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to: Peggy Grafeld
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re: Proposed Cable to Mexico City
date: June 30, 2017
pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

Please replace the proposed Mexico City cable sent to you yesterday (and the one faxed but not mailed earlier today) with this one.

Thank you.

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From the desk of...
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Cable to AMEMBASSY MEXICO CITY

1. The Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 (the "Act") was signed into law on October 26, 1992. The Act established a process for identifying and securing all records relating to the assassination of President Kennedy and collecting them in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland. The Act also established the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) to coordinate and oversee the process. The Department has been working closely with the ARRB to ensure full compliance with these requirements and over a year ago produced its collection for public access at the National Archives.
2. There remains, however, one provision of the Act for which the Secretary must rely on your offices for implementation. The Act envisioned an approach to foreign governments for any records that they might possess. Specifically, Section 10 (b)(2) of the Act states that it is the "sense of Congress that the Secretary of State should contact [any] foreign government that may hold information relevant to the assassination and seek disclosure of such information."
3. In its Congressionally mandated search for assassination records, the ARRB wishes to determine whether the Mexican government or local government agencies in Mexico maintain records that are related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The ARRB notes that the assassination of President Kennedy attracted the attention of the world, and that the response of the Mexican government to the event would be of interest. In addition, records of Mexican authorities concerning Lee Harvey Oswald's visit to Mexico City in September/October 1963 would be of immense interest.
4. Without being aware of the structure and organization of potentially relevant Mexican files, the ARRB cannot provide specific guidance on the appropriate strategy for ensuring a comprehensive search. The ARRB is willing to provide any additional information that may be required. Any search for records should include the following:
 - (a) Any and all records related to the activities of the Mexican authorities described in the diplomatic notes to the United States Embassy in Mexico City from the Mexican Secretariat of Foreign Relations No. 504826 dated May 10, 1964, and No. 505503 dated June 9, 1964. These activities include:
 - closure of the border by the Department of the Interior on November 22, 1963;
 - deployment of troops that same date "to tighten surveillance in the

border area, especially at Reynosa, Ciudad Miguel Aleman, Nuevo Matamoros;" and

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-- investigation of Oswald's trip to Mexico City in September/October 1963, and especially of his means of entering and exiting Mexico and his contacts with Silvia Tirado Duran, an employee of the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City.

(b) Any and all documents that identify American requests to Mexico for information about the assassination and the Mexican responses to those requests.

(c) Any and all documents, studies, inquiries or investigations by Mexican government entities of the assassination.