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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY: Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO Ugarte

18 September 1963

According to ALVARADO's statements made during an interview conducted in the morning of 26 November 1963 by an American Embassy security officer and a member of the Mexico Station in Mexico City, ALVARADO went at noon on 18 September to the Cuban Consulate to turn over passport photographs to the Cuban Consul Eusebio AZCUE. . . . While standing by a rest room off a passageway leading to a patio, ALVARADO saw a group of three persons conversing on the patio a few feet away. One man was a tall, thin Negro with reddish hair, obviously dyed. He had prominent cheek bones, and a noticeable scar on the lower right side of his chin. He spoke rapidly with a Cuban accent and did speak some English. Another member of the group was a white person whom ALVARADO had seen previously, in the waiting room, carrying a Canadian passport. The Canadian had green eyes, blondish hair combed in an "existentialist" manner with a pompadour. He was wearing dark eyeglasses of a type with a mirror-like reflection on the outer surface. The third member of the group was Lee Harvey OSWALD. He was wearing a black sport coat, a buttoned up white shirt with short collar tabs, no tie, gray pants, and clear eyeglasses.

ALVARADO saw a tall Cuban join the group momentarily and pass American currency to the Negro. This unidentified Cuban apparently came out of AZCUE's office onto the patio. ALVARADO described the Cuban as a tall, solidly built mulatto, with curly hair, who appeared to be about 37 years old. He was wearing a brown suit and a red-striped tie. ALVARADO never saw this man again after 18 September.

ALVARADO claimed he overheard the following conversation between the Negro and OSWALD:

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

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

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

OSWALD : "The people are waiting for me back there."

The Negro gave OSWALD six thousand five hundred dollars in large denomination US bills saying: "This isn't much." Of the sum, one thousand five hundred dollars was for extra expenses. The Negro also gave him about 200 Mexican pesos.

Later, ALVARADO saw a pretty girl, whom he believed to be a Cuban employee of the Consulate, give OSWALD an abrazo embrace and tell him she was living at Calle Juarez number 407 where he could find her. The girl appeared to about 20 years old and had manners which reminded ALVARADO of a prostitute. OSWALD, the Negro and the Canadian then went upstairs.

ALVARADO left the building momentarily to buy popsicle on the corner; he saw the above three men leave by the Embassy gate near the corner of Tacubaya where they entered a parked black car, possibly a Chevrolet.

At the end of September, ALVARADO telephoned the American Embassy several times to report his belief that someone important in the United States was to be killed.

When ALVARADO saw OSWALD's photograph in the newspaper, he again contacted the Embassy on 25 November.

[MEXI-7069 (IN 68376), 26 November 1963]

25 November 1963

ALVARADO called the United States Embassy. That same evening he met with the Embassy security officer.

[MEXI-7168 (IN 70860), 30 November 1963]

[Comment: According to the Mexican police report of the interrogation of ALVARADO, the latter called the American Embassy and "succeeded in speaking to a high official with whom he made an appointment for that same day at 5:30 p.m. near the Hotel Maria Isabel.]

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Two individuals appeared for the 5:30 p.m. appointment. They identified themselves and were carrying the credentials of FBI agents.* ALVARADO told about his seeing OSWALD, etc. Another appointment was made for 9:15 the next morning at the Jena Restaurant.

[HMMA-22561, 5 December 1963; CSCI-3/779,136, 13 December 1963]

[*Comment: The two individuals were SNIGHT, the Embassy security officer, and A. C. PLAMBECK (P), Mexican Station officer. ALVARADO may have mistaken Embassy identification documents for FBI credentials.]

25 November 1963

ALVARADO claimed inter alia that two persons were in the Cuban Embassy the morning of 25 November 1963 at 1100 who are involved in the plot to assassinate President Kennedy. He described them as one being a white person with a large cleft nose. The other had closed cropped hair with a copote [sic].*

ALVARADO claims that on the 18th of September, he was in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City and he saw Lee Harvey OSWALD receive \$6,500. OSWALD was speaking with a Negro, about 29 years of age, who had a scar on his jaw, and had reddish hair which is probably tinted. The Negro spoke English well and might be a North American. OSWALD was speaking of eliminating someone. The Negro then said he was sorry that he could accompany OSWALD, saying: "You understand my situation." To which OSWALD replied: "That's all right, I can do this myself."

The "source" (ALVARADO ?) was of the opinion that OSWALD had come from Havana. When OSWALD entered (the Consulate ?) he was affectionately greeted by a female employee of the Cuban Embassy, who has blue eyes and lives at Calle Juarez 407.

The "source" also stated that OSWALD was given \$1,500 for extra expenses. Source stated that when he went to the bathroom he saw OSWALD counting the money, in American dollars, on the patio which is adjacent.

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[Blind memorandum dated 25 November 1963]

[*Comment: There is no indication in the file that any follow-up was made on the information given in this paragraph. This particular information appears no where else in ALVARADO's interrogations.]

26 November 1963

ALVARADO meets the same two men from the Embassy whom he had the evening before, at the Jena Restaurant on the Avenida Morelos and the Paseo de la Reforma. The two men were accompanied by a third man named Rodolfo GAVALDON. ALVARADO went with these three men to the cafeteria of the Hotel Francis after which they drove up and down a few streets. ALVARADO told them again what he had observed in the Cuban Consulate and they gave him 100 pesos and told him they would call him at the number 41-07-31, which is the telephone number of the place where ALVARADO was living. ALVARADO was called the same day at 8:45 p.m. and was told to meet the three men later in front of the Juarez monument.

[Blind memorandum, dated 25 November 1963; Memorandum to Clark ANDERSON, Legal Attache, dated 29 November 1963; and HMMA-22561, 5 December 1963, and CSCI-3/779,136, 13 December 1963.]

26 November 1963

Station officer and local security officer are interviewing a Nicaraguan who claims that on 18 September he saw Lee OSWALD received six thousand five hundred dollars during a meeting inside the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

[MEXI-7067 (IN 68291), 26 November 1963]

[Comment: This cable was the first report to Headquarters on the allegations made by ALVARADO.]

26 November 1963

At the appointed place and time the evening of 26 November, Rodolfo GAVALDON meets ALVARADO. They take a cab to the corner of the Hotel Maria Isabel where another American is waiting

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