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Re Bureau cable 8/29/67.

Information was received as follows on 8/29/67 from ERNESTO ABREU GOMEZ, Chief of the Laboratory of the Yucatan State Police at Merida, Yucatan, Mexico (a former CI who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected).

The source is personally acquainted with RICHARD CAIN because he attended classes in the polygraph given by CAIN in Mexico some years ago.

CAIN appeared in Merida about the middle of September 1966 accompanied by the subject. They were in Merida only a short while and said they were traveling by air destined for Mexico City. They claimed they were coming from Guatemala. CAIN and subject went to the source's office and spoke with him, apparently based on the previous association.

Although there is little doubt concerning the identity of the subject at Nubes 2 in Cuernavaca, this office does not feel that the subject's presence in Mexico has been so conclusively and officially confirmed as to constrain us to notify Mexican Immigration at this time. However, this situation may change from day to day, particularly if they conduct any active inquiry in Cuernavaca concerning subject.

MEX 25 and MEX 55 as of 8/29/67 reported no new developments in Cuernavaca. MEX 42 and MEX 196 of the same date reported no new developments concerning surveillances conducted in Mexico City.

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It is anticipated that personnel of this office will be initiating further discreet inquiries in the Cuernavaca area and possibly may initiate direct contact with the Chief of the Police there. *X Q M*

It is noted that Mexican Immigration has repeatedly assured this office that subject is "circularized," that is, on their stop lists at the various ports of entry to be denied entry into Mexico. Yet he is almost certain to have entered Mexico probably on several occasions since the issuance of the stop notice. Experience has shown that such stop notices are not particularly effective, both because of the enormous volume of tourists entering Mexico and because of the venality of the Immigration Agents. *Q M*

By far the most convenient direct access to Mexico is by air to the Mexico City International Airport. It is considered that the stops placed at this airport are the most effective because of the more orderly operation, higher caliber of personnel and the number of inspectors involved, and especially since the stop there was regularly re-emphasized by and known to be backed by high governmental officials. Therefore it was considered that it would have been precarious for the subject to fly into Mexico City and that this convenient access to his property in Cuernavaca had been denied him. *Q M*

Subject's appearance in Merida suggests that he is using this method to avoid immigration scrutiny at the Mexico City Airport. Incoming international flights clear Customs at Merida and subsequently upon arrival at Mexico City may freely pass to their ground transportation. It would be relatively simple to make an "arrangement" at the Merida Airport to insure no difficulty, and subject could, for example, pass freely between Florida and Mexico City. *Q M*

The Bureau and Chicago will be kept advised of developments. *Q M*