

Lee Harvey OSWALD P-8593 201-289248

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*NB: Maxine
in her testimony
LHO told her he went
to Sov. Consulate
to see source
return to the cons.
This does not
appear to be correct.*

CONTACT

4/13: Arr. on flight from New Orleans to 516 at 6:10 PM on 4/13 Sat, Friday.
Residence at 4740 14th St, New Orleans

REASON FOR CONTACT

1957 Soviet Embassy *

Wants visas to go to Odesa. Consul was not in. Subject told to call back at 1130.

15-60-55 (NB: this is correct number. Same as other 5 below)

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*In the
a valid LHO
on 11/2/47
don't feel*

1958 Silvia DURAN calls Soviet Embassy (MK) = Man outside

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 boletin. MO says to call KOUKREARENKO to give her new address, then MO asks the name of the Consul or Cultural Attaché. Silvia says the name is Teresa PRZENZA and the telephone number is 14-13-26. MO says thanks.

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Cuban Consulate
before he had
US's, cons. call
2. LHO went
to Sov. Cons. &
talked with
someone there
3. LHO returned
to Cuban Cons.
could not read
wanted, but he
talked to.*

1960 Soviet Embassy/calls Silvia DURAN of Cuban Embassy

(MI) = man inside

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

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thru. of how
presented his
problem: (B)
comes from
by no other
alternatives:
"he does not
know him."*

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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.

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Silvia DURAN calls Soviet Embassy and talks with MI

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

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1. LHO want to
see. Cont. 20th
Walt address but
could not remember
it.

4. LHO (at 11:51)
calls from Cuba
cont. 2. says he
has his address
written down.

9. LHO. give
summary of form
to CIA. 21. 21. 21.
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MO (American) to MI (Sov. Emb.) *

Handwritten: + this call placed to 15-69-87
by Sov. Mil. Att.

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 down; 15-60-55 and ask for a consul. Thank you.

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MO (American) to OBYEDKOV of Soviet Embassy

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.

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MO (OSWALD) to MI at Sov. Emb.

Handwritten: + this call placed to 15-69-77, by Sov. MA

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.

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

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MEXICO CITY 0452 reported According LIENVOY 1 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: LIEMPTI. No local dissem.

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Handwritten: NBI 240 Dept of Mex Cons in Tam, del Norte
On 10/30 10:0830 2 Oct 1963, Washington
consul's submission content is not
consistent with status of LBJ's earlier
negotiations and arrangements. Use
of broken Spanish not probable in
this case

Handwritten: Released by Liaison
Officer of the Embassy
in LA PALINIER

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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.

*ANB: This description
not covered with
data given in #9.*

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 IKS. Memo #6831

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 LISMPY 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 J. C. from COS (Win) 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. 63.

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Edmundo JARDON (of Cuban Embassy) calls VILLACORTA of Prensa Latina in New York asking about the detention of the President of Fair Play with Cuba Committee. VILLACORTA 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 spy is nuts) it is a terrible provocation. VILLACORTA 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.

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

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Man outside (MO) calls Luisa of Cuban Embassy

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MO asks LUISA if she has heard the latest news and Luisa, jokingly replies, "Yes, of course, I knew almost before KENNEDY." Both agree on the seriousness of the assassination, etc. LUISA says party at Silvia LURAN's has been called off so it will not appear they are celebrating death of KENNEDY, nor will they have the party ~~xxxx~~ coincide with the burial....LUISA says she plans to move tonight to the doctor's (female) house.

LIENVOY Why was this lady met introduced?

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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 Cuban Emb other days. Also attempting establish OSWALD entry and departure Mexi.

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

27 Nov.

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

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what is final?

→ DIR 84821 - Send staffer with all photos OSWALD to Hqs on next flight. Call Mr. Whitten 652-6827 on arrival.

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This statement is accurate

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24. 23 Nov. *What is time?* → 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 ODENVY Hqrs 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.
25. 23 Nov. 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 84835 - 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 LIENVOY 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?
28. 23 Nov. DIR 84888 - ODENVY 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.
29. 23 Nov. MEXI 7023 - On 28 Sept 63 Silvia *ADJ* Cuban Emb called Sov Consul saying North American there who had been Sovemb and wish speak with consul. 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. LIENVOY 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 LIENVOY that date. Also pouching 4 Oct photos. Making effort determine OSWALD 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. Placing him under LIENBRACE surveillances. No recent unusual KGB and Sovemb personnel activities 17 Nov to date.

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No other ALFERIEV travel. LILYRIC reporting shows ALFERIEV at Sovemb 6 thru 19 Nov. (No coverage 9, 10, 16, 17 Nov.) Will cover with LIRICE surveillance. Stepping up processing covering Sovemb, trying get LIFEAT coverage of switchboard of apt bldg where reside Min KAZANTSEV, suspect KGB resident KONSTANTINOV and suspect GRU SCHUCHKIN. Having LIPAWN report movements SIDOROV and effort re audio OP against BID. Incoming LIFEAT on YGB KUZNETSOV will be processed ASAP. Inchecking all uncrased tapes LIENVOY center.

PARKER (p) 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 Bahia 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 LIENVOY reported fol: "Entrada MP.....(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 Novemb.

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 trace here is 30 Jan 61 report from LIPINES that on Oct r 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. ODENVY informed of above. Have no info. ODENVY 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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- 15 Nov. MEXI 7028 - COS had urgent call to see LIENVOY 23 Nov. COS thought would be for expression condolence but developed that LIENVOY 2 had located call to Sovemb of OSWALD made on 28 Sept. Believe fact that LIENVOY 2 aware of this contact (from joint operation) and passed data to COS is important.
- 15 Nov. 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 LIENVOY 2 that Silvia DURAN who Mexi employee at Cuban Emb and who put OSWALD on telephone from Cuban Emb to talk to Sovemb on 28 Sept be arrested immediately and held incommunicado until she gives all details of OSWALD known to her. LIENVOY 2 can say D.F.S. coverage revealed call to him if he needs to explain.
- 25 Nov. NOTE WRITTEN BY COS: At 1620 hrs on 23 Nov 63 I had a call from Jack Whitten (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)
- 25 Nov. MEXI 7030 - Following cars appeared at Cuban Emb: 21 Oct 63 at 1900 hrs Texas TA 522, 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.
- 25 Nov. MEMO FOR THE RECORD from Jeremy L. NIARCOS on Support Activities Assignments re GPIPEAL Assassination.
- 25 Nov. MEXI 7032 - Info on surveillance teams - Soviets - no unusually activity.
- 25 Nov. MEXI 7033 - Fol additional calls LIENVOY probably repeat probably OSWALD:
 A. On 27 Sept 63 call to Sov Mil Att "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)
 C. On 27 Sept 63 at 1626 (see para 3 above) (D. On 1 Oct 63 at 1031 (see para 5

*This call was in
3:30 min. but could not
have been Oswald's.*

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

NOTE by COS: I had a call from Washington (Jack Whitten) at 1600 hrs on 23 Nov. I told Jack Whitten at 1600/30 on 23 Nov. that this (440) 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 shows 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. fails show OSWALD arrival. Passing this info COM asking they check border airports from which OSWALD might have flown Mexi. We do not get manifests these domestic flights.

MEXI 7035 - LIENVOY 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 - LIENVOY 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 ALMERIKV 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 be ready by 2000 hrs. COS does not believe possible to keep arrest from

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her family and from Cuban Emb very long.

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MEXI 7038 - LILYRIC reporting on KOSTIKOV's surveillance and also on ALFERIEV.

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

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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. ODENVY 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 ODENVY freedom of action on entire question of PBRUMEN 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 ODENVY and will advise.

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

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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 LIEMPOS and ODENVY and will ask LIEMPOS to check hotels in Mexi City to check OSWALD's activities.

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MEXI 7041 - As of 1900 23 Nov., LIEMBRACE surveillance team and LILYRIC and LIMITED basehouses all report KOSTIKOV under Mexi Secret Service physical surveillance. Since cannot continue LIEMBRACE unilateral under above conditions must cancel LIEMBRACE. This likely due to LIEMENSOR reading same LIENVOY take as Station. Station has not mentioned KOSTIKOV to Mexicans.

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MEXI 7042 - Advised Legat of arrest and of Hqs desire for secrecy. Legat had not heard of arrest although he had talked to gubernacion contacts several times in last hour. This good sign of ECHEVERRIA control for time being. Also told Amb who "very pleased" but who also hopes can be kept secret let Washington decide on all "leaks" and releases.

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23 Nov. MEXI 7043 - 1100 hrs on 23 Nov., 1955 green Ford California 63 plates KVV 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.

23 Nov. MEXI 7044 - Completed analysis Russian language portions of Sovemb LIENVOY 18 thru 21 Nov. No items of possible pertinence OSWALD. All normal.

23 Nov. MEXI 7045 - Summary of local contacts of ALFERIEV (see para 45 above)

23 Nov. 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. Sovs 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. Arb Mann informed by COS of DURAN pickup and delighted. Will brief ODENVY.

23 Nov. 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

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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 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 says perhaps so. CARAM says all of this has him very worried.

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MEXI 7047 - Re Station's newly initiated LIFEAT coverage of apartment residence KAZANSEV, KONSTANTINOV and ZEK SHCHUCHKIN: 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? OSWALD LIENVOY 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-cognital with grunts for answers, and the final word uttered as if to say - "So what?")

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MEXI 7048 - Re Stations LIFEAT coverage of residence Sov Cultural officer Svyatoslav Fedorovich KUZNETSOV, identified KEB: No calls whatever 18 Nov thru 21 Nov. One personal call 22 Nov between him and wife of no pertinence. No calls 23 Nov.

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MEXI 7049 - LIPAWN-1 22 Nov audio product, of target Sovmilat Aleksandr Georgiyevich SIDOROV, of no pertinence.

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MEXI 7050 - Poll LIENVOY Russian lang portions complete coverage thru 22 Nov: A. 1338 hrs uniden woman asks Sergey Semyonovich KUKHAPENKO if "they" phoned him at home. KUKH 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 KUKH that Sovamb says not make any statement. B. 1445 hrs Yugoslav Amb Gustav VLAHOV asks for Sovamb BAZAROV. 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 (muffled 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 died. 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 BAZAROV 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 LIENVOY material and give us your opinion, and also have Mexicans question Silvia DURAN very carefully on this point. Advise.

DIR 84921 - Plates NJ 9495 Fiat Multipla 1960 issued to Carol J. BOLES, 5726 Killarney St., Corpus Christi, Texas. Motor No. 954257. Plates JF 9675 Cadillac Sedan 1950 issued to Richard J. ARANDA 1601 N. W. 23rd San Antonio, Texas. Motor No. 506100312. Plates JH 2476 Chev coupe 1959 issued to Harry Lee Saffe 5022 Bayhead San Antonio, Texas. Motor No. 8593175555. (Ref Mexi 7039 - see para 49 above) Awaiting info from ODEWY on other plates in MEXI 7030 (see para 38 above) and MEXI 7043 (see para 56 above)

NOTE TO COS FROM DCOG: 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 GCM 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.

MEXI 7053 - In meeting 24 Nov attended by ODEWY, Amb, Min, COS and DCOG foll obtained: OSWALD ordered rifle of same type used to kill President from Kibins Mail Order House, Chicago. Ordered in name Alek HIDEELL but had sent to P.O. box registered in own name. Also OSWALD when arrested had selective service card in possession in name Alek HIDEELL. This same name appeared on Cuban Fair Play Committee

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propaganda issued New Orleans, although OSWALD name also appeared underneath. ODENVY 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 might be HIDEELL. Supplying Mexicans multiple copies ODENVY photos OSWALD and Station photos unidentified men appropriately cropped for hotel investigation. Also checking HIDEELL by name with border posts and other COM files.

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MEXI 7054 - Refs: A. MEXI 7046 (para 59 above) and B. DIR 24920 (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. This source COM knowledge not revealed to her. c. Does not know where OSWALD still 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 tears 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 she unaware. REF DIR 24916 (para 51 above) ECHEVERRIA aware ODENVY 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 reinterrogation 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 ~~MM~~ 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 ~~him~~ 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.

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MEXI 7055 - Mexi daily Excelsior (same as para 72 above), also: This not our leak. Cannot eliminate Gobernacion 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."

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

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Julieta 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. Julieta 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. Julieta says

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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. Julieta 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. Julieta says that his (OSWALD's) death was evidently to shut him up and they had better not say now 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. Julieta 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 time 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.

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Note to LIEMPO - 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 23 Nov Sovemb LIENVOY of no pertinence. From Russian lang portions 23 Nov. LEINVOY: 1501 hrs Polish Amb called Sovamb. Pole asked if LAZAROV going anywhere today, BAZ said staying at Emb. Pole asked is could visit BAZ, latter agreed for 1330 hrs. Otherwise, all Russian lang parts personal matters. Not one word on assassination.

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Negro then said that he was sorry that he could not accompany OSWALD, but said "you understand my situation". OSWALD then replied that's all right I can do this by myself. The source was of the opinion that OSWALD had come from Habana and when OSWALD entered he was affectionately greeted by a female employe of the Cub Inn who has blue eyes and lives at Calle Juarez 407. 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. ~~SEE PSD and D/ISO made an appointment to meet ALVARADO at 0120 26 Nov at the cafeteria of the Hotel Venezia. (Signed A. C. Plumbok)~~

Memo on OSWALD read to Pres. LOPEZ Mateos on night of 25 Nov. giving background info and asking many questions.

Excelsior. Cuban lawyer Jose Antonio CABARGAS, anti-Castro former director of Instituto de Seguridad Social of Cuba was captured last night by federal agents to be investigated for political activities and especially for a suspicious telephone call to Miami with Emilio NUÑEZ Portuando, former Cuban delegate to United Nations. Address of CABARGAS No. 10, Victoria 25. CABARGAS and NUÑEZ spoke of the assassination of Kennedy.

Police report on CABARGAS and NUÑEZ of para 84 above. See para 86.

MEXI 7064 - Following received 1405 from Durkin, Narcotics representative who received from member police bank of Mexi, which is one of two Interpol reps here. Report directed to Direccion General (presumably of bank). A. At 2030 hrs 24 Nov., Director International telephone services called writer re phone call between CABARCA in Mexi and NUÑEZ in Miami (phone 371-29-41). CABARCA told NUÑEZ that with assassination Kennedy, CASTRO's plan has been realized and that next one to go would be "Bob" and that any time atomic bombs would rain down on U. S. without anyone knowing why, that if all U.S. unable defend life of its president, would not be able defend selves either. Report said other items relative Latin America mentioned but operator could give no further info. Report continued Capt Manuel LACUONA Fance, Chief of office of special investigations under private secretary of President notified. Attempt also made locate Jose Luis BENAVIDES, treasury rep San Antonio, but could only get Capt Meade of San Antonio police who promised inform BENAVIDES in full of above. Both callers well known anti-Castroites. CABARCA now under interrogation by police. GIBTTI notified here and will contact Procuraduria direct for further info. Since fact CABARCA arrest appeared morning papers here no sensitivity problem involved. Matter unknown. Lists his phone in report as 15-15-21, which not in either of reversed directories.

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

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MEXI 7065 - (REF: DIR 84926 - Para 87 above) Silvia DURAN aka Silvia de TIRADO, Mexi cit, was employed by Cuban consulate office Mexi as temporary replacement OLIBARRI upon latter's death July 63. DURAN was director DMHC until early Jan 63 when pressured by Teresa PROSZNYK to resign. Before July 63, per LIETVOY, DURAN had sporadic contact Cuban Emb, mainly with FERNANDEZ re LYONS matters. Fall 62 had affair with Carlos LEONAGA. In June 62 LIETVOY-1 reported that Jose MARTINEZ said DURAN strongly drawn to his Liga Leninista Experimento, local dissident Council group. Re para two ref: Station queried LITAMIL nine this point night 25 Nov and he disclaimed any knowledge OSWALD visits. He has been instructed report any new facts or significant reaction his associates.

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DIR 84952 - Pls obtain and cable translated summary of any official reports or statements Mexicans have produced on Silvia DURAN and husband.

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WAVE 3149 - 1. ODFOAM advised WAVE that phone call from one Jose San Antonio CABARCA in Mexi City (phone 18-63-34) to Dr. Emilio NUÑEZ Portocarrero, 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 CABARCA. However, AMOT-2 advised CABARCA is probably Jose Antonio CABARCA Sainz, dpoB circa 1918 Province Las Villas, Cuba. Currently resides Mexi, POBox 3000 and has same phone No. para 1 above. He is now occupied with obtaining Mexi visas for persons desiring leave Cuba. He is pronounced BASTIENZO and rightist with ties to BASTIENZO groups in U. S. and heads the Alianza Para El Progreso de America.

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Paul KENNEDY talks with John REITZ. Paul asks John if he read Excelsior LIFEAT this morning about OSWALD having come to Mexico and having applied for visas at Cub Ent. 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)

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John EZTIE calls Carlos LAGUNAS who is not in. Luz BERLOVA takes the LIFEAT phone. John tells Luz about Excelsior 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.

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 Mana and DIR advise MEXI OPIM any traces Gilberto ALVARADO, DECB; 31 Jan 40 Ciudad Rara, Celaya, Nicaragua. Claims he awaiting false Mexi documentation prior receiving sabotage training Cuba. Says Juan LORILLO, Rolan ALVARADO and Carlos FONSECA Avador are members his (Communist?) organization Nicaragua.

President DORTICOS of Habana calls A-b. Joaquin HERNANDEZ Arms of Cuban LIENVOY Embassy, Mexico City. About Silvia NUÑAN, 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.

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

MEXI 7069 (Ref: MEXI 7067 - Para 93 above) (also see Para 82 above) Station officer (probably BARKER) with Emb Security Officer interviewed Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO Ugarte borning 26 Nov with following results: (Repetition of Para 82 and 93 above with following additional): ALVARADO admitted he really on penetration mission for Nic Secret Service, reports to Major Roger JEEZ, Nic Milatt, Pasaje Latino, Interior 513, tel: 46-33-76, Mexi. On 2 Sept reported in Mexi to Professor Edelberto TORRES, Address General Zuazua No. 37, Interior 8. TORRES is Nic in charge of Nic CP travellers to Cuba. Well known Communist. Has daughter in Moscow. On 2 Sept discussed anti-Somora guerrilla activity in with TORRES and brothers Gustavo and Humberto JEREZ Talavera. TORRES told ALVARADO he would receive 500 Mexi pesos monthly subsistence

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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 again 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 Nic Army. Says he still Nic Commie party mbr, was originally convinced Marxist, later became disillusioned, has been penetration agent for Nic Gov for past 4 yrs. Scheduled enter Cuba within 2 months. He explained he outraged by Kennedy assassination which he is 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 Gabaldon" to set time for next meeting which to take place front Juarez Monument, Parque Alameda.

7. 26 Nov.

MEXI 7070 - LIMITED reported Mexi Secret Service initiated heavy surveillance of Sovemb starting afternoon 23 Nov. Also Sec Serv physical surveillance of KOSTIKOV earlier reported, according LIMITED the Sec Serv started close obvious surveillance of Vitaliy Borisovich SHUBIN (NGB) on 23 Nov. Note SHUBIN in past often accompanied KOSTIKOV on trips outside Sovemb.

7. 26 Nov.

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, Scott and Anderson: In view of Nic (Ref A) and info in long distance telephone between DORTICOS and BERNANDEZ (Ref B) we suggest Mexicans be informed concerning Ref A and Nic be put at disposition of LOPEZ Mateos on condition LOPEZ Mateos will agree to order rearrest and interrogate Silvia DURAN as follows: a) Confront Silvia with Nic and have Nic inform her of details his statement to us. b) Tell Silvia she only living non-Cuban who knows full story and hence in same position as OSWALD prior to his assassination; her only chance for survival is to come 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, MIRABAL 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 needed corroboration of statement of the Nic. Also suggest Mexi Gov identify and arrest unknown negro. Have Mexicana rearrest Silvia so as to eliminate possibility of her being smuggled out of Mexi to Cuba or killed here. We lack established reliability of Nic, but suggest that DORTICOS' preoccupation with money angle tends to corroborate authenticity of Nic statement. Thus, there appears

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to be strong a 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 MANA Station not consult Liaison on this one until further word from MEXI or DIR.

MEXI - 7084 - AMB Mann requested ODEENVY 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/ODEENVY one of best and most cooperative. etc.// COS opinion it is desirable ODEENVY sent officer to Mexi to satisfy Amb. Unless Mr. Johnson can convince Amb that Chief/Odenvy 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, Arnesto RODRIGUEZ, who lives at 212 Jefferson Parrish, Tel, Vernon 5-9658. C. Arnesto 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 ODEENVY here on 27 Nov. Hqs may wish pass ODEENVY.

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

MEXI 7095 - Following result of ODEENVY investigation hotels: OSWALD registered at small Hotel del Comercio, Sabagun 19, tel: 46-60-52, on 27 Sept 63. OSWALD left this hotel on 1 Oct. ODEENVY believes OSWALD travelled from Nuevo 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 Guadalajara, Control #339 - Local newspaper editor today told me he visited Monday by one Rector Francis COSERRANO, 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 City, noted OSWALD's baggage included rifle in leather case. (from Linthicum - Guadalajara)

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The News article on OSWALD Sought Visa Here to Russia, Report Mexican Government Sources. 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.

101. 26 Nov.

LITEMPO-4 prepared report for LITEMPO-2 on case. Source personally interviewed Silvia DURAN as well as Horacio DURAN Navarro, Ruben DURAN Navarro, Betty SERRATOS de DURAN, Lidia Duran Navarro Vda. de FLORES, Agata ROSENO Garcia, Barbara Ann ELISS 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 Tino CONTRERAS, baterista (drum drummer) with CONTRERAS, Oscar of Tampico, 5 July 67 memo to LEGAT.

102. 26 Nov. 1335

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. LIENVOY

103. 26 Nov. 1558 NOTE: NOT REPORTED

D.P.S. agent, Hugo CASILLAS, calls the North American, Barbara, who lives at Bahia 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 ELISS of LITEMPO-4 report - para 107 above - page 8, which says she lives at Bahia de Magdalena No. 125 with tel 45-13-41, divorced from Juan ESQUIVEL, Costa Rican, etc.) and said, "What a time you ~~passed~~ 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 Tino (CONTRERAS) her sweetheart, but adds that Tino 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 - crooked (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 1500 hrs. Hugo will be there at 1700 hrs.

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Amb. Juquin 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.

Memo to LEGAT from COS enclosing all 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.

STATE telegram from Tijuana (control #305) saying Negative report on RUBENSTEIN alias RUBEY with all possible spelling variations checked.

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

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

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

DIR 85086 - (Ref: MEXI 7067 - para 93 above) Subj ref is LAVARADO member of Frente de Liberacion Nacional (FLN) Nic exile revolutionary group which is Cuban supported and Commie dominated. ALVARADO is also known informant Nic intel service. Rolan ALVARADO, Carlos PONCECA Amador and Juan LORIO (possibly idea w/Juan LORELLO in ref) all well known Nic communists.

MANA 4009 - (Ref: MEXI 7067 para 93 above) (also see para 82 above) - Full name Subj is Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte, B. 31 Jan 40 Ciudad Rama, Zelaya, Nic. Subj, a mechanic, son of Cervilo ALVARADO and Zoila de ALVARADO. Subj about 5'4", 135 lbs, brown eyes, dark brown hair, dark complexion. Subj was informant for Nic 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 Sec Serv and said he planned go El Salvador. He told Security he would write if he obtained any info of value. On 4 Oct Nic Serv rec'd letter from Subj in Mexi dated 2 Oct. Subj said he in position get info on 2 groups in Mexi, and mentioned E. TORRES, probably Edelberto TORRES, as being involved one group. Subj signed letter Jose UGARIE, pseudo assigned to him by Nic Serv, and gave address as Calz. Chavacana No. 142, Mexi 8. Nic Serv has had no contact with him since this letter. Subj was ultimate source several Station info reports, including HNW 740, 742, 753, and 762, which prepared from liaison info. He appeared to be fairly good informant with good access to FLN info. Nic 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 Nic officer who handled him come Mexi to question him. Rolando ALVARADO Lopez, member Nic Commie Party (PSN), is ALVARADO's uncle. Juan LORIO Garcia, member of Central Committee of PSN, traveled MANA to MEXI on 14 Sept and returned to Nic on 17 Oct. Carlos PONCECA Amador, well known leader of FLM, last reported in Honduras as of early Nov.

107. 27 Nov.

DIR 85066 - Further to DIR 85039 (para 114 above) Mr. Johnson has informed me that Mr. KATZENBACH spoke with C/ODENVY who contended that MEXI ODENVY office possessed all relevant info and that he was not disposed to send ODENVY officer to MEXI. Pls advise a) Whether ODENVY Mexi does in fact have necessary info b) Is it desirable in your opinion that ODENVY do send agent to MEXI?

108. 27 Nov.

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 Nic 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.

109. 27 Nov.

DIR 85198 - (Ref: DIR 85178 - para 113 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 KUBARK or by Mexi authorities. Note ALVARADO's claim he is still working for Nic Service and MANA's belief he was dropped in Aug 63.

110. 27 Nov.

DIR 85258 (Ref: MEXI 7093 - para 101 above) - ODENVY says OSWALD applied for unemployment insurance in New Orleans on 17 Sept, one day before Alvarado says he saw him in Cuban Emb Mexi. ODENVY 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. ODENVY says his New Orleans landlady believes he was there continuously between 17 and 25 Sept. Above gives further reasons to believe ALVARADO is fabricating.

111. 27 Nov.

DIR 85318 (Ref: MEXI 7101 which states COS was advised at 1215 MEXI time via Lic. x ECHEVERRIA that Silvia DURAN has been rearrested because she was attempting to leave Mexi for Cuba. Request instructions.) - This instruction has been coordinated with ODACID and ODENVY. Mexi authorities should interrogate Silvia to extent necessary clarify 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: MANA 4609 - para 116 above) Appreciate MANA 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 LIENVOY. LIENVOY has copy. Tapes being saved. HERNANDEZ Armas calls DORTICOS of Cuba at 1539 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 Silvia DURAN, Francisco LLACOSTERA, ORESTES Ruiz, Samuel PEPEZ, Rogelio RODRIGUEZ, Paul APARICIO, Rolando ESTEVA, Heberto JORRIN, Oscar CONCEPCION, Antonio GARCIA, Jose FERNANDEZ Roa, Andres ARMONA, Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas, "Raul", Pereguina FLORES, 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 ODENVY. Said was positive of these identifications. (Note LIENVOY 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 retracted 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. banknotes 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 in 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 in photos of persons using Emb gate. Subj admits visiting Sovemb 6 or 7 times, about 4 times with TORRES. Is somewhat fuzzy on reasons for these visits, was not pressed for detail at this session. Subj has not been identified in photo coverage Sovemb./ex 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 fearing for safety.

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nevertheless feel obliged to point out again that time is of the essence here. Mann"

Sterile copy of above to Amb at his request - 27 Nov. 63

MEXI 7105 (Ref: DIR 85245 - not in file; not abstracted) 1. Sending photostatic copy of ten page statement by Silvia DUPAY obtained from Echeverria by hand of Roger T. KINGMAN in envelope addressed to GALBOND true name. 2. KINGMAN arriving Dulles airport at 0800 hrs 28 Nov. He will be met by his wife, hopes she will tell him what to do with envelope. 3. Sorry no time to translate statement. 4. Also including 22 Nov Luisa CALLETON (Cuban consular employee) talk to unknown man from LIENVOY. (para 19 above)

MEXI 7107 (REF: A. DIR 85178 - para 118 above; B. DIR 85797 - para 122 above; C. CIR 85258 - para 120 above) - 1) ALVARADO story after two installments tends prove that he has been in Cub Emb and knows some of employees by sight name or both. Nothing more. 2) To resolve doubt only effective way is to have cooperation of MAJOR JEREZ directed by his Hqs in interrogating ALVARADO. If Hqs agrees suggest he be cable urgently to cooperate without question with PEREIRA officer who will contact him morning 28 Nov. Station wishes JEREZ be present during interrogation to throw all his official weight behind it, but not to participate except in portions relative ALVARADO's alleged mission for JEREZ. 3) Station concedes outside possibility this story could be SOMOZA gambit get rid of CATHIE so defer to Hqs re action para 2.

Individual calls Cub Emb and says he is from Ultimas Noticias, talks with Luisa CALLETON of LIENVOY Commercial Department, that they have received a cable from Cuba saying they were protesting to Mexico because of the bad treatment given a Cuban Embassy employee in Mexico in relation with the visa requested by OSWALD, the Kennedy assassin. Luisa asks him to speak with the secretary of the Ambassador.

The same individual (as para 129 above) speaks with Consuelo ESPERON, says he is from LIENVOY Ultimas Noticias and they received a cable from Habana saying an employee of the Cuban Embassy had been badly treated by Relaciones Exteriores (Foreign Relations) when trying to find out about OSWALD's passport and the assassination of Kennedy, and he wants to find out if it is true. Consuelo pays no attention to the question and asks if the cable was received directly from Habana. The individual only says that Cuba has protested to Mexico about this behavior. Consuelo is going to find out, and then she tells him that there they know nothing, that they have no news about this. The individual says he is going to talk with the boss of information to find out personally about this. Consuelo indicates that the Ambassador's secretary, Peregrina ALONSO, is going to speak. The individual, in the meantime, speaks to someone who is with him and says (in familiar form "tu") "They are going to tell you, that you are chief of information, that they do not have...." Later the chief of information tells Peregrina that the cable came from Miami, that they heard

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a radio broadcast from Habana which said that Minister Raul ROA announced that they had sent a protest to Asst. Gilberto BOSQUES of Mexico against the conduct of the Mexican authorities who arrested an employee "of yours" named Silvia DURAN, that they were transacting 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 k of the protest, but was there an arrest? Peregrina insists that she knows nothing.

111. 27 Nov.

COS sent letter to JC (KING), via John Horton, with copies of report prepared by LIEMPO-4 (para 107 above)

112. 27 Nov.

DIR 85245 - Dept of Justice preparing report on whole case and will want to include detailed data on OSWALD's Mexi activities. LIENVOY info cannot be used, but statements of Silvia DURAN which carry essentially same import could be used without compromising Mexi sources. Therefore, request you cable in translated version of her statements and obtain LIENSER and LIEMPO-2's permission to use statements in official report for publication. Pls note DIR ODEWY is getting from ODEWY Mexi such info which originates with LIENVOY operation. ODEWY here does not realize this info produced by KJEARK operation, and ODEWY may be getting LIENVOY info thru own clandestine sources in Gobernacion or even in President's office. Try to clarify with ODEWY rep their exact manner in which he has obtained such info and in form in which he sent it to ODEWY Hqs. We must avoid inadvertant compromise of LIENVOY.

113. 27 Nov.

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

114. 27 Nov.

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

115. 27 Nov.

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 x 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, a 29 yr old Havanan who manages a dry-goods store.....

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Wilton HALL talks with Vanda SUTTER. 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. WE thinks that F.B.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 P-8324, Vol. 2)

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

ATISEBOS - 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 APAGON. Article on discrepancies of OSWALD as the "only" killer..... The incognitos 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 SECSTATE 1201 FLASH (Roger Channel) For Sec Rusk and Alexis Johnsons. Amb. Mann'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 soonest 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 so 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 Cubans get impression that Americans behind her re-arrest. In other words, we want Mexi authorities to take responsibility for whole affair.

DIR 85469 (Ref: MEXI 7104 - para 126 above) Ref being passed to ODACID and ODENVY per your request. Have discussed MEXI 7104 with Mr. Alexis Johnson. He wants Amb Mann to know that it not likely requested instructions will be forthcoming prior 28 Nov. On Wash end ODENVY has jurisdiction. Both ODACID and HUBARK attempting follow their wishes. For your private information, there distinct feeling here in all three agencies that

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Amb 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 ODACID 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.

12. 26 Nov.

DIR 85653 - ODEENVY says their follow-up investigation of OSWALD's activities has produced "reliable indications" that he was in New Orleans on 19 Sept 63. 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.

13. 28 Nov.

DIR 85654 - We have just heard by phone from Kingman, 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, Kingman has the 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. Kingman thinks he heard that CURTIS got the info about the bank deposit from an ODEENVY man named Clark. / We know of no such bank deposit. ODEENVY 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 ODEENVY there. We have advised ODEENVY 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 ODEENVY or the Dallas police or any other body. / ODEENVY has just levied on us official request for full info on source and origin of rumor about 5,000 dollar bank deposit. Pls reply immediate.

14. 28 Nov.

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 Sov and Cub installations and your liaison with Mexicans.

15. 28 Nov.

MARA 4613 (Refs: A. DIR 85616 - not in file, not abstracted; B. MEXI 7107 - para 128 above) Station requested ERYTHROID-1 cooperation Mexi thru Major JEREZ and if possible by sending ERYTHROID-3 Mexi. E-1 said ALVARADO in Mexi without ERYTHROID authority and passed off suggestion use JEREZ but agreed immediately send E-3. Station agreed pay E-3 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 E-3 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 E-3 travel Mexi and contact Station officer this case. Advise flash.

DIR 85661 (Ref: MEXI 7113 - not in file, not abstracted; MANA 4613- Para 145 above) Do not turn ALVARADO over to the Mexicans. We have officially asked ODENVY for their position on this move, and pending ODENVY's answer and our final consideration, ALVARADO should not be surfaced to Mexicans or turned over to them. / Advise us if ODENVY 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 that ALVARADO may be a Nic agent too. MANA pls advise its views. We agree ERYTHROID 3 should go Mexi and be reachable at Nic Emb to be at Mexi disposal. / For Mexi: Note ODENVY man Larry Keenan now in Mexi was sent especially to follow up leads on entire assassination. Pls cooperate with him fully.

DIR 85663 - ODENVY Liaison officer officially advises that ODENVY requests that KUBARK turn ALVARADO over to Mexican authorities and that KUBARK request Mexican authorities to interrogate ALVARADO in detail. / ODENVY reports that it understand that Mexi authorities have a capability of polygraphing and requests that KUBARK request Mexi authorities that he be polygraphed. / ODENVY expressed desire to have the results of the interrogation as soon as possible and that the legal attache be kept advised of developments. / ODENVY takes the position that inasmuch as Silvia DURAN may be retained sometime today (28 Nov) according to info which ODENVY 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 ODENVY'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 4614 - (Ref: MEXI 7117 - not in file of OSWALD, but in ALVARADO P-8639 as follows: Delighted have ERYTHROID 3. 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 20-96-24 and ask for Sr. David. Pls furnish identifying data. / If KUBARK interrogation in E-3 presence unsatisfactory retain alternative of turnover to COM.) ERYTHROID-3 (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. / E-1 and E-3 have been told only that ALVARADO appears have some info bearing on OSWALD. / E-3 speaks English, cooperates very closely with Station. He knows ALVARADO very well and knows all details his past activities within FIH and his work for ERYTHROIDS. E-3 will follow Mexi leads re interrogation. Will probably send open code answer to E-1 thru his Emb so best suggest he send messages thru our channels for security and MANA will relay to E-1. DIR 85663 (para 147 above) just received. Believe best not change travel plans E-3. Suggest advisability Mexi discuss with ODENVY withholding turnover to Mexi authorities until after arrival E-3. He

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much more likely solve riddle than LCHUTTER, especially view GON power control his future.

MANA 4615 (Ref: MANA 4614 - para 148 above) - ILEN Franklin Anthony WHEELOCK Gerola. Born Managua 21 Feb 24. Brown hair, green eyes, 5'8", weight 170 lbs. WHEELOCK in captain nation, chief anti Communist section, office of national security.

MANA 4617 - Ple inform MANA about whether or not still desirable EKTHYROID-3 travel. If not request permission inform EIKTHYROID ALVARADO in hands Mexi authorities.

DIR 85616 - In the face of mounting evidence that ALVARADO is fabricating his story of seeing OSWALD take money in Cub Emb, urge you follow up with his local NIC case officer and avail yourself of the help of the Nic service, which can send EKTHYROID 3, a good KUBARK asset, to help in interrogation. We find it incredible that the Cubans would brief and pay an assassin in front of a Nic interloper. We think it possible or even likely that he has been in and out of Cub Emb as a Nic agent trying to infiltrate Cuba and has picked up names and faces there in so doing. All he has said about OSWALD he could have gotten from the press, except for certain incorrect items such as his statement that OSWALD wore glasses. / The fact that ALVARADO is a calm, nice and intelligent young man does not mean he is not fabricator. FYI we and other agencies are being flooded by fabrications on the OSWALD case from several continents some originating with people on the fringes of the intelligence business. Such fabrications are not usually done for money, but out of sickly fancy and a desire to get into the intel game. / We do not think it a remarkable coincidence that both DORTICOS and ALVARADO talk about money paid to OSWALD: For one thing, pay for an assassin is a factor which immediately rises in the mind of expert and layman alike. Secondly, DORTICOS may have heard through some Russian or Cuban source in the Mexi government that DURAN was asked whether the Cubans paid OSWALD for the alleged assignment. / While we do not insist that ALVARADO's story is beyond all belief we do urge that Mexi place it and ALVARADO under the most searching scrutiny. His interrogators must probe deeply into his make-up and lead him back through the thought processes which may have led him to make this possible mis-step. In securing confessions of fabrication, a sympathetic attitude, stressing awareness of the severe mental strain the subject must be under, and with generous recognition of his "basically fine motivation" coupled with promises of face-saving secrecy, and even specious hopes of "useful" future cooperation are often effective. Many hours must be devoted to these tactics. / Have just received Mexi 7107 - para 128 above - Concur that MANA lend all assistance and induce Nic service to cooperate. Think there is just no possibility that this is a Nic frame-up, but hope Nic cooperation will prove helpful.

MEXI 7113 (Ref: DIR 85653 - Para 142 above) Request OPIM authorization turn ALVARADO over to LITEMPOS with brief explanation he claims to be witness to payoff to OSWALD in Cuban Consulate 18 Sept., admits is in Mexi illegally, admits CP membership, visits to Sovemb, claims that Cuban Con now involved in documenting him with false Mexi papers for travel to Cuba. Latter point alone would give Mexi authorities good reason to subject him to

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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 has 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.

MEXI 7115 LITAMIL 9 reported 27 Nov after Silvia 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. L-9 said there almost no discussion in Emb. Staff meeting 23 Nov very short and somber with general impression being one of shock and disbelief. Heard no expressions of pleasure. / LITAMIL 7 seen night 27 Nov had nothing to add to above. Indeed her version much less detailed. Neither L-7 or L-9 had any personal knowledge OSWALD presence Cub Emb at any time.

MEXI 7117 (see para 148 above) (Ref: MANA 4615 - para 145 above)

MEXI 7118 (Ref: DIR 85371 - para 141 above) Note second pickup which made on GOM initiative without prior consultation with Station or PBSWENG obviously evidente great desire Mexi authorities to be of service. Immediately after pickup Echeverria had received instructions from LIENSOR personally not to release DURAN until CURTIS said so. At Hqs request CURTIS furnished interrogation questions to Echeverria night 27 Nov. In view ref felt no alternative but inform Echeverria neither CURTIS nor PBSWENG making official request for her continued detention. Decision re release must be theirs. This was done at 1200 noon on 28 Nov.

MEXI 7119 (Ref: DIR 85245 - para 132 above) Have furnished LEGAT all pertinent info from LIENVOY 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 sent 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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cited KUBARK as the source and put the control statement on our info. He says however, that he has no control over his Hqs and their distribution of KUBARK or any other info. / Also, FYI LEGAT believes Justice Dept (outside his organization) taking actions and not under control LEGAT's Hqs.

MEXI 7120 - Believe useful have Spanish speaking LCFWYTER operator available Mexi certainly for ALVARADO and possibly for others. If Hqs agrees pls arrange soonest and advise.

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 gobernacion. / Echeverria was given ALVARADO's present address and alias under which he registered. Mexicans 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 procepro" (very rude) note of protest handed to Amb BUCKLE in Habana yesterday by Paul ROA, Cub foreign minister. / Will advise any results that become available from Mexi interrogation of ALVARADO.

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 LCFWYTER. / Seasoned operators available here on short notice.

Memo to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO Ugarte; On the morning of 26 Nov an officer of this Section, accompanied by Mr. Plambeck 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.)

ECMA 22545 - Attached is a reel of tape containing three conversations reported in ref (MEXI 7063 - para 95 above).

Unsigned letter to Mr. Mann (probably Crackpot) naming people and places in the COWALD case.

MEXI 7125 (Ref: DIR 85672 - Pls continue to keep us 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 skin 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 3. DIR 85672 - para 164 above) LITEMPO 4 with whom BENADUM and COS dealing directly at suggestion of Echeverria will keep us advised of interrogation of ALVARADO as it progresses. / LITEMPO 4 states that his first oral report will be ready at 1100 hrs on 29 Nov. / BENADUM will be in direct contact with LITEMPO 4 at that time and COS will send data as soon as obtained. / COS is handling case since LITENSOR, LIEMPOS and LIENVOY involved and need to see LITENSOR, LIELEGANT, ECHEVARRIA and others (no one of whom speaks English). Also continuous Liaison with Amb and ODENVY necessary and COS wishes control these personally.

MEXI 7127 - LITEMPO 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 LIEMPOS showed him. With Station officer ALVARADO did identify her. / Interrogation continues. ALVARADO has up to now been "suave" and friendly. Now LITEMPO 4 states he is tougher. / ALVARADO has also claimed he here in 1961 on mission for Nic 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 Cuba). / Above brief and preliminary. LITEMPO 4 "doubts" story and will begin work to "break" ALVARADO. / Will await contact by STEYROID 3 and, if he wishes to do so, will have LITEMPO 4 call him at his hotel and let him participate. Feel sure LITEMPO 4 would welcome this. / Above given orally to LEGAT.

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 everything you report over to ODENVY Hqs which results in some unavoidable delay. We would like to be sure that you are immediately giving ODENVY there everything you get about ALVARADO and DURAN so ODENVY Mexi can cable the same data direct to ODENVY Hqs. Pls satisfy yourself that ODENVY 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 ODENVY 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 on all cables whether ODENVY Mexi has been given the same info.) ODENVY is locally being advised by COS personally of everything Station learns concerning OSWALD case and, now, on ALVARADO interrogation. / Feel sure ODENVY office, which almost same size as KJEBARK station, has adequate staff for reporting needs. / Usual procedure here is that COS notifies Hqs, reports to chief ODENVY and to Amb orally then subsequently advises ODENVY by memo. / Hqs is assured that all info known to Station on these cases is being given to them and shortly after info obtained.

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MEXI 7137 (Ref: MEXI 7068 - para 95 above - MEXI 7097 - para 123 above) Copy of LERVOY tapes of conversations references pointed 29 Nov by RIBAT pouch EMTA 22545.

DIR 85669 (REF: MATA 4617 - para 150 above) - Feel EMBROID 3 should go Mexi even though ALVARADO may be in Mexi hands. Assure 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 ODENVY rep. ODENVY here knows he is coming to Mexi to help. / At 1830 Wash time, which is about 1630 your time, we have no further news or 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) - LIEMPO 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. / LIEMPO 4 states that after first session he believed ALVARADO story a fantastic lie; after second session and all previous and interim interrogations, ALVARADO sticks to same story re OSWALD. LIEMPO 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." LIEMPO 4 "inclined" believe ALVARADO telling truth in general outline; but believes he mixed up on dates. / EMBROID 3 arrived in Mexi. Is now at Geneva Hotel. Will be seen at 1800 hrs. If he willing participate, will get LIEMPO 4 to contact E-3 immediately. / Contents of paras one and two (except for identity of source) have been given orally to chief ODENVY and to chief ODACID 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 ~~xxxx~~ beginning circa 1 Dec; also due factor that one agent (LLEWELT-1) out of touch with Sov C/O and that another agent (LITTLE-1) out of country...etc., etc. / Request instructions on what tactic or elicitation effort if any that doubles should make. / Also request similar instructions re Station's Sov access ~~xxxxxx~~ agents LICRAVE 1 and LICUFF 1. LICANITY 1 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. #6375

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 direct pointed question to C/O's but should 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) LIEMPO 4 and ERYTHROID 3 met evening 29 Nov "unofficially" and E 3 reported on ALVARADO's background. He told LIEMPO 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 LIEMPO 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. LIEMPO 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. / OENYV being informed of above.

Police #09 reports to the Chief of Co. 8 the following: Here in front of the Cuban LIENVOY 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 BERNANDEZ 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, no pictures published...

DIR USOO4 (Ref: MEXI 7168 - para 176 above) White House, ODAGID, and OENYV have all advised ALVARADO confessed to fabricated his story. Pls give LIEMPO 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 LIEMPO 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. / MANA and MEXI pls clarify with ERYTHROID 3 and his military attacks whether ALVARADO was still their agent when he visited Cuban Emb. Pls keep track of ALVARADO's whereabouts and urge the Nics 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 cable any results of second interrogation of Silvia DURAN when you get it.

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DIR 86054 - Eqs has received report that on day of Pres Kennedy's assassination (22 Nov), Cubana 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 Cutana plane without going through customs or immigration. Travelled in pilots cabin to Habana. Above from TELLO's 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 LIEMPOS ?? No indications; however stated on the Meroc copy of the info is cc sent to 50-6-91/4 (LIEMPO 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 pay Ruby's photo before Son was Killed. by Jack Languth. Also article on "Oswald Had Applied to a Swiss School".

NB: this was the photo sent to T. D. ...
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AMEMBASSY 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 TELLO announced on 28 Nov that the Mexi Amb to Cuba, Gilberto ROSQUES, had been instructed to return as "unacceptable" the Cub Gov's note of 26 Nov which had protested

MEYI 7199 - HEM 8104 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 KIRSS, and asks for Ivan ALFIERI. 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.

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

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Woman Outside (WO) calling for Peter KIRFF asks if the (Cuban) Amb has arrived and Peregrina says yes, that the Amb will speak with KIRFF. WO says KIRFF 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. KIRFF 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 LIENVOY 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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Richard EBYMER, North American, calls Cub Emb from Acapulco and talks with Luisa CALDERON LIENVOY and asks about Silvia DURAN. Luisa says Silvia should be in her house right now. Richard asks if Silvia 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 Silvia still works at the Emb. Luisa responds certainly she does. Richard will call tomorrow.

MEMO 7203 (E RSP: DIR 86064 - Para 180 above) Following from ERYTHROID 3 to Station Officer 1800 2 Dec: ERYTHROID 3 saw ALVARADO afternoon 2 Dec for first time. Meeting lasted only seven minutes. (Previous meeting had been laid on by Mexicans but ERYTHROID 3 was not contacted as planned). In brief interview in company two Mexi officials ALVARADO reverted to previous story. Claimed he did see OSWALD, did call PRSWING to report. (PRSWING 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. / ERYTHROID 3 speaking for self and Nio Milat say ALVARADO was not their agent when he visited Cub Emb. / ERYTHROID 3 was told ALVARADO would be deported. He asked and received permission escort ALVARADO to MANA on 4 Dec. ERYTHROID 3 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. ERYTHROID 3 reported gist above to his HQS MANA afternoon 2 Dec. / Above being reported to Amb and ODENVY.

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 BORTICOS and Cuban Ambassador to Mexico, Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas on 26 Nov 63. / Attached are two transcripts of conversations....(These transcripts are in the LIENVOY tech chrono file; they are also in the OSWALD P-file with dispatch to Hqs transmitting tapes and transcripts.) Note by RIGGS.

Peter KIHFF of the New York Time tells LEONOV of the Sov Emb that he is very interested LIENVOY 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, cit 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 Mexi illegally, needs assistance to go to U.S., is member of MLN and his leader is Cuauhtemo c CARMAS of Youth Section of MLN. Said he knew Saul 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, went to Hotel de la Selva for the day. / ... FERNANDEZ said WHITE and LOPEZ left Mexi 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 Mexi...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 7203 - para 190 above) Amb Mann sent cable to Mr. Alexis Johnson recounting contents of ref and recommending that OLENY and HUBASK consider sending experts (including LCFLUTTER 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 eardrums in left ear".

NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald's Trip to Mexico in Sept was a Lonely Venture, Inquiry Shows. 7-Day Vist's cost put at under \$30. He is believed to have made no political contacts while on Quest for Cuban Visa. by Peter KIHGG (para 185, 186 and 193 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 Concordio Hotel on Bernardo de Sahaguan St. Carried one leather suitcase about 2 feet long. Next to hotel is lunchroom La Esperanza, run by Mrs. Dolores Ramirez de BURRERO, who said OSWALD ate there once. OSWALD left Mexi City on Wed., 2 Oct on Frontera at 1 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 Comercio, 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. . . If 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....~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 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.

NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald's Mother Talks about Money and "Class" - Aware of Not Having Either, She Says, "That's Way 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.

Peter KHISS calls YZAKOV. Peter says he is newspaperman from New York Times and that KOUKHARENKO indicated he should talk with YAZKOV. 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.

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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 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ KOUKHARENKO said to call and ask for YAZKOV. Woman inside says for KOUKHARENKO call the press office on 15-23-04. WO thanks.

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Out (of Sovemb) to 15-23-04. OBYEDKOV talks to KOUKHARENKO. OBY says They'll be phoning you now from the N.Y. Times. KUKH: Don't let them phone again. OBY: Listen farther - YATSKOV is not here. He has left. KUKH: Why didn't you tell him that? What have I..? OBY: I've said that but he..she is asking for you again. I said you are not here. KUKH: Many thanks. OBY: They'll be phoning you now. KUKH: I won't answer. OBY: I said that he is not in, that he has left already. KUKH: Fine. (Trans. 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 YAT is out of town, whereas only 1 hr ~~it was said to be expected YATSKOVA that her husband was coming home with the children.~~

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Peter KIHSS of N.Y. Times asks for ALPIERIV. 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 "ni modo", that he is sorry to bother them so much. Man inside hangs up. LIENVOY

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Peter KIHSS of N. Y. Times asks to speak with Ivan ALPIERIV 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 wait 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."

which Embassy?? U.S. or USSR???

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MEXI 7216 - LITEMPO 4 asked CG3 at 1300 hrs on 3 Dec for urgent traces on U.S. cit Gilberto P. LOPEZ. / LITEMPO 4 states LOPEZ arrived MEXI on 25 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 ODENVY. / Subj, PP #310162, left MEXI for Habana on 27 Nov via Cutana (only passenger aboard). Source is LIFHEZ. (See MEXI 7177 - Not in file; found in 50-500-4/1, 2 Dec 63 "LIFHEZ airlist for 27 Nov shows Gilberto LOPEZ U. S. cit PP #310162 left Mexi for Habana. Above being passed Amb Mann and ODENVY Mexi.") No Station traces. / Appreciate early reply.

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Memo to The Amb from CCG, Subj: Anti-Cuban Demonstration in Front of the Cuban Emb -
 H24 8104 (same as para 178 and 184 above)

WAVE 0455 - AMSTOGB 1 EW message rec'd WAVE 30 Nov reflected foil: A. Following
 WAVE 00 instructions, A 1 sent cable with follow-up letter to Paul at CIS address
 Haba upon A 1 return Mexi; B. A 1 waited 15 days without receiving answer to letter
 sent RAUL; C. A 1 contacted PERUMEN Emb 22 Nov attempting reestablish contact with
 RAUL. A 1 talked via telcon with girl named Silvia who claimed be sec of consulate.
 Silvia denied knowing RAUL. D. 22 Nov A 1 sent another cable PERUMEN CIS address
 requesting meeting. E. 25 Nov A 1 rec'd urgent wire from RAUL sent from Tacubaya,
 D. F., dtd 23 Nov which acknowledged receipt A 1 wire and requested A 1 wait for RAUL.
 P. A 1 said "He terribly moved by horrible assassination president" and facing such
 acts must redouble strength fight red crime. G. A 1 said OSWALD face familiar and
 may have seen him PERUMEN or Mexi. A 1 will further advise. H. A 1 convinced CCG
 employs killers and assassins. This regard mentioned case two persons killed Mexi
 by two ~~PERSONS~~ who received three hundred dollars for deed from PERUMEN Emb Mexi.
 / Will advise additional details upon receipt. / 3. Mexi: Request info re para 1 H
 above.

MEXI 7224 - (Ref: MEXI 7216 - para 205 above) - OSENVY locally (who advised of LOPEZ
 by Gobernacion contact) advise LOPEZ came into Mexi at Nuevo Laredo on 23 Nov. /
 OSENVY asking for Hqs check. & LOPEZ listed as having U.S. passport.

Memo for COS from CHODEN, Subj: N. Y. Times Article on OSWALD. - Carl MIGDAIL visited
 me on the morning of 4 Dec. He brought with him a cutting from the 3 Dec West Coast
 edition of the N. Y. Times. This was a story about OSWALD's visit to Mexi, and went
 into great detail about where he stayed and who he saw. MIGDAIL asked me if the story
 was accurate. I told him I did not know. (I have refused to comment to a MIGDAIL on
 any aspects of the OSWALD case). / MIGDAIL said he felt certain that the N. Y. Times
 man got his information from Luis FARIAS' file.

DIR 86563 (Ref: MEXI 7203 - para 190 above) - Although we are confident that ALVARADO
 is a fabricator and that his retraction of his confession is false, it has been decided
 that he should be LCPUTTERED. We do not want him returned to Nic until after the
 FLUTTER is finished because we fear that he will be too agitated in Nic, apprehensive
 that he will be mistreated. Pls arrange with LITENPOG to have ALVARADO released to
 us for several more days. Ask ERTHROLD 3 to remain in Mexi to assist us. / Mr. Davis
 of KUSODA will arrive in Mexi 4 Dec. We do not want to blow him and prefer that Mexicans
 not be aware of our plans to FLUTTER ALVARADO until after Mr. Davis has left. He may
 pose as Dept of Justice man. / FLUTTER should be performed on private or hotel premises,
 with Mr. Davis in charge assisted by Mr. Clark Anderson of OSENVY as interpreter. /
 Although it is likely that ALVARADO will be returned to Nic later, we do not want to
 decide this yet. It is important before and during the FLUTTER that ALVARADO not be

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in fear of bodily harm, that he be rested, etc.... / We realize that Mexicans and Nicos have some equities and plenty of rights in this case, but we do not want to stop and discuss jurisdictional questions. MANA pls inform your liaison that there will be some further interrogation of ALVARADO in Mexi before his return. / Advise if you run into problems on this.

MANA 4627 (REF: DIR 86563 - para 210 above) - BRYTHROID 1 concurs further interrogation ALVARADO in Mexi also in E 3 retaining Mexi as long as can be of service to us there. Interposes absolutely no problems, offering complete cooperation and agreement and any way he wish handle ALVARADO interrogations.

MEXI 7229 (DIR 86563 - para 210 above) - COS talked with Echeverria at 1930 hrs on 3 Dec. / Echeverria said A. He will order LITENPO 4 to not hold ALVARADO until COS is completed with "some additional questioning". B. In reply to COS REQUEST to "borrow" ALVARADO, Echeverria said yes. C. COS told Echeverria that questioning would be done jointly with ODENVY and COS "guaranteed" return of ALVARADO to LITENPO 4. / Station has advised BRYTHROID 3 of delay for 2 or 3 days departure of ALVARADO. E3 will hope to remain in Mexi. / Submit following plan for Hqs approval A. Will have Messrs. Anderson and Joe Garcia of LEGAT pick up ALVARADO from governmentacion. B. ALVARADO will be taken either to former ZPERASE safehouse or Hotel suite. Advise. C. Anderson and/or Garcia will act as interpreters for Mr. Davis. D. Plan to "borrow" ALVARADO early morning of 5 Dec and hope we can return him on evening of 5 Dec. E. Will install microphones in apartment or hotel on 4 Dec to insure recording on Davis/ALVARADO interview. / Request BRYTHROID 3 be notified by his superiors to remain Mexi a few more days if Station MANA can arrange this. / Advise Davis ETA.

DIR 86621 (Ref: MEXI 7229 - Para 212 above) Your plan and progress most heartening. All parts approved with foil comments; Exact role of ODENVY men is up to their chief, but the role you outline for them and the selection of personnel seem's perfect. We prefer hotel....If MANA 4627 is not enough authority for BRYTHROID 3 pls cable MANA for more.

MANA 4628 (Ref: DIR 86563 - para 210 above and MANA 4627 - para 211 above) BRYTHROID 1 just rec'd telegram from E 3 sent from Mexi at 1147 pm Mexi time 3 Dec announcing E 3 arrival MANA on TACA today 4 Dec bring ALVARADO. If this true need confirmation before 2:00 pm local time today as E 1 feels special handling and security precautions required. / E 1 feels strongly ALVARADO should not be returned MANA before interrogation completed. Interrogation away from scene of events with subsequent difficulties checking news info make follow up interrog in MANA impractical.

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DIR 86659 (Ref: DIR 86621 - para 213 above) - Mr. Davis arrives MEXI on American flt 35 at 2341 on 4 Dec. Will be traveling on tourist card unless he can get Mexi visa today in his official passport. Will carry FLYER instrument and should be met and assisted through customs, if possible without blowing his connection to KUBARK or with this case. 2 Pls reserve suitable convenient hotel room. / Request ALVARADO not be interrogated further until Mr. Davis takes over. Further interrogation might confuse case. ALVARADO should rest and eat well. Important he not spend today worrying too much.

MEXI 7232 (Ref: MARA 4628 - para 214 above) BETHROID 3 remaining Mexi until interrogation of ALVARADO completed. / Will advise MARA ETA when known. / Believe return ALVARADO accompanied by E 3 will not be prior to 7 Dec.

MEXI 7239 (Ref: DIR 86659 - para 215 above) As stated previously we cannot guarantee against any baggage searches without working thru LIEMPOC and blowing KUBARK connection to traveler.

MEXI 7241 - Station holding all reels from 22 Nov 63 for both Cuban and Sov Embassies. / Unless advised to contrary, Station will erase routine tapes Sovemb keeping normal two week lag. Can retain Cuban taps as long as Hqs wishes. If period to extend indefinitely, may need more tapes. Have two months supply new tapes at Station.

MEXI 7243 (Ref: A. DIR 84837 - para 25 above; B. DIR 84885 - para 26 above; C. MEXI 7061 - para 80 above) LICALLA, LILYPIC and LIEMVOY coverage of KOSTIKOV and ALFEREV thru 30 Nov indicate no particular deviation of their mode activities, no travel outside MEXI.

Memo for the Files from COS, Subject: Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. Cit. - On 3 Dec 63 LIEMPO 4 reported that one Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. cit who arrived in Mexi on 23 Nov "looked suspicious". / LOPEZ, according to LIEMPO 4 had FN 8-24553 (a limited, 15 day, tourist card) issued in Tampa, Fla, on 20 Nov 63. / L 4 said Gobernacion had, as of 3 Dec "lost" Gilberto LOPEZ. They were looking for him. / T L 4 asked for any data from the U.S.A.

DIR 86761 (Ref: MEXI 7216 - para 205 above) - Our check with ODACID on Gilberto G. LOPEZ has produced nothing as yet. Very difficult for ODACID to do anything fast with Subject's name and passport number only. Hope they can tell us something by noon five Dec. / First ODENVY traces show something on a possible Gilberto LOPEZ in pro Castro activities in Los Angeles. Will get more and advice. If LIEMPO 4 can give us Gilberto's birthdate it will help. / We assume that you have not told LIEMPO 4 that LOPEZ flew to Cuba on 27 Nov because you do not want to blow the LIEMPO operation. This problem is up to you.

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222. 5 Dec.

MEXI 7253 (Ref: DIR 86701 - para 221 above) - LITENPO 4 reported to COS late 4 Dec that, A. LOPEZ crossed at Laredo Texas on 23 Nov; B. Registered in Roosevelt Hotel Mexi City on 25 Nov at 1000 hrs Mexi City time in room 203; C. Departed as only passenger on Cubana flight on night 27 Nov for Habana. Checked out of hotel at 1900 hrs. / LITENPO 4 has a good photograph of Gilberto LOPEZ taken at airport on departure. Will get copies. / Re para 3 LITENPOS run airport so data re flights to Cuba available to them. Station did not report LIFEHE data to L 4. / Will attempt get birth date.

223. 5 Dec.

DIR 86976 (Ref: MEXI 7239 - para 217 above) We noted your reservations about getting Mr. Davis through customs securely but decided to rely on your assets anyway. Presume Mr. Davis did arrive, etc. Pls confirm. / As you make your final plans for LCFDAMER pls let us know location and set up.

224. 5 Dec.

MEXI 7256 (Ref: DIR 86976 - para 223 above) - Peter K. WOODHEAD arrived, met by DOCS and got through customs with no problem. / After study with LEGAT have decided hold interrogation at Apart #8, Calle Merida 166 which was used by KUCLUB personnel for AZGENERATE L.P. This completely backstopped by being rented for "visiting Americans". No future plan to use apart by Station. Apart bldg has no watchman, no adjoining aparts or bldgs. Messrs Clark Anderson and Joe Garcia of LEGAT studied apart on 4 Dec with DOCS. / WOODHEAD stayed at apart on night of 4 Dec and approves. / Plan to have Anderson and Garcia pick up ALVARADO and bring sim to apart. Mexi police will accompany to apart but will not enter bldg. Anderson alone will interpret. / Will have RESCIGNO in bedroom to monitor and record interrogation. RESCIGNO will not be blown to Anderson, Garcia or Mexicam. / Plan to have interrogation begin at 1400 hrs 5 Dec, adjourn overnight and continue morning of 6 Dec. / Plan send copy of tapes by WOODHEAD if possible.

225. 5 Dec.

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MEXI 7267 (Ref: MEXI 7256 - para 224 above) - Preliminary questioning as per ref took place. Initial attitude of one of resentment against Etb for turning over to Mexicans after his volunteering help and against Mexicans for treating him "like a dog". / View above, question of LCFDAMER not yet broached. Migration inspectors taking him out for good meal tonight in hopes prolonging upswing of rapport reached by interrogators toward end of session. / Hope know early afternoon 6 Dec whether ill take LCFDAMER. Prefer cable summary after reading more definitive point in interrogation.

226. 5 Dec.

John KETTIE asks if Paul KENNEDY has gathered any influence on the Mexican political scene as far as the assassination is concerned. No, he has not gotten a thing on it. Paul KETTIE thinks the only thing it could have done was to impress the political people about the spontaneity of the sympathy for Kennedy. Only this, but hasn't gone into it very much. Apparently they did react spontaneously, but then you could look at Mexi's vote in the U.N. on the CAS, on Venezuela-Cuban deal and you can see that it didn't make a lot of difference. No, not on international front. John does not think it would make any difference to Mexi politics. No, or inside, Paul says. LIFEAT

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MEMA 22561 (Ref: A. MEXI 7203 - para 190 above; B. MEXI 7209 - para 195 above) - Attached are copies of the Mexi interrogation report of Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte. / The last (quoted) portion is ALVARADO's statement in which he admits that the story, about his seeing OSWALD in Cub Consulate in Mexi and having seen OSWALD paid money in the Cub Con, is false. / A copy of this report was given to CDEWVY locally.

MEMA 22579 (Ref: MEXI 7253 - para 222 above) - Attached are copies of a photo of Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. citizen, taken night of 27 Nov at Mexi airport by Mexi authorities. Subject checked into Mexi Hotel Roosevelt, Av. Insurgentes 287, at 1900 on 25 Nov 63. He stayed in room 203. At 1900 hrs on 27 Nov Subj checked out of the Hotel Roosevelt and at 2100 hrs on 27 Nov Subj departed Mexi for Habana. / Subj was listed on Cutana flt #465 of 27 Nov as the only passenger. A crew of nine Cubans was listed. On departure from Mexi, Subject used U. S. passport #310162 which contained a Cuban "Courtesy" visa. / Source (LITKPO/4) states the timing and circumstances surrounding Subj's travel through Mexi and departure for Habana are suspicious. / Source urgently requests all data on Subj.

MEXI 7287 (Ref: MEXI 6982 - not in file, not abstracted) Poll results LITKPO-1 meet with KUZNETSOV & Lsc. A. Re assassination, KUZ said act incomprehensible because could not effect changes in U.S. especially foreign policy or benefit racism. OSWALD Cominc tendencies if true, or stay Russia had no bearing crime because CP directive since time of LENIN considered oppression opponents only damaged Cominc movement. / B. Contradictions about crime: Use 3 different types of arms, inability account for OSWALD apprehension far from site of assassination, some bullets explosive others not. KUZ inordinately disconcerted by L-1 questions re OSWALD entry, exit work marriage Soviet Union. Explained that although not common, foreigners can work Sov Union. Then stated and repeated he did not know details but doubtless there were special circumstances OSWALD's case. Re emigration Russian wife, no restrictions but few left Sov Union because psychologically attached Sov soil. / L-1 asked K if Sovemb could assist financially in issuance consular magazine Revista Monitor of which L 1 editor. K replied L 1 could talk with consul Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV about it but doubted any official help forthcoming.....

Gilberto Policarpo LOPEZ, born 26 Jan 40 in Habana, Cuba. Both his parents were U. S. citizens. / His address at time he got his last U.S. passport was Cerro 1307, Casajora Arango y Carvajal, Cerro, Habana, Cuba. / His last U.S. passport expired on 25 Jan 63. (Above - original sent to LITKPO/4)

MEXI 7288 - ERYTHROID 3 returning MANA FAA flt 501, 7 Dec. Requests advise his wife to meet him.

MEXI 7289 - ALVARADO LOFLUNTER indicated he fabricating facts of his story. Interrogation revealed Subj unsure of day of week allegedly saw OSWALD. Thinks that it was on Tuesday which would have been 17 Sept. / When shown photos of OSWALD during testing, deception patterns were evidenced. When Subj was confronted with this he stated that he had utmost

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Subj admitting that he must have made honest mistake in relating original story in his identification of OSWALD. / WOODHEAD arriving Dulles 7 Dec on AA 53. / Echeverria will hold ALVARADO until 9 Dec so ERTHROID 3 will not have to accompany.

232. 6 Dec. Where is ref???

Holcarpo is a first name - origin is:
Greek etymology. Is Gilberto Policarpo
LOPEZ identical with Gilberto LOPEZ Granados
in P-107. memo from LEGAT dated 11 Mar
68 with attached picture???

DIR 89188 (Ref: MEXI 7235 - not in file; not abstracted - not found; possibly transposition of numbers, i.e. MEXI 7253 - para 222 above) You may pass LITEMPO 4 following from ODACID but do not tell him it from ODACID: A. Gilberto Policarpo Lopez with same passport number born 26 Jan 40 in Habana. etc., etc. (info given to LITEMPO-4. See para 230 above) / This man is not identical with the Gilberto LOPEZ who was associated with pro-Castro groups in Los Angeles. We hope to get more from ODENVY on Gilberto Policarpo Lopez. Will advise.

234. 7 Dec.

True???

DIR 87666 (Ref: MEXI 7289 - para 232 above) Presume all concerned now agree ALVARADO will be returned to Nic. We satisfied his whole story about seeing anyone paid to assassinate pres was a hoax. / We want to avoid all possible mishaps which might induce ALVARADO to resume his fabricating on this case, so we request that Mexi and Nic authorities take no punitive measures against him beyond deporting him to Nic. If ERTHROIDS can give him something useful and non-sensitive to do for a few months it will help. / Feel the successful wind-up of this tricky incident speaks for itself. / Thanks to all hands.

235. 7 Dec.

MEXI 7290 - LITEMPO 4 advised COS on 7 Dec that ALVARADO will be returned to MANA by TACA; flt #773 departing Mexi at 09:00 hrs on 8 Dec. / Pls advise ERTHROID 3 who arriving MANA 7 Dec on P.S.S.

236. 8 Dec.

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Lee Harvey Oswald - The Man and The Mystery; Suspected Assassin of Kennedy was Withdrawn and Friendless; Turned to Marx in High School. - by Donald JANGSON - Article about the type character OSWALD was.

237. 9 Dec.

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Following articles: Oswald Chafed at Life in Soviet. He wrote Mother He was Eager to Return to U. S.. by JACK LANGGUTH; Dallas Suspends Critical Teacher. She Says View on Climat of Hate Led to Ouster.; Texts of Letters to Pro-Castro Group (six letters printed which OSWALD wrote to Fair Play for Cuba Committee); Six Oswald Letters are Given to FBI. Pro-Castro Group Here Finds Notes in its Files.; Texts of Oswald Letters to Mother on Soviet Trip.; Kennedy's Guard Brings Questions. Ex-Chief of Secret Service Raises Queries in Slaying.

238. 9 Dec.

EXCELSIOR - FBI Gets Harvey Letters - The FBI obtained copies of letters OSWALD sent to Fair Play for Cuba Committee; originals went to FBI said Vincent Theodore Lee, 36 of N.Y., chairman of FPCC.

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DIR 87770 (Ref: MEXI 7241 - para 218 above) Pls do not erase any Soviet or Cuban tapes until further notice. Advise how much more tape you need.

NOTE TO COS from RIGGS - AREHART was told yesterday but I told him not to tell the LIENVOY people - just keep bringing in the reels to me.... We have a month to six weeks reserve. Nevertheless, am requesting 500 new ones - if not needed for this, we can store half of them with MICHARITY for not-yet-known targets. (This note attached to MEXI 7241 - para 239 above)

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald Met Officers of Friendship With Suliness. by Donald JANSON

THE NEW YORK TIMES - FBI's Risk List Omitted Oswald. Secret Service Got Names Before Kennedy's Trip. - by Joseph A. LOFTUS

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Beyond a Doubt, FBI Concludes. He Acted Alone and Did Not Know Ruby, Says Report to Warren Inquiry Panel.

Memo to COS from Registry: Vincent LEE (U.S. head of Fair Play for Cuba Committee - para 237 above) - LEE traveled from Mexico to Cuba on 28 Dec 62 with passport #B073217. / LEE traveled from Cuba to Mexico on 21 January 1963 / (Elizabeth MORA traveled from Mexico to Cuba on 30 Dec 62 with courtesy passport #7864. Elizabeth Callett (sic) de MORA traveled from Cuba to Mexico on 21 Jan 63 - the same plane as LEE)

MEXI 7324 (Ref: A. MEXI 7256 - para 224 above. B. DIR 87666 - para 234 above) X Six tapes on which interrogation of Gilberto ALVARADO done by Peter K. WOODHEAD being pouched by H77A 22600 on 12 Dec. / Copies of these six tapes given to LEGAT (who was interpreter for WOODHEAD) on 10 Dec. Understand he pouching these to his HQ3 on 12 Dec also.

MEXI 7335 - Mexi newspaper Excelsior carried story on 9 Dec of Vicente LEE (Chairman of Fair Play for Cuba Committee in N. Y.) exchange of letters with Lee OSWALD. / Following to EENADUM from "OENIVY source" who was directed for many years by EENADUM in Mexico. OENIVY source known to COS and to URQUEART (at Hqs). Source is U. S. cit Communist and member of American Commie group in Mexi in good standing. Source reported on 10 Dec that: A. Source's close friend Elizabeth Callett de MORA (Betty MORA) American negress, Commie who now naturalized Mexi and wife of Francisco MORA (Mexi Commie) had been called to Cub Emb and told to forget that she saw Vincent LEE in Cuba in Dec 62 and Jan 63. / Betty MORA and her husband are frightened because they both believe LEE and OSWALD had close relationship and probably LEE in on "planning" of OSWALD assassination of Pres. K. / Station files show that Vincent LEE travelled to Cuba from Mexi on 28 Dec 62 with U.S. passport #B073217; LEE returned to Mexi from Habana on 21 Jan 63. / Betty MORA travelled to Habana on 30 Dec 62 with "courtesy passport #7864" and returned on same flight as Vincent LEE on 21 Jan 63. / Para 2 above will be received by OENIVY locally from their source and Hqs should treat in manner to protect EENADUM contact.

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1007. 11 Dec.

MEXI 7347 - Some en clear attachments to BEMA 22604 (Top Secret Lauricle sent to C/UDOVE) pouched 12 Dec pertain to OSWALD application for Cuban visa and Cuban "line" that "North American reactionaires wished to make Cuba - victim of their criminal designs." / Have made no local dissem of this material / Source: LICASA/1

1008. 11 Dec.

MEXI 7352 (DIR 87770 - para 239 above) - Current use tapes about six doz per week for both Cub and Sov Emb lines. / Is there something particular which Mexi should watch for or should tapes and or transcripts be pouched Hqs.

1009. 11 Dec.

What did OSWALD tell SPANR ??

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald Assailed Right-Wing Views. Spoke Out in Public After Attending Dallas Rally - by Donald JANSON. also A Troubled Marine by Bill BECKER (OSWALD was demoted from Private First Class to private while in Japan. Chief Warrant Officer Edward J. SPANR said that OSWALD "was my personal problem during that time. Not even his own mother knew him like I did," although he gave a lengthy statement to the FBI about OSWALD, he declined to give specifics to a reporter.

1010. 11 Dec.

Memo to The Amb (cc to COS) from LEGAT, Subject: OSWALD - page 4 states that 3 Dec issue of western edition of New York Times written by Peter KIRSS said that OSWALD took a 2:30 p.m. bus on Thursday 26 Sept from Nuevo Laredo for the 750 mile trip to end at Mexi on Friday, Sept 27, that the trip was made on a Transportes Frontera bus. (para 197 above) KIRSS advised that this info was furnished to him by one Lucio LOPEZ, a clerk in the Transportes Frontera office in Mexi. KIRSS said LOPEZ had told him the Ministry of Gobernacion had gotten this info from the Nuevo Laredo office of the bus company. / It is to be noted that Sources in the Ministry of Gobernacion have indicated that investigation to date in Nuevo Laredo and Mexi City has failed to uncover any info regarding OSWALD's travel from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City.....

Check. Gobernacion tells KIRSS one thing and LEGAT a different story.

1011. 12 Dec.

DIR 88642 - ODENVY pushing to wind up its analysis of Mexi aspects this case and urgently needs results from interrogation of Silbia DURAN and her husband during their second arrest. We conjecture she may not have been interrogated at all during her second arrest but pls find out the facts and advise.

1012. 12 Dec.

MEXI 7364 (Ref: MEXI 7362 - not in file, not abstracted: found in DURAN P-7969 - with ref

DIR 88642 - para 251 above - "Since 12 Dec is Mexi holiday COS unable reach either LITEMPO 4 or Echeverria. / Will attempt comply in full with ref on 13 Dec." DURAN arrested second time 27 Nov, interrogated 28 and released 29 Nov. Interrogation based on questions prepared by Station and approved by ODENVY here. A. Asked her relations with number of individuals including some invented names and other registered owners of cars she seen in during Jan 63 surveillance by LITAMTS. Disclaimed knowledge of all. B. Claimed never member of Liga Leninista Espartaco or PCH, as agreed with Ideas of neither except as regards support for Cuba. C. Claimed no affiliation with ICAP, nor connection with Sovemb here which only visited once at anniversary of revolution. D. Remembered OSWALD perfectly and denied he

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wore glasses. Otherwise no addition to original story. E. Knew of no red haired negro in Emb. No new people arrived at Emb around time CSWALD visit. F. Admitted one 15 day trip to PERUMEN in 61, none since and had no plans go. Denied had requested Amb send her there after first interrogation. / Regret not having forwarded this sooner, but saw absolutely no contribution to resolution basic mystery particularly after ALVARADO LCFLUTIER. Pouching questions and full interrogation report 13 Dec.

MEXI 7362 (out of place) See para 252 above.

MEMA 22600 (Ref: MEXI 7324 - para 245 above) Attached are copies of the six tapes which resulted from the interrogation of ALVARADO on 5 Dec 63 and 6 Dec 63 by Peter K. WOODHEAD. / ...LEGAT acted as interpreter. / ...LEGAT given copies of these tapes. / Original six tapes are being held in Mexi City Station.

Memo to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Interrogation of Silvia Tirado de DURAN during her "second arrest" - Attached are a) Mexi report of interrogation and b) list of questions suggested to Mexicans. These were shown to Mr. Anderson in draft prior to passage to Mexicans.

DIR 85999 (Ref: DIR 85391 - not in file, not abstracted; MEXI 7030 - para 30 above) ODENVY investigation shows car of F. Morgan Daniels with Plate TA 582 which Mexi reported outside Cub Emb on 21 Oct had not been outside Texas around that date. We attach no special significance to this. / Still checking owners other cars.

MEMA 22625 (Ref: MEXI 7304 - para 252 above) Attached are a) Mexi Government interrogation report on the "second arrest" of Silvia... and b) list of suggested questions submitted by Station. / A copy of each of these was given to LEGAT.

DIR 88689 (Ref: MEXI 7352 - para 248 above) Upon receipt you may resume usual practice of keeping Cub and Sov tapes two weeks and then erasing, but pls do not erase tapes made between 22 Nov and present. Will advise. N Do not pouch to Hqs. / Pls continue watch for Sov or Cub reaction to investigation, evidence of their complicity, signs they putting out propoganda about case. FYI only, Sov intel in India had letters sent to ODYOKE leaders demanding full investigation of case. / How many tapes do you want to replace those tied up by para 1?

A/ B/ C/
 WAVE 8949 (Refs: - not sent Mexi - WAVE 8058, DIR 87746, WAVE 8736) JENTONS returned WAVE 12 Dec. In addition to COMMO channel outlined para 5 ref C, JENTONS also included in his letter to UNSTAR suggestion that UNSTAR could also send names of source and other details via NIEKIT pouch to NIEKIT in Mexi. If UNSTAR felt personal letter via Mexico important or slow, UNSTAR should ask NIEKIT to pass letter personally to JENTONS. / 12 Dec ref B Para 1, assume ODENVY questioned NIETO on alleged Dallas contacts, since ref A reported only that NIETO could give info on Dallas contacts.

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159. 16 Dec.

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DIR 09366 (Ref: MEXI 7025 - para 32 above) (see para 4 above). In para two ref Silvia DURAN states that APARICIO has a telephone and that its number is 14-12-99. For our analysis of this case, can Mexi shed light on who APARICIO is, whether he has that number, and what this might have to do with our case. We guess it might merely have been a side remark to some bystander in the consulate. Advise. / Lia have monitors make every effort to identify voices of various boys to whom OSWALD spoke on the telephone or who dealt with his case with Silvia DURAN. (NOTE: In pencil writing 14-12-99 not listed 1962.) (NOTE: COS wrote on calbe "He is Paul APARICIO, Cuban Emb official.")

161. 16 Dec.

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Memo from LEGAT - Their HQS reported car bearing Texas license KR 5773 (see para 38 above) observed at Cub Emb during time OSWALD was in Mexi, is registered to Herminio HUNGER Martins, Jr., Sanatorio Dalindo, Tuxpan #23, Mexi, for a 1963 Buick. / Their HQS also advised of info from Max one Robert Edward GALLANT, inmate of Santa Clara Prison Farm in California, that he had been active in the anti-CASTRO underground in Mexi for past six yrs under the name of General Roberto de Edmondo CONTEZ where he has under his command a secret army of 3,000 men in Mexi. He claims to have a "secret agent" working in Cub Emb here and alleges that OSWALD was in the Cub Emb on 12 July 63 to obtain a visa to Cuba. He claims that OSWALD stayed in Mexi for about one week at that time and supposedly traveled here by airplane. GALLANT claims that his agent in the Cub Emb pointed OSWALD out to him in Mexi last July. / LEGAT files reflect that GALLANT was arrested by Mexi authorities and deported to the U.S. in Aug 63 at our request in view of fact he was wanted on forgery charges in California. GALLANT was born 19 Mar 22 at Claremont, New Hampshire and is married to a Mexi cit. He was residing at the corner of Cali and Montiel Street, Apart 302, Col Lindavista at the time of his arrest on 21 Aug 63. / FYI: OSWALD departed Nuevo Laredo for Mexi City at 2 p.m. on 26 Sept on Flecha Roja bus No. 516. Some of OSWALD's fellow passengers on this bus have been identified, and a British couple who observed him on the bus stated he was traveling alone and left the bus in Mexico City alone. / For retention there is attached a copy of the 2 sections of the Mexi tourist card (FM 8) utilized by OSWALD in entering and leaving Mexi.

162. 13 Dec.

ECOM 12193 -Thanks for Station's help in case. Basically, what the New York Times has printed about the report is all true. We have meanwhile been flooded with fabrications, of which the ALVARADO story was the most troublesome.///.....

163. 18 Dec.

John KETTIE with Robin (?). Robin was involved in assassination stories. Had to go to Washington. John KETTIE says he will eat his hat if "there aren't people behind OSWALD and Ruby and he will eat his shoes if these aren't ultra-rightists." John KETTIE does not believe all this business. A lot of talk about being one lone mad man. John does not believe it.

164. 13 Dec.

HMA 22627 (Ref: MEXI 7335 - para 246 above) - Attached are a) 2 copies of photo of Vincent LEE taken at airport prior to his boarding Cubana flight #465 en route to Habana on 28 Dec 62. b) Copies of the Passenger Manifest of Aeronaes flt #401, showing LEE's travel from N.Y.C. to Mexi on 26 Dec 62. c) 2 Copies of Cuban manifest #465 of 20 Dec 62 showing LEE's travel from Mexi to Habana. d) Copies of Cubana manifest for a flight on 21 Jan 63 showing LEE's return to Mexi from Habana and e) Copies of Aeronaes flt #400 of 22 Jan 63 showing LEE's travel from Mexi to N.Y.C. / As noted in ref, Betty MORA is very concerned over her association in Cuba and travel

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(on 21 Jan 63) with Vincent LEE. (All attachments in LEE P-6973)

Politica magazine publishes an article by Fidel CASTRO on "Cuba Ante el Asesinato de Kennedy"

DIR 90487 - Request Station photograph entire station p file on Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV and pouch one copy or microfilm in first possible pouch. Also request Station subject comments on file and on KOSTIKOV's activities and relationship to other Sovs Mexi. This analysis would accompany photos if possible. If not, pls cable. / Little in HQS file on KOSTIKOV and your info and study will be a vital contribution to our presentation to Warren Commission.

MEXI 7488 (Ref: DIR 90487 - para 266 above) Pouching copy KOSTIKOV file and analysis in priority dispatch HSTA 22652 o/a 20 Dec. Order meet pouch deadline and satisfy Hqs request ASAP, Station unable excise true staffer names from file & routing sheets, memos, etc.

DIR 90466 (Ref: MEXI 7115 - para 154 above) Our present plan in passing info to Warren Commission is to eliminate mention of taps, in order protect your continuing ops. Will rely instead on statements of Silvia DURAN and on contents of Sov Con file which Sovs gave ODACID here. File shows both OSWALD and wife were dickering with Sovs in Wash by rail to get permission return to Russia. / Exact detailed info from LITAMILS 7 and 9 on just what Silvia DURAN and other officials said about OSWALD's visits and his dealings would be valuable and usable corroborative evidence. Request you requestion them carefully on these points, attempting get as much authentic data as possible, without mixing in what they know from newspapers. Pls cable summaries and pouch detailed statements.

MEXI 7527 (Ref: DIR 89366 - para 260 above) 14-12-99 is home number of Raul APARICIO Nogales, Cultural Attache of Emb. Doubt any connection OSWALD as APARICIO was on sick leave during significant period. / Re para two Ref: See MEXI 7033 (para 41 above). No further info available as tapes have been erased. (See para 4 above)

MEXI 7550 (DIR 88030 - para 258 above) Pls air pouch 30 doz. tapes. About 20 doz. tied up with Sov and Cub traffic 22 Nov to 13 Dec. Additional 10 doz. needed for STGANG op.

MEXI 7615 (Ref: DIR 90466 - para 266 above) LITAMIL 9 has nothing additional to offer beyond account of MEXI 7115 (para 154 above) except that Silvia said at that time that she was perfectly willing travel to U.S. to confront OSWALD if necessary. L9 did not talk to Silvia about OSWALD visit, merely stood around with other staff members while Silvia recounted arrest, interrogation, release. Silvia did not mention any details of her encounter with OSWALD. / L9 reported on 27 Dec that Silvia has not returned to work since release from second arrest. Her husband was angry over POMIN ROA note which made cause celebre of affair, told PBRATEN emb official that ROA note was inaccurate in claiming Silvia mistreated by Mexi police.

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272. 6 Jan
DIR 92766 Request very discreet check to learn whether ANPALM 26 (IDEN), unwitting Cuban propaganda writer for ANPALM project at WAVZ, has visited Mexi since assassination of Kennedy. ANPALM 26 has originated a report that OSWALD had a long conference with Cub Amb in Mexi in restaurant on outskirts of Mexi. ANPALM 26 report has found its way xi into unofficial analysis of whole case prepared by Cuban psychologist, Jose I. LASAGA in Miami. / Do not wish ANPALM 26 to learn his identity as source this info has been divulged by LASAGA. Pls check immigration records and local sources who might know.
273. 6 Jan
DIR 92767 (Ref: DIR 92766 - para 272 above) IDEN is Salvador DIAZ Verson.
274. 8 Jan
Note to EENADUM: Pls determine whether or not a Cuban writer, presently in Miami, has visited Mexi. His name is Salvador DIAZ Verson.
275. 9 Jan
MEXI 7690 (REFS: A. DIR 90487 - para 266 above; B. MEXI 5943 - not abstracted, not in file; C. H23A 22652 - para 267 above) Believe foll info which supplemental Ref C report worthwhile in inclusion H23 presentation: The unidentified Sov of Ref B was not Sergey Nikolayevich ANTONOV (Chief Latin American Dept YGB) has now been positively identified by LIFE as being Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV.
276. 8 Jan
MEXI 7652 - Although assume info below probably not pertinent since first name OSWALD's wife is Marina, wish nevertheless report foll: 7 Nov 63 Aeronaves flt 400 to N. Y. manifest lists passenger "de OSWALD Elena". No other apparent pertinent names among other 16 passengers.
277. 13 Jan
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MEMO to Boonstra, cc to COS, from LEGAT:--Subject:--OSWALD - Attached is a memo setting forth the results of an interview of one Ylario ROJAS Villanueva of Guadalajara who wrote a letter to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy which contained info allegedly having to do with assassination of K. Letter, postmarked 31 Dec 63, Guadalajara to Robert F. Kennedy said.....I Ma an a Mexican... I am communicating with you because I do not trust anyone in the matter I intend to deal with. ...death of your brother....I used to be a friend of OSWALD and also of Albert, as well as three more people. I knew about the plan, but I never thought that it would turn out to be a true plan.....Signed Ylario ROJAS, Manuel Acuna 1367, Guadalajara. / Upon interview on 10 Jan 64 ROJAS furnished the following info: In June or July 62, ROJAS was in Mexico City..... Cuban approached him about smuggling Cuban propaganda into Mexi. The Cuban said he would see him later in Guadalajara. / Around middle of Aug 62, the Cuban arrived in Guadalajara in an automobile and drove ROJAS to Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua. K ROJAS went to a movie in Ciudad Juarez and apparently the Cuban went over into El Paso. / When the movie was over, ROJAS was picked up in front of the theater by the Cuban who at that time introduced him to an individual. ROJAS has no independent memory of this individual's name, but recognizes him by phot as OSWALD. The three went to a bar where they discussed the introduction of CASTRO propaganda into Mexi via Cozumel, an island located....They talked at length, including discussions of everyday matters, for about four hours and they also did quite a bit of drinking. The Cuban apparently turned his car over to OSWALD and the Cuban and ROJAS spent the night in a hotel.../ ROJAS said the following morning they left Ciudad Juarez on a flight of Aeronaves and flew to Monterrey.

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It is to be noted that Aeronaves has no such flight as that described by ROJAS. After arrival in Guadalajara the Cuban gave ROJAS 400 pesos and told him he would receive further instructions at a later date. / In the latter part of Dec 62 the Cuban came to Guadalajara and gave ROJAS 200 pesos and told him to proceed to Cozumel by bus within about five days. ROJAS arrived in Cozumel just after Christmas 62. There he was met by 2 Cuban men and a Cuban woman whose first name was CRISTINA. ROJAS explained that, although he cannot recall the names of the Cubans, he has them written down in a notebook which he left with Daniel SOLIS, a municipal policeman in Cozumel. ROJAS stated SOLIS would not deliver the book to anyone but him. / About 28 Dec 62 OSWALD arrived in Cozumel, having proceeded there from Jamaica via Mexicana de Aviacion. OSWALD, the three Cubans and ROJAS again discussed the introduction of Cuban propaganda.....During the time of these discussions OSWALD and the three Cubans stayed at the Hotel Playa in Cozumel and ROJAS stayed with Daniel SOLIS. / OSWALD remained in Cozumel for 2 or 3 days and then returned to Jamaica by air. The three Cubans and ROJAS continued to reside in Cozumel until about 15 Feb 63 when OSWALD again came to Cozumel from Jamaica. On this occasion OSWALD stayed three days in Cozumel. The day after his arrival an American by the name of ALBERT arrived from Jamaica. All conversations between this American, OSWALD, and the three Cubans were in English, ROJAS stating that all three Cubans spoke very good English. The Cuban woman, CRISTINA, told ROJAS that they had discussed the elimination of Pres Kennedy. She stated that OSWALD was for killing Kennedy but that ALBERT and the Cubans did not agree with OSWALD. / ROJAS stated that he has ALBERT's last name entered in the notebook which is in the possession of Daniel SOLIS. He claimed he got ALBERT's name from a U.S. Gov credential in the bath house of the Hotel Isla where ALBERT stayed.OSWALD allegedly stated that, no matter what the opposition, he would have to go through with it (the killing) because otherwise he might lose his life, indicating that he was acting under orders. / ROJAS stayed in Cozumel until early March 63 then returned by bus to Guad. / ROJAS could not explain why he cannot remember the names of the three Cubans in Cozumel after having been with them for nearly three months. He described them...../...../.....ROJAS stated he is willing to go anywhere if his expenses are paid to make any identification and to pick up his notebook with the full names of the individuals mentioned. It was noted during the interview that he appeared sincere, but stated he is desperately in need of money. He lives in a slum area of Guadalajara, is 31 yrs old, about five feet nine inches, medium build, dark brown hair, dark complexion, brown eyes and has a mustache.

MEXI 7704 - LEGAT requests following which connected with investigation of a lead on OSWALD. / It is requested that the foll investigation be conducted at Cozumel. A. Determine whether a municipal policeman named Daniel SOLIS actually exists and is living and working in Cozumel. B. If SOLIS does exist, determine whether he is acquainted with ..ROJAS.... / C. Determine whether SOLIS has a notebook in his possession which belongs to ROJAS..... / Pls cable reply.

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279. 14 Jan.

MEXI 7776 (Ref: DIR 92766 - para 272 above) No evidence to date of travel to Mexi by ANPALM 26 during 1963. / Foll volunteered by C/ODENVY in Mexi, on evening 13 Jan in his oral review to COS of current problems in their investigations of leads pertinent to OSWALD case: A. ODEVNY Hqs sent cable to Mexi stating (ANPALM/26) was source of analysis prepared by Cuban psychologist, Jose I. LASAGA of Miami. B. ODEVNY interviewed ANPALM 26 who said: Silvia DURAN took OSWALD to Caballo Bayo restaurant near Chapultepec Golf Club where they met Cuban Amb to Mexi, Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas. Then HERNANDEZ Armas took OSWALD for a ride in his car so that they could talk privately. C. ANPALM/26 told ODEVNY his source was Edoardo BORELL Navarro, Mexi newspaperman who writes editorials for Excelsior. D. C/ODENVY sent Matthew Crawford, Assistant, to interview BORELL Navarro on 12 Jua. E. BORELL Navarro said ANPALM/26 had "imagined" whole story. BORELL Navarro said he did nto know any more than that OSWALD had been to Mexi and had visited the Cub Emb and Silvia DURAN. BORELL Navarro said everything he knew had been published and was public knowledge. / C/ODENVY, Mexio said he knew ANPALM/26 well when both were in Habana. He said ANPALM/26 "noted for reporting & based upon his intuitive feelings" and very rarely reported facts. / Believe ODEVNY told ANPALM/26 he had been cited to them as source by Jose I. LASAGA.

Check Edoardo BORELL Navarro

280. 15 Jan.

A bulletin from Fundacion del Cardenal Mindszenty, with address: A P.O. Box 321, Clayton Branch, St. Louis 5, Missouri, the following was translated "Consigna Comunista de Propaganda en Relacion Con la Muerte del Presidente Kennedy", published by Comite Mexicano Para La Divulgacion de los Objectivos, Estrategia y Tacticas del Comunismo. Article pointing out the assassination was the work of the Communists. (From LIRUFF/1)

was this forwarded to Warren Commission?

281. 16 Jan.

ECN 2289 (Source: LITANIL 9) Officials of the Cub Emb in Mexi received very few Christmas greetings from Mexi Gov officials. (It is believed that the lack of the traditional exchange of Christmas greetings between Mexi Gov and Cub Emb was the result of the resentment caused among Mexi officialdom by the strong note dated 26 Nov 63, rec'd by the Mexi Ministry of Foreign Relations from Raul ROA Garcia, Cub Minister of Foreign Relations, over the detention by Mexi authorities of Silvia DURAN in connection with the visit to the Cub Emb in Mexi of OSWALD. /

282. 16 Jan.

WAVE 0569 (Refs: A. MEXI 7776 - para 279 above; B. DIR 92766 - para 272 above; C. WAVE 2341 - not rec'd; D. DIR 04473 - not rec'd; E. WAVE 1056 - not rec'd; F. PACY 1245 - (In 0457), 12 Nov 63, OGDORIC TRPALSACK, filed 200-124-117/3); G. WAVE 1393 - not rec'd. 1. Re para 1 Ref B according WAVE sources (ANRAZOR 1 and ANBUCKLE 1) ANPALM 26 stated planned depart WAVE area for Mexi 20 Nov 63 in order attend seminar Federacion Internacional de Organizaciones de Periodistas Profesionales (FIOPP) held Mexi 18-29 Nov 63. Para 2 B Ref F confirms planned attendance FIOPP by ANPALM 26. On return WAVE area A 26 told ANBUCKLE 1 he attended FIOPP seminar / 2. WAVE agrees para 3 Ref A that A 26 noted for skeptical reporting particularly re his association with OLZARL. (See Refs C, E and G.) In reply query para 3 ref E, ref D informed WAVE A 26 not ODEARL agent. FYI ANRAZOR 1 reported learning from A 26 that the latter scheduled make speeches at FIOPP seminar and later continue on to Central America probably to Nicaragua. In similar statement to ANPALM 4, A 26 implied confidential ODYCKE

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mission. / 4. Re para 2 Ref B, Pan Am Airways records show A 26 departed WAVE area 18 Nov 63 via FAA flt 503 for MANA with transfer in Guat to FAA flight 501 for MANA. FAA records reflect A 26 traveled as planned, however view fact A 26 had to transfer in Guat, it possible he traveled to Mexi, either prior visit MANA or afterwards. No record travel A 26 local ODURGE office since A 26 permanent U.S. resident as of 7 Nov 62 and granted reentry permit 3 Jan 63 valid one yr. Latter allows A 26 multiple departures and entries without restrictions. Request Hqs check ODURGE ZR'ETAL to determine if A 26 arrived from Mexi on or about 1 Dec 63. A 26 ODURGE registration No. A 7799307. / ANPALM 4 has obtained copy of LASAGA report. WAVE can pouch if Hqs interested.

MEXI 7819 (Ref: MEXI 7776 - para 279 above) LITTEMPO 4 reported on 16 Jan that ANPALM 26 was in Mexi on 21 Nov 63. LITTEMPO 4 does not yet know arrival or departure dates. / ANPALM 26 was invited to Mexi to attend "Colegio Nacional de Periodistas" to assist in series of meetings organized by that group, according to L 4.

MRID 0385 (Ref: MEXI 7704 - para 278 above, also see para 277) - Daniel SOLIS well known municipal policeman Cozumel of good reputation over past 11 yrs. / SOLIS does not know any person named Ylario ROJAS Villanueva. SOLIS wife's uncle named Eladio VILLANUEVA Ramirez from Guadalajara and believes originally from Manuel Doblado, Guanajuato. This uncle visited SOLIS in Cozumel about first 2 weeks in June 63. Uncle arrived by bus to Puerto Juarez and boat to Cozumel, broke, seeking work, with no luggage and nothing more than clothes on back. Uncle said his suitcase had fallen from top of bus into water at unspecified ferry crossing enroute Merida. Uncle said suitcase contained "important papers" and all his personal belongings. SOLIS housed him and got him temporary job as bricklayers assistant. Uncle worked Cozumel until around mid-June and then left for Veracruz by boat to Puerto Juarez. Present whereabouts Uncle not known to SOLIS. SOLIS gave him clothes and 500 pesos financial assistance on departure. / While at SOLIS house, uncle wrote three letters to skipper ferry boat trying recover suitcase but no answer. Uncle sent and received no other mail. Uncle had no notebook of any kind. Uncle was not in contact with any Cubans on Cozumel. Only known associates were Mexi airforce sergeant "Polo" and his bricklayer boss Leonel VILLANUEVA (no relation). (COMMENT: SOLIS said no Cubans or North Americans official named Albert in Cozumel in June 63 or in period late Dec 62 to early March 63 other than visits Cubcon officials Mrid. This confirmed by Station/Base contact Joaquin NASSIM who highly knowledgeable Cozumel matters. Base did not broach possible OSWALD presence Cozumel with SOLIS but NASSIM said highly doubtful). / SOLIS description of uncle: Age about 30, 5 feet 8, about 135 lbs, stocky, skin "moreno" black straight hair, mustache, long face. Usually works as chauffeur or farmer. SOLIS said uncle did not seem aberrated.

MEXI to LEGAT from COS: Subject: OSWALD - reporting info in para 294 above.

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26. 26 Jan

MEXI 7964 (Ref: MRID 0385 - para 26+ above) LEGAT, continuing interrogation of Ylario ROJAS Villanueva of Guadalajara, has determined that: A. He is really Eladio VILLANUEVA of ref and is the uncle of Daniel SOLIS wife. B. Eladio VILLANUEVA was in Cozumel from Apr 63 until July 63 and stayed with Daniel SOLIS. He showed letters he had written to his wife from there for this period. C. Daniel SOLIS knows address and true name of Eladio VILLANUEVA; letters from SOLIS to VILLANUEVA to prove this point. / VILLANUEVA has written to SOLIS to send his address book to VILLANUEVA, U.S. Con in Guadalajara; used excuse that wished visa to U.S. He insists SOLIS has notebook and still clings to story he saw OSWALD as he wrote to Mr. Robert Kennedy. / For Hqs; VILLANUEVA has agreed take LCPHUTTER test and LEGAT Wash Hqs asked him to ask COS if LCPHUTTER operator could come Mexi as was done in case of ALVARADO (Nic). / COS agreed forward request to Hqs. / If agreed LEGAT would prefer Mexi or Guadalajara as location with Mr. Jose Garcia as interpreter if one needed, time within next ten days. / Pls cable reply.

27. 29 Jan

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version?*

MEMO to Boonstra, cc to COS from LEGAT; Subject: OSWALD - It is to be noted that the White House was in receipt of a paper entitled "Possible Psychological Motivations in the Assassination of Pres. Kennedy" written by Jose L. LACAGA of Miami, Fla. This speculative paper attempted to establish that the motivation of OSWALD in the assassination of Pres K was Fidel CASTRO or a CASTRO agent and that OSWALD was motivated during his trip to Mexi between 27 Sept and 2 Oct 63. The paper alleged that OSWALD held an extended interview with the Cuban Amb in Mexi whom he met in a restaurant on the outskirts of Mexi from which restaurant they both later left in the Amb's car for a talk without being overheard. / Source of this latter info was alleged to be Salvador DIAZ Verson. This individual was interviewed at Miami. He stated that while in Mexi 29-29 Nov 63 attending the Congress of the International Federation of Professional Newspaper Organizations, he was at the offices of the newspaper Excelsior on the night of 25 Nov 63. There he learned through the Mexi press that the Mexi gov had arrested one Silvia DURAN; that DURAN allegedly had OSWALD as a guest in her house during his visit to Mexi; and that DURAN placed OSWALD in contact with officials of the Cub Emb in Mexi. / DIAZ Verson went on to claim that he was told by Dr. BORRELL Navarro, an exiled Cuban newspaperman employed by Excelsior, that OSWALD and DURAN on the day following OSWALD's arrival in Mexi went to a restaurant called the Caballo Blanco or possibly the Caballo Blanco where they met an official of the Cub Emb. DIAZ Verson claimed that he knows nothing about OSWALD and the Cub official leaving the restaurant together in a car. / It was ascertained that Dr. Eduardo BORRELL Navarro, a former Cuban Cabinet Minister who on occasion writes feature articles for the Mexi City Excelsior, currently resides at 1503 Homero St., Apart 301, Mexi. BORRELL Navarro was interviewed on 11 Jan at which time he furnished the following info: Salvador DIAZ Verson was in Mexi as claimed and discussed OSWALD with BORRELL and other Cuban exiles. DIAZ Verson also visited BORRELL in BORRELL's home. / BORRELL did not tell the story credited to him by DIAZ Verson concerning the visit to a Mexi City restaurant by OSWALD and Silvia DURAN. BORRELL had never heard this story or any similar story before. / BORRELL knew of no meeting between OSWALD and Cub Emb officials other than the meetings which occurred at the time OSWALD visited the Cub Con in Mexi. / BORRELL knew nothing concerning any visit by OSWALD to the home of DURAN. / It is to be noted that DURAN was questioned by Mexi authorities

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on 23 Nov 63. At that time she confirmed that OSWALD visited the Cub Emb in Mexi during the time he was in Mexi from 27 Sept to 2 Oct. She alleged that the purpose of his visits to the Cuban Emb was to obtain a Cuban visa. She stated she had given him a telephone number to use in calling her concerning the visa, but denied that he had ever visited in her home. / On 17 Jan 64 a source.... advised that he had been unable to locate a Caballo Blanco restaurant in Mexi, but stated there is a Caballo Bayo restaurant located on outskirts of Mexi. Source went to restaurant, showed photos of former Cub Con Eusebio AZCUE Lopez, who was in charge of Cub Con at the time of OSWALD's visit there, of Cub Amb HERNANDEZ Armas, of Silvia DURAN and of OSWALD to employees of restaurant and conducted extensive interviews of these employees. He was unable to find anyone among the employees who could recall any of the persons as having been at restaurant.

MEXI 8008 (Ref: DIR 97829 - para 269 below) - Station has reported all available info OSWALD activities Mexi. / Practically all info from LIENVOY and all other sources was also reported locally to ODENVY and to Amb Mann. It may be that some Station info included by local ODENVY reps in their reporting; believes however local ODENVY will have indicated KUBARK as source.

DIR 97829 - Fletcher M. KNIGHT appeared before Warren Commission on 28 Jan and received guidelines on what they expect from KUBARK. On Sat, 1 Feb, we will give commission a report on OSWALD's activities in Mexi, presented so as to protect your sources and techniques. Pls review your reporting to us on this subj and cable in anything additional you may have in time for us to include in report.

DIR 98676 (Ref: MEXI 7964 - para 286 above) Before deciding on LCFLUTTER of ROJAS need much more info on his background for clearance purposes. Pls have ODENVY supply vital data, background, job history, some idea of physical and mental condition. Also need know: Would LCFLUTTER be done in secret or must Mexi authorities know? KUBARK not in favor of cutting in local authorities because it hurts security and mobility of FLUTTER experts. / We have no traces on ROJAS with present identifying data. We in contact with ODENVY here on case. Pls ask ODENVY Mexi to supply added data.

MEMO to COS from LEGAT; Subject: OSWALD - Re: Ylario ROJAS Villanueva aka Hilario ROJAS Villanueva, Eladio VILLANUEVA, Eladio VILLANUEVA Rojas. Bio Data: ROJAS does not have any birth certificate but states he was born in 1932 or 1933 on a ranch known as Guayabo de Santa Rita, located near the town of Ciudad Manuel Doblado in the state of Guanajuato. His mother still resides at the ranch and her name is Estefania ROJAS and is now about 60 yrs old. He did not know his father, therefor uses his mother's surname, ROJAS. / ROJAS lived on the ranch and went to primary school there, finished sixth grade at age of 14. Worked at various jobs about the ranch and in 1949 entered U.S. illegally and worked in the El Centro, Calif. area for a person named McILVANEY near Highway 99 and Roxy Street. McILVANEY was engaged in drainage and irrigation work and ROJAS worked for him about 7 yrs. / In 1954 he was allowed to leave the U.S. voluntarily by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. / ROJAS

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also claims a common-law marriage to Alicia GALVEZ and that a child was born in the U.S. of this marriage. Alicia still corresponds with him and lives at Calle Republica del Salvador #152, Col. Cuauhtemoc, Mexicali, Mexi. / In about 1954 he returned to the ranch where he continued with his work on the ranch. During 1946 or 57 he was employed by a bottling company at Tijuana, Mexi which bottled 7-Up. / In 1960 he returned to Guadalajara. He had no fixed employment since his Tijuana job with the u-Up bottling firm in 57 or 58., occasional temporary jobs since about 58, mostly involving truckloading. / He married his present wife, Yolanda CORDOBA in 57 and now has five children; the youngest born 21 Oct 63. / Letters which have been observed indicate by postmark that ROJAS was in Cozumel, Yutz at a later period than he has stated and apparently for at least three to possibly five months, which contradicts information received from Daniel SOLIS, who stated Ylario ROJAS Villanueva was in Cozumel for about 2 weeks in June 53. ROJAS readily admits that he, ROJAS, is the uncle of SOLIS's wife. / A verification of his reported travel to the U.S. border, namely, Nuevo Laredo, has been established, although not on the specific dates furnished by ROJAS. CMA records reflect one Hilario ROJAS was on flt from Guadalajara to Nuevo Laredo on 3 Aug 62. CMA records further reflect that a telegram dated 31 July 62 at Nuevo Laredo authorized the CMA ticket office at Guadalajara to issue a ticket to Hilario ROJAS of 665 Chilarde Street, Guadalajara. (It is noted that ROJAS has stated that he formerly resided at Chilarde Street in Guadalajara.) / ROJAS appears to be in normal physical condition and no outward signs observed of any mental deficiency. He did not reveal any mental quirks. He tends to be voluble in his conversations and to wander from specific lines of questioning. / He appears to react mentally in a manner reflecting innate intelligence superior to that of his stated sixth grade education. / He does not volunteer any motive for furnishing info to the U. S. Gov concerning his alleged association with unidentified Cubans and with OSWALD, both at U.S. border and at Cozumel. / Other than discrepancies noted in various interviews conducted with ROJAS, the only apparently unusual development concerns a reportedly second letter that he has directed to U. S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy, wherein he, according to his own statement, stated that he had additional info to furnish. According to ROJAS, this additional info concerned a so-called camera which he saw in Cozumel in the possession of the unidentified Cubans and OSWALD, which camera reportedly had adaptations which could be utilized to fire about five cartridges, which cartridges reportedly have a small gas compartment and that said gas was for the purpose of cutting down on the noise made in firing said camera. He also described a rifle supposedly in the possession of these previously mentioned individuals. He claims to have been told by the Cubans that the "camera" was worth about \$50,000 and was a Russian invention. / Attitude toward Polygraph Examination: It was explained to ROJAS that it might be necessary in the future to afford him a scientific examination with the use of certain instruments. He said he would be agreeable to such an examination. / Attitude of Mexican Government re Polygraph Examination: It is assumed that, as in the past case of the Nic, Echeverria should be consulted and his authorization obtained to conduct said examination. At the same time, he can also be told that general results of exam would be furnished him. / It is further suggested that the full name of ROJAS should be furnished Echeverria and the fact that he would be examined either in Guadalajara or Mexi. There does not appear to be any reason for Echeverria to be furnished the idea of the Polygraph examiner....

Why was a telegram sent from Nuevo Laredo authorizing the CMA ticket office at Guadalajara to issue a ticket ???

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MEXI 8117 (Ref: DIR 98676 - para 290 above) Following rec'd from local ODEWY on 7 Feb. (Reporting contents of para 291 above)

DIR 00302 (Ref: MEXI 8117 - para 292 above) Will trace and clear ROJAS. / Since he Mexi cit, we do not want to LCFLUTTER him in Mexi with knowledge of government there. ALVARADO case was different because we know ALVARADO would be sent straight back to Nic. Will confer with ODEWY here on pros and cons of taking him to Texas, where facilities would be better. Will advise.

Note on cover sheet of DIR 00302 - Advised Henry Johnson (LEGAT) on 11 Feb 64. Signed COS

MEMO to COS from JKEENADUM (source): Source has been told to drop everything else and concentrate on Betty MORA to endeavor to find out any additional info which she might have re OSWALD and his activities on behalf of the Fair Play For Cuba Committee in New Orleans, La. prior to the assassination. (See para 204 above) In this connection it will be recalled that MORA stated after the death of the President that she hoped that the FBI would not look too hard in New Orleans because it could be very bad "for us". / Source also reported that Reva BERNSTEIN, former Chairman of the PFFOC in Detroit, Mich., has been in Mexi for more than a month, that she had been in Puerto Vallarta for a month, that she had wanted to go to Playa Azul but that she did not do so because "it was not good to do so - so soon after the assassination", that she was leaving Mexi to go to Zijuatensjo. Source does not believe she was in Puerto Vallarta, nor that she is presently in Zijuatensjo. / BERNSTEIN also told source that she had been questioned in Detroit, prior to her departure for Mexi, by one RCMP, but that no inquiry had been made of her by the FBI or any U.S. police or investigative agency. The interrogation had to do with the PFFOC, its activities in the Detroit area, and the fact that she had reportedly acted as a mail drop for Canadian communists. This interrogation took place in the office of her lawyer in Detroit. She admitted to source that she had, in fact, acted as a drop, but that she told the RCMP that she had merely acted as the addressee for "progressive publications" for her Canadian friends.

Note written in margin of above Memo: Should I report for Hqs info only? by COS. RIGGS wrote: Since this deals with OSWALD case and has already been reported by the source to ODEWY, I believe we should not send to Hqs. It adds nothing to the case and if Hqs should decide to dissem, it would blow source to ODEWY (our use of source). Signed RIGGS

to MRID

MEXI 8194 (Ref: MRID 0385 - para 224 above and B. MEXI 7964 - para 286 above) LEGAT requests the following additional questions be put to Daniel SOLIS: A. Verify if SOLIS has received two letters recently from Eladio ROJAS Villanueva aka Eladio VILLANUEVA regarding notebook. B. Ask SOLIS to forward notebook if found to: Mr. Edwin O. Johnson, Consulado Americano, Guadalajara, Jalisco. C. Letters in possession VILLANUEVA indicate he in Cozumel with Daniel SOLIS for at least three months in 1963. Can SOLIS recall dates? D. Ask SOLIS if VILLANUEVA in contact with Cubans or Americans while in Cozumel. Ask him how VILLANUEVA occupied his time. / Please cable reply.

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17. 12 Feb.

FOR JACK STEWART, MERIDA. from Joe Garcia (LEGAT) requesting information contained in para 296 above.

MRID 0404 (Ref: MEXI 8194 - para 296 above) 1. Poll SOLIS reply para 1 Ref: A. Had not received two letters recently from VILLANUEVA. B. Would forward as requested any notebook that turned up. C. Best recollection VILLANUEVA arrived Cozumel very early June 63, left on 4 July 63 on ferry boat Alberto for Puerto Juarez. SOLIS received three letters, since burned, from VILLANUEVA in Guadalajara in months immediately following VILLANUEVA departure from Cozumel. SOLIS answered all three. In last of three replies SOLIS asked VILLANUEVA reply 270 1050 hours. SOLIS never heard from VILLANUEVA & after that, VILLANUEVA in one of three letters asked if SOLIS would like to be "secret police agent" from Cozumel. SOLIS had no further info on possible contacts VILLANUEVA with Cubans or Mexicans on Cozumel. VILLANUEVA when not working as albanil, spent his time at SOLIS home "enapando" (weeding, cutting brush) and usually in hammock by 2030 hrs. SOLIS and VILLANUEVA sometimes visited Mayala night-club together. VILLANUEVA did not appear to be much of a drinker. / 2. SOLIS also said: VILLANUEVA arrived Cozumel with Sergeant second class "Polo" (nickname); Polo was arriving on new assignment of Cozumel Military Base; VILLANUEVA said had met Polo in Mexi City; Polo came around SOLIS house twice after VILLANUEVA departure looking for VILLANUEVA. (COMMENT: Base asked HASSIM JOAQUIM discreetly obtain all info possible on Polo; will advise. Base and JOAQUIM concur SOLIS seems be telling straight forward story. SOLIS daughter, apparently unprized, confirmed burning of letters from VILLANUEVA.

Check. VILLANUEVA claimed friendship with [redacted]. See para 277 above. Now the [redacted] is named ALBERTO. ??

What happened to VILLANUEVA's suitcase which contained "important papers" which fell from top of bus into water. See para 294 above.

Is there an Albert ?? Or could Polo be [redacted] of VILLANUEVA's first contact in Mexi City? See para 277

17. 15 Feb.

MEMO to LEGAT from COS; Subject: OSWALD - Memo reports info contained in para 297 above.

17. 21 Feb.

MEXI 8241 to MRID - Mr. Joseph Garcia, LEGAT, going to Merida 21 Feb. Said would contact COS soon after arrival. / Garcia would like to meet and talk to Daniel SOLIS re VILLANUEVA. He also has "few other leads" in area but did not specify whether pertinent GPPLOG or not.

18. 19 Feb.

DIR 02697 - No traces ROJAS aka VILLANUEVA. KUBARK now prepared to LOFLUTTER him in Texas if ODENVY still wants it. Have told ODENVY here and awaiting their decision.

18. 23 Feb.

MEMO to COS from LEGAT; Subject: OSWALD. (See para 197 above) As reported previously, source made available a copy of the bus manifest of a company called Transportes Frontera which covered the trip of the bus which departed Mexi 2 Oct 63 and scheduled arrival time at Nuevo Laredo of 6 a.m. on 3 Oct. The passenger listed as occupying seat 4 on this manifest was OSWALD, no first name given. Destination was given as Laredo. / No ticket number was listed by OSWALD's name although ticket numbers appeared beside the names of the remaining passengers. This manifest was poorly prepared in longhand with names of some of the passengers being incomplete and in some cases illegible. Toward the bottom of the manifest is a notation, "9 Laredo, 7 Monterrey"; however, including the name of OSWALD, 10 passengers appear on the list with a destination of Laredo. / Francisco ALVARADO, ticket salesman and dispatcher at the

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Transportes Frontera terminal in Mexi, was interviewed several times, the last being on 17 Dec. ALVARADO had no recollection of OSWALD and could offer no explanation as to why no ticket number appeared beside his name or as to the reason for the discrepancy in the number of passengers listed for Laredo. // As previously reported, Francisco SAUCEDO Velez and Dionisio REYNA Paz, chauffeurs on the trip... were interviewed. They had no personal recollection of OSWALD nor could they offer any explanations concerning the discrepancy in the number of passengers and the fact that no ticket number appeared beside OSWALD's name. / SAUCEDO explained that tickets bearing a prefix of 39 covered travel from Mexi to Monterrey and those with a prefix of 10 covered the travel from Mexi to Nuevo Laredo. He also pointed out that tickets collected from the passengers on a given trip are forwarded to the offices of the bus company in Monterrey. / On 9 Dec Telesforo QUIROGA, ticket agent at Transportes Frontera office, Monterrey was interviewed. All tickets listed by number on the passenger manifest for the 2-3 Oct 63 trip from Mexi to Nuevo Laredo were located. QUIROGA could offer no explanation as to why no ticket number was listed for OSWALD, and it was impossible for him to locate a ticket which might have been used by OSWALD. / OSWALD in Mexi stayed at Hotel del Comercio, Calle Sahagun 19. On 20 Jan 64 Guillermo GARCIA Luna, manager of this hotel, reported: The hotel does not use a system of registration cards for guests, but rather uses a registry book. On the first day a guest arrives he, himself, makes the initial entry in the book, this including the name of the guest, the place from which he is arriving, his occupation, and his nationality. Thereafter on each day the guest continues at the hotel the same info is entered in the book on the page designated for that day, but the entry is made by a hotel employee. ...Guests pay in advance. OSWALD registered on 27 Sept, arriving being shown as "USA (Texas)", occupation "photo" and nationality was "U.S. citizen". Handwriting on this entry in the registry book has been identified with known handwriting of OSWALD by the FBI. / OSWALD was listed as staying in room 18 from 27 Sept through night of 1 Oct. Mr. GARCIA Luna said rooms 18 through 23 occupy one floor of the hotel. He was able to furnish info on three of the guests who occupied rooms on same floor as OSWALD because they frequently stop at the hotel when in Mexi. Guests were: Mr. PEREZ Pliigo, San Luis Potosi, railroad employee, room 19 on 26 Sept, 27 and 28 Sept. A Captain ESQUIVEL of Veracruz occupies room 19 on 30 Sept, Mexi Army Captain well-known in Veracruz according to GARCIA Luna. / Mario RESENDIZ, merchant, Saltillo, Coahuila, room 21, 26 Sept to 3 Oct., has merchandising business involving sale of flowers and miscellaneous items in Monclova, Coahuila, also well known in Monclova according to GARCIA Luna. / / On 21 Jan 64 Alfonso PEREZ Pliigo, Espana 304, Guadalajara, Jalisco, office address Bolivar 8-401, Mexi, was interviewed in Mexi. He advised he frequently stops at del Comercio but had not noticed OSWALD. / The following investigation was conducted in Veracruz on 23-24 Jan: Ernest HOLM, Vice Consul, Amer Con, contacted logical sources of his office. None of these sources was able to identify Captain ESQUIVEL. Lt. COMMANDER Charles EDGON, assigned to Mexi Naval Academy as an instructor by the U. S. Navy was unable to locate any info on ESQUIVEL. Inspector Alberto MORALES, Veracruz Police Dept, was unable to obtain any info on ESQUIVEL. / Investigation continuing. / Intensive investigation continuing to locate Mario RESENDIZ of Monclova.

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MEMO from LEGAT to COS: Subject: Jack L. RUBY; OSWALD - Victim. - Information has been rec'd that RUBY traveled to Cuba from Mexi in the latter part of 62 under name of Jack L. RUBY.

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Jack Leon RUBY, Jack RUBENSTEIN, or Jacob RUBENSTEIN. / Advise of any info to verify this travel by RUBY.

104. 27 Feb.

MEMO to LEGAT from COS: Subject: RUBY - Info available to this office calls to confirm that RUBY left Mexi for Habana or arrived in Mexi from Habana by air anytime during 1962.

105. 10 Mar.

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MEMO from LEGAT to Boenstra, cc to COS; Subject: OSWALD. - Ref: LEGAT memo dated 13 Jan 64 (para 277 above) - Same background info as para 277 with following additional: ROJAS claimed he could pinpoint the date 14 August 1962 as the day he arrived in Mexi because he sat in seat #14 on the bus and his hotel room was #14 and he arrived in Mexi, by coincidence, on 14 Aug 62. (That day, while waiting in a park near the bus station of the busline Estrellas de Oro, and the hotel where he stayed was in the vicinity, he was contacted by an unidentified individual, who he later learned was a Cuban. He saw this Cuban over a period of two days and this Cuban proposed that ROJAS help him in smuggling Cuban propaganda to Mexico.) / / / / Details on interrogations concerning ROJAS, SOLIS, etc., ended up (page 22 of report from LEGAT) with "On 5 Mar 64, ROJAS, at Guadalajara, Jalisco, continued to maintain that he had met OSWALD at Nuevo Laredo and again later at Cozumel, as he had previously declared; however, subsequently on that day he orally admitted that he had never known or met OSWALD anywhere." / A written, signed statement declaring all information had been false was prepared and signed by ROJAS.

106. 12 Mar.

MEMO to COS from LEGAT: Subject: OSWALD. Source produced original of a passenger list or manifest relating to departure No. 2, Bus No. 340, 2 Oct 63, of the Transportes Frontera, S.A. de C. V. bus line, which has its headquarters in Monterrey, N. L. and its Mexi terminal at Buenavista Street No. 7. / The passenger list or manifest was clear evidence that OSWALD had departed from Mexi on the bus connected therewith which left Mexi at 1:30 p.m. and scheduled to have arrived at Nuevo Laredo, Tamps, (across border from Laredo, Texas) at 5:30 a.m., 3 Oct 63. / Info on passenger list is handwritten, not complete and not all legible, etc....(report submitted typed list of passengers, seat number, ticket number and destination, etc.)..."Inquiry at Transportes Frontera Bus Terminal" - On 5 March 64, Gilberto LOZANO Guizar advised that he is the Manager of the Mexi Terminal of Transportes Frontera Bus Company, Buenavista #7, which has a franchise for "through service" between Mexi, Monterrey and Laredo, but is not permitted to sell tickets or pick up passengers at intermediate localities. / LOZANO said that Transportes Frontera had made a complete study of its records and procedures and has now arrived at the conclusion that the person designated as "OSWALD" on the 2 Oct 63 passenger manifest did not purchase a ticket and could not have traveled on the trip to which it relates. He pointed out that the list of passenger reservations, tickets sold, and passengers actually boarding the bus in Mexi are recorded on the form which is provided for that purpose and is maintained on a clip board on the counter from which ticket sales normally are made by the ticket salesman and dispatcher, Francisco ALVARADO. He admitted that ALVARADO occasionally is assisted during rush hours or a temporary absence from the counter by the baggage handler, Lucio LOPEZ Medina, who may receive and record reservations on the manifest but does not handle the actual receipt or payment

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for tickets. / According to Mr. LOZANO, a reservation is recorded by assigning a seat number available and recording opposite the seat number assigned, the name and destination of the individual requesting the reservations. That reservation is respected under normal conditions until two hours before departure time; however, in the event all seats are not filled, it may be held until the actual departure of the bus. Prior to the departure of the bus, a final check is made of passengers in connection with tickets sold for that particular trip, and at that time the dispatcher communicates by radio to the company headquarters in Monterrey the number of "paying" passengers on the bus in relation to the Monterrey or Laredo destinations for which they purchased tickets. / Francisco ALVARADO, ticket salesman and dispatcher for Transportes Frontera, advised that he prepared most of the handwriting on the 2 Oct 63 manifest on which the name "OSWALD" and destination "Laredo" appear opposite Seat No. 4. He stated that he did not write the "OSWALD" reservation info and it was his opinion that the reservation had been made and the info recorded by the baggage handler, Lucio LOPEZ. ALVARADO is quite certain at the present time that the individual designated on the list as "OSWALD" did not purchase a ticket and did not travel on the trip relating to that manifest. No ticket number was recorded for that person, and a search of the company's records in Monterrey had failed to locate a ticket stub which was not otherwise accounted for in connection with that particular trip. / The notations by ALVARADO of "9 Laredo, 7 Monterrey" reflected that he had reported by radio to the Monterrey office of the company that the bus had departed with nine "paying" passengers for Laredo and seven "paying" passengers destined for Monterrey. Listed under "Name of Passengers" were "OSWALD" with no ticket number, indicating he did not travel; "Angel PEREZ" with no ticket number or destination, which confirmed that he had not purchased a ticket and had not boarded the bus; and "Nicolas GONZALEZ" Seat No. 10, listed as having traveled on a pass to Torreon. /.../ ALVARADO and Gilberto LOZANO stated that the notations on the back of the manifest referred to advances of funds made by ALVARADO to LOZANO from the cash for repairs, parts or other requirements. They related that the passenger lists are not kept as a permanent record, and, when the manifest was located in the "trash" at the request of investigators of the Mexi Presidential Staff, the Blanks at the top of the form had not been filled in as to time, destination, trip number, bus number, and date, but they had completed those blanks from their personal knowledge in order to make that data clear to the investigators. They also had listed the names of the drivers on the form at that time. They affirmed that the handwritten "Transportes Frontera" at the top of the document had been added by some official of the Mexi Government after the document was borrowed from them. / Both LOZANO and ALVARADO stated that they had no recollection of OSWALD, etc.....they could offer no explanation as to how Mexican authorities had arrived at the conclusion that OSWALD had travelled on the Transportes Frontera bus of 2 Oct 63, but pointed out that after the name was located on the manifest, they had not been given an opportunity of reviewing, analyzing or checking out the data thereon. / Lucio LOPEZ Medina, baggage and freight handler at Transportes, related that he often assists the ticket salesman by recording reservations and is quite certain that he wrote the "OSWALD" and "LAFED" opposite Seat No. 4 on the passenger manifest of 2 Oct 63. He stated that he also had recorded the reservations and ticket sales to "FCO. SAUCEDO" one of the drivers.

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200. 1964 said he probably wrote "OSWALD" on the manifest, yet believes OSWALD did not make the trip on 2 Oct.

opposite Seats Nos. 1 and 3, etc., and possibly other items on the manifest. He acknowledged that he had no personal recollection of OSWALD, could not recognize his photo as being of anyone who had been at the bus terminal, and did not believe that OSWALD had a ticket (on the bus of 2 Oct 63. / LOPEZ said that the reservation was made by the individual in person, as he did not recall having received a reservation by telephone from any person who spoke very little Spanish and that he has no knowledge of English. / LOZANO said his company, the "Flecha Roja", and "Transportes del Norte" are the only bus lines which afford direct service between Mexi and Nuevo Laredo, Tamps. / "Inquiry at "Flecha Roja" Bus Terminal" Jesus SAUCEDO, Comptroller at the terminal of the Flecha Roja, Mexi, and investigators made a search of manifests with negative results. ... / Inquiry at Transportes del Norte Bus Terminal. Ricardo BELTRAN Medina, Mgr of Mex terminal stated emphatically that records had been searched by agents of the Mexi Presidential Staff, Ministry of Gov., the Federal Judicial Police, and himself, and no record had been located identifiable with OSWALD.

201. 16 March 1964

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Washington Report - BACKGROUND FOR ASSASSINATION, published by The American Security Council Editorial Staff. (good reading) Analysis on "why and how" OSWALD's orders could have come from Moscow.

202. 19 Mar

DIR 08574 - Dallas News today carries story to effect that Jack RUBY's lawyer, Mr. Melvin M. ELLI, was interviewed at border en route to Mexico City. Interview does not reveal purpose trip. Pls report any info you can develop on ELLI's activities or significance this maneuver. CDACID and President's commission extremely interested.

203. 19 Mar

check Enrique RUIZ Montalvo

REF: LOPEZ

MNTY 0829 - ~~Enrique RUIZ Montalvo~~, agent of the Federal Judicial Police, informed Base that one of his contacts reported in late Feb that Gilberto LOPEZ, US cit, was involved in assassination. According this contact, LOPEZ entered Mexi on foot from Laredo, Texas about 1200 hours on 13 Nov carrying U.S. passport #3199e2 issued 13 July 60 and proceeded by bus to Mexi where he entered Cuban Emb. On 27 Nov he left Emb for Cuba on Cubana flt 465 and was the only passenger allowed on the plane. LOPEZ was issued Mexi travel form S No. 24553 at Nuevo Laredo. / RUIZ said could not verify this info, but believed it might be of interest to U.S. gov. / Base and CDACID files contain no identifiable traces on LOPEZ/LOPEZ. Pls advise results HQS passport check including bio data on LOPEZ if possible for further checking by Base and Station. / Background info re Base contact with RUIZ contained in HNYA 2120, 18 Mar being pouched 20 Mar.

204. 19 Mar

check: VELASQUEZ on KAPLAN case - re: OSWALD, Pearl GONZALEZ, etc.

MEXI 8737 (REF: DIR 8695 - not in file; not abstracted) - Local radio broadcast morning 18 Mar told of ELLI's trip Mexi and intent visit "old friend" Victor VELASQUEZ. Station notified ODENVY. / Station traces on VELASQUEZ: ELLI member of Board (Chairman) of Directors of International Academy of Trial Lawyers, 545 Fifth Ave. N.Y. / Reply to Amb's request for trace stated in Oct 58 VELASQUEZ former History professor at UTAM and Falangist leader in Mexi 1942 and directed drug smuggling for party. Proceeds being used for Falangist propaganda. B-2 report 1945 says V pro-U.S. and no longer has Falangist connections. In inter. .../Amb described self as anti-Commy, Royalist and believer in Porfirio Diaz policy. Was inviting

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Amb to party for Truman B. TUCKER, N.Y. lawyer listed in letterhead as President of Academy of Trial Lawyers. / Burnell GOODRICH, COG contact, reported Mar 61 that V was behind attacks launched against U.S. lawyers practicing in Mexi and controlled and financed group UNAM students who attacked U.S. lawyers. / V was character reference listed in PRQ of Jorge PRIETO Laurens, who president of Frente Popular Anticomunista de Mexi and Secgen of Confederacion Interamericana de defensa del continente. / In Oct 62 when Mr. Robert FLORSTEDT (KUBARKER) here from HQ3 collecting N13 material he visited V whom described as Mexican outstanding criminal lawyer and profound admirer of U.S. Interview lasted 2 1/2 hrs although memo does not reveal in what way V of service. / ODEWY has no record but their inquiries reveal V outstanding and highly respected trial lawyer here. / In absence COG and since JKB leaving town 20 Mar for weekend asking ODEWY their ability follow BELLI movements. If nil, will attempt cover via LIEKBRACE surveillance. Will explore other possibilities with TESSAROLO and GOODRICH and JKB after his return 23 Mar.

MEXI 8740 (Ref: MWHY 0029 - Para 309 above) - Ref info jibes fully with that provided Station by LITEMFO 4 early Dec 63. / DIR: Assume ODEWY furnished no further info on Subj after DIR 87193 (not filed - not abstracted)

THE NEWS - Fired By Ruby, BELLI Is Here - by Jaime Plonny; Melvin BELLI appealed to "public opinion and my fellow lawyers" not to pass judgment on his conduct in the Jack KUBY trial until all "technical details of the trial and the defense are known." / BELLI, discharged as attorney for KUBY, convicted killer of OSWALD, made the statement through a spokesman, VELAZQUEZ, well known local lawyer. / The indirect statement followed a reported criticism of BELLI by Walter C. CRAIG of Phoenix, Ariz., American Bar Assn. president. /

...BELLI arrived last night by train, and checked into a mid-town hotel, and was in contact with VELAZQUEZ, the latter said today. / ...BELLI said he would make a full statement of his position upon his arrival in San Francisco.

THE NEWS - Hidden Side of OSWALD Case, by Ralph de Toledano; ...Theory on assassination - History and background of time in Moscow, facility in leaving Russia w/a wife, etc.....

///OSWALD took a trip to Mexico just before the day of the terrible deed. In apparatus work of this sort, the direction is always handled in a neighboring country and this is standard operating procedure. / The theory that OSWALD was mad does not match his behavior after his arrest. The mad political assassins issue flamboyant justifications of their acts. The trained assassin clams up. This is what OSWALD did. / What OSWALD really was and who his principals were will remain in obscurity unless a new defector brings the story out with him. But certainly, there are enough facts in the dossiers of intelligence services around the world to put together much of the story - as others did in discovering the background of TROTSKY's murderer, a man who had much in common psychologically with OSWALD.

MEXICO CITY DAILY BULLETIN (Date-lined Paris, Mar 30 AFP) ...A Paris weekly magazine has been publishing a series of extracts from a book by U.S. lawyer Thomas Buchanan - which book found no publisher in the U.S. - which claims that the assassination of Pres. Kennedy was part of a

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/ The book "The Assassins of President Kennedy" indicates OSWALD was little more than a "patsy" in a conspiracy put together by a number of men. The 24 yr old was used, according to Buchanan, to (a) acquire the rifle used in K slaying, (b) facilitate the entrance into the Dallas Book Depository of a marksman and (c) cover up for the rest of the gang by accepting full guilt for the crime. / Buchanan claims that Dallas Policeman Pippit, who was shot down by OSWALD shortly following the assassination, had as his "job" the "silencing" of OSWALD but that OSWALD was quicker on the draw. / Buchanan - whose conclusions are also supported by N.Y. Civil Rights Attorney Mark Lane, appearing before the Warren Com. "representing" the slain OSWALD - also claims that there was a sniper at the underpass bridge under which the Kennedy motorcade was moving and that this sniper also opened fire. / He says this second sniper might have been RUBEY, who showed up following the killing in the office of the "Dallas Morning News," the only building of quick, sure access for the sniper on the bridge. His conclusion is clear - that Ruby gunned down OSWALD in the police station just as it was feared OSWALD was ready to "spill" the whole story.

215. 1 April

Was VELASQUEZ been queried recently?

MEXI 8878 (Ref: MEXI 8737 - para 310 above) - As HQB knows BELLI remained Mexi only one night and Victor VELASQUEZ issued innocuous press statement for him. / TESSAROLO and BENADUM both report VELASQUEZ reputation among local lawyers is shabby. While he effective defense lawyer with excellent batting average, said to be completely without ethics. Interesting that in current Mexi bar association attack against U.S. lawyers practicing Mexi, bar apparently not risking dignity its case by allowing VELASQUEZ join campaign. / BENADUM not optimistic re his or LIEMFO chances learn content BELLI/VELASQUEZ discussions.

216. 1 April

NOTE: Written by COS on cover of MEXI 8878 above. "I have a friend, Gerald SCHULZ, who is very close to Victor VELASQUEZ - maybe I can get me some comment via Gerry from Victor V.

217. 3 Apr

MEMO to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Photographs. - Ref. is made to our conversation of 3 Apr 64 and the request for sixteen copies of each of some five items. / There are attached 18 copies of each of the requested items. (On file copy is "See HETA 23229, 9 Apr 64" - para 3.2.3 below)

218. 7 Apr 1810 hrs

DEPARTMENT INCOMING TELEGRAM (Control 133) - President's commission on assassination informed that members of commission staff plan travel to Mexi 8 Apr in connection with investigation of OSWALD's activities in Mexi during period 26 Sept to 3 Oct 63. / Names of staff members are William T. COLEMAN and W. DAVIS SLAWSON, Howard P. WILLENS of Justice Dept., currently assigned to commission staff, will accompany them. These lawyers have been instructed (1) to inform themselves of investigative effort made by American agencies abroad; (2) to become informed with as much detail as possible regarding investigative effort of Mexican agencies; and (3) to consult with appropriate U.S. and Mexican officials as to what further investigation should be initiated. / Emb should not disclose fact of trip or its purpose to anyone. Avoidance of publicity is of paramount interest to both U.S. and COM. Pls assist.

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DIR 12633 - Wish alert you that three members of Warren Commission Legal Staff, WILLEMS, SLANSON, and COLEMAN, will arrive Mexi without publicity...to confer with you Station, HIRFINCH, and ODEWY about investigative action taken on OSWALD case. / Main purpose is assure themselves about completeness of investigation by WJBANK, ODEWY, and Mexicans. All have studied our reports in detail. WJBANK endorses purpose of trip. / Will cable further guidelines on what expected from your Station.

DIR 13026 (Ref: DIR 12633 - para 319 above) Subjects arrive.... / They want to know if Mexicans have further written investigative reports, want clarification of many points in ODEWY investigation, etc...Some highly touch subject they will discuss are whether they should see Mexi officials themselves, try to talk to Silvia DURAN, whether Mexicans will let them later publish just what Mexicans did in case. / These officers know we have tap assets, may have guessed from coverage, we have photo points and a source in Cuban Emb, but do not know details or our arrangements with Mexicans. Request CURTIS lend all needed assistance with minimum possible disclosure of assets and techniques, and no publicity at all.

DIR 13224 (Ref: MEXI 8923 - para 322 below) Your visitors know CURTIS must leave 13 Apr for conference here.... / Consultation with Division

MEXI 8923 - Station Chiefs meeting first on agenda followed by consultations with Division and Desk. Pls confirm. Also number of days..... ODACID telegram of 7 Apr probably will be fairly demanding and CURTIS, who was Station CO, will be expected to participate in discussions.

MEMO 23229 Attached are copies of documents pertinent to OSWALD's trip to Mexi in Oct 63. / These copies were made (as extra ones) when ODEWY asked Station to make photographic copies for them. / Attached are for HQS only for completion of HQS files. (ATTS are as follows: Reproduced above is a "Solicitud de Reservacion" (Reservation Request), also described as a "Ticket Purchase Order" of Transportes Chihuahuenses Travel Agency, Mexi City, issued to Mr. H. O. LEE for "one seat from Mexi to Laredo, confirmed Mr. SAUCEDO" in the amount of 25.75 pesos and dated 30 Sept 63. //2. Reproduced above is a "Greyhound International Exchange Order" issued by Transportes Chihuahuenses Travel Agency, Mexi City on 1 Oct 63 to H. O. LEE for travel from Laredo, Texas to Dallas, Texas, following entry to the U.S. via Transportes del Norte.

MEMO FOR THE FILES from COS, Subject: Theodore Vincent LEE - On 10 Apr 64 BENADUM reported that his "American source" had talked to Elizabeth Catlett de MORA (Betty MORA) on 9 Apr. / Among the items discussed was Subject (see his file). He was formerly Chief (in U.S.A.) of "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" (which was dissolved after OSWALD's assassination of K and publication and proof of OSWALD's involvement in the "Fair Play" activities). / Subject has now organized and is directing a "Revolutionary Aid Committee in the U.S.A.". MORA reports that this Committee is being financed from the Communist Chinese via Habana and Mexi.

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325. 11 Apr THE NEWS - Local Police Muzz on OSWALD Prob - Mexi police authorities refused to acknowledge their participation in the activities of OSWALD during his visit to Mexi City. / ...Various Mexi police corps are cooperating in the investigation carried here by 3 Americans, SLAWSON, WILLIAMS and COLEMAN on the steps of the alleged assassin of Pres. K. / OSWALD, shot to death by RUBY in Dallas, visited Mexi 26 Sept for one week, visited Mexi City to obtain a visa to travel to Cuba and Sov Union.
326. 9 Apr AMEMBASSY OUTGOING TELEGRAM Control 122 - Upon their arrival at Mexi City 8 Apr the identities of COLEMAN, SLAWSON and WILLENS as members of President's Commission staff were known to Eastern airlines and to at least one other unidentified individual at airport. /Thus we foresee no problem with GCM from unexpected publicity.
327. 9 Apr La Prensa - Three Investigators of Kennedy Case in D. F. - About arrival of three mentioned in para 326 above, also they traveled on diplomatic passports, were received by members of the U.S. Emb and refused to make comments to newspapermen. / Bags were not inspected, Etc.
328. 9 Apr Novedades - Three Investigators of the Death of JFK in Mexico - Same as para 327 above.
329. 9 Apr El Dia - Three Agents Arrive from U.S. who are Investigating the Assassination of Pres. K. - Same as above except last paragraph "However, it was not possible to find out if the three visitors who came for the investigation have come with the authorization of the authorities of our country, since, when we tried to ask them (or interview them), they would not respond."
330. 10 Apr Novedades - A U. S. Senate Commission in Mexico, Investigates Activities of OSWALD Here - Same as above but with more detail, including "...OSWALD attended a reunion in which were various persons, who, for some time have been active in political affairs, and the meeting was held in a house in Colonia Condesa. Also stated was that the investigation would be in collaboration with the DFS of the D.F. and Police Chief, General Luis CUESTO Ramirez.
- Is this house Silvia DURAN's?
Has Luis CUESTO Ramirez been queried by us?
331. 10 Apr MEXI 8966 (Ref: A. DIR 13026 - para 320 above; B. DIR 12633 - para 319 above) Giving info of newspaper articles on visit of SLAWSON, WILLENS and COLEMAN. Also "On morning 9 Apr COS participated with Amb., Min Boonstra and LEGAT in briefing session. On afternoon 9 Apr COS and DCOS spent 3 hrs with visitors. Memo of briefing will be forwarded. / On 10 Apr at request visitors and with approval of Amb, COS has arranged take 3 visitors to see LIEMPO 8. COS has asked LEGAT accompany. Amb told LIEMPO 8 on night of 8 Apr (When Amb made his protocol call) of planned arrival, purpose of visit and desire... no publicity. / Will report on visit to LIEMPO 8.
332. 10 Apr MEMO FOR RECORD signed by COS: Material from P-8593 shown to Warren Commission: 1. English translations of calls made by OSWALD to Sov Emb.....2. Conversation between Pres. DORTICOS and Cub Amb HERNANDEZ Armas in Mexi on 26 Nov 63. 3. Conversation between Cub Amb to Mexi and Pres. DORTICOS in Habana on 26 Nov 63.

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MEXI 8984 (Ref: MEXI 8966 - para 331 above) Publicity on visit continued on 10 and 11 Apr including "The News"... which on 11 Apr stated Mexi police authorities refused to comment on visit. / On 10 Apr at 1130 hrs, with approval Amb, COS took throes and LEGAT to see LITEMPO B and acted as interpreter. / LITEMPO B cooperative and friendly. / Visitors asked A. For a complete written report of "Measures taken and investigations made" by Mexi authorities after assassination. They promised that any portion they wished to publish in committee report would be cleared with Mexi authorities prior to publication. B. LITEMPO B said he would gladly assemble full report but he asked that "in order to make request official" Amb should request this report from Mexi Foreign Minister. LITEMPO B said he would contact X FORTIN and tell him to get request to LITEMPO B. LITEMPO B said report would come back via same channel in very short time. / C. Commission reps then asked if LITEMPO B objected

Approved by Warren reps
under stated conditions

if Mexi citizens (such as manager of hotel where OSWALD stayed in Mexi) were invited and

voluntarily came into U.S. Emb to give statements to commission reps. D. LITEMPO B said the Mexi Gov could not agree to this. Said this would appear to be official investigation by U.S. authorities in Mexi. He said it would be against Mexi sovereignty. He then suggested that the commission reps let his office invite such Mexicans to luncheons or dinners with one of LITEMPO B's subordinates and the commission rep. (Notes: This the reps subsequently decided would not be worth risk of offense to Mexicans and bad publicity since the x could not take depositions and really discuss matter in public restaurants.) / Amb sent note to Fornain COROSTIZA on afternoon 11 Apr. / Believe COS and DCCS can assure Hqs that 3 reps pleased with sessions they had with Station. Source (tel taps) revealed to them first by Amb and "take" from those (with Source known to them) revealed by COS. They state they already had been told of this source. They also said already committed to clear all drafts of intended reports with KUBARK.

EMBASSY OUTGOING TELEGRAM #119 - Same info as para 333 above reported by Amb Freeman

11224 22219 to C/AMB, Subject: Visit of Staff Representatives of the Warren Commission. Attached are copies of a Memo for the Record to record talks had with CALERAN, BLANCO and WILKINS, Staff Reps of Warren Commission. - 1. On 9 Apr (4:00 hrs), C., B. and W. Staff Reps of the Warren Comm. came to Amb's office. 2. Amb, Legatta, LEGAT and I met there at 6:00 hrs on 9 Apr. Amb asked that LEGAT and I cooperate fully; these 3 would have Top Secret clearances, etc. 3. When visitors came in, Amb told them that he wished them to call on us for any and all help needed, but that he wished personally to pre approve in advance any and all contacts with Mexi authorities and/or Mexi citizens. 4. Amb briefed them about secret and sensitive sources, such as tel taps, and reminded them any published item from these sources had to have prior clearance with KUBARK and ODENVY, etc. 5. Amb outlined "rules" for visitors to work. Amb made protocol call on Echeverria, etc. 6. See MEXI 8984 (para 333 above). 7. On 9 and 10 Apr, ICOS and I met with visitors. 3 hrs on 9 Apr and 2 1/2 hrs on 10 Apr. In our offices, they: a. Reviewed the "take" from LIENVOY for 27, 28 Sept and 1 Oct 63...They made a "schedule" of OSWALD's activities. Note: "Takes" were Eng. translations.

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