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On 1/22-23/64, YLARIO ROJAS VILLANUEVA, Manuel Acuna #1367, Guadalajara, was interviewed at the American Consulate in Guadalajara. He stated that he was born in Ciudad Manuel Doblado in the state of Guanajuato, but he did not know the year and guessed it was about 1932 or 1933. He further stated he also used the name ELADIO VILLANUEVA ROJAS. He explained that his mother's name was ESTEFANIA ROJAS and that his father, whose surname was VILLANUEVA, was not known by him and, therefore, most of the time he prefers to use his mother's maiden name, ROJAS, instead of his true name according to his father, VILLANUEVA. He stated that actually he was born on a ranch near Ciudad Manuel Doblado, Guanajuato. The name of this ranch is Guayabo de Santa Rita and his mother and other relatives still reside on the ranch. ~~SECRET~~ **SECRET**

He stated that he completed the sixth grade at a ranch school and his formal schooling ended at the age of 14, at which time he began to do ranch work and continued until about 1949, when he claims to have traveled to the United States border and crossed illegally into the United States, where he was employed by a man named MacILVANEY (phonetic) at El Centro, California, near Highway 49 and Roxsie Street. This individual had a drainage and irrigation business. ROJAS claims to have worked approximately seven years and that he was finally picked up by U. S. Immigration and this agency allowed him to leave the United States voluntarily sometime in 1954, at which time he was also fingerprinted. ~~SECRET~~ **SECRET**

During this seven-year period, he claims to have married ALICIA GALVEZ and that a child of this marriage was born in the United States. ALICIA, according to ROJAS, ~~SECRET~~ **SECRET**

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woman he met at Cozumel was named CRISTINA. He also claimed that the unidentified American's, named ALBERT, full name was contained in said notebook and also claimed that the name LEE HARVEY OSWALD was also in the notebook. ~~X~~ u ↑

5. Although ROJAS personally was unable to fix the time of his arrival at Cozumel, he stated that he was in contact with a Mexican Air Force Sergeant stationed at Cozumel and who was a recent arrival. ROJAS claimed to have forgotten this Sergeant's name, but said the Sergeant had assisted him in keeping watch on said Cubans, ALBERT and LEE HARVEY OSWALD. ~~X~~ u

6. ROJAS claimed that the Cubans and OSWALD stayed at the Hotel Playa in Cozumel. He also stated that ALBERT stayed at the Hotel Isleno in Cozumel. ~~X~~ u

7. ROJAS claimed that OSWALD came to Cozumel twice from Jamaica by plane. ~~X~~ u

DANIEL SOLIS, Municipal Policeman at Cozumel, was interviewed on 2/24-25/64. The original contact was made with SOLIS in the presence of a well-known Cozumel resident, NASSIM JOAQUIM. SOLIS again repeated the statement, previously referred to in this file, which information he furnished [redacted] on about 2/15/64, that he had not received either of the two letters supposedly sent him by ROJAS at Guadalajara during the latter part of January 1964 or early part of February 1964. After a "feeling out period" during the interview, SOLIS produced the ROJAS notebook. The appearance of said notebook apparently is the same as the one described by ROJAS at Guadalajara. ~~X~~

(S) SOLIS hinted that he might have misinformed [redacted] concerning the length of ROJAS' stay in Cozumel for the purpose of possibly protecting his relative, ROJAS, who is actually the uncle of SOLIS' wife, and also because he paid little attention to the actual length of ROJAS' stay. However, SOLIS recalled that ROJAS arrived on the ferry boat "Alberto" at the same time that SOLIS' new superior and Commander of the Police at Cozumel arrived, whose name ~~X~~ ↓

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