Soviet Embassy *	Wants visas to go to Odesa. Consul was not in. Subject told to call back at 1130.

Handwritten: * 15-60-55 (NB: This is correct number from our files 5 below)

27 Sept.	1605	Silvia DURAN calls Soviet Embassy (MO) = Man outside	Silvia tells MO that the American citizen was there, the one who wants a visa for Cuba on his way to the Soviet Union and he wants to know with whom he was talking there because she (Silvia) had sent him to the Soviet Embassy saying that if they accepted him and gave him a visa then the Cubans (Embassy) would also give him a visa without further paper work only advising Immigration in Cuba and he wants to know with whom he had talked there because he says he was told there would be no problem. MO says to wait a moment. A different MO comes to phone and Silvia explains the same thing to him. This MO says to leave name and telephone number and he will call back. Silvia gives telephone 11-28-47 (Cuban Consulate). Silvia takes advantage of the phone call and states she has moved and wants to advise the Soviet Embassy of her change of address so that she can receive the boletin. MO says to call KOUKHARENKO to give her new address, then MO asks the name of the Consul or Cultural Attaché. Silvia says the name is Teresa PROENZA and the telephone number is 14-13-26. MO says thanks.
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27 Sept	1626	Soviet Embassy/calls Silvia DURAN of Cuban Embassy	MI asks Silvia if the American had been there. Silvia says he is there now. MI says the American showed papers from the Consulate in Washington, that he wants to go to the Soviet Union and be there for a long time with his wife who is Russian, but the answer has not come from Washington in respect to this problem, and according to this procedure it takes four or five months, but without having permission from the Soviet Union they should ask, or better said, they cannot issue a visa here without asking Washington; however, according to this man he showed a letter indicating he was a member of an organization in favor of Cuba and that the Cubans said that they cannot issue a visa without his having a visa for the Soviet Union; and now MI does not know what to do with him (the American), because they have to wait for the answer from Washington. Silvia agrees the
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Handwritten: Is valid LHO call ? Very doubtful

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Handwritten: LHO at Carlson meeting 1st time last time he talked with USSR Consul

Handwritten: LHO went to Sov. Emb. talked with someone there

Handwritten: LHO return to Cuban Emb. could not see whom he talked to.

Handwritten: Y. Duran and Soviet talks with LHO at USSR Emb. 1st time last time.

Handwritten: 1166. Soviet Emb. at USSR Emb. presented by person at USSR Emb.

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Handwritten: to come from Washington (LHO) at USSR Emb.

Handwritten: the last time he was seen

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5. 1 Oct. 1031
~~Monday - 1031~~

MO (American) to MI (Sov. Emb.) *
* this call placed to 15-69-87
by Sov MIL ATT.

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.

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6. 1 Oct. 1045

MO (American) to OBYEDKOV of Soviet Embassy

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

LIENVOY

7. 3 Oct. 1539

MO (OSWALD) to MI at Sov. Emb *
* this call placed to 15-69-87, by Sov. MIL ATT.

OSWALD speaks in broken Spanish then in English to MI. He says Hello. 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. MO 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.

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8. 1 & 4 Oct.

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

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9. 8 Oct. / 9th
need work.

MEXICO CITY 6453 reported According LIENVOY 1 Oct 63, American male who spoke broken Russian said his name Lee OSWALD stated he at SOVEMB 28 Sept when spoke with Consul whom he believed be Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV. Subj asked Sov guard Ivan OBYEDKOV who answered, if there anything new re telegram to Washington. OBYEDKOV upon checking said nothing received yet, but request had been sent. Have photos male appears be American entering Sovemb 1216 hours leaving 1222 on 1 Oct. Apparent age 35, athletic build, circa 6 feet, receding hairline, balding top. Wore khakis and sport shirt. Source: LIEMPTV. No local dissem.

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- *10. 11 Oct.
- X11. 15 Oct.
- X12. 16 Oct.
- 13. 22 Nov.
- REFEX
- .14. 22 Nov.
- 15. 23 Nov.
- X16. 22 Nov

DIRECTOR 74830 reported on identity of Subject of MEXI 6453: Lee ~~Henry~~ OSWALD (201-289248), DPOB 18 Oct 39, New Orleans, former radar operator in U. S. marines who defected to USSR in Oct 59. DIR gives description of OSWALD, background, marriage, etc., and action to pass info to Emb. components.

ANB: This description NOT consistent with data given in #9.

MEXICO CITY 6534 requested Hqs to Pls pouch photo OSWALD.

Memo to The Ambassador on Lee OSWALD/Contact with Sov Emb. routed to Amb., Minister, Counselor for Political Affairs, RSO, cc's to Legal, Naval and INS. Memo #6831

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 Refs. Request priority pouch photo OSWALD so that Station can check all recent LIEMPTY coverage for Iden. Forwarding soonest copies of only visitor to Sovemb 1 Oct who could be identical with OSWALD.

AMEMBASSY 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 84802 (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 (Win) 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 Attache is making special flight for this purpose. Legal officer going to Dallas promised to mail this to you. Copies of these photos are being pouched night of 22 Nov. 63.

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X 24. 23 Nov.

*What is
fund? →*

DIR 84822 - No need send staffer 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 ODENVY Hqrs 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.

25. 23 Nov.

DIR 84837 - Urgently require info Valeriy Vladimirovich 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.

26. 23 Nov.

DIR 84885 - KOSTIKOV traveled in September with Ivan Gavrilovich ALFERYEV who in close contact Cuban dips during Feb 62 TDY Quito. Request reporting and coverage ALFERYEV as with KOSTIKOV.

27. 23 Nov.

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?

X 28. 23 Nov.

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

28. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7023 - On 28 Sept 63 Silvia ^{ADRIAN} 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 7014 (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.

29. 23 Nov.

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 LIEMBRACZ 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. 63 1151

Saturday

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 14-12-99 and to take the number down - Silvia says about the American citizen that he is going to talk with you (MI). 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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1. LHO went
Sov. Cons. 28th
left address but
couldn't remember
it.
2. LHO (11:51)
calls from Cuban
Cons. & says he
has his address
written down.
3. LHO. pm
summed up returns
to Sov. Cons. with
his address.

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No other ALFERIEV travel. LILYRIC reporting shows ALFERIEV at Sovemb 6 thru 19 Nov. (No coverage 9, 10, 16, 17 Nov.) Will cover with LIRICE surveillance. Stepping up processing covering Sovemb, trying get LIFEAT ocergge of switchboard of apt bldg where reside Min KAZANTSEV, suspect KGB resident KONSTANTINOV and suspect GRU SCHUCHKIN. Having LIPAWN report movements SIDOROV and effort re audio OP against SID. Incoming LIFEAT on KGB KUZNETSOV will be processed ASAP. Rechecking all uncrased tapes LIENVOY center.

30. 23 Nov 63

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.

31. 23 Nov.

Note to Luis ECHEVERRIA to arrest Silvia DURAN, the girl who put OSWALD in touch with Sovemb. Silvia is Mexican citizen, lives at Bahia de Morlaco #74; mother lives at Ebro #12; brother at Herodoto #14; she drives Consul car, plates 8-92-77; phone is 45-06-96; works at Cuban Embassy.

32. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7025 - (Ref DIR 84886 - para 27 above) - On 28 Sept 63 LIENVOY reported fol: "Entrada MF.....(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 6 above)". Transcriber says OSWALD is the one talking in both cases and the one who called from Cuban Emb 28 Sept to Sovemb.

33. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7026 Luis ECHEVERRIA 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 LIFIRES that on Oscar RODRIGUEZ Molina, 31, Cuban, arrived here legally 21 Jan 61 on Mexicana from Cuba on tourist card 78643/61/6. Left Calle Independencia 17 as contact address w/airline. This info given ECHEVERRIA. ODENVY informed of above. Have no info. ODENVY chief calling Dallas for details. Request Hqs traces soonest.

34. 23 Nov.

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.

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25. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7028 - COS had urgent call to see LITENSOR 23 Nov. COS thought would be for expression condolence 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.

26. 23 Nov.

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MEXI 7029 - Saw photos of OSWALD on t.v. night of 22 Nov and it obvious photos sent to Dallas were not iden. 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 D.F.S. coverage revealed call to him if he needs to explain.

27. 23 Nov.

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 Okay. NOTE: I had return call from ECHEVERRIA 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)

28. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7030 - Following cars 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, believed be 63 issuance. Request identification. Although no known connection suggest above be called attention office handling OSWALD case.

29. 23 Nov.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD from Jeremy L. NIARCOS on Support Activities Assignments re GPIDEAL Assassination.

30. 23 Nov.

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

31. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7033 - For additional calls LIENVOY probably repeat probably OSWALD:
A. On 27 Sept 63 call to Sov Mil Att "Entrada. Man calling says is it necessary to take out 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)
On 27 Sept 63 at 1626 (see para 3 above) (C) On 1 Oct 63 at 1031 (see para 5

This call was in Spanish. It could not have been Oswald

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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} (avec) 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 shows no evidence OSWALD visit. Similar blank against all Sovemb 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 GOM asking they check border airports from which OSWALD might have flown Mexi. We do not get manifests these domestic flights.

visits

+ 42. 23 Nov.

43. 23 Nov.

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

44. 23 Nov.

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

45. 23 Nov.

List of 14 names of contacts of ALFERIEV and KOSTIKOV at Sovemb

46. ?

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 through 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

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47. 23 Nov.

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

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