

MEMORANDUM

September 23, 1997

To: Laura Denk
Kevin Tiernan

From: Sarah Ahmed

Subject: Summary of Charles Small File, As Part of Request for Additional Information (FBI-15)

I have completed my review of two volumes of the FBI Mexico City Legal Atache on Charles Small File, FBI number 100-1535 and one volume of FBI number 100-1534, that the FBI produced in response to our request for additional information. The majority of documents in the file relate to Small's interest in circulation of Communist publications and family correspondence with those who had similar concerns.

Charles Small also known as Charles Nelson Smolikoff was a member of the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM) and owner of a "tourist-type" store in Mexico. He displayed an interest in reading and distributing Communist writings, encouraged friendships with Communists visiting Mexico, and assisted these friends when possible.

File 100-1534 Volume 1 Serial Scope 1-1849

- **100-1534-359**

10/9/62 FBI report of Charles Small and wife planning to be out of Mexico City during the visit of President Kennedy in June of 1962 to avoid possible arrest

- **100-1534-759**

11/27/63 report of conversation between Small and his son discussing the assassination. His son asked about what effects the assassination would have on left wing groups, Small's response was that it was not helpful, rather he believed developments would depend upon the international situation. He also stated that because of the way the

Kennedy administration was heading in
a crackdown on leftists

(page U).

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- **100-1534-759**

11/18/64 report that Charles Small worried that he may have met

Lee Harvey Oswald during Oswald's trip to Mexico since many
visiting Communists go to his store (page B).

File 100-1535 Volume 1 Serial Scope 1-2231

- no assassination records

File 100-1535 Volume 2 Serial Scope 2232-2265

- no assassination records

File 4.16.4 (FBI-15)
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