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Immediately following the assassination of President KENNEDY on 11/22/63, all sources of this office were instructed to be alert for any information which would tend to indicate a connection between OSWALD and the Cubans or the Communist Party. The following is a summary of information furnished by MEX-18 and MEX-19 both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, since that time.

On 12/6/63 sources reported that ELIZABETH CATLETT MORA, aka BETTY MORA, Bufile 100-395934, had been very upset and excited over the involvement of OSWALD as the reported assassin of the President. She indicated that the Communist Party of Mexico was very interested in obtaining all the information available concerning OSWALD's travel to Mexico and particularly as to how much the American authorities know.

MORA told informants that the only way OSWALD could be linked "to Mexico" was through his activities before his trip to the Soviet Union. She was very interested in obtaining information concerning the date OSWALD departed for Russia. MORA considered it "terribly important" to have any press references to OSWALD's activities in New Orleans before he went to Russia. She stated that if something regarding his activities at that time appeared in the press it could "blow the lid and we could all get fried." MORA indicated to informants that she could not understand why the investigation of OSWALD, as reported up to that time in the press, had not focused on New Orleans instead of on Dallas. (X)(u)

MORA told the sources that OSWALD was well-known in Russia among the Americans who were there at the same time and he was "not that much of a nut" (as to singlehandedly (X)(u))

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