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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Clark D. Anderson, Legal Attache

FROM : Winston M. Scott  
 MEMO FROM COS MEXICO TO Legal Attache  
 Re INVESTIGATION OF DANIEL SOLIS

SUBJECT : Lee Harvey OSWALD

1. Reference is made to Mr. Anderson's memorandum of 14 January 1964 requesting that certain information be obtained from Cozumel.

2. The following reply was received on 17 January 1964 from Jack Stewart in Merida:

a. Daniel SOLIS is a well known municipal policeman in Cozumel. He has been in this position for the past eleven (11) years. He has a good reputation.

b. Daniel SOLIS stated that he had no knowledge of any person named Ylario ROJAS Villanueva. Daniel SOLIS' wife has an uncle who is named Eladio VILLANUEVA Ramirez and is from Guadalajara. SOLIS believes this uncle was originally from Manuel Doblado, Guanajuato. This uncle visited SOLIS in Cozumel about the first two weeks in June 1963. The uncle arrived by bus to Puerto Juarez and by boat to Cozumel. He was "broke", seeking work. He was without luggage, had only the clothes he wore. The uncle said his suitcase had fallen from the top of the bus into the water at an unspecified ferry crossing en route to Merida. The uncle said the suitcase contained some "important papers" and all his personal belongings.

c. Daniel SOLIS housed and fed this uncle and got him a job (temporary) as a bricklayer's assistant. The uncle worked in Cozumel until about mid-June 1963 and then left for Vera Cruz by boat.

d. The present whereabouts of this uncle are unknown to Daniel SOLIS. SOLIS gave him some clothes and \$500 (pesos) upon departure.

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but he received no reply. The uncle sent no other mail and he received no mail during this time. The uncle had no notebook of any kind.

f. The uncle had no contact with any Cubans in Cozumel as far as SOLIS knows. His only associates were a Mexican Air Force Sergeant named "Polo" and his bricklayer boss, Leonel VILLANUEVA (no relation).

g. The uncle, Eladio VILLANUEVA Ramirez, is described by SOLIS as: 30 years old, 5'8", about 185 pounds, stocky, skin "moreno", black straight hair, mustache and with a long face. He usually works as a chauffeur or farmer. SOLIS said Eladio VILLANUEVA Ramirez did not seem subject to aberrations.

3. Neither Daniel SOLIS nor any of several other contacts in Cozumel have heard of "Albert".

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