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CONTACT

Soviet Embassy

101: Am. in Moscow from here to 576 RT. c. also on 27 Sept. Sunday

Silvia DURAN calls Soviet Embassy (MO) = Mex outside)

Soviet Embassy/calls Silvia DURAN of Cuban Embassy

27 Sept

1966

(MT) = Mex inside)

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Lee Harvey OSWALD

P-8593

201-289248

REASON FOR CONTACT

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

Subject told to call back at 1130.

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2. REPORT OF BYSTANDERS

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

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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 Sr. Galt, 9:30

help with information, send back numbers, etc.

en LAD? (18/11/57)

calls from Silvia

Grant's says he loves long soft down trousers, etc.

9:40 p.m.

Summary of interview with Sr. Galt, 9:30

X 5. 1 Oct. 1931

*Handwritten note: 1045*

X 6. 1 Oct. 1945

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

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

7. Oct. 1939  
*Handwritten notes:*  
LHM designated MEX 653 on Trans. del Norte  
and # 932 e. 0850 2-01-1989, Washington  
also *OSWALD's* substructure construction is not  
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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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\*10. 11 Oct.

X11. 15 Oct.

X12. 16 Oct.

X13. 22 Nov.

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15. 23 Nov.

X16. 22 Nov

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

*NOTE: This is description of Oswald's background in the 1950's*

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

JAN 23 1976

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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 ~~media~~ coverage for iden. Forwarding soonest copies of only visitor to Sovemb 1 Oct who could be identical with OSWALD.

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

DIR 84802 (ref MEXI 7014 - para 13 above) Thanks. This connection was also noted here. Trust you will be able use all your facilities to follow and report Sov Emb activity and reaction during these hours. pls cable full summaries.

Personal letter to ~~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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17. 22 Nov. 1715

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Man outside (MO) calls Luisa of Cuban Embassy

*Luisa*

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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 hurried 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 OSWALD, C. Braniff flt 50 to San Antonio 8 Nov William OSWALD.

MEXI 7021 - ~~ROSEN~~ 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 - Send staffer with all photos OSWALD to Hqs on next flight. Call 1020 4 on arrival.

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*Why not? Why not? Why not?*

*BRUBEN*

X 24. 23 Nov.

Wanted info →

25. 23 Nov.

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.

26. 23 Nov.

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.

27. 23 Nov.

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.

28. 23 Nov.

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.

29. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7024 - Station's check indicates no other KOSTIKOV travel outside MEXI. 6 thru 19 Nov shows KOSTIKOV at Sovemb every day. 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 Man 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 coverage revealed call to him if he needs to explain.

NOTE WRITTEN BY COS: At 1620 hrs on 23 Nov 63 I had a call from 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) (see para 3 above)

*This call was in part by Soyemb 24. 27 Sept 63*

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