Assassination Records Review Board
Final Determination Notification

AGENCY: CIA
RECORD NUMBER: 104-10015-10398
RECORD SERIES: JFK
AGENCY FILE NUMBER: 201-289248

April 18, 1996

Status of Document: Postponed in Part

Number of releases of previously postponed information: 5
Reason for Board Action: The Review Board's decision was premised on several factors including: (a) the significant historical interest in the document in question; (b) the absence of evidence that the release of the information would cause harm to the United States or to any individual.

Number of Post postponements: 3

Postponement # 1 (Page 1):
Reason for Board Action: The text is redacted because it reveals the identity of an intelligence agent that properly may be withheld under Section 6(1)(A) of the JFK Act. The Board is awaiting additional evidence from the CIA, at which time it will reconsider the postponement.

Substitute Language: Use pseudonym.
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Postponement # 2 (Page 1):
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Postponement # 3 (Page 2):
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1. IN THE FACE OF MOUNTING EVIDENCE THAT ALVARADO IS FABRICATING HIS STORY OF SEEKING OSWALD MAKE MONEY IN THE CUBAN EMBASSY, URGE YOU FOLLOW UP WITH HIS LOCAL NIC CASE OFFICER AND AVAIL YOURSELF OF THE HELP OF THE NIC SERVICE, WHICH CAN SEND ENTHYROID 3, A GOOD KUBARK ASSET, TO HELP IN THE INTERROGATION. WE FIND IT INCREDIBLE THAT THE CUBANS WOULD BRIEF AND PAY AN ASSASSIN IN FRONT OF A NIC INTERLOPER. WE THINK IT POSSIBLE OR EVEN LIKELY THAT HE HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY AS A NIC AGENT TRYING TO INFILTRATE CUBA AND HAS PICKED UP THE NAMES AND FACES THERE IN SO DOING. ALL HE HAS SAID ABOUT OSWALD HE COULD HAVE GOTTEN FROM THE NEWSPAPERS, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN INCORRECT ITEMS SUCH AS HIS STATEMENT THAT OSWALD WORE GLASSES.

2. THE FACT THAT ALVARADO IS A CALM, NICE, AND INTELLIGENT YOUNG MAN DOES NOT MEAN HE IS NOT A FABRICATOR. FYI WE AND OTHER AGENCIES ARE BEING FLOODED BY FABRICATIONS ON THE GPFLOOR CASE FROM SEVERAL CONTINENTS, SOME ORIGINATING WITH PEOPLE ON THE FRINGES OF THE INTELLIGENCE BUSINESS. SUCH FABRICATIONS ARE NOT USUALLY DONE FOR MONEY, BUT OUT OF SICKLY FANCY AND A DESIRE TO GET INTO THE INTELLIGENCE GAME.

3. WE DO NOT THINK IT A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE THAT BOTH DORITOS AND ALVARADO TALK ABOUT MONEY PAID TO OSWALD. FOR ONE THING, PAY FOR AN ASSASSIN IS A FACTOR

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which immediately rises in the mind of expert and layman alike. Secondly, Dorcigos may have heard through some Russian or Cuban source in the Mexican government that Duran was asked whether the Cubans paid Oswald for the alleged assignment.

4. While we do not insist that Alvarado’s story is beyond all belief, we do urge that Mexico place it and Alvarado under the most searching scrutiny. His interrogators must probe deeply into his make-up and lead him back through the thought processes which may have led him to make this possible mis-step. In securing confessions of fabrication, a sympathetic attitude, stressing awareness of the severe mental strain the subject must be under, and with generous recognition of his “basically fine motivation,” coupled with promises of face-saving secrecy, and even specious hopes of “useful” future cooperation are often effective. Hours must be devoted to these tactics.

5. Have just received Mexi 71074. Concur that Wana lend all assistance and induce NIC Service to cooperate; think there is just no possibility that this is a NIC frame-up, but hope NIC cooperation will prove helpful.

G/S Comment: *IN 69310–If Hqs. agrees, suggest Major Lopez be cabled to cooperate without question and be present during interrogation.