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CONTACT

Soviet Embassy

27 Sept.

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Silvia Duran calls Soviet Embassy (MO) = Max outside)

15:50-15:55 (MT) Note to General's room in phone room S. Kufner

Lee Harvey OSWALD

P-8593

201-289248

REASON FOR CONTACT

27 Sept, Sunday

Wants visa to go to Odesa. Consul was not in, call back at 1130.

Subject told to

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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 bulletin. 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.

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 can not know that to do with him (the American) because they have to wait for the answer from Washington. Silvia agrees the

Soviet Embassy/calls Silvia DURAN of Cuban Embassy

(MT) = Max outside)

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Silvia DURAN calls Soviet Embassy and talks with MI

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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.

Silvia says that in the Cuban Embassy is a North American who was at that Soviet Embassy. MI says wait a minute. Silvia speaks English with with someone and comments in Spanish that they gave APARTIDO 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.

TELETYPE

1. LAD went to Soviet Cons. 9:30

help with information, send back numbers, etc.

en LAD? (18/11/57)

calls from Silvia

Guards of Silvia's car were long and from Thursday afternoon.

9:40 p.m.

Summary of meeting with Silvia 22.9.63. West

X 5. 1 Oct. 1931

Handwritten: 1045

X 6. 1 Oct. 1945

MO (American) to MI (Sov. Emb.) *
Soviet Embassy
** this call placed 10-15-69-83
by Sam Mill Alt.*

MO (OSWALD) to MI at Sov. Emb. *
15-69-92, The S.M. Man

7. Oct. 1939
Handwritten: 1539
Handwritten: 15-69-92, The S.M. Man
*Handwritten: LHM's original MEX 65 on Tom, del MEX
and # 932 e. 0880 2-01-1989, Washington
also says constructive contact is not
consistent with status of LHM's studies
overseas, and arrangements for
of problem should be made in
LHM's case*

X 9. 8 Oct. / 9/5

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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
downs 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 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.

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.

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

MEXICO CITY 6453 reported According *LEINOVOL* 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: *LEINOVOL*
No local dissem.

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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.

NOTE: This is description of Lee Henry Oswald's father given by him in 1959

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

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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 ~~LEAD~~ coverage for Idem. 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 ~~new~~ from COS ~~new~~ 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. 65.

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Edmundo JARDON (of Cuban Embassy) calls VILLACORRA of Prensa Latina in New York asking about the detention of the President of Fair Play with Cuba Committee. VILLACORRA 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. VILLACORRA 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.

HMMA 22533 to C/WHD to send photos (per para 16 above).

MO asks LUISA if she has 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 has been called off so it will not appear they are celebrating death of KENNEDY, nor will they have the party burial coincide with the burial.... LUISA says she plans to move tonight to the doctor's (female) house.

MEXI 7019 - Mexi Station has photos same unidentified American type who is possibly OSWALD entering Cuban Embassy on 15 Oct. Searching for possibility photo-documented entry and departure Mexi. Also attempting establish OSWALD entry and departure Mexi.

MEXI 7020 - Parsons flew Mexi to U.S. who might be Iden w/OSWALD; A. Mexicana flt 800 to Chicago 1 Nov, Joe MARTIN; B. Same flt, 12 Nov. Wilford OSWALT, C. Braniff flt 50 to San Antonio 8 Nov William OSWALD.

MEXI 7021 - ~~RODNEY~~ 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 DEN 35 at home per telecon with DEN. 1 copy each these photos plus copy each of 2 photos showing same person exiting Embassy forwarded in HMMA 22533 leaving regular pouch tonight. View above, does Hqs want staffer with additional photos?

DIR 84821 - Band staffer with all photos OSWALD to Hqs on next flight. Call 1020 4 on arrival.

Luisa

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X 24. 23 Nov.

Wanted info →

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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 ~~ODENNY~~ 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 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.

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

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DIR 84886 - Important you review all ~~FERRENOX~~ 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 - ~~ODENNY~~ 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.

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MEXI 7023 - On 28 Sept 63 Silvia ~~ODENNY~~ Cuban Emb called Sov Consul saying North American there who had been Sovemb and wish speak with ~~ODENNY~~. 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. ~~FERRENOX~~ 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 ~~ALFEREV~~ that date. Also punching 4 Oct photos. Making effort determine OSWALD'S activities Mexico.

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

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No other ALPERIN travel. LITVINIC reporting shows ALPERIN at Sovemb 6 thru 19 Nov. (No coverage 9, 10, 16, 17 Nov.) Will cover with LITVINIC surveillance. Stepping up processing covering Sovemb, trying get LITVINIC coerced of LITVINIC of apt bids where reside Mm KAZANTSEV, suspect KGB resident KONSTANTINOV and suspect GRI SCHUCHKIN. Having LITVINIC report movements BIDOROV and effort re LITVINIC of against SID. Incoming LITVINIC on KGB KUZNETSOV will be processed ASAP. Backchecking all untraced tapes LITVINIC center.

LITVINIC 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 ECHEVERRIA to arrest Silvia DURAN, the girl who put OSWALD in touch with Sovemb. Silvia is Mexican citizen, lives at Bahla 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.

MEXI 7025 - (Ref DIR 84886 - para 27 above) - On 28 Sept 63 LITVINIC reported fol: "Entrada MR..... (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.

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 trade here is 30 Jan 61 report from LITVINIC that one 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. LITVINIC informed of above. Have no info. LITVINIC 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.

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MEXI 7028 - COS had urgent call to see LITENOV 23 Nov. COS thought would be for expression condolence but developed that LITENOV had located call to Soyemb of OSWALD made on 28 Sept. Believe fact that LITENOV aware of this contact (System 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 iden. Dates are given on photos. Station reviewing all available photos persons entering Sov and Cub Embassies. Station suggesting to LITENOV that Silvia DURAN who Mexi employee at Cuban Emb and who put OSWALD on telephone from Cuban Emb to talk to Soyemb on 28 Sept: be arrested immediately and held indomunicado until she gives all details of OSWALD known to her. LITENOV can say DO NOT reveal call to him if he needs to explain.

NOTE WRITTEN BY COS: At 1620 hrs on 23 Nov 63 I had a call from Den (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)

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.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD from Den on Support Activities Assignments re GRIMAL Assassination.

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

MEXI 7033 - Fol additional call LITENOV probably repeat probably OSWALD; A. On 27 Sept 63 call to Soy Mill Art "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) (D) On 1 Oct 63 at 1031 (see para 5 above)

This call was in part 27 Sept 63. 9/27/63

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above. E. On 3 Oct 63 (see para 7 above)

NOTE by COS: I had a call from Washington (12254) at 1620 hrs on 23 Nov. I told Jack Whitten at 1620/30 on 23 Nov. that this (Spec) 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 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. falls 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.

MEXI 7035 - ~~REPORTING~~ reporting Sovemb normal. Conversations between Alfredo MIRABAL Diaz with suspect KGB Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV (who not available, so KOSTIKOV came 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 - ~~REPORTING~~ 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.

List of 14 names of contacts of ALFERIEV 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 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

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

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MEXI 7030 - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ reporting on KOSTIKOV's surveillance and also on ALPEREV.

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

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~~ take which could relate to him. Forget economy of words and cable. ~~ODINVA~~ tells us that Jose RODRIGUEZ Molina is not involved. (para 33 above)

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DIR 84916 - Arrest of Silvia DURAN is extremely serious matter which could prejudice ~~ODINVA~~ freedom of action on entire question of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ CURSAN 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 fact of her arrest and statements not spread to Leftist. We are trying to get more info on OSWALD from ~~ODINVA~~ and will advise.

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

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 #24085. Same source (Mexi Immigration Records) state he left by auto on 3 Oct 63 at Nuevo Laredo. Will advise ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and will ask ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to check hotels in Mexi City to check OSWALD's activities.

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MEXI 7041 - As of 1900 23 Nov., ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ surveillance team and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ basehouses all report KOSTIKOV under Mexi Secret Service physical surveillance. Since cannot continue ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ unilateral under above conditions must cancel ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. This likely due to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ reading same ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 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 GOM station contacts several times in last hour. This good sign of ECHIVERRIA control for time being. Also told Amb who "very pleased" but who also hopes can be kept secret in Washington decide on all "leaks" and releases.

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MEXI 7043 - 1100 hrs on 23 Nov., 1955 green Ford California 63 platos KVVU 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 ~~TEENVOX~~ 18 thru 21 Nov. No items of possible pertinence OSWALD. All normal.

MEXI 7045 - Summary of local contacts of ALFERIEV (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. Says told her they had further checking to do before could issue visa. Knows not why returned U.S. without visa. DURAN told Government 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 ~~TEENVOX~~

Antonio CARAM asks JARDON (of Cuban Emb) if anything is known or passed about the death of OSWALD. JARDON says yes they passed the message that someone shot him in the stomach. CARAM says it is all a plot. JARDON agrees that it is evident. CARAM asks isn't it true that that is what is happening. JARDON says those types wanted to make it appear to be a Communist sympathizing with Cuba, etc., etc., sure once he was in the Soviet Union, and also he subjected himself to a dirty game. CARAM believes they grabbed him for the job. JARDON agrees. CARAM says it is obvious they had to liquidate him (OSWALD) so he wouldn't talk. JARDON 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). JARDON says the international situation will become serious. CARAM says what a ridiculous thing to think that a bar man (cantinero) is able to mix with the police and kill OSWALD, in this mess they should suspect the police of Dallas. JARDON 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 at the building some police were in on the complicity for sure. JARDON

HARRIS, RICHARDSON DO. CARAM, ANTONIO. ALL OF THEM HAD BEEN VISITED

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MEXI 7047 - Re Station's newly intercepted ~~intercepted~~ coverage of ~~operation~~ residence KAZANTSEV, KONSTANTINOV and MEL SHCHUCHINKIN: No calls in or out by above for coverage 1640 to 2000 hrs 23 Nov.

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SIDOROV talks with OBRUBOV who says Have you heard the latest? OSKALO 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 Station's ~~intercepted~~ coverage of residence of Sov Cultural Officer Syatoslav Fedorovich KUZNETSOV, identified KUD: 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 - ~~SECRET~~ product, of target Sovmilat Aleksandr Georgiyevich SIDOROV, of no pertinence.

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MEXI 7050 - Polk ~~SECRET~~ Russian lang portions complete coverage thru 22 Nov: A. 1338 hrs uniden woman asks Sergey Semyonovich KUMARSKO if "they" phoned him at home. KUMH 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 KUMH that Sovamb says not make any statements. B. 1445 hrs Yugoslav Amb Gustav VLAHOV asks for Sovamb BAKAROV. V told that 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 (unaffiliated 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 us that he was wounded and then V heard on the radio that the transfusion did not help. B says yes, that he did. 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

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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 HAZAROV held a conference with apparently most members of his staff at 1730 hrs 22 Nov.)

MEXI 7051 - Contacts of Valeriy 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 Sov 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, or did he plan to return to 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 ~~ELLENOR~~ 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 Killarney St., Corpus Christi, Texas. Motor No. 954257. Plates JF 9675 Cadillac Sedan 1950 issued to Richard J. ARANDA 1601 N. W. 23rd Bad Antonio, Texas. Motor No. 506100812. Plates JH 2476 Chev coupe 1959 issued to Harry Lee Saife 5022 Bayhead San Antonio, Texas. Motor No. 8598175555. (Ref: Mexi 7039 - see para 49 above) Awaiting info from ~~ODENNA~~ 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 68 above) So tell Hqs ask them for reading on these people. We might consider giving GOM the dope on Mexican plates observed at her house in 61, unless you feel 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.

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MEXI 7053 - In meeting 24 Nov attended by ~~ODENNA~~ Amb, Min, COS and DCOS foll obtained. OSWALD ordered rifle of name type used to kill President from Kaelns Mall Order House, Chicago. Ordered in name Aldk HIDEHL but had sent to P.O. box registered in own name. Also OSWALD when arrested had selective service card in possession in name ~~ALICE HIDEHL~~. This name name appeared on Cuban Draft Plan Committee

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underneath. ~~OSWALD~~ had not established as of noon 23 Nov whether HIDEELL exists or alias used by OSWALD. No Mexi traces HIDEELL. Checking person photographed entering Sovemb 1 and 4 Oct and Cub Emb 15 Oct m/mt 23 1976 be HIDEELL. Supplying Mexicans multiple copies ~~OSWALD~~ photos Oswald and Station photos unidentified man appropriately cropped for hotel investigation. Also checking HIDEELL by name with border posts and other COM files.

MEXI 7054 - Refs: A. MEXI 7046 (para 59 above) and B. DIR 84629 (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 COM 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 OSWALD 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 ~~OSWALD~~ she unaware. REF DIR 84916 (para 51 above) ECHEVERRIA aware ~~OSWALD~~ 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 need 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 tapes for this period already erased. Station feeling that above is best answer obtainable to Ref B but will request reinterrrogation 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 17 Sept. Press confirmed that 26 Sept OSWALD crossed border by ~~EMR~~ Nuevo Laredo, Tamps., the following day to Mexi City by road. On 27 Sept he went to Cuban Consulate General to request visa to transit Cuba because he was going to ~~xxxx~~ go 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 could 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 - Mexi daily Excelsior (same as para 72 above), also: This not our leak. Cannot eliminate Government as source. FYI! Presume 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."

L10 CERVANTES calls from UNS offices to 18-35-70, office of newspaper El Mundo (sternquist) 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.

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

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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 Cabinet of auditors 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~~ Cecilia agrees, the picture is evidence of that because the police did not move to try to get in or anything for within a question of seconds 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 this character (Ruby) drinking Coca Cola on the second floor and they just left him there. Julieta adds that from the 2 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 up 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 each 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 that NIXON has made a stand as a good person. Julieta says that it is that now everyone is frightened since they have seen just to what extent these things can happen. She hopes they continue the investigation to the end.

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and, if things come out, that she hopes the public will be shaken up so that they will stop this tendency toward Fascism. Julietta 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 agrees, indeed it was a perfect shot with exact calculation and could not have been done spontaneously. Julietta says that his (OSWALD's) death was evidently to shut him up and they had better not say how 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; Julietta 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 it, 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 when they are able to assassinate a president like Kennedy; imagine how strong they are in the United States.

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DIR 84938 - 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 times 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 LEWIS, Silvia DURAN knew where OSWALD was staying in Mexico. Could we get this address from her?

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MEXI 7059 - Spanish Lang take of 25 Nov Sovemb LEWIS of no pertinence. From Russian lang portions 25 Nov LEWIS 1301 hrs Polish Amb called Sovamb. Pole asked if BAZAROV going anywhere today, BAZ said staying at Emb. Pole asked if could visit BAZ; latter agreed for 1330 hrs. Otherwise, all Russian lang parts personal matters. Not one word on assassination.

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MEXI 7060 - (REF MEXI 6868 - not in OSWALD P-file and not abstracted) According to LITVINOV dip couriers ref left MEXI for Cuba 12 Nov via Cuban # 465 returned MEXI 18 Nov via Cuban. According to LITVINOV they probably left for N. Y. on 23 Nov via Aerovayas 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 IGORINA, LITVINOV and LITVINOV on movements in and out Sovemb by KOSTIKOV and ALMEREV; (All normal apparently, except 24 Nov. 1207 hrs KOSTIKOV enters Sovemb with wife and SHUBIN. 1440 drives out in ALMEREV's car, latter at wheel, with KAZANTSEV and two unidentified Sov visitors also in car. This first time LITVINOV has seen these visiting Sovs. MEXI will identify ASAP.

MEXI 7062 - (Ref: DIR 84938 - 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 HIDEEL". LEGAT checked flights Nuevo Laredo and Monterrey to and from Mexi and found no evidence OSWALD use of air travel. LEGAT checking on Jack RUBINSKI alias Jack RUBY. LEGAT also assisting with all assets in attempt get data on where OSWALD stayed in Mexi 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, Pkno 173, Col. Santa Maria de la Vittoria, Nizavaguan olt, born 31 Jan 40 in Ciudad Rama, State of Celaya, Nic. - Juan LORILLO, Rolan ALVARADO and Carlos Fonseca AMADOR are members of his organization in Nicaragua. Source claims he was sent to Mexi by Nic Communists to go to Cuba where he will be trained in sabotage, but he will go after he gets documented as a Mexi olt. The Cuban Emb in Mexi is going to come up with a false Mexi birth certificate for him. Source said two persons were in the Cuban Emb the morning of 25 Nov 63 at 1100 who are involved in the plot to assassinate Pres. Kennedy. He described them as one being white person with a large cleft nose. The other person had close cropped hair with a copete. Mr. ALVARADO claims that on the 18th of Sept he was 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 jaw line reddish hair which is probably tinted. The Negro spoke English well and might be a North American. OSWALD was speaking of eliminating a person. The

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DIR 84926 - Request cable summary all Station info on Silvia T. DURAN.
Also request LITVAK WIFE be queried as to his knowledge OSWALD contacts
with Cuban dx and Sov embassies.

MEXI 7065 - (REF: DIR 84926 - Para 87 above). Silvia DURAN aka Silvia
de TIRADO, Mexi att, was employed by Cuban consulate office Mexi 22
temporary replacement; OLIVARRI upon latter's death July 63. DURAN
was director IMCRC until early Jan 63 when pressured by Teresa PROENZA
to resign. Before July 63, per STANNOY DURAN had sporadic contact
Cuban Emb, mainly with PROENZA re IMCRC matters. Fall 62 had affair
with Carlos LECHUGA. In June 62 LICOONKEL reported that Jose REVULTAS
said DURAN strongly drawn to his Liga Leninista Espartaco, local dissident
Commie group. Re para two ref: Station queried STANNOY 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 84952 - pls obtain and cable translated summary of any official
reports or statements Mexicans have produced on Silvia DURAN and husband.

WAVE 8149 - 1. ODION advised WAVE that phone call from one Jose Sin
Antonio CABANCA in Mexi City (phone 18-63-34) to Dr. Emilio NUÑEZ
Portuondo, Miami, was monitored 24 Nov 63. 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 NUÑEZ reveals he subj of 201-312304. No record CABANCA.
However, AMON advised CABANCA is probably Jose Antonio CABANCA Saluz,
djob otra 1918 Province Las Villas, Cuba. Currently resides Mexi,
POBox 3000 and has same phos No. para 1 above. He is now occupied with
obtaining Mexi visas for persons desiring leave Cuba. He is pronounced
BASTIANO and rightist with ties to BASTISTA groups in U. S. and heads
the Alianza Para El Progreso de America.

Paul KENNEDY talks with John RETTIE. Paul asks John if he read Excelsior
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)
(letter, same day - continued)

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John HERRIE calls Carlos LAGUNAS who is not in. Luz BERLOVA takes the phone. John tells Luz about Excelstor 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 gray haired man 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 have received 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.

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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 Mexi. Request Mena 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 LORILLO, Rolan ALVARADO and Carlos FONSECA Amador are members his (Communist?) organization Nicaragua.

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President DORTICOS of Habana calls Amb. Joaquin HERNANDEZ Arms of Cuban 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.

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

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MEXI 7069 (Ref: MEXI 7067 - Para 93 above) (also see Para 82 above) Station officer (probably BARBERO) with Emb Security Officer interviewed Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO Ugarite morning 26 Nov with following results: (Repetition of Para 82 and 93 above with following additional): ALVARADO admitted he really on penetration mission for Nio Secret Service, reports to Major Roger JEREZ, Nio Milatt, Pasaje Latino, Interior 513, tel: 46-33-76, Mexi. On 2 Sept reported in Mexi to Professor Edelberto FORRES, Address General Zuazua No. 37, Interior 8. FORRES is Nio in charge of Nio CP travellers to Cuba. Well known Communist. Has daughter in Moscow. On 2 Sept discussed anti-Somoza guerrilla activity in with FORRES and brothers Quintana and Humberto JEREZ Talavera.

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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 KYNAUT (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 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 Nio Army. Says he still Nio Commie party mbr, was originally convinced Marxist, later became disillusioned, has been penetration agent for Nio 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 Ribera, Tel 41-07-31. Will accept phone call from "Rodolfo Gubaldon" to set time for next meeting which to take place front Juarez Monument, Parque Alameda.

MEXI 7070 - [REDACTED] reported Mexi Secret Service initiated heavy surveillance of Sovemb starting afternoon 23 Nov. Also Sao Serv physical surveillance of KOSITIKOV earlier reported, according to [REDACTED] the Sao Serv started close obvious surveillance of Vitaliy Borbovich SHUBIN (KGB) on 23 Nov. Note SHUBIN in past often accompanied KOSITIKOV 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, DeWitt and Anderson: In view of Nio (Ref A) and info in long distance telephone between DORTICOS and HERNANDEZ (Ref B) we suggest Mexicans be informed concerning Ref A and Nio be put at disposition of LOPEZ Mateos on condition LOPEZ Mateos will agree to order rearrest and interrogate Silvia PIRAN as follows: a) Confront Silvia with Nio and have Nio inform her of details his statement to us; b) Tell Silvia she only living non-Cuban who knows full story and hence her position as OSWALD prior to his assassination; her only chance for survival is to cease clean with whole story and to cooperate completely with Mexi Gov in return for Mexi Gov protection; c) She will not in any case be allowed to leave Mexi. / Given apparent character of Silvia, there would appear to be good chance of her cracking when confronted with details of deal between OSWALD, AZCUE, MIRBAL and Silvia 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 headed corroboration of statement of the Nio. Also suggest Mexi Gov identify and arrest unknown negro. Have Mexican rearrest Silvia so as to eliminate possibility of her being smuggled out of Mexi to Cuba or killed here. We lack established reliability of Nio, but suggest that DORTICOS' preoccupation with money angle tends to corroborate authenticity of Nio statement. Thus, there appears

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to be strong & possibility that a down payment was made to OSWALD in Cub Emb here. Request instructions.

MEXI 7083 - (REF: MEXI 7067 - para 93 above) FYI: ALVARADO now claims he CP penetration agent for GON. Request WANA Station not consult Liaison on this one until further word from MEXI or DIR.

MEXI - 7084 - AMB Mann requested ODENNY 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 is he not fully briefed on cases, etc. // COS finds present C/ODENNY one of best and most cooperative, etc. // COS opinion it is desirable ODENNY sent officer to Mexi to satisfy Amb. Unless Mr. Johnson can convince Amb that Chief ODENNY/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 Moraga, USIS, on 26 Nov. A. Maria RODRIGUEZ widow of LOPEZ said a son in law of hers who lives in New Orleans was well acquainted with OSWALD. B. Son in law is a Cuban, Arnasto RODRIGUEZ, who lives at 212 Jefferson Parrish, Tel, Vernon 5-9658. C. Arnasto 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 ODENNY here on 27 Nov. Hqs may wish pass ODENNY here.

Note (para 102 above) from Bob Adams on 26 Nov 63. Signed COS

MEXI 7095 - Following result of ODENNY investigation hotels: OSWALD registered at small Hotel del Comercio, Sahagun 19, tel: 46-60-51, on 27 Sept 63. OSWALD left this hotel on 1 Oct. ODENNY believes OSWALD travelled from Nuavo 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 Guadalaajara, Control #369 - Local newspaper editor today told

me he visited Monday by one Hector Francis COSEHRANO, 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

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The News article on OSWALD sought Visa Here to Russia, Report Mexican Government Solicits. Article states OSWALD entered Mexico 26 Sept, left 3 Oct, on tourist card issued in New Orleans by Mexi consulate, conferred with Cuban consul Eusebio AZCUE, etc. etc.

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~~SECRET~~ prepared report for ~~SECRET~~ on case. Source personally interviewed SILVIA DURAN as well as Horacio DURAN Navarro, Ruben DURAN Navarro, Betty SERRANOS 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 P-8593.
NOTE: Check page 10 of report, mutual friend is Rino CONTRERAS, baterista (and drummer) with CONTRERAS, 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.F.S. agent, Hugo CASILLAS, calls the North American, Barbara, who lives at Eulita 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 ~~SECRET~~ report - para 107 above - page 8, which says she lives at Eulita de Magdalena No. 125 with tel 45-13-41, divorced from Juan ESQUIVEL, Costa Rican, etc.) and said, "What a time you ~~SECRET~~ spent 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 Rino (CONTRERAS) her sweetheart, but adds that Rino 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 turn 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, "It's a thing, how do you say it - ooked (or twisted)." Hugo says that today he is on call but tomorrow he will be free. Barbara invites him to her house to have coffee anytime after 1530 hrs. Hugo will be there at 1700 hrs.

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Amb. Juaquin HERNANDEZ Armas calls Pres. DORTICOS 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 Cub Emb. Translation has been checked and is correct.

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Memo to LEGAT from COS enclosing and 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.; 1035, 1 Oct (para 6 above marked 1045); (1539, 3 Oct (para 7 above)) COS requested (underlined) no dissemination or discussion without prior and complete clearance and authorization of COS' organization.

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STATED telegram from Tijuana (control #385) saying Negative report on RUBENSTEIN alias RUBY with all possible spelling variations checked.

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

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

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

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DIR 85086 - (Ref: MEXI 7067 - para 93 above) Subj ref is ALVARADO member of Frente de Liberacion Nacional (FLN) who exile revolutionary group which is Cuban supported and Communist dominated. ALVARADO is also known informant Nio Intel service. Rolan ALVARADO, Carlos FONSECA Amador and Juan LOHIO (possibly iden w/Juan LORILLO in ref) all well known Nio communists.

~~MANVA 1609~~ (Ref: MEXI 7067 para 93 above) (also see para. 82 above) - Full name Subj is Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte, B. 31 Jan 40 Ciudad Rame, Zelaya, Nic. Subj, a mechanic, son of Cervillo ALVARADO and Zola de ALBARADO. Subj about 5'4", 135 lbs, brown eyes, dark brown hair, dark complexion. Subj was informant for Nio 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 El Salvador. He told Security he would write if he obtained any info of value. On 4 Oct Nio Serv rec'd letter from Subj in Mexi dated 2 Oct. Subj said he in position got info on 2 groups in Mexi, and mentioned E. TORRES, probably Edelberto TORRES, as being involved one group. Subj signed letter Jose UGARTE, pseudo assigned to him by Nio Serv, and gave address as Calz. Chavacana No. 142, Mexi 8, Nio Serv has had no contact with him since this letter. Subj was ultimate source several ~~STATION~~ info reports, including ~~MIN 740, 742, 753~~ and ~~703~~ which prepared from liaison info. He appeared to be fairly good informant with good access to FLN info. Nio services

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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 Nio officer who handled him come Mexi to question him. Rolando 28 1976 ALVARADO Lopez, member Nio Commie Party (PSN), is ALVARADO's uncle. Juan LORTO member of Central Committee of PSN, traveled to MEXI on 14 Sept and returned to MEXI on 17 Oct. Carlos PONSECA Amador, well known leader of FIN, last reported in Honduras as of early Nov.

DIR 85066 - Further to DIR 85059 (para 114 above) Mr. Johnson has informed me that Mr. KATZENBACH spoke with C/ODENNY who contended that MEXI ODENNY office possessed all relevant info and that he was not disposed to send ODENNY officer to MEXI. pls advise a) Whether ODENNY Mexi does in fact have necessary info by us it desirable in your opinion that ODENNY do send agent to MEXI?

DIR 85178 - (Ref: Mexi 7069, 7072 - para 96 and 97 above) Amb Mann's message relayed to addressees. Decision will be cabled after they confer. In your investigation, suggest you contact ALVARADO's Nio 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 not take any action to re-arrest DURAN or 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 more executive action is taken. In lieu of arresting DURAN, suggest she be put under close surveillance by KUPARK or by Mexi authorities. Note ALVARADO's claim he is still working for Nio Service and ODENNY's belief he was dropped in Aug 65.

DIR 85258 (Ref: MEXI 7095 - para 101 above) - ODENNY says OSWALD applied for unemployment insurance in New Orleans on 17 Sept, one day before Alvarado says he saw him in Cuban Emb Mexi. ODENNY 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. ODENNY says his New Orleans Landlady 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 Lio, z ECHEVERRIA that Silvia DURAN has been rearrested because she was attempting to leave Mexi for Cuba. Request instructions.) - This instruction has been coordinated with ODENNY and ODENNY Mexi authorities should interrogate Silvia to extent necessary clearing 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. Advise results interrogation.

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DIR 85797 (Ref: ~~WANDA 116699~~ - para 116 above) - Appreciate ~~WANDA~~ info ref. Defer MEXI whether or not they want ~~Nic~~ case officer to assist in interrogation.

MEXI 7097 (Ref: MEXI 7068 - para 95 above) Following is translation of a resume of follow up conversation to ref. Source is ~~ALLENMOR~~ ~~ALLENMOR~~ has copy. Tapes being saved. HERNANDEZ Armas calls DOMINGOS 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 SILVA, DURAN, Francisco LAGOSTERA, ORESTES Ruiz, Samuel PEREZ, Rogelio RODRIGUEZ, Raul APARICIO, Rolando ESTEVA, Heberto JORRIN, Oscar CONCEPCION, Antonio GARCIA, Jose FERNANDEZ ROA, Andres ARMONA, Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas, "Raul", Peregrina ALONSO, Luisa CALDERON, and Alfredo MIRADAL. Did not know names of any but knew by sight and gave partial descriptions such as duties, 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 ~~EDMUND~~ ~~EDMUND~~ Said was positive of these identifications. (Note ~~ALLENMOR~~ reveals CALDERON 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", badly pronounced. / Subj recontacted conversation and money-passing scene of para 10 and 11 ref using Station officers as "props". 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. bandages 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 en route. Entered Mexi on 1961 mission for secret service after contrived escape from false arrest in Nic followed by period of asylum in Mexi Emb. Said rec'd training at Fort Gulick, Canal Zone, in March 1956 (Note Subj only 16 yrs old at that time). / Subj says he has been to Cub 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 6 or 7 times, about 4 times with TORRES. In somewhat fuzzy on reasons for these visits, was not pressed for detail at this session. Subj has not been identified in photo coverage Sovemb. / ~~ax~~ 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

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MEXI 7104 Amb Mann asks that following be passed to Sec. Rusk. He presumes KUMARK and ~~OSWALD~~ 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 advised DORTICOS of Cuba. In this conversation, which like the first is taped, DORTICOS expressed continued concern over possibility that Mexi police had interrogated Silvia about money. 2) ALVARADO, the Nio, was questioned by CAS officer until two a.m. this morning. This officer was impressed by ALVARADO who has offered to 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 Cuba and is striking. 3) At 1215 hrs Mexi 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 Mexi for Habana. 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 97 above) we have not requested Mexi Gov 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 GOM to play down importance of OSWALD visit here. Mexi 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 Mexi authorities tried to pay a story from Silvia. This is obviously incorrect interpretation. Neither LOPEZ Mateor nor Echeverria know of ALVARADO's story. PLS note that according Echeverria Silvia is being taken to Attorney General's office to which Mexi 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 feasibility of requesting Mexi authorities to arrest for interrogation: Eusebio AZCUE, Luis CALDERON and Alfredo MIRABAL. The two men are Cuban nationals and Cuban consular officers. Luis CALDERON is a deputy secretary in Cuban consulate here. In this connection article II of Consular Convention between U. S. and Mexi 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-Mexican 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 Habana in order to eliminate any possibility that Mexi Gov could use them as witnesses. We know that AZCUE went to Habana on 18 Nov and we are not now certain that he or others are in Mexi at present time. 6) While I realize previous difficulty in giving us instructions, I

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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 transferring 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 that of the protest, but was there an arrest? Peregrina insists that she knows nothing.

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COS sent letter to Fern 2, via Fern 3B, with copies of report prepared by [redacted] (para 107 above)

DIR 85245 - Dept of Justice preparing report on whole case and will want to include detailed data on OSWALD's Mexl activities. [redacted] info cannot be used, but statements of Silvia DURAN which carry essentially same import could be used without compromising Mexl source. Therefore, request you oblige in translated version of her statements and obtain [redacted] and [redacted] permission to use statements in official report for publication. PIP note DIR [redacted] is getting from [redacted] Mexl info which originates with [redacted] operation. [redacted] here does not realize this info produced by [redacted] and [redacted] may be getting [redacted] info thru own clandestine sources in Gobernacion or even in President's office. Try to clarify with [redacted] rep their exact manner in which he has obtained such info and its form in which he sent it to [redacted] Hqs. We must avoid inadvertent compromise of [redacted]

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

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

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NEW YORK TIMES - Cuba Exile Tells of OSWALD Boast. 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 Carlos 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, 29 yr old Hawaiian 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 F.R.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 R-8324, Vol. 2)

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

ARTSBOS - 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 innocents 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 SEOSSTATE 1201 FLASH (Roger Charnel) For See Rusk and Alexis Johnson: Amb, Manth'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 reading OSWALD's rather complete dossier....etc., etc....I therefore request some 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 do what?

DIR 85371 (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 Cuban get impression that Americans behind her re-arrest. In other words, we want Mexl authorities to take responsibility for whole affair.

DIR 85469 (Ref: MEXI 7104 - para 126 above) Ref being passed to O'DAGHER and O'DONNAN for your request. Have discussed MEXI 7104 with Mr. Alexis Johnson. He wants Amb. Whinn to know that it not likely requested instructions will be forthcoming prior 28 Nov. On Wash end O'DENNY has jurisdiction. Both O'DAGHER and KUBARK attempting follow their wishes.

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And is pushing this case too hard and that we could well create flap with Cubans which could have serious repercussions. Understand from Mr. Johnson that he sent telegram ~~to~~ channels to Amb this afternoon attempting to give him better perspective on this whole problem. We hope this will be of some assistance in reducing his pressures on you.

DIR 85653 - ~~ODENNY~~ says their follow-up investigation of OSWALD's activities has produced ~~some~~ "reliable indications" that he was in New Orleans on 19 Sept 65. 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 ~~IDEV 37~~, who is at home, that Mexi evaluation of ALVARADO story may have been seriously warped by a piece of misinformation which has crept into this case. From conversations with your officer, ~~IDEV 37~~ has one impression that they believe there is other evidence that OSWALD made a bank deposit of 5,000 dollars in the U.S. after he got back from Mexi on 3 Oct. 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. ~~IDEV 37~~ thinks he heard that ~~IDEV 1~~ got the info about the bank deposit from an ~~ODENNY~~ man named Clark. We know of no such bank deposit. ~~ODENNY~~ 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 ~~ODENNY~~ there. We have advised ~~ODENNY~~ that this rumor exists in Mexico. We can readily see how this piece of misinformation would mislead you. Pls do not assume this Hqs is in possession of all facts known to ~~ODENNY~~ or the Dallas police or any other body. ~~ODENNY~~ has just leveled on us official request for full info on source and origin of rumor about 5,000 dollar bank deposit. Pls reply immediate.

DIR 85655 (Ref: DIR 85469 - Para 141 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 Gov and Cub installations and your liaison with Mexicans.

~~WANDA~~ (Refs: A. DIR 85616 - not in file, not abstracted; B. MEXI 7107 - part 128 above) Station requested ~~EMERSON~~ cooperation Mexi thru Major JEREZ and if possible by sending ~~EMERSON~~ Mexi. ~~EMERSON~~ said ALVARADO in Mexi without ~~EMERSON~~ authority and passed off suggestion as JEREZ but agreed immediately send ~~EMERSON~~ Station agreed pay ~~EMERSON~~ expenses. He now in process 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, penetrate Cubans and ~~EMERSON~~ will be able to assist in getting

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facts straight. In spite Mexi 7113 (not in file, not abstracted) believe it of value
travel Mexi and contact Station officer this case. Advise flash.

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

DIR 85663 - ODINWA Liaison officer officially advises that ODINWA requests that KUBARK
turn ALVARADO over to Mexican authorities and that KUBARK request Mexican authorities to
interrogate ALVARADO in detail. / ODINWA reports that it understand that Mexi authorities
have a capability of polygraphing and requests that KUBARK request Mexi authorities that he
be polygraphed. / ODINWA expressed desire to have the results of the interrogation as soon
as possible and that the legal Attache be kept advised of developments. / ODINWA takes
the position that inasmuch as Silvia Duran may be released sometime today (28 Nov) according
to info which ODINWA 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 ODINWA's requests set out above. Give full cooperation to the
LEGAT. This turnover is made without prejudice to KUBARK's future role in this case.
Whether we ever resume direct contact with ALVARADO will be decided on its merits when
the issue arises.

MANA (Ref: MEXI 7117 - not in file of OSWALD, but in ALVARADO P-8639 as follows:
Delighted have TRINAWARD. Have him call 46-94-00, x 250 and ask for Mr. Daniels,
identifying self as Alberto SUAREZ. Meeting will take place lobby Plaza Hotel corner
Insurgentes Norte and Sullivan just off Paseo Reforma. Time will be set by phone. If
he should be able arrive 28 Nov. Give him number 20196-24 and ask for Sr. David. Pls
furnish identifying data. / If KUBARK interrogation in TRINAWARD's presence unsatisfactory retain
alternative of turnover to GOM.) TRINAWARD (IDEN) arriving Mexi Taca flt 400, 0945
29 Nov. Will make contact per ref. Have suggested he stay either Hotel Geneva or Reforma
to facilitate reverse contact if desired by Mexi. / TRINAWARD have been held only
that ALVARADO appears have some info bearing on OSWALD. / TRINAWARD speaks English, cooperates
very closely with TRINAWARD. He knows ALVARADO very well and knows all details his past
activities with TRINAWARD and his work for TRINAWARD. TRINAWARD will follow Mexi leads re interroga-
tion. Will probably send open code answer to TRINAWARD thru his Emb no best suggest he send
messages thru our channels for security and MANA will relay to TRINAWARD. DIR 85663 (para 147
above) just received. Believe best not change travel plans. Suggest advisability Mexi

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detailed interrogation. / With Hqs approval of turn-over Station would plan no further contact with ALVARADO.

MEXI 7114 (Ref: DIR 85654 - para 143 above) Mr. Clark Anderson, LEGAT, told COS 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 COS asked Anderson about this again and Anderson said rumor was on T.V. and radio in Mexi. Anderson said he had no info from his Hqs to confirm or deny this. He said he would check his Hqs. / COS had 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.

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MEXI 7115 (Ref: DIR 85571 - para 141 above) reported 27 Nov after Sylvia DURAN first arrest was public knowledge that there great 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. [redacted] said there almost no discussion in [redacted] meeting 23 Nov very short and somber with general impression being one of shock and disbelief. Heard no expressions of pleasure. / [redacted] seen night 27 Nov had nothing to add to above. Indeed her version much less detailed. Neither [redacted] or [redacted] had any personal knowledge OSWALD presence Cub Emb at any time.

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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 OCM initiative without prior consultation with Station or [redacted] obviously evidence great desire [redacted] authorities to be of service. Immediately after pickup Echeverria had received instructions from [redacted] personally not to release DURAN until 1200, said so. At Hqs request [redacted] furnished interrogation questions to Echeverria night 27 Nov. In view ref felt no alternative but inform Echeverria neither 'O' or 'C' nor [redacted] making official request for her continued detention. Decision re release must be theirs. This was done at 1200 noon on 28 Nov.

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MEXI 7119 (Ref: DIR 85245 - para 132 above) Have furnished LEGAT all pertinent info from [redacted] on OSWALD case, including brief memo dated 16 Oct 63 on OSWALD's contacts with the Sovemb. / In all cases have put statement "this info from confidential source. It must not be disseminated, etc." / On 27 Nov COS talked with LEGAT and made following points: A. We wished him cite KUBARK as the source of all info he receives from this Station and send 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

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158. 28 Nov.		that he has no control over his Hqs and their distribution of KUBARK or any other info. / Also, WYI LEGAT believes Justice Dept (outside his organization) taking actions and not under control LEGAT's Hqs. JAN 29 1966
159. 28 Nov.		MEXI 7120 - Believe useful have Spanish speaking LOFLUTTER operator available. Mexi definitely for ALVARADO and possibly for others. If Hqs agrees pls arrange recon and advise. A
160. 28 Nov.		MEXI 7124 (REF: DIR 85663 - para 147 above) COS in contact with Echeverria at 1400 hours and Echeverria grateful that ALVARADO being turned over to gobernacoin. / Echeverria was given ALVARADO's pr present address and alids under which he registered. Mexican 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 "my prosero" (very rude) note of protest handed to Amb BOSQUES in Habana yesterday by Raul ROA, Cub foreign minister. / Will advise any results that become available from Mexi interrogation of ALVARADO.
161. 29 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 KUBARK operator double tracked 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 LOFLUTTER. / Seasoned operators available here on short notice.
162. 29 Nov.		Memo to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO Ugarite; On the morning of 26 Nov an officer of this Section, accompanied by Mr. Plumbek 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 28 Nov.)
163. 29 Nov.	Check names	HMMA 22545 - Attached is a reel of tape containing three conversations reported in ref (MEXI 7068 - para 95 above).
164. 29 Nov.		Unsigned letter to Mr. Mann (probably Crackpot) naming people and places in the COSALD case. MEXI 7125 (Ref: DIR 85672 - pls continue to keep up 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 Gobernacion to skim off details and relay them to your office for cabling to us at regular intervals. Request status report, even negative, by 0900 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 1900

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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 Sov visas for OSWALD. / Will report soonest on ALVARADO interrogation.

MEXI 7126 (Ref: A. MEXI 7125 - Para 164 above B. DIR 85672 - para 164 above) LITWMPOL 4 with whom BENVADON and COS dealing directly at suggestion of Echegarria will keep us advised of interrogation of ALVARADO as it progresses. / LITWMPOL 4 states that his first oral report will be ready at 1100 hrs on 29 Nov. / BENVADON will be in direct contact with LITWMPOL 4 at that time and COS will send data as soon as obtained. / COS is handling case since LITWMPOL 4 and LITWMPOL 5 and LITWMPOL 6 involved and need to see LITWMPOL 4, LITWMPOL 5, LITWMPOL 6, ECHEGARRIA and others (no one of whom speaks English). Also continuous liaison with Amb and ODEWNY necessary and COS wishes control these personally.

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MEXI 7127 - LITWMPOL 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. LITWMPOL 5 showed him. With Station officer ALVARADO did identify her. Interrogation continues. ALVARADO has up to now been "suave" and friendly. Now LITWMPOL 4 states he is tougher. / ALVARADO has also claimed he here in 1961 on mission for Nio service and gives same story re present visit as he gave Station (namely, he awaiting documentation as a Mexi to be furnished him by Cub authorities, for a training mission in sabotage, to Cubd). / Above brief and preliminary. LITWMPOL 4 doubts "story and will begin work to "break" ALVARADO. / Will await contact by LITWMPOL 5 and, if he wishes to do so, will have LITWMPOL 4 call him at his hotel and let him participate. Feel sure LITWMPOL 4 would welcome this. / Above given orally to LEGAT.

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MEXI 7128 (Ref: DIR 85712 - 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 ODEWNY Hqs which results in some unavoidable delay. We would like to be sure that you are immediately giving ODEWNY Hqs everything you get about ALVARADO and DURAN so ODEWNY Mexi can cable the same data direct to ODEWNY Hqs. Pls satisfy your- self that ODEWNY there has adequate commo facilities and secretarial staff to keep its Hqs informed as fast as you keep us informed, and advise us on this. / If you find that ODEWNY there does not have adequate commo 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 in all cables whether ODEWNY Mexi has been given the same info.) ODEWNY is locally being advised by COS personally of everything Station learns concerning OSWALD case and, now, on ALVARADO interro- gation. / Fdol sure ODEWNY office, which almost same size as KUBARK station, has adequate staff for reporting needs. / Usual procedure here is that COS notifies Hqs, reports to chief ODEWNY and to Amb orally then subsequently via radio ODEWNY by memo. / Hqs is alerted

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MEXI 7137 (Ref; MEXI 7068 - para 95 above - MEXI 7097 - para 123 above) Copy of DENNY tapes of conversations references pouched 29 Nov by RYBAT pouch HMA 22545.

DIR 85669 (REF: MANA #617 - para 150 above) - re: ERIC RYBART 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 DENNY rep. DENNY here knows he is coming to Mexi to help. / At 1830 Wash time, which is about 1630 your time, we have no further news of requests. We are going home but can be back and on the wire on short notice.

DIR 85672 (see para 165 above)

MEXI 7156 (Ref MEXI 7127 - Para 166 above) - LITMPO 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. / LITMPO 4 states that after first session he believed ALVARADO story & fantastic lies; after second session and interim interrogations, ALVARADO sticks to same story re OSWALD. LITMPO 4 states "Although this still preliminary, either ALVARADO is telling truth essentially or is the best liar I have talked to in my many years and I have talked to some of the biggest." LITMPO 4 "Inclined" believe ALVARADO telling truth in general outline; but believed he mixed up on dates. / ERIC RYBART arrived in Mexi. Is now at Geneva Hotel. Will be seen at 1800 hrs. If he willing participate, will get LITMPO 4 to contact ERIC RYBART immediately. / Contents of paras one and two (except for identity of source) have been given orally to chief ODENVY and to chief ODAGID by COS. Source was described as "Mexican official."

MEXI 7160 - As Hqs aware, Station's double agents have not had meetings with Sovs since assassination. This principally due fact that prior 22 Nov the Sovs scheduled future sessions for period next beginning circa 1 Dec; also due factor that [redacted] out of country, etc., etc. / Request instructions on what tactic or elicitation effort if any that double agents should make. / Also request similar instructions re Station's Sov access [redacted] agents. LITMPO 4 and LITMPO 5 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. #5975

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

DIR 86012 (Ref: MEXI 7160 - para 172 above) STATION'S double agents obviously cannot 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 measures being taken.

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MEXI 7168 (Ref: MEXI 7156 - para 171 above) LITENPO 4 and LITENROLD 3 met evening 29 Nov "unofficially" and ES 5 reported on ALVARADO's background. He told LITENPO 4 that ALVARADO had been "seventy five percent accurate" in his reporting and had had access and furnished good info on Communism in past. He said, however, that ALVARADO inclined "Go off on his own" at times and impossible control / At 1030 hours on 30 Nov LITENPO 4 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. LITENPO 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 Fidel 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. / ODENNY being informed of above.

Police #09 reports to the Chief of Co. 8 the following: Here in front of the Cuban 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. #09 says it 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. #09 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 ODENNY here all advised ALVARADO confessed he fabricated his story. Pls give LITENPO 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 and cable details of how the confession was obtained what threats, promises, inducements, and tactics were used by LITENPO 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. / WANNAN and MEXI pls clarify with LITENROLD 3 and Nio military attache whether ALVARADO

was still their agent when he visited Cuban Emb. Pls keep track of ALVARADO's whereabouts and urge the Nios 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 obble any results of second interrogation of Silvia DURAN when you get it.

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Cuba aircraft delayed its departure Mexi 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 Cuban plane without going through customs or immigration. Travelled in pilots cabin to Habana. Above from ~~ambassador~~ diplomat who passenger on same plane to Habana. Request you attempt identify and determine reason unusual actions at airport.

Contents of para 179 above sent to ~~MEMPHIS~~ ~~MEMPHIS~~ 11 No indication however stated on the Xerox copy of the info is sent to 50-6-91/4 ~~(MEMPHIS file)~~

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

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

MEXI 7199 - ~~MEMPHIS~~ ~~MEMPHIS~~ 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 KINGS, and asks for Ivan ALFERIV. Not in. Then the Amb. Not in, to call tomorrow. WO asks if anyone knows when OSWALD went to the Sov Emb to request a visa. Man inside says call tomorrow at 9 and talk with someone else.

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

Woman Outside (WO) calling for Peter KIHFF asks if the (Cuban) Amb has arrived and Peregrina says yes, that the Amb will speak with KIHFF. WO says KIHFF left, but she herself would like to interview the Amb in order to get some data about OSWALD's stay in Mexi. Peregrina says when the Amb comes I shall give him your message, if you will give me the telephone of Sr. KIHFF or where you are so we can call when the Amb 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.

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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 PEREGRINA. Amb says to wait a moment. Incomplete

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9. 2 Dec. 1003 Check. Not in OSWALD file. Richard BEYMER, North American, calls Cub Emb from Acapulco and talks with Luisa CALDERON ~~XXXXXXXX~~ and asks about Sylvia DURAN. Luisa says Sylvia should be in her house right now. Richard asks if Sylvia 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 Sylvia still works at the Emb. Luisa responds certainly she does. Richard will call tomorrow.

3. 2 Dec.

MEXI 7203 (B MEM; DIR 86064 - Para 180 above) Following from ~~XXXXXXXX~~ to Station Officer 1800 2 Dec; ~~XXXXXXXX~~ saw ALVARADO afternoon 2 Dec for first time. Meeting lasted only seven minutes. (Previous meeting had been laid on by Mexicans but ~~XXXXXXXX~~ was not contacted as planned). In brief interview in company two Mexi officials ~~XXXXXXXX~~ ALVARADO reported to previous story. Claimed he did see OSWALD, did call ~~XXXXXXXX~~ to report. (~~XXXXXXXX~~ 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. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ speaking for self and Nio Wilat say ALVARADO was not their agent when he visited Cub Emb. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ was told ALVARADO would be deported. He asked and received permission escort ALVARADO to MANA on 4 Dec. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 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. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ reported list above to his HQS MANA afternoon 2 Dec. / Above being reported to Amb and ~~XXXXXXXX~~

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1. 3 Dec. Att not in OSWALD file. ALVARADO P-3679.

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)

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Memo to LEGAT, Subject: Conversations between Cuban President Osvaldo Dorticos and Cuban Ambassador to Mexico, Josquin Hernandez Armas on 26 Nov 63. / Attached are two transcripts of conversations.... (These transcripts are in the LEONOV tech chrono file) they are also in the OSWALD P-file with dispatch to HQ transmitting tapes and transcripts.) Note by RIGGS

Peter KIRFF of the New York Time 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, dit 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 Mex illegally, needs assistance to go to U.S., is member of MLN and his leader is Quintano o CARDENAS of Youth Section of MLN. Said he knew SANTI LOPEZ, press chief of MLN. Said that on/about 28 Sept he met one John WHITE who greatly resembles OSWALD / FERNANDEZ accompanied WHITE and LOPEZ to Cuernavaca, near to Hotel de la Selva for the day. / ... FERNANDEZ said WHITE and LOPEZ left Mex 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 Mex... 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 7205 - para 190 above) Amb Mann sent cable to Mr. Alexis Johnson recounting contents of ref and recommending that O'DENVY and KUBARK consider sending experts (including LOFLUTTER operator) to MANA to interrogate ALVARADO.

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

NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald's Trip to Mexico in Sept was a Lonely Venture, Inquiry Shows. 7-Day Visit's cost put at under \$30. He is believed to have made no political contacts while on quest for Cuban visa, by Peter KIRSS (para 185, 186 and 195 above) - ... OSWALD traveled from 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. New Orleans to hotel in luncheon La Esperanza, run by Mrs Dolores Ramirez de BARBERO who said OSWALD ate there once. OSWALD left Mexi City on Wed., 2 Oct on PROBETA at 4:30 p.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

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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 Mexi City. 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 PEREZ Hernandez, desk clerk of the Hotel Comeroio, said OSWALD 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. OSWALD Ruby Photo.... FBI report to Pres. Johnson will be a narrative account in minute detail. It follows the pattern of other FBI investigative 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. OSWALD before fatal shooting of OSWALD 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. Izvestia suggested today that the FBI was implicated in the shooting of Pres. Kennedy's accused assassin, OSWALD. The Sov Gob published a front-page report on Mrs. OSWALD's charge that FBI showed her a photograph of her son's killer before the Dallas nightclub operator shot OSWALD.

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

200. 3 Dec. 1959

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

201. 3 Dec. 1952

WO calls the Sovemb saying she is calling for Peter KHISS, correspondent of the New York Times, and asks for YAZKOV. Man inside says YAZKOV is in Acapulco. WO says ~~that she has called KOUKHARENKO and said to call and ask for YAZKOV.~~ Woman inside says for KOUKHARENKO call the press office on 15-23-04. WO thanks.

202. 3 Dec. 1955

Out (of Sovemb) to 15-23-04. OBYEDKOV talks to KOUKHARENKO. OBY says they'll be phoning you now from the N.Y. Times. KUKHI: Don't let them phone again. OBY: Listen further - YATSKOV is not here. He has left. KUKHI: Why didn't you tell him that? What have I...? OBY: I've said that but he is asking for you again. KUKHI: I said you are not here. KUKHI: Many thanks. OBY: They'll be phoning you now. KUKHI: I won't answer. OBY: I said that he is not in, that he has left already. KUKHI: Fine. (Tresh. 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 YVP is out of town, whereas only 1 hr

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Peter KIHSS of N.Y. Times asks for ALFIERI. Man inside 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 from 9 to 11. Peter does not know if he will be in the city tomorrow but "al modo", that he is sorry to bother them so much. Man inside hangs up. JAN 23 1976

Peter KIHSS 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 with 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 Emb. 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 take 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 & gives his name, that he has been sent to Mexico by the N.Y. Times to do some work on the activities of "that Señor 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 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 asked COS at 1300 hrs on 3 Dec for urgent traces on U.S. cit Gilberto P. LOPEZ. LITEMPO states LOPEZ arrived MEXI on 23 Nov en route to Habana. He has disappeared, no record of trip to Habana. / LOPEZ had FM-8 (tourist card limited to 15 days) #24553 obtained in Tampa, Fla on 20 Nov. / Have not checked above with ODINOV / Subj, pp 210162, left MEXI for Habana on 27 Nov via Habana (only passenger aboard). Source is LITEMPO (See MEXI 7177 - Not in files found in 50-500-4/A, 2 Dec 53 ODINOV) airtel for 27 Nov shows Gilberto LOPEZ U.S. cit pp #310162 left Mexi for Habana. Above being passed Amb Mann and ODINOV Mexi. / Appreciate early reply.

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