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Alvarado

On November 16, 1977 the Select Committee interviewed Thomas C. Mann, the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico at the time of President Kennedy's assassination. ✓ (HSCA Interview, T. Mann, JFK Doc. 003966) The Mann interview was prompted by the Committee's two-fold interest in Oswald's pre-assassination trip to Mexico City and the subsequent post-assassination ~~CIA and FBI~~ investigation of Oswald's activities in Mexico City by the ~~CIA and FBI~~. *The Select Committee was specifically interested in* ~~Of more specific interest to the Committee was~~ learning from Ambassador Mann the extent of his efforts to investigate Oswald's Mexico City activities; especially whether Oswald had conspired with Castro Cubans to assassinate President Kennedy. [Ibid]

During the course of the Mann interview, the Ambassador indicated that he had received instructions from the State Department to cease his efforts to confirm or refute rumors of Cuban ^{government} complicity in the assassination. [Ibid P. 11] It was Mann's belief that CIA and FBI representatives had received similar instructions from their respective directors. [Ibid, p. 13] ✓
Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations (hereinafter Church Committee)
The ~~Church Committee~~ touched upon Mann's belief that U.S. authorities had foreclosed investigative efforts to determine whether Castro Cubans were connected to the assassination. [SSG, Book 2, pp 40-43] An FBI supervisor who had traveled to Mexico

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City on November 27 to assist in that aspect of the FBI investigation testifying before the ^{Church} Senate Committee noted that:

he "knows of no investigation in Mexico to determine if there was a Cuban involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy" other than disproving the "D" allegation.
√ (SSC, Book V, p. 42.)

Ambassador Mann was questioned about "D" during his interview with this Committee. "D" whose true name is Gilberto

Alvarado Ugarte, had On November 25, 1963 alleged that Oswald had ^{during September 1963} received \$6500 from Cuban officials ^{in Mexico City} to assassinate President Kennedy. ^{FBI WPPHIS} U.S. and Mexican authorities later determined ^{what}

Alvarado's allegation ^{was} ~~to have been~~ a fabrication. Mann asserted to the Committee that Alvarado's retraction of his

Oswald allegation had been tainted by the interrogation methods ^{CHIEF INTERVIEW OF T. MANN, FEDERAL OFFICE} utilized by the Mexican authorities. Mann stated that Mexi-^{P 2} can police procedures were ^{of a kind that} ~~coercive~~ and would have caused

Alvarado to adjust his statements in order to conform to the position which the Mexicans wanted him to adopt. ^{FBI WPPHIS} ^{HSCA}

Interview, T. Mann, p. 2, J.E.K. Doc. 003966) ^{does not mention} ^{"COERCIVE" just}

Because the Alvarado allegation stands as the only ^{"such THAT!"} specific substantive investigation by U.S. authorities in Mexico City of possible Cuban complicity in President Ken-

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In light of the broad concern mentioned by Mann on pt, why are we

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neddy's assassination, the Select Committee has endeavored to make two critical determinations. These are:

- 1) Whether the conduct of the FBI and CIA investigation of Alvarado's allegation reflected Ambassador Mann's belief that efforts to investigate possible involvement of the Castro Cubans in the assassination were prematurely terminated; and
- 2) Whether the investigation by FBI and CIA of Alvarado's allegations was subject to objective scrutiny and investigative diligence.

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The Alvarado Allegation and the Possibility of Cuban Complicity
in ^{the} Assassination

On November 23, Ambassador Mann cabled the State Department declaring:

↓ circumstances already developed here point to possibility that Oswald may have been Castro's agent. Mexicans are also keenly aware of the possibility. (CIA Doc. MEXI 1180, 11/23/63)

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The Ambassador's ^{Further} suspicions were fueled two days later,

on November 25, when Gilberto Alvarado Ugarte, a twenty-three year old Nicaraguan national appeared at the American Embassy in Mexico City. Alvarado reported to Embassy officials that on September 18, 1963, he had witnessed a payment of \$6500 to Lee Harvey Oswald by a Cuban official in Mexico City to assassinate President Kennedy.* (CIA Doc MEXI 7069, 11/26/63) Alvarado contended that, at noon on September 18,

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while he was in the Cuban Consulate arranging his travel

* The CIA reported on November 26 that Alvarado:

"is a well-known Nicaraguan underground member who is also a regular informant of the Nicaraguan security service, an officer of which has provided this Agency with his reports for over a year. We consider his reliability to be questionable although he has not been wholly discredited." (CIA Out Teletype No. 85089, 11/26/63)

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to Cuba, he observed approximately eight persons enter the office of Eusebio Azcue, the Cuban Consul in Mexico City. *FN*

according to Alvarado
However, Azcue was not in his office but rather a Cuban man not known to Alvarado was seated behind Azcue's desk. *FN (b)(1)*

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needed a bathroom which he reached by walking through a passageway onto a patio. *FN (b)(1)* At the patio, Alvarado stated he observed three men grouped together. *FN (b)(1)* One man was a tall, thin, red-haired Negro, with prominent cheek-bones displaying a scar on the lower right side of his chin. *FN (b)(1)* This man spoke with a Cuban accent. *FN (b)(1)* The second man was described by Alvarado as Caucasian, with green eyes and blond hair-cut in a pompadour style. *FN (b)(1)* Alvarado added that he had previously observed this man displaying a Canadian passport in the Consulate waiting room. *FN (b)(1)* The third man was dressed in a black sportcoat, white pants and an open collar shirt. *FN (b)(1)* He also wore clear eyeglasses. *FN (b)(1)* Alvarado contended that he recognized this third man as Lee Harvey Oswald (following the assassination) and after publication of Oswald's photograph.)

Alvarado alleged that while situated on the patio,

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he observed the Cuban who had been seated at Azcue's desk, approach the red-haired Negro and hand him a sum of money. ^{FBIbid}

Alvarado reported that the following exchange then transpired between Oswald and the red-haired Negro:

Negro: (in English) I want to kill the man.

Oswald: You're not man enough. I can do it.

Negro: (in Spanish) I can't go with you. I have a lot to do.

Oswald: The people are waiting for me back there.

√ (CIA Doc. MEXI 7069, 11/26/63)

Alvarado alleged that following the ^{verbal} above exchange he ^{between Oswald and red-haired Negro} observed the red-haired Negro hand Oswald ^{both} \$6500 in U.S. currency and 200 pesos. ^{FBIbid} Alvarado stated he then saw a female employee of the Cuban Consulate embrace Oswald and give him her address. ^{FBIbid} Later, according to Alvarado, while standing outside the Consulate, he saw Oswald and his two companions leave the Consulate and enter an automobile. (Ibid.) ✓

The CIA's Mexico City Station reported Alvarado's allegation ^{on November 26. CIA Out Telegram no 85009, 11/26/63} on November 26. It noted in its cable to CIA headquarters that Alvarado claimed he had, at the end of September 1963, telephoned

* Alvarado stated that he did not see the Cuban man again after Sept. 18.

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the U.S. Embassy several times to report the conversation he alleged he overheard while at the Cuban Consulate. Alvarado told the American authorities that he had used an alias, Jorge Kynaut, when he placed these calls to the Embassy. Alvarado alleged that after his repeated phone calls to the Embassy with no positive response from the Embassy personnel he was finally told to "quit wasting our time. We are working here, not playing." (CIA out teletype no. 85089, 11/29/63) — N.L.dk

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As cited above, Alvarado contended that he recognized Oswald from press photographs generally available after the assassination. As a result, Alvarado recontacted the American Embassy on November 25. (CIA Doc. MEXI 7069, 11/26/63) ✓

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On the morning of November 26 Alvarado was questioned at the American Embassy by a CIA representative and an Embassy security officer. As a follow-up to Alvarado's initial interrogation, CIA's Mexico City Station requested headquarters traces on Gilberto Alvarado Ugarte.

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Ambassador Mann had reacted with great concern to Alvarado's allegation. He requested that an FBI officer thoroughly knowledgeable about all aspects of the assassination investigation be sent to Mexico City to brief him and help direct the investigation. (MEXI 1182, 11/25/63) ✓ An FBI memorandum

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had rearrested Silvia Duran to avoid her possible escape to Cuba and consequent unavailability as a witness. (Ibid.)*

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Finally, Mann requested that:

Washington should urgently consider feasibility of requesting Mexican authorities to arrest for interrogation Eusebio Azcue, Luisa Calderon, and Alfredo Mirabal [a Cuban Intelligence Service officer at the Cuban Embassy compound in Mexico City]...

They may all quickly be returned to Havana in order to eliminate any possibility that Mexican government could use them as witnesses...

While I realize enormous difficulty in giving us instructions, I nevertheless feel obliged to point out again that time is of the essence here. (Ibid.)

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That day CIA representatives in Washington met with Alexis Johnson of the State Department to discuss Mann's request for arrests. In a cable to Mexico City Station, discussing this meeting, CIA headquarters noted:

There is a feeling in three agencies [FBI, CIA, State] Mann is pushing case too hard. Will cause flap with Cubans. Johnson sent ODACID (FBI) channels to Mann to give better perspective. (CIA Doc DIR 85469, 11/27/63)

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