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Bill - Per Alice Bashaw through check of Mexi Desk cards, ALVARADO is

Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte
201-740221

Our Nic Desk records indicate he was an informant for ERYTHROID-3, official liaison contact in Nic at time under review. E-3's name is not JEREZ, and we have no info to indicate there has ~~ex~~ ever been a Nic asset or liaison contact named JEREZ. Mr. R. B. HOLMES, CI/EXO, has ALVARADO's 201 on temporary charge. I talked to him by phone and he said he has read A's file and would agree he was not our asset. It would appear JEREZ might have been a Nic security official or embassy official, but this is sheer conjecture on my part.

Kay Mauer LA/phncr

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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.

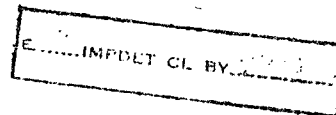
2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.

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
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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's 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
of crew Larilovich Oflerger (who in close
contact of Cuban consul)

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Mexico 11-23 F4916
Arrest of Duran could prejudice
U.S. GOVT. freedom of action on entire
question of CUBAN 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

F+19 missing

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 of Ind.
Sug - Duran should be questioned very
carefully on this point.

Mexico 11-24 F4921
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 ASSET
be questioned w/ to his knowledge on
LHO contacts w/ Cuban, a Soviet Embassy

Mexico 11-25 84952
Obtain and cable reports or
statements on Duran + husband.

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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 most action.
2. Note Alvarado's claim still in Nicaraguan service although Managua's belief he was dropped 8-68.
3. Rusk and Hoover might have recommendations on this problem after further consideration.

The explanation for gaps is that all cables sent by the defector 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 ~~ASSET~~ but Duran statements essentially the same so pls. send translated versions of her statements.

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Mexico 11-27 85258

2. ~~FBI~~ says -

Orskold 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: Mex 7101

1. These instructions coordinated w/
~~DEPT OF STATE~~ and ~~FBI~~

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 - ~~Mexicans~~
"We want Mexican Authorities to take
responsibility for whole affair."

Mexico 11-27 85391
Info from ~~FBI~~ re: licence
plates reference
belonging to P. Morgan Daniels
J. J. Mermino Duarte Martins.

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Mexico 11-27 85469 Mexi re: 7104

2. Have discussed 7104 with Alexis Johnson. Wants Mann to know that requested ~~and~~ instructions will probably not be forthcoming prior 11-28. FBI has jurisdiction in Wash. Both

DEPT OF STATE CIA attempting to follow wishes. 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 STATE 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 MO 9-19 with this info clear that Alvarado is a fabricator and psychiatric help could be suggested.

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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. Pls. do
not assume this office is in possession
of facts known to FBI or Dallas. FBI
FBI 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. FBI has been asked
for opinion on this matter.
Advise if FBI in Mexi attempts
to get you to act on turning Alvarado
over to Mexicans.

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

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

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

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

Mexico 11-29 85712
Time is of essence in reporting
what Mexicans are learning from
Alvarado & Surdan. Up to know
we have been forwarding messages
to ~~FBI~~. Also give info immediately
to ~~FBI~~ Mexico City and they
will call ~~FBI~~ Wjgs.

Mexico 11-30 86064
Heard Alvarado confessed he lied.
Cable details of interrogation.
"what threats, promises, inducements
and tactics used by ~~ASSET~~." "Was
Alvarado physically mistreated?" "Much?"
Did Alvarado hear false story of bank
deposit? Urge Ric. 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.

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