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[Gilberto ALVARADO - Ugarte]

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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.

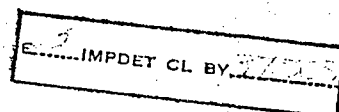
3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

*Rodger S. Gabrielson*  
Rodger S. Gabrielson

Attachment

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Cynthia Cooper  
6-9

11-23-77

To Mexico 11-22 cite 84802  
use all your facilities to follow  
& report soviet embassy activity & reaction  
during these hours.

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

To Mexico 11-23 84837  
asked for following info on Kostikov  
- travels  
- whereabouts 11-22 and activities in Nov  
- 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/ Gen. Gavrilovich Gerasimov (who in close  
contact w/ 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, fact  
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 ~~then~~ Russia  
were. Was he leaving immediately  
or going to return (to states of the  
Sug-Durand should be questioned very  
carefully on this point.

Mexico 11-24 84921

5 licence plates\* and persons belonging  
to - having to do w/ Duran.

Mexico 11-25 84926

Request of cable summary of info on  
Duran. Also request Altamil Nune  
be questioned as to his knowledge on  
SNO 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 message~~d~~ 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. Analyse 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 Lienroy but Duran statements essentially the same so pls. send translated versions of her statements.

Mexico 11-27 85258

2. Odemzy 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: Meri 7101

1. These instructions coordinated w/  
Odacid and Odemzy

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 55371

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

Mexico 11-27 85391

Info from Odemzy re: licence  
plates reference

belonging to S. Morgan Daniels

Merminio Duarte Martins.

Mexico 11-27

85469

Mexi  
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. Odensky has jurisdiction in Wash. Both Odacid & Kubark attempting to follow wires.

3. There is a feeling in 3 agencies Mann is pushing case too hard re: 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 Mex. 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

Mexi

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 \$500 could be misleading and give support to Alvarado. But story is uncorroborated. Pls. do not assume this office is in possession of facts known to Odemey or Dallas PD. Odemey has requested full info on this story from the 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. Odemey has been asked for opinion on this matter.

Advise if Odemey in Mexi attempts to get you to act on turning Alvarado over to Mexicans.

Mexico 11-28

85663

Odemey requests Kurbank 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  
Orthoid 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 Odessa. Pls give info immediately  
to Odessa Mexico City and they  
will cable Odessa Wjgo.

Mexico 11-30 86064  
Heard Alvarado confessed he lied.  
Cable details of interrogation.  
"what threats, promises, inducements  
and tactics used by Oitepsd." "Was  
Alvarado physically mistreated?" "Much?"  
Did Alvarado hear false story of bank  
deposit? Urge Nic. not to be 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. nr: 7203



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?  
Pls. have monitors identify voices  
of various Soviets to whom Oswald  
or Duran dealt w/ on the telephone

Mexico 12-20 90466

Present plan an 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

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

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

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  
Cerveria told COS Duran completely cooperative.

Director 11-24 6738  
re: content of Duran interview  
nothing new

Director 11-26 68291  
Station office & security officer  
are interviewing Alvarado. Request  
traces on Alvarado.

Director 11-26 68376  
cable gives account of Alvarado's  
story.

Director 11-26 68400  
from Mann  
for McCone, Rusk & Hoover  
Mann with compliance from  
Schoo and Anderson suggests  
confronting Susan w/ Alvarado.  
3. "If she did break under  
interrogation and we suggest mediums  
should be asked to go all out in  
seeing that she does"

Director 11-27 68496  
1. Mann has asked State  
that Odumby officer be sent for  
briefing off U.S. angle of case.

Director 11-27 68542  
Mann feels not fully briefed  
on Oswald/Rubinstein case.  
Chief Odumby in Mexi feels this  
might be interpreted as a lack of  
confidence in him

COI feels Chief Odenry one of best  
and most cooperative and  
Mann has expressed satisfaction  
with Chief Odenry many times.

But Odenry should send officer  
to satisfy Mann unless Johnson  
can convince Mann that he is  
receiving all information.

Director 11-27 68530  
Alvarado's story being checked  
thoroughly, be reinterviewed in  
greatest detail, has been moved to  
safe address. Close surveillance  
put on Duran as of 11-26 by  
Cheverria.

Director 11-27 69127  
Alvarado reinterviewed 11-26.  
Identified photos of Cuban consulate  
personnel not by name but by  
height, duties, skin coloring, disposition,  
etc.  
Reenacted passing of money  
Spoke of background.

Director 11-27 69 between 69131-69147  
Duran has been rearrested because  
trying to leave Mexico for Cuba.

Director 11-27 69225  
from Mann

1. In taped telephone ~~conv~~ conversation  
Armas & Dorticos, Dorticos again  
expressed concern that the Mexican  
police had questioned Duran about money.

2. Alvarado questioned again  
wealth of detail makes story  
striking.

3. Chevarria later denied to  
legal attache that he had any concrete  
evidence that Duran was about to go  
to Cuba. Contradictory statements  
made are explained (by desire of  
government of Mexi to play down  
importance of Oswald visit there  
Chevarria stated Dorticos only  
wanted to know if Mexicans tried  
to pay Duran for story.  
Suggest ~~they~~ Mexican authorities  
arrest Ozene, Luisa Calderon  
and Alfredo Mirabel.

Director 11-27 69310

Seems that Alvarados story  
only proves he's been in Cuban  
embassy. Asks for (Nic) Jerez  
to be present to put Nicaraguan  
weight with no questions.

Director 11-28 69620

Request authorization to turn  
Alvarado over to Litempos w/ brief  
explanation. w/ approval

Brief explanation includes that he plans to travel to Cuba w/ false Mexican papers "Latter point alone gives Mexicans good reason to subject him to detailed interrogation".  
of turnover station would plan no further contact with Alvarado.

Director 11-28 69636

Durans reaction at Cuban embassy after interrogation said had been threatened with extradition to US to face Oswald but was unafraid.

Neither L-7 or L-9 had any knowledge of Oswald being in the Cuban Embassy at any time.



Director 11-28 69659 re: 85371

The second pickup of Duran by Gov. initiative shows Mexican desire to cooperate. Chevarría received instructions from Litensor not to release until Curtis said so. At HQ request Curtis furnished questions. Decision re: release must be Mexicans.

Director 11-28 69670  
Request for Spanish speaking  
flatter man, if Alvarado agrees.

Director 11-28 69676  
Mexican are pleased to pick up Alvarado for questioning. Unless something new turns up in his interrogation or Duran's she will be released during night of 11-28 or early 11-29. Chevarría advised the Mexican Government refused to pick up or accept the rude note given to Amb. Boques in Havana by Cuban Foreign Minister - Raúl Roa.

Director 11-29 70103  
Duran released 1900 hrs. 11-28  
She still appears to Mexicans only involved w/ Oswald for business

Director

1. Litemps 4 11-29 70145  
gives same story Mexicans as given  
to Station. Except failed to  
identify picture of Duran.  
2. Interrogation continues. Alvarado  
till now suave, has begun to get  
tougher.  
3. Alvarado gives same story  
as reason he is in Mexico.  
4. Litemps 4 does not believe  
story and will try to "break".

Director

11-30

70530

1. Litemps 4 (very intelligent officer)  
says: talked w/ Alvarado  
1 hr morning 11-29  
3 hrs afternoon 11-29  
2. First session Litemps 4 thought  
Alvarado telling "fantastic" lie.  
After second session and all  
interim Alvarado sticking to story.  
Either telling the truth essentially  
or he is the best liar I have  
talked to in ~~the~~ many years  
and I have talked to some of  
the biggest. Litemps inclined  
to believe Alvarado but believes  
he is mixed up on dates.

\* Thyroid 3 appears to have just  
arrived and not seen Litemps 4  
yet.

Note - between 70530 and 70860  
there is no mention of further interrogation  
or meetings between Litempo 4 and Cthyroid 3.  
Director 11-30 70860

1. Litempo 4 & Cthyroid 3 met evening of 11-29 "unofficially" and C<sup>3</sup> reported on Alvarado's background. He told Litempo 4 that Alvarado has been "75% accurate" in his reporting and had had access and furnished good information on communists in past. He said, however, that Alvarado inclined "to go off on his own" at times and impossible control.
2. At 1030 hours 11-30 Litempo 4 reported to COS that Alvarado has signed a statement saying that story of seeing Oswald inside Cuban Embassy is completely false. Did not call the U.S. Embassy on 9-28 first call was 9-25.
3. Part about wanting false Mexican documentation and go to Cuba for sabotage training is true.
4. Motive was to get U.S. to take action against ~~the~~ M. Castro.

the time mixup is this  
70530 slated 2135 11-29.

Director 12-2 71902

1. Ethyroid 3 saw Alvarado first time 12-2 and reverted to previous story. Did call PB SUTING to report (PBBUTING invid. does not support. He was threatened ~~by~~ <sup>with</sup> hanging by testicles.

2. Alvarado not their agent when visited Cuban Embassy according to CPB

3. Reported that Alvarado was being deported and F3 would be able to interrogate him fully.

Director 12-3 72684

Mann sent cable to Johnson advising him of Alvarado's story. Recommends Kulark & Odenny send flutter operator to Managua to interrogate Alvarado.

Director 12-3 72877

(12-5) 1. Chevarria agrees to lend Alvarado to COS

2. Questioning held either safehouse or hotel - Please advise.

3. Clark Anderson or Joe Garcia will act as interpreter.

4. Request Ethyroid 3 be advised by ops. in Mexico to stay

Director 12-5 74273

1. Peter K Woodhead arrived and got through customs no problem.
2. Interrogation held Apt #3 Calle Merida 1166

Anderson alone will interpret for Woodhead.

Director 12-6 74696

1. Alvarado bitter at Mexicans and embassy for turning him over
2. Question of Flutten not yet broached. Migration inspectors taking him out for a good meal tonight in hopes of prolonging upswing of ~~the~~ rapport reached Howard End of session

Director 12-7 75571

Cathyroid 3 returning Managua 12-7

Director 12-7 75588

Flutten shows subject fabricating story

Alvarado returning Managua 12-8

Director 12-10 77704

6 Tapes of Alvarado being  
pouched and sent 12-10.

Director 12-12 79373

Duran during second interrogation  
that

no affiliation w/ Soviet Embassy  
or CCP

remembered Oswald perfectly well  
no glasses

Knew of no red headed negro  
& had no plans to go to Cuba