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27 Sept. 1037

NOTE: Am. in Pleh...  
Request of Visa for 21 Sept, Sunday

TIME

CONTACT

Soviet Embassy

15-60-56 (NB: Not to correct number, please see other 5 folders)

Lee Harvey OSWALD

P-8593

201-289248

REASON FOR CONTACT

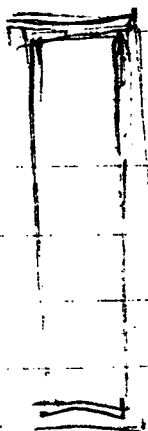
Wants visas to go to Odessa. Consul was not in. Subject told to call back at 1130.

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Handwritten notes in right margin regarding OSWALD and visa request.

27 Sept. 1605

Silvia DURAN calls Soviet Embassy (MO) - New out/ide)



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

Soviet Embassy/calls Silvia DURAN of Cuban Embassy

(MI) = WAM (with)

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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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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 all right and many thanks.

Silvia DURAN calls Soviet Embassy and talks with MI

X 4. 28 Sept. 63 1151

*returning*

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 comar 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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and returned  
at 11:30  
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calls from Cuban  
Emb. & says he  
has his address  
book ready.  
9. LHO. per  
Sov. Emb. 28/9.  
by Sir. D.L. 28/9.  
LHO returns.

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X 5. 1 Oct. 1031

MO (American) to MI (Sov. Emb.) \*

~~MI to MO~~ \* This call placed 7:15-69-87  
by Sov Mil APT.

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X 6. 1 Oct. 1045

MO (American) to OBYEDKOV of Soviet Embassy

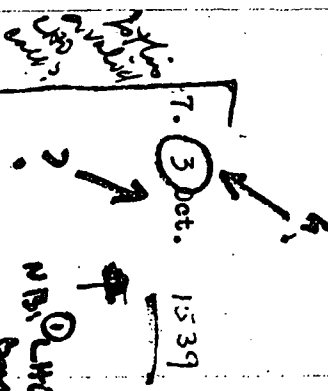
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MO says I was at your place last Saturday and talked to your Consul. They said that they'd send a telegram to Washington, and I wanted to ask you if there is anything new? MI says I'd like to ask you to call another phone number. Please write it down; 15-60-55 and ask for a consul. Thank you.

MO (the same person who phoned a day or so ago and spoke in broken Russian) speaks to OBYEDKOV. He says This is Lee OSMALD 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 OSMALD. OBYEDKOV says just a minute I'll find out. They say that they haven't received anything yet. OSMALD says Have they done anything? OBYEDKOV says Yes, they say that a request has been sent out, but nothing has been received as yet. OSMALD says And what...? OBYEDKOV hangs up.

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MO (OSWALD) to MI at Sov. Emb. \*  
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.



X 8. 1 & 4 Oct.

MI to MO regarding MEX 65 on Tom, old Mrs. Also you satisfactory contact is not consistent with status of LHO's studies of broken Spanish arrangements in LHO's case

X 9. 8 Oct. / 9th

Released by LHO  
Written by LHO  
by LA MILLNER

OSWALD speaks in broken Spanish when 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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MEXICO CITY 6453 reported According LIENVOY 1 Oct 65, American male who spoke broken Russian said his name Lee OSMALD 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. More khakis and sport shirt. Source: LIENVOY. No local dissem.

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X12. 16 Oct.

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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.

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 IMS. 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 LHMPTY 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 pouchd night of 22 Nov. 63.

*ANS: This dangerous  
not consider with  
data given in #9.*

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17. 22 Nov. 1715

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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 guy 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.

18. 22 Nov.

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

LIENVOY This why not? why not? why not?

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22 Nov. 1730

Man outside (MO) calls Luisa of Cuban Embassy

*Call her*

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 DURAN's has been called off so it will not appear they are celebrating death of KENNEDY, nor will they have the party buried coincide with the burial.... LUISA says she plans to move tonight to the doctor's (female) house.

20. 23 Nov.

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.

21. 23 Nov.

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

22. 23 Nov.

EDEN 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 PRUMEN Embassy forwarded in HMMWA 22533 leaving regular pouch tonight. View above, does Hqs want staffer with additional photos?

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

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*What is this?* →

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.

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.

DIR 84885 - 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.

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?

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.

MEXI 7023 - On 28 Sept 63 Silvia <sup>ADRIAN</sup> 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 punching 4 Oct photos. Making effort determine OSWALD'S activities Mexico.

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 LEMBRACE surveillance. No recent unusual KGB and Sovemb personnel activities 17 Nov to date.

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No other ALFERIEV travel. LITVICH 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 Mln KAZANTSEV, suspect KGB resident KONSTANTINOV and suspect GRU SCHUCHKIN. Having LIBAVN report movements SIDOROV and effort re audio OP against SID. Incoming LIFEAT on KGB KUZNETSOV will be processed ASAP. Rechecking all unprocessed tapes LIFEAT center.

BARKER (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 Bahía de Morisco #74; mother lives at Ebro #12; brother at Harodoto #14; she drives Consul car, plates: 8-92-77; phone is 45-06-96; works at Cuban Embassy.

32. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7025 - (Ref DIR 84886 - para 27 above) - On 28 Sept 63 LIFEAT reported fol: "Entrada MF.....(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 Sovemb.

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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 LIRICES that one Oscar RODRIGUEZ Molina, 31, Cuban, arrived here legally 21 Jan 61 on Mexican 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.

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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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MEXI 7028 - COS had urgent call to see LITENSOR 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 LITENSOR aware of this contact (from joint operation) and passed data to COS is important.

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.R.S. coverage revealed call to him if he needs to explain.

NOTE WRITTEN BY COS: At 1620 hrs on 23 Nov 65 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 65 saying they would get "mujer" and he would immediately notify me. He thanked me for info on her. (Signed COS)

MEXI 7030 - Following cars appeared at Cuban Emb: 21 Oct 65 at 1900 hrs Texas TA 582, 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 65 issuance. Request identification. Although no known connection suggest above be called attention office handling OSWALD case.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD from Jeremy L. NIARCOS on Support Activities Assignments re GPTIDAL Assassination.

MEXI 7032 - Info on surveillance teams - Soviets - no unusually activity.

MEXI 7033 - Fol additional calls LIENVOY probably repeat probably OSWALD: A. On 27 Sept 65 call to Sov Mll Att "Entrada. Man calling says is it necessary to take out a visa to go to Odessa. 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 65 at 1605 (see para 2 above) On 27 Sept 65 at 1626 (see para 3 above) D. On 1 Oct 65 at 1031 (see para 5

*This call was in 1st part of Oswald's time here*

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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 1620 hrs on 23 Nov. I told Jack Whitten at 1620/30 on 23 Nov. that this (see) 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 shown. 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 Mexl central airport from U.S. falls show OSWALD arrival. Passing this info GOM asking they check border airports from which OSWALD might have flown Mexl. We do not get manifests these domestic flights.

MEXI 7035 - LIENVOY reporting Sovemb normal. Conversations between Alfredo MIRABAL Diaz with suspect KIB Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV (who not available, so KOSTIKOV ocm 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 ALMERIEV and KOSTIKOV at Sovemb

COS notes 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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MEXI 7038 - LITVICH reporting on KOSTIKOV's surveillance and also on ALBERLEV.

MEXI-7039  
In Jan 63 SILVIA DURAN seen in 2 cars with Texas plates, convertible plate JF 96 - 75 and white Volvo plate KU 94-95. Another Ford car Texas plate JH 24-76 seen in front of residence DURAN brother. Pls resolve. Above to hold in reserve here for possible use in connection GOM interrogation DURAN.

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 talks which could relate to him. Forget economy of words and cable. ODENVY tells us that Jose RODRIGUEZ Molina is not involved. (para 33 above)

DIR 84916 - Arrest of SILVIA DURAN is extremely serious matter which could prejudice ODYOKE freedom of action on entire question of PHROMEN responsibility. Request you ensure her arrest kept absolutely secret, that no info from her is published or leaked, that all info is cabled 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.

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

MEXI 7040 - U.S. Consulate Nuevo Laredo reported to Ambassador: OSWALD entered Mexl at Nuevo Laredo on 26 Sept., said age 23 years, occupation photographer, residence New Orleans, destination Mexico City, Mexican tourist card #24085. Same source (Mexl Immigration Records) state he left by auto on 3 Oct 63, at Nuevo Laredo. Will advise LITVICH and ODENVY and will ask LITVICH to check hotels in Mexl City to check OSWALD's activities.

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

MEXI 7042 - Advised Legat of arrest and of Hqs desire for secrecy. Legat had not heard of arrest although he had talked to government 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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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.

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

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

MEXI 7046 - ECHEVERRIA told COS Silya 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. Amb Mann informed by COS of DURAN pickup and delighted. Will brief ODENVY.

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 these types wanted to make it appear to be a Communist sympathizing with Cuba, etc., etc., sure once he was in the 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 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 KAZANTSEV, KONSTANTINOV and KEK SHECHUCHKIN: No calls in or out by above for coverage 1640 to 2000 hrs 23 Nov.

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-committal 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 KTB: 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 - LIPANV-1 22 Nov audio product, of target Sovmlat Aleksandr Georgiyevich SIDOROV, of no pertinence.

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MEXI 7050 - Full LIENVOY Russian lang portions complete coverage thru 22 Nov: A. 1358 hrs uniden woman asks Sergey Semyonovich KUKHARENKO 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 me 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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