MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

3 December 1963

SUBJECT: Lee Harvey OSWALD

At 10:10 hours on 3 December, Mr. Papich of the FBI advised that the Bureau had received a cable last night from the Legal Attaché in Mexico City who is in touch with our representative there. He stated that our representative had been informed by Captain Wheeldon of the Nicaraguan Intelligence Service that ALVARADO told him, Wheeldon, that he recanted his original story because of fear of physical harm; that Alvarado was being deported from Mexico to Nicaragua on 4 December 1963 and would be accompanied by Wheeldon; that Wheeldon assured our representative that Alvarado would be available for further interview in Nicaragua if the United States desired.

Mr. Papich stated that the Bureau would like to have him subjected to a polygraph examination by this Agency and would appreciate receiving word as soon as possible as to whether we will handle the matter since if we will not handle it the FBI will have to determine what other steps might be taken to see that this is done. I advised Mr. Papich that I would check into the matter, that I did not know whether we had available at this time a polygraph operator who could properly handle this matter but in any event I would let him know whether this can be done.

Birch D. O'Neal
Chief, CI/SIG

cc: Mr. Whitten

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