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FOR ALEXIS JOHNSON.

MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE NICARAGUAN,
ALVARADO, AFTER A LONG INTERROGATION, HAS CONFESSIONED IN A SIGNED
STATEMENT THAT HE DID NOT SEE OSWALD IN THE CUBAN CONSULATE HERE ON
SEPTEMBER 18 OR AT ANY OTHER TIME AND THAT HE DID NOT SEE ANYONE
PASS MONEY TO OSWALD. ALVARADO SAID HIS MOTIVE FOR CLAIMING
THE PASSAGE OF MONEY TO OSWALD WAS TO INVOLVE THE UNITED STATES
IN A WAY WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE OVERTHROW OF CASTRO.

BOTH THE LEGAL ATTACHE AND THE CAS REPRESENTATIVE BELIEVE THAT
ALVARADO'S STATEMENT TO THE MEXICANS MUST BE ACCEPTED AS
FACT. THIS OPINION IS CONCURRED IN BY NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT
INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL WHO PERSONALLY
KNOWS ALVARADO AND WHO, WHILE HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE
INVESTIGATION, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED ENTIRELY BY MEXICANS,
WAS STANDING BY ADVISING WITH THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES DURING
THE LATTER PART OF THE INTERROGATION, WE ARE THEREFORE PROCEEDING
HERE ON THE THEORY THAT THE ALVARADO STORY ABOUT HAVING SEEN
MONEY PASS MUST BE COMPLETELY DISCOUNTED.

MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ARE OBVIOUSLY RELIEVED AND, WHILE THEY
OFFER COOPERATION, I DOUBT THEY WILL MAKE ANY INTENSIVE EFFORT
TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER. WITH THE COLLAPSE OF ALVARADO WE DO
NOT CURRENTLY HAVE A GOOD BASIS FOR REQUESTING ADDITIONAL
INVESTIGATION. AZCUE WOULD BE THE NUMBER ONE SUSPECT IN
CUBAN CONSULATE AND HE DEPARTED MEXICO FOR HAVANA ON NOVEMBER
18 AND HAS NOT RETURNED.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING ESPECIALLY
THE DORTICOS-HERNANDEZ ARMAS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WHICH REMAIN
UNEXPLAINED. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO LOOK HERE FOR PEOPLE WHO
SAW OSWALD WHILE HE WAS IN MEXICO BUT WE HAVE NO BASIS AT THIS
TIME FOR AN OPTIMISTIC ESTIMATE THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO FIND
ANYTHING DEFINITIVE ON THE CENTRAL ISSUE.

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PLEASE EXPRESS TO MR. HUNTER MY APPRECIATION FOR KEENAN'S HELP
HERE. HE AND ANDERSON BELIEVE THERE IS LITTLE MORE THAT HE CAN
DO HERE NOW. I CONCUR. I AM SURE FBI IS CONTINUING
INVESTIGATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING
INFORMED PROMPTLY ANY FACTS DEVELOPED AT HOME WHICH WOULD GIVE
US LEAD HERE. REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO PROVE
I STILL CONSIDER THAT UNEXPLAINED CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST POSSI-
BILITY OF CASTRO INVOLVEMENT.

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