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COMPILATION OF CONCLUSIONS AND OTHER RHETORIC FROM
MEXICO CITY REPORT (Lopez)

Note: I thought that the following excerpts would be useful for the reviewers. I have attempted to organize the excerpts by subject.

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CIA as "Investigative Agency"

When President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22, 1963, the United States investigative agencies--FBI, CIA, Secret Service, etc.--were asked to investigate the assassination. 351

Silvia Duran

The Central Intelligence Agency had relied on Duran's statements but had deleted Duran's description of Oswald as blonde and short. 706/ It had also excised Duran's statement=="The only aid she could give Oswald was advising that he see the Soviet Consul, and calling the person in charge of that office" which alluded to Oswald asking for some type of aid at the Cuban Consulate. 707/ In addition, Ms. Duran's strong statement "He never called her back" 707a/ was changed to "she does not recall whether or not Oswald later telephoned her at the Consulate number that she gave him. 707b/ Had the statements been included, the Warren Commission's conclusions would not have seemed as strong. 357

The Committee found no evidence in this file review that Silvia Duran was either an American or Mexican intelligence agent.) ...the Committee has interviewed most of the Mexico City Station employees about the possibility. Only David Phillips, Chief of Covert Action and the Cuban Section in the Mexico City Station in 1963, a position which made him very knowledgeable, considered that Duran was possibly an agent or source. 364

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Another CIA employee, ⁰³ who worked on an "Oswald Task Force" in late September or early October of 1975 dealing with Freedom of Information Act law suits brought against the Agency concerning the files on Lee Harvey Oswald, stated that he believed that Ms. Duran may have been a source of information for either the CIA or the Mexicans. 771/ 367

Mr. Hidalgo, professing not to remember all the details, stated that he thought that Duran was a Cuban intelligence agent.) 368

With no corroborating evidence for Mr. Hidalgo's memory, the Committee must conclude that Silvia Duran was probably never employed by Cuban Intelligence. 369

Visit to Cuban Consulate

Lee Harvey Oswald visited the Cuban Consulate three times on September 27, 1963, not twice as the Warren Commission previously reported. 712/ Oswald first visited the Cuban Consulate at approximately 11:00 a.m., requesting an intransit visa to Cuba with Russia as the final destination. 713/ He showed her some documents, then left to obtain photographs needed for his application. 714/ Oswald returned at approx. 1:00 p.m. with four photographs. 715/ 359

Oswald returned to the Cuban Consulate between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., which was after normal working hours, 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. 723 The guard called Tirado, stating that someone who did not speak Spanish was at the gate inquiring about a visa.) 724/ 360

CIA Declined To Aid

The Committee next asked the Central Intelligence Agency to arrange interviews with LICHANT/1 (Manuel Calvillo), LICOOKIE/1 (June Cobb), who may have had information related to Lee Harvey Oswald's trip to Mexico City. 990/ The Central Intelligence Agency declined to aid the Committee in this aspect of the investigation. 991/

The Committee returned to Mexico City on August 7, 1978 and attempted to locate June Cobb Sharp and Manuel Calvillo on its own. 992/ 393-394

U.S. Interference

The Committee believes that there is a possibility that a U.S. Government agency requested the Mexican government to refrain from aiding the Committee with this aspect of its work. 395

Oswald's Spanish

The reporter described Oswald as a strange and introverted individual who spoke very little Spanish. 1030/ 399

Oswald Imposter

The Committee notes the possibility, but does not conclude, that the missing production from the pulse camera and the LILYRIC base has something to do with the possibility that someone impersonated Oswald in Mexico. 410

AMLASH

Professor Blakey stated that the Committee was no longer interested in interviewing Rolando Cubella.

Captain Felipe Villa stated that the Cuban government, relying on the seriousness and honesty of the Committee's work, thought that the Committee should have knowledge of Cubela's statements. 453

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On 28 August 1978, at 10:25 a.m., HSCA representatives interviewed Rolando Cubela Secades in Room 2003 at the Hotel Riviera. Present were Congressman Richardson Preyer, G. Robert Blakey, Edwin Juan Lopez Soto, Richardo Escartin, Captain Felipe Villa, Senen Buergo, Antonio Hernandez, translator Nellie Rios de Zarade and two stenographers. Also present was Antonio Hernandez who escorted Mr. Cueba from prison to the Hotel. 1235/ The interview ended at 11:45 p.m.

Proenza / Proenza

At 3:25 p.m., HSCA representatives interviewed Maria Teresa Proenza y Proenza in Room 2003 of the Hotel Riviera. Present were Congressman Richardson Preyer, G. Robert Blakey; Edwin Juan Lopez Soto, Richardo Escartin, Captain Felipe Villa, Senen Buergo, Antonio Hernandez, translator Nellie Ruiz de Zarade and two stenographers. 1236/ The interview ended at 4:15 p.m.

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