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 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY

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 LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R.
 RE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR W. C.

SULLIVAN TODAY. FOLLOWING IS IN CONFIRMATION. U
 WINSTON SCOTT, HEAD OF CIA OFFICE HERE, REPORTED THIS
 MORNING THAT LUIS ECHEVERRIA, ACTING MINISTER OF GOBERNACION,
 HAD ADVISED THAT GILBERTO ALVARADO UGARTE HAD SIGNED STATEMENT
 IN WHICH HE ADMITTED HE HAD NEVER SEEN OSWALD HERE IN CUBAN
 CONSULATE ON SEPTEMBER 18 OR ON ANY OTHER DATE AND THAT HE
 HAD NEVER SEEN ANY MONEY PAID TO OSWALD OR ANYONE ELSE IN CUBAN
 CONSULATE. HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT HIS STATEMENT TO EFFECT HE
 HAD CALLED OUR EMBASSY SEVERAL TIMES IN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO
 REPORT INFORMATION RE OSWALD WAS FABRICATION AND THAT SUCH CALLS
 NEVER MADE. (u)

ALLEGED MOTIVE BEHIND ALVARADO'S STORY WAS THAT HE INTENSELY
 DISLIKES CASTRO AND HOPED TO PROVOKE UNITED STATES INTO THROWING
 CASTRO OUT OF CUBA. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO INDICATE THAT
 NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT WAS BEHIND ALVARADO'S FABRICATED STORY. (u)

SCOTT ADVISED THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF NICARAGUAN INTELLIGENCE
 SERVICE, CAPTAIN WHEELLOCK, DID NOT ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN
 INTERROGATION OF ALVARADO BUT WAS PRESENT IN ADJOINING ROOM AND (u)

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CONSULTED BY MEXICANS. SCOTT SAID [WHEELLOCK] TOLD HIM HE IS CONVINCED ALVARADO'S STORY WAS FABRICATION. (S) (u)

ENTIRE MATTER OF ALVARADO'S ADMISSION TO FABRICATION WAS FULLY DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR MANN IN LENGTHY SESSION. HE ACCEPTS FACT THAT STORY WAS FABRICATION BUT CONTINUES TO FEEL CASTRO MAY HAVE BEEN BEHIND KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. [THIS OPINION IN PART BASED ON TWO PHONE CALLS WHICH OCCURRED BETWEEN PRESIDENT DORTICOS OF CUBA AND CUBAN AMBASSADOR HERE ON NOVEMBER 26 LAST IN WHICH DORTICOS REPEATEDLY QUESTIONED AMBASSADOR WITH REGARD TO WHETHER SILVIA DURAN HAD BEEN INTERROGATED ABOUT MONEY WHEN SHE WAS ARRESTED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES NOVEMBER 23 LAST.] (S) (u)

AMBASSADOR MANN WAS MOST EFFUSIVE IN HIS COMMENTS CONCERNING DIRECTOR'S COOPERATION IN HAVING SENT KEENAN HERE AND REQUESTED THAT KEENAN CONVEY PERSONALLY HIS APPRECIATION TO DIRECTOR. HE STATED HE FEELS THAT WITH ALVARADO'S ADMISSION OF FABRICATION THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE NO REASON FOR KEENAN TO REMAIN HERE ANY LONGER. KEENAN HAS RESERVATIONS TO DEPART MEXICO CITY AT 11 PM TODAY ON EASTERN FLIGHT 304 WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT DULLES AIRPORT IN WASHINGTON AT 6 AM TOMORROW. (u)

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