

Additional Discussion Topics for 28 October Meeting with HSCA Researchers

Oswald in Mexico City

A. CIA Operations in Mexico City

1. Operational Files to be requested by ARRB

2. Insights on Sources and Methods

Electronic Surveillance

- Telephone Taps
- Wiretaps
- Bugs
- STAFF D operations: was any production from additional site ever reviewed?
- Clarification of references to “methods of communication available that were not incorporated into the CIA record keeping system?” (p.115)

Photographic Surveillance

- CIA cooperation in providing HSCA with production from photo. collection at Soviet and Cuban Embassies
- Why were production logs from Base 2 not made available for review by HSCA?(This base covered A.M. hours: 0900-1400/1500)
- What attempts were made to gain access to this material?
- Stories regarding photo of LHO (headshots from behind)

Questions:

- How was it determined that intercepted conversations were obtained by wiretaps as opposed to telephone taps? (CIA claims only had telephone taps at that time.)
- In report are references to telephone taps and wiretaps used interchangeably or do they refer to distinctly separate methods?
- Was there any evidence that CIA also had bugs in either the Soviet or Cuban Embassies?

B. CIA Personnel in Mexico City

1. Suggestions for Possible Interviews

- Were there any relevant players not interviewed who should have been, or who failed to cooperate?

2. Gaps in Testimonies

C. Leads on Whereabouts of Possible “Missing” Files or Photos

- What conclusions were reached regarding additional (missing?) transcript marked urgent in

which LHO reportedly identified himself and indicated he was seeking aid?

D. Unresolved Issues

- Was CIA forthcoming with providing information derived from all types of operations?
- Confusion as to whether a voice comparison was conducted. Were all leads followed to verify one way or another?
- Was the question regarding the procedures for processing and destroying tapes ever resolved?
- Discrepancies in handling/expediting conversations of special interest.
 - According to CIA officials, tapes were routinely erased after 2 weeks, which would have meant roughly 10/16/63.
 - CIA HQ taking interest in Oswald by 10/9; MEXC opened "P" file by 10/15.
 - The 201 file was in the possession of the Mexico City desk at the time of the assassination; had file since 10 Oct. when it received report about LHO's visit to Soviet Embassy.
 - Why no photos?

E. Significance of Discrepancies in Silvia Tirado de Duran's Testimony

- Initial statement that "Cuban Consul spoke to Soviet Consul official" was missing from most subsequent reports.
- Did the HSCA ever have access to original testimony/interview of Tirado by Mexican officials? Were any inquiries made to determine disposition?