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visit on 4 October; copies shown to Ambassador; and one copy each of 2 photos given to Chief, FBI, in Mexico. A handwritten note indicates that 4 pictures from 1 Oct + 4 from 4 Oct. were sent with this dispatch.

3. A letter from "Kin" to "J.C.". Eldon Rudd took the letter to Dallas and mailed it from there.

"Reference is made to our conversation of 22 November in which I requested permission to give the Legal Attache copies of photographs of a certain person who is known to you." Attached to the letter are copies of the photos with the dates stamped on the backs. The Ambassador decided it was very important to get the photos to Dallas so the

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naval attache is taking them to Dallas on a special flight. (32-14)

B. November 23, 1963

1. DIR 84802 (26-8) referenced to Mexi 7014 says:

"Thanks. This connection was also noted here."

The originator and A.O. was John²⁶ M. Whitten (C/WH3). The releasing officer was Thomas Karamessines.

2. Mexi 7019, originated and released by Kin Scott, reports that they have pictures of the "unidentified American type who is possibly Oswald" going into the Cuban Embassy on 15 October. The cable also reports that they are checking the photos from other dates. (27-10)

3. DIR 84821 originated with John²⁶ M. Whitten. It was released by W. Mallory C500 for John¹²⁶ M. Whitten.

pic pictures of this man entering the Cuban Embas.

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by direction Thomas Karamessinos ADDP." It says: "Send staffer with all photos Oswald to HQS. on next available flight. Call Mr. [Whitten] at [65-2-6827] on arrival."

4. MEXI 7021, originated, released and authenticated by [Allan White] reports that an FBI agent left Mexico at 8:30 pm with two copies of six photos of the man believed to be Oswald. One copy was going to be mailed to [Jack Whitten] home, as Scott was so instructed in a telephone call from him. Copies of these photos, plus two taken at the Cuban Embassy were being sent by pouch. Cable asks if they (HQ) still wants a staffer to bring the photos.

5. DIR 84822 (52-22) is missing from the Mexico City Chrono.

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It says there isn't any need to send a staffer with the photos. Cable says they have asked the Navy for photos again but suggests that checking the wire services would be quicker. It also reports that HQ has "just re-emphasized" the sensitivity of the photos to the FBI. This cable was routed to Scott, White and D'Amato.

6. DIR 84886 (40-541) originated by BIRCH O'NEAL. The AO was [John Whitten] and the R.O. is indiscipherable, he is designated as C/WH but it is not J.C. King.

"1. Important you review [Soviet Embassy] tapes and transcripts since 27 September to locate all material possibly pertinent to subject reference.

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special courier, staffer if necessary, full transcripts and original tapes if available all pertinent material.

3. Are Original tapes available?"

(no Mexi R.S.)

7. DIR 84888 (39-38)

Originator and AO: [John²⁶ Whitten]
RO: William Hood

" [FBI] says that photos of man entering Soviet Embassy which Mexi sent to Dallas were not of Lee Oswald. Presume Mexi has doubled (sic) checked dates of these photos and is also checking all pertinent other photos for possible shots of Oswald"

8. Mexi 7023 (49-545)

Originated + AO: Anne Goodpasture released by Min Scott. accurately reports conversation of 9/28/63 about address. Reports that the

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unidentified American is probably LHO in view of his claimed visit on this day. The ID can not be positive because "Station unable [compare voice as first] tape erased prior receipt second call." This cable also corrects the date given for the picture referred to in Mexi 7014.

"PARA ~~3~~ Mexi three Mexi 7014 should be one repeat one Oct. 63. Same subject visited November 4 Oct But not recorded [by [taps] that date." (NO RS)

9. MEXI 7024 (62-24)₀₃

O + AO [Herbert Manell]

RO: Scott.

"Other than info already ~~available~~ sent re Oswald's connection with Sov. and Cuban Embs, no other info available. However, station staff combining all available

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materials.... Probable that
Oswald conversation
[Soviet Embassy] tapes
[erased. However rechecking
all unerasable tapes [in
their possession]."
(NO R.S.)

10. MEXI 7025 (60-550)
O + AO: ANNE Goodpasture
RO: Scott.

reports accumulate copies of
transcripts of 9/28/63 conversa-
tion about the address and
the 10/1/63 conversation wherein
LHO ID's himself; last paragraph:
"[Boris Tarasoff] who did
transcriptions says Oswald
is identical with person
[in first conversation reported]
speaking broken Russian
who called from Cuban
Embassy 28 September to Soviet
Embassy." (no R.S.)

11. MEXI 7028 (58-549)
Orig + RO: Scott; no A.O.
"1. COS had urgent call to see
[^{AFPM} ~~Chair Echevarria~~] 23 Nov.
2. COS thought would be for

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A FORMER PRES. OF
MEXI.
[Echiverria] expression condolence
over loss of Pres. Kennedy but
developed that ~~R.~~ [Mexican's]²⁴
Soviet Embassy tap had
located call to Soviet Embassy
of Lee Oswald made on 28
September.

3. Believe fact that [Echiverria] AFPM
aware of this contact (from
our joint²⁴ operation) and
passed data to COS is
important."

RS indicates distribution to
Scott and White. Scott
noted that he was going
to do a memo about the
meeting.

12. MEXI 7029⁰ (56-20)

Orig + RO: Scott; no A.O.
reports seeing photos of LHO
on TV previous night and it
is obvious that the photos
sent to Dallas are not of LHO.
Informs H.Q. that Mexi is doing
reviewing all photos of persons
entering + leaving the Embassies.
(No RS)

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13. Mexi 7033 (55-546)

Orig + A.O. : Goodpasture.

R.O. : Scott.

"For additional calls [Dovemb] probably repeat probably Oswald" : :

reports:

a. 9/27/63 call to MA

b. 9/27/63 4:05 call

c. 9/27/63 4:26 call

d. 10/1/63 call to MA at 1031

e. 10/3/63 call to MA.

First three sent in Spanish, last two in English.

R.S. indicates Scott, Whiteland Goodpasture. Scott noted that he had reviewed call at 1620 hrs mexi time from

[Jack²⁶ Whitten] and he had told [Whitten²⁶] that these transcripts "would be on route to him soon."

14 Mexi 7034 (59-23)

Orig + A.O. [Alan White]

R.O. : Scott.

"Complete recheck photos all visitors to Cuban Emb August through ~~through~~ first half Nov

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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 ~~to~~ was Cuban Embassy
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 Cuban Embassies."

RS to Scott.

~~15 Mexi 7044 (77-558)~~

~~Orig. A.O. [Herbert ⁰³ Manell]~~

~~no R.O. indicated on copy.~~

8. November 24, 1963.

1. DIR 84914 (38-13)

missing from Chrono.

(note DIR 84916 and DIR 84917 are
not relevant to subject matter
covered here but they are
dated 11/23/63.)

"It is extremely urgent that
we get, if at all possible,
verbatim transcripts in
English of all Oswald
[intercepts and other take

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which could relate to him.
Please cable these immediate,
without regard to economy of
words. ~~at~~

R.S. indicates Scott + White.]

2. DIR 84920 (65-25)

Orig + A.O.: [Whitten²⁶]

R.O.: "by authority of Karames-
sines.

HQ still puzzled about whether
LHO seeking visas for quick
escape or peaceful move,
timing of move, disposition
of wife. Asks for reanalysis
of transcripts + questioning
of Duran on this point.
(No R.S.)

3. MEXI 7053 (83-30)

Orig. + A.O. [Alan White]

R.O. Scott +

reports providing cropped
mm photo to Mexican
authorities for hotel
investigation.

4. MEXI 7054 (84-565) [White + Scott +
ref: DIR 84920.

"With Mexi 7933 (sic. probably
should be 7033) HQ has full

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transcripts all pertinent calls.
Regret complete recheck shows
tapes for this period already
erased. Station feeling that
above is best ~~pass~~ answer
obtainable to ref. but will
request reinterrogation Duran
if HQ still desires."
(No R.S.)

D. November 25, 1963

1. Orig. unclear but may be
R. Richardt

R.O. JC King

DIR 84926

A.O. [Jack Whitten]

requests that a penetration
agent in the Cuban Embassy
be asked about his knowledge
of LHO's contacts w/ Cub. and
Mex. Emb.

(No R.S.)

2. Mexi 7065 (96-572)

Orig & A.O. unidentified

R.O. Scott

penetration agent "disclaimed
any knowledge of Oswald
visits."

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E. November 27, 1963

1. Memo from Scott to Anderson transmits transcripts of:

a. 9/27/63 10:37 call

b. " 4:05 "

c. " 4:26 "

d. 9/28/63 11:51 "

e. 10/1/63 10:31 "

f. 10/1/63 10:35 "

g. 10/3/63 3:59 "

2. DIR 85245

Orig + AO : [John²⁶ Whitten]

R.O. : JC King

Dept of Justice preparing report on assassination & will want to include info on LHO's Mexi activities. "Obviously the [Soviet Embassy wiretap] info as such cannot be used."

Suggests using Duran for some basic info.

Also expresses concern over fact that FBI HQ is getting info obtained from FBI Mexi to originated with the wiretap. Do not want to

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F. November 28, 1963.

1. Mexi 7115 (196-628)

Orig + A.O.: Alan White 7

R.O.: Scott

reports that [the ²⁴two] penetration agents at the Cuban Embassy did not have "any personal knowledge Oswald presence Cuban Embassy at any time."

(RS - I White 7 + Scott)

2. Mexi 7119 (194-80) REF: DIR 85-245:

Orig + RO: Scott - no A.O.

Reports that Legat has been given all ^{PERTINENT} info from the Sovemb tapes, including the 10/16/63 memo. Also reports he has reemphasized sensitivity of source to Legat.

(RS indicates White, Scott, Phillips, Shaw and Goodpasture.)

G. December 2, 1963

1. NYT story by Jack Langguth entitled "Oswald's mother places blame on Federal and Dallas Officers" says:

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"She [Mrs Oswald] insisted that on the night of Nov. 23, about 17 hours before Ruby shot her son, an agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigations showed her Ruby's photograph..."

"The FBI would officially make no comment on Mrs. Oswald's charge. It was understood, however, that Federal agencies had acknowledged that she had been shown a photograph that night for identification, but spokesmen would not disclose whether it was that of Ruby."

H. December 3, 1963.

L. NYT story entitled "FBI denies showing Mrs. Oswald Ruby photo."

I. December 4, 1963.

1. Mexi 7241 (289-694)

Orig and A.O.: ANNE GOODPASTURE
Coordinated in draft: Phillips
Released: Scott.

"Station holding all reels from 22 November 63 for booth

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Cuban and Soviet Embassies.

Unless advised to contrary, station will erase routine

tapes Soviet Embassy keeping normal two week lag. Can retain Cuban tapes as long as HQS wishes. If period to extend indefinitely, may need more tapes. Have two months supply new tapes at station.

(289-694 no R.S.)

J. December 9, 1963

1. DIR 87770 (354-719) Ref: Mexi 7244

orig: [John²⁶ Whitten]

R.O.: [Whitten²⁶] by direction of Richard Helms.

"Please do not erase any Soviet or Cuban tapes until further notice. Advise how much more tape you need."

(no R.S.)

A note attached to the Xerox of this cable in

Oswald's Mexi file says:

"Mr. Scott: [Charles⁰³ Flick] was told yesterday but I told him not to tell the

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[Soviet tap operation] people - just keep bringing in the reels to me (the ones I give them are not labeled so they don't necessarily know which ones return). The storage problem is one for us and as the reels come in with transcriptions, I store them. When we can erase them, I'll take off the labels and send them back out. [Flick] agrees with me that 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

[for not yet known targets. anne 10 Dec 63. "

K. December 11, 1963

1. MEXI 7352 (372-728) Ref: DIR 87770

Orig + A.O.: Goodpasture

R.O.: Scott.

reports that they use about 6 dozen tapes per week for both Cub + low Embd. Ask

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that HQ pouch 6 dozen each week until notice to erase is received. "Is there something particular which Mexi should watch for or should [tapes and/or transcripts be pouched HQS." (mor R.S.)

L. December 13, 1963.

1. DIR 88680 (383-157) ref: mexi 7352
orig: [Whitten²⁶]]

R.O: "by authority of Helms.

"Upon receipt you may resume usual practice of keeping Cuban and Soviet tapes two weeks and then erasing, but please do not erase [tapes made between 22 Nov. and present. Will advise on these. Do not pouch to HQRS." (no R.S.)

M. December 16, 1963

1. DIR 89366 (409-754) Ref 7025

Orig: [Whitten²⁶]]

R.O: "by direction of Helms.

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HQ wants to know who the
"Aparicio" may have been who
Duran referred to in 9/28
conversation.

"Pls have monitors make every
effort to identify voices of
various Soviets to whom
Oswald spoke on the telephone
or who dealt with his case
with Sylvia Duran."

(RS indicates cable went to
Scott, White, Phillips, Good-
pasture.)

N. December 26, 1963.

1. Mexi 7527 (440-178)

A.O: Phillips

R.O: Scott

response to DIR 89366

Aparicio on sick leave
during significant period.

cannot ID people LHO
spoke with because
[tapes erased.]

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