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ALVARADO-Ugarte

OLC 78-1065/40
12 June 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Shepanek
O/SA/DO/O

FROM : Mr. Rodger S. Gabrielson
OLC/C&R

SUBJECT : Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Cynthia Cooper regarding Mexico City cable traffic.

2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.

3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

Rodger S. Gabrielson
Rodger S. Gabrielson *RSG*

Attachment

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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

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Cynthia Cooper
6-9

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To Mexico 11-22 c/o 84802
use all your facilities to follow
& report soviet embassy activity & reactions
during these hours.

To Mexico 11-23 84821
send staffer w/ all photos of Oswald
to HQ's next available flight.

To Mexico 11-23 84837
asked for following info on Kostikov
- travels
- whereabouts 11-22 and activities in floor
- names & legend of contacts
- future contacts
- unusual activities involving KGB
or Soviet Personnel from 11-30 November

To Mexico 11-23 84880
Kostikov traveled in Sept
w/ Ivan Samilovich Gelfer (who in close
contact of Cuban consul)

Mexico 11-23 84916

Arrest of Duran could prejudice
Oswald's freedom of action on entire
question of FBRUMEN responsibility.
Arrest should be kept secret, facts
of or content should not be leaked
especially to leftist circles in
Mexican govt.

Mexico 11-23 84917

ref. 84916 Keep legal attacks fully
informed

18+19 M.S.S. 19

Mexico 11-24 84920

Hdq - Questioned what exactly Oswald's
travel plans to Cuba and ~~USSR~~ Russia
were. Was he leaving immediately
or going to return to states first.
Sug - Subram should be questioned very
carefully on this point.

Mexico 11-24 84921

5 license plates # and persons belonging
to - having to do w/ Duran.

Mexico 11-25 84926

Request of cable summary of info on
Duran. Also request Nitamir Kine
be questioned as to his knowledge on
IHO contacts w/ Cuban & Soviet Embassies

Mexico 11-25 84952

Obtain and cable reports or
statements on Duran & husband.

Mexico 11-27 85178

1) Mann's messages relayed to address decision (on what?) will be cabled to you after they confer, 11-27 probably

2) - Suggested contact made w/ Alvarado's Nic. case officer, whether he had mentioned story to him.

(3) No action to re-arrest Duran or others w/out approval.

Mexico 11-27 85198

1. Analyze and investigate Alvarado's story further before more action.

2. Note Alvarado's claim still in Nicaraguan service although Managua's belief they was dropped 8-63.

3. Rusk and Hoover might have recommendations on this problem after further consideration.

The explanation for gaps is that all cables sent by the director were in the same number series.

Mexico 11-27 85245

1. Justice Dept. will be preparing a report on assassinations and will want info. on Oswald's activities in Mexi. Cannot compromise Lienvoy but Duran's statements essentially the same so pls. send translated versions of her statements.

Mexico 11-27 85258

2. Odenry says -

Oswald applied for unemployment 9-17
He is checking airlines.

Left N.O. 9-25 for TX w/out paying
rent.

3. Above further reason not to believe
Alvarado.

Mexico 11-27 85318 re: Menis 7101

1. These instructions coordinated w/
Odacid and Odenry.

2. Mexican authorities should interrogate
Duran to extent necessary to clarify
outstanding points which have been
raised by your cables last 48 hrs.

You may provide questions but there
will be no contact between Duran
& Americans.

Mexico 11-27 85371

Rearrest of Duran should not
be associated w/Americans - ~~Mexicans~~
"We want Mexican Authorities to take
responsibility for whole affair."

Mexico 11-27 85391

Info from Odenry re: licence
plates reference

belonging to J. Morgan Daniels

J. Mermindo Duarte Martins.

Mexico 11-27 85469 Mepi
re: 7104

2. Have discussed 7104 with Alexis Johnson. Wants Mann to know that requested ~~into~~ instructions will probably not be forthcoming prior 11-28. Odenberg has jurisdiction in Wash. Both Odacid & Kubark attempting to follow wishes.

3. There is a feeling in 3 agencies Mann is pushing case too hard ref: para 5-7104. Will cause flap with Cubans. Johnson sent Odacid channels to Mann to give better perspective.

Mexico 11-27 85616

In the face of mounting evidence it appears that Alvarado's story is a fabrication. Urge you follow up with his Nic. case officer.

Coincidence that Dorticos and Alvarado talk of money paid to Oswald not remarkable.

Interrogators of Alvarado must:

1. probe deeply into makeup
2. be sympathetic
3. promise "face saving secrecy" and specious hopes of future cooperation

Mepi 11-28 85653

Proved Oswald was in NO 9-19 with this info clear that Alvarado is a fabricator and psychiatric help could be suggested.

Mexico 11-28 85654
Story of bank deposit by Oswald
of \$5,000 could be misleading and
give support to Alvarado. But story
is uncorroborated. Also do
not assume this office is in possession
of facts known to Odemy or Dallas. D.
Odemy has requested full info on
this story from US Official.

Mexico 11-28 85655
re: 85469
Do not discontinue or let down
your investigation - We have not
excluded the possibility of involvement
by as yet unknown persons.

Mexico 11-28 85661
Do not turn Alvarado over
to Mexicans. Odemy has been asked
for opinion on this matter.
Advise if Odemy in Mexi attempts
to get you to act on turning Alvarado
over to Mexicans.

Mexico 11-28 85663
Odemy requests Kubark turn
Alvarado over to Mexican police.
Mexicans will be requested to
administer polygraph.

Mexico 11-28 85667 re: 7120
no fluent Spanish speaking
flatter man available.

Mexico 11-29 85669
Cortezoid 3 should go to
Mexico - can be used as consultant
to Mexicans

Mexico 11-29 85672
Request for continual updates on
Durán & Alvarado interviews.

Mexico 11-29 85712
Time is of essence in reporting
what Mexicans are learning from
Alvarado & Durán. Up to know
we have been forwarding messages
to Odemy. Pls give info immediately
to Odemy Mexico City and they
will cable Odemy Wjgs.

Mexico 11-30 86064
Heard Alvarado confessed he lied
Cable details of interrogation.
"what threats, promises, inducements
and tactics used by Astenzo." "Was
Alvarado physically mistreated?" "Much?"
Did Alvarado hear false story of bank
deposit? Urge Nic. not to do away
w/ him. Question of Oswald
acting solely on own still unanswered.

Mexico 12-3 86563
Alvarado will be polygraphed due to
retraction of confession.

we do not want him returned to Nicaragua till he is flattered. Arrange w/ a tempo to release Alvarado to us for few days.

2. Pablo Davis of Kusod will arrive 12-4. Do not blow him and prefer Mexicans not be aware of plans to flatter Alvarado. Davis will be in charge of flatter.

Clark Anderson will act as interpreter so he can testify at later hearings.

Alvarado should not be in fear of bodily harm and should be fed and rested. The question of him returning to Nicaragua should be open, this gives flatter man "maximum maneuvering room".

Mexico 86621 12-4

Plan and progress for Alvarado flatter good. Else hotel. Idea of 2 Spanish speaking interrogators good.

Mexico 86659 12-4

Arrival plans for Davis

Mexico 12-5 86976

Did Davis get through customs alright?

Mexico 12-7 87666

Alvarado will be returned to ~~the~~ Nicaragua - story is a hoop avoid anything which would induce

and to this end

Alvarado to resume fabrication
We request Mexican + Nicaraguan
authorities take no punitive actions.

Mexico 12-12 88642

Odenry wishes to wind up
analysis of case and needs the
results of interrogation of Duran
& husband during second arrest.
We conjecture she may not have
be interrogated.

Mexico 12-12 88650

Do not erase the Cuban +
Soviet tapes made between 11-22 and
present.

Mexico 12-16 89366

In para 2 Duran states
Aparicio has a telephone - 141299.
Who is Aparicio and is that
his number?
Asks have monitors identify voices
of various Soviets to whom Oswald
or Duran dealt w/ on the telephone

Mexico 12-20 90466

Present plan in passing info to
W.C. is to eliminate mention of telephone
taps in order to protect your continuing
ops. But will rely on Duran statements
and Soviet files on Oswald.

Director 11-23 67190

Mexi suggest to Litemps 2 that Duran be arrested immediately and held incommunicado.

Director 11-23 67236
- Arrest of Duran (notifications)

Director 11-24 67252
in 1-63 Duran seen in 2 cars w/ Texas Plates.

Director 11-24 67261
1. Oswald entered Nuevo Laredo on 9-26
2. Left by auto 10-3-63

Director 11-24 67262
Mann was very pleased re: 84917 about arrest of Duran but hopes Washington can decide leaks

Director 11-24- 6728
Cerverria told COS Duran completely cooperative.

Director 11-24 67378
re content of Duran interview
nothing new

