

Lee Harvey OSWALD P-8593 201-289248

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*NB: Maxine
in her testimony
LHO told her he went to
to see SOURCE
return to the case.
This does not*

CONTACT

4/13: Arr. on flight from New Orleans to 516 at 6:10 PM on 4/13 Sat, Friday.
Residence at 47th 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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Is this a valid LHO call? Very doubtful!

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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1. LHO went to Cuban Consulate in New Orleans. He had been in USSR, on way to Cuba. He had talked with someone there. LHO returned to Cuba. He could not read Russian, but he talked to someone there.

1966 (MI) = man inside
Soviet Embassy/calls Silvia DURAN of Cuban Embassy

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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166. Source informs G.H.O. that there is a problem. B. Source mentions comes from G.H.O. 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 return.

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

*+ 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.

*phone 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 note: This is an interesting and probably wrong.

NB: MO report MO 65 on Trans. del Norte line # 332 0.0830 2 Oct 1963, Washington case file submission content is not consistent with status of LW's earlier conversations and arrangements. Use of broken Spanish not probable in this case.

Handwritten note: 10/98

Released by Liaison Officer of the Embassy in LA PALINER

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Oct. 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.*

Oct. MEXICO CITY 6534 requested Hqs to Pls pouch photo OSWALD.

Oct. 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

Nov. 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.

Nov. 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.

Nov. 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.

Nov. 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.

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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.

26 Nov.

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.

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~~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 unconfirmed

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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 LIMINES 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. ODEWY informed of above. Have no info. ODEWY 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. ODZENVY 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 ODZENVY 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 ODZENVY 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 ODZENVY 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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21. 1. Nov.

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.

22. 2. Nov. 1259

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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'S 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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