This document is made available through the declassification efforts
and research of John Greenewald, Jr., creator of:

The Black Vault

The Black Vault is the largest online Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) document clearinghouse in the world. The research efforts here are responsible for the declassification of hundreds of thousands of pages released by the U.S. Government & Military.

Discover the Truth at: **http://www.theblackvault.com**

104-10428-10151

Lee Harvey OSWALD P-8593 201-289248

SECRET

NB: Arr. on Flecha Roja Bus line #516 at c.1000 on 27 Sept, Friday. Registered at Hotel del Comercio

Item No.	DATE	TIME	CONTACT	REASON FOR CONTACT	SOURCE
	1963				
1.	27 Sept.	1037	Soviet Embassy	Wants visas to go to Odesa. Consul was not in. Subject told to call back at 1130.	LIENVOY
2.	27 Sept.	1605	Silvia DURAN calls Soviet Embassy (MO)	Silvia tells MO that the American citizen was there, the one who wants a visa for Cuba on his way to the Soviet Union and he wants to know with whom he was talking there because she (Silvia) had sent him to the Soviet Embassy saying that if they accepted him and gave him a visa then the Cubans (Embassy) would also give him a visa without further paper work only advising Immigration in Cuba and he wants to know with whom he had talked there because he says he was told there would be no problem. MO says to wait a moment. A different MO comes to phone and Silvia explains the same thing to him. This MO says to leave name and telephone number and he will call back. Silvia gives telephone 11-28-47 (Cuban Consulate). Silvia takes advantage of the phone call and states she has moved and wants to advise the Soviet Embassy of her change of address so that she can receive the boletin. MO says to call KOUKHARENKO to give her new address, then MO asks the name of the Consul or Cultural Attaché. Silvia says the name is Teresa PROENZA and the telephone number is 14-13-26. MO says thanks.	LIENVOY
3.	27 Sept.	1626	Soviet Embassy (MI) calls Silvia DURAN of Cuban Embassy	MI asks Silvia if the American had been there. Silvia says he is there now. MI says the American showed papers from the Consulate in Washington, that he wants to go to the Soviet Union and be there for a long time with his wife who is Russian, but the answer has not come from Washington in respect to this problem, and according to this procedure it takes four or five months, but without having permission from the Soviet Union they should ask, or better said, they cannot issue a visa here without asking Washington; however, according to this man he showed a letter indicating he was a member of an organization in favor of Cuba and that the Cubans said that they cannot issue a visa without his having a visa for the Soviet Union, and now MI does not know what to do with him (the American), because they have to wait for the answer from Washington. Silvia agrees the	LIENVOY

SECRET

E 2 IMPDET CL BY 059

201-289248

13-00000

Lee Harvey OSWALD P-8593 201-289248

SECRET

NB: Marina in her testimony says LHO told her he went four times to Sov. Emb. This does not seem to be case.

NB: Arr. on Flecha Roja Bus line #516 at c. 1000 on 27 Sept, Friday. Registered at Hotel del Comercio

Item No.	DATE	TIME	CONTACT	REASON FOR CONTACT	SOURCE
	1963				
	27 Sept. (Friday)	1037	Soviet Embassy *	Wants visas to go to Odesa. Consul was not in. Subject told to call back at 1130.	LIENVOY
			* 15-60-55 (NB: This is correct number. [illegible] other 5 below)		
	27 Sept.	1605	Silvia DURAN calls Soviet Embassy (MO) = Man outside)	Silvia tells MO that the American citizen was there, the one who wants a visa for Cuba on his way to the Soviet Union and he wants to know with whom he was talking there because she (Silvia) had sent him to the Soviet Embassy saying that if they accepted him and gave him a visa then the Cubans (Embassy) would also give him a visa without further paper work only advising Immigration in Cuba and he wants to know with whom he had talked there because he says he was told there would be no problem. MO says to wait a moment. A different MO comes to phone and Silvia explains the same thing to him. This MO says to leave name and telephone number and he will call back. Silvia gives telephone 11-28-47 (Cuban Consulate). Silvia takes advantage of the phone call and states she has moved and wants to advise the Soviet Embassy of her change of address so that she can receive the boletin. MO says to call KOUKHARENKO to give her new address, then MO asks the name of the Consul or Cultural Attaché. Silvia says the name is Teresa PROENZA and the telephone number is 14-13-26. MO says thanks.	LIENVOY
	27 Sept	1626	Soviet Embassy (MI) = man inside) / calls Silvia DURAN of Cuban Embassy	MI asks Silvia if the American had been there. Silvia says he is there now. MI says the American showed papers from the Consulate in Washington, that he wants to go to the Soviet Union and be there for a long time with his wife who is Russian, but the answer has not come from Washington in respect to this problem, and according to this procedure it takes four or five months, but without having permission from the Soviet Union they should ask, or better said, they cannot issue a visa here without asking Washington; however, according to this man he showed a letter indicating he was a member of an organization in favor of Cuba and that the Cubans said that they cannot issue a visa without his having a visa for the Soviet Union, and now MI does not know what to do with him (the American), because they have to wait for the answer from Washington. Silvia agrees the	LIENVOY

Is this a valid LHO call? Very doubtful.

Prob. sequence: 1. LHO went to Cuban Emb. saw Duran. [illegible] directed him to USSR Consulate. 2. LHO went to Sov. Emb. & talked with someone there. 3. LHO returned to Cuban Cons. Could not recall whom Sov. he talked to. 4. Duran calls Soviets, talks with #1 Sov., then #2 who says he will call back.

1626. Sov. confirm LHO was there, & had presented his problem: (a) answer needs to come from Washington (b) no other alternatives: "he does not know him".

SECRET

E 2 IMPDET CL BY 055431

13-00000

SECRET

same problem exists with the Cubans, that the problem with him (the American) is that he does not know anyone in Cuba and therefore if that is true it will be difficult for him to get a visa for Cuba, because he was thinking of processing his visa (for Soviet Union), because he knew it would require waiting a long time for his visa to the Soviet Union while in Cuba and from there go to the Soviet Union. MI said the thing is that if his wife right now were in Washington she would receive her visa right now, or permission, from the Soviet Union, to return to her country, she is going to receive her visa in Washington but having this visa, she could communicate to any place this permission, for example here or any place she could receive it (visa or permission) but right now they do not have them. (no las tienen). Silvia says certainly and they cannot give a letter either because they do not know if the visa will be approved. MI says they only give visas according to indications. Silvia says then she will put that on the list. MI says he cannot give a letter of recommendation either because he does not know him (the American) and excuse me for bothering you. Silvia says that is alright and many thanks.

X 4.	28 Sept. 63 1151 saturday	Silvia DURAN calls Soviet Embassy and talks with MI	Silvia says that in the Cuban Embassy is a North American who was at the Soviet Embassy. MI says wait a minute. Silvia speaks English with with someone - and comments in Spanish that they gave APARICIO telephone 14-12-99 and to take the number down - Silvia says about the American citizen that he is going to talk with you (MI). American speaks Russian and MI speaks in English. They continue in English. American talks broken Russian and says I was in your Embassy and spoke to your consul. Just a minute. MI takes phone and asks American in English what does he want? American says Please speak Russian. MI says What else do you want? American says I was just now at your Embassy and they took my address. MI says I know that. American, in hardly recognizable Russian, says I did not know it then. I went to the Cuban Embassy to ask them for my address, because they have it. MI says Why don't you come again and leave your address with us, it is not far from the Cuban Embassy. American says I'll be there right away.	Lienvoy 1. LHO went to Sov. Emb. 28th left address but couldn't remember it. 2. LHO (at 11:51) calls from Cuban Emb. & says he has his address. Invited return. 3. LHO. pre-sumably returns to Sov. Emb. wants his address.

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

X 5.	1 Oct.	1031 / ~~Monday~~ Tuesday	MO (American) to MI (Sov. Emb.) * * this call placed to 15-69-87 the Sov MIL ATT.	MO says I was at your place last Saturday and talked to your Consul. They said that they'd send a telegram to Washington, and I wanted to ask you if there is anything new? MI says I'd like to ask you to call another phone number. Please write it down; 15-60-55 and ask for a consul. Thank you.	LIENVOY
X 6.	1 Oct.	1045	MO (American) to OBYEDKOV of Soviet Embassy	MO (the same person who phoned a day or so ago and spoke in broken Russian) speaks to OBYEDKOV. He says This is Lee OSWALD speaking. I was at your place last Saturday and spoke to a consul, and they said that they'd send a telegram to Washington, so I wanted to find out if you have anythin new? But I don't remember the name of that consul. OBYEDKOV says KOSTIKOV. He is dark (hair or skin??). MO says yes, my name is OSWALD. OBYEDKOV says Just a minute I'll find out. They say that they haven't received anything yet. OSWALD says Have they done anything? OBYEDKOV says Yes, they say that a request has been sent out, but nothing has been received as yet. OSWALD says And what...? OBYEDKOV hangs up.	LIENVOY
7.	3 Oct.	1539	MO (OSWALD) to MI at Sov. Emb * * this call placed to 15-69-87, the Sov. MA	OSWALD speaks in broken Spanish then in Enblish to MI. He says Hello. Visa for Russia. MI says Call on the other phone. MO says I'm looking for a visa to go to Russia. MI says Please, call on the telephone of the consul, 15-60-55. MO says One moment please, I'll have to get a pencil to write the number down. They issue the visa there? MI That depends on your conversation. I don't know about this business. Please call the office of the consul and ask your question. MO asks for the number again. MI gives him the number and tells him to ask for the Consul of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico. MO says Thanks.	LIENVOY
X 8.	1 & 4 Oct.			Photos of unidentified person on entering Soviet Embassy, and who entered Cuban Embassy on 15 Oct 1963.	LIEMPTY
X 9.	8 Oct.	/ 9th need work.		MEXICO CITY 6453 reported According LIENVOY 1 Oct 63, American male who spoke broken Russian said his name Lee OSWALD stated he at SOVEMB 28 Sept when spoke with Consul whom he believed be Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV. Subj asked Sov guard Ivan OBYEDKOV who answered, if there anything new re telegram to Washington. OBYEDKOV upon checking said nothing received yet, but request had been sent. Have photos male appears be American entering Sovemb 1216 hours leaving 1222 on 1 Oct. Apparent age 35, athletic build, circa 6 feet, receding hairline, balding top. Wore khakis and sport shirt. Source: LIEMPTY. No local dissem.	

This is an inference and is probably wrong.

this is valid LHO calls?

NB: ① LHO departed Mex City on Tras. del Norte Bus #332 c. 0830 2 Oct 1963, Wednesday also ② the substantive content is not consistent with status of LHO's earlier conversations and arrangements ③ Use of broken Spanish not probable in LHO's case

Released by Curtis Wrathey dequthenticated by LADILLINGER

10. 11 Oct.

11. 15 Oct.

12. 16 Oct.

13. 22 Nov.

Refer

14. 22 Nov.

15. 23 Nov.

16. 22 Nov

SECRET

DIRECTOR 74830 reported on identity of Subject of MEXI 6453: Lee Henry OSWALD (201-289248), DPOB 18 Oct 39, New Orleans, former radar operator in U. S. marines who defected to USSR in Oct 59. DIR gives description of OSWALD, background, marriage, etc., and action to pass info to Emb. components.

NB: This description not concordant with data given in #9.

MEXICO CITY 6534 requested Hqs to Pls pouch photo OSWALD.

Memo to The Ambassador on Lee OSWALD/Contact with Sov Emb. routed to Amb., Minister, Counselor for Political Affairs, RSO, cc's to Legal, Naval and INS. Memo #6831

MEXICO CITY 7014 with refs (para 9, 10, 11 above) stated According VOA broadcast heard at Station regarding President Kennedy assassination one Lee H. OSWALD age 24 has been arrested in Dallas possibly in connection assassination of President Kennedy. Direct Hqs. attention Refs. Request priority pouch photo OSWALD so that Station can check all recent LIEMPTY coverage for Iden. Forwarding soonest copies of only visitor to Sovemb 1 Oct who could be identical with OSWALD.

AMEMBASSY Outgoing Telegram (Control 269) from Amb. Mann stating Foreign Minister expressed condolences, etc., and that on his instructions the border between U. S. and Mexico had been closed to eliminate any possibility of murderer's escape into Mexico.

DIR 84802 (ref MEXI 7014 - para 13 above) Thanks. This connection was also noted here. Trust you will be able use all your facilities to follow and report Sov Emb activity and reaction during these hours. Pls cable full summaries.

Personal letter to J. C. from COS (Win) with ref to conversation of 22 Nov in which COS requested permission to give Legal copies of photos of a certain person known to J. C. Attached are copies with dates of visits stamped on back. At 6 p.m. 22 Nov., The Ambassador decided this was important enough to have Legal take copies of these photos to Dallas. Naval Attache is making special flight for this purpose. Legal officer going to Dallas promised to mail this to you. Copies of these photos are being pouched night of 22 Nov. 63.

? ?

?

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

17.	22 Nov.	1715		Edmundo JARDON (of Cuban Embassy) calls VILLACORTA of Prensa Latina in New York asking about the detention of the President of Fair Play with Cuba Committee. VILLACORTA says he only knows what the agencies are reporting, that the person's name is OSWALD, that he is a member of the Fair Play with Cuba Committee, if that is true, it could have been also one of the 40 thousand or whatever on the FBI list, but surely this person is nuts. JARDON says that if this is true (that the guy is nuts) it is a terrible provocation. VILLACORTA says that up to now nothing is confirmed, that he was arrested for suspicion and looking up his file they found out he belonged to that (Committee of Fair Play with Cuba), but until now it is pure speculation. JARDON will call later.	LIENVOY
18.	22 Nov.			HMMA 22533 to C/WHD to send photos (per para 16 above).	
19.	22 Nov.	1730	Man outside (MO) calls Luisa of Cuban Embassy	MO asks LUISA if she has heard the latest news and Luisa, jokingly replies, "Yes, of course, I knew almost before KENNEDY." Both agree on the seriousness of the assassination, etc. LUISA says party at Silvia DURAN's has been called off so it will not appear they are celebrating death of KENNEDY, nor will they have the party ~~xxxxx~~ coincide with the burial.....LUISA says she plans to move tonight to the doctor's (female) house.	LIENVOY
20.	23 Nov.			MEXI 7019 - Mexi Station has photos same unidentified American type who is possibly OSWALD entering Cuban Embassy on 15 Oct. Searching for possibility photo-documented entry Cuban Emb other days. Also attempting establish OSWALD entry and departure Mexi.	
21.	23 Nov.			MEXI 7020 - Persons flew Mexi to U.S. who might be iden w/OSWALD: A. Mexicana Flt 800 to Chicago 1 Nov, Lee MARTIN; B. Same flt, 12 Nov. Wilford OSWALT; C. Braniff flt 50 to San Antonio 8 Nov William OSWALD.	
22.	23 Nov.			~~XXXX~~ MEXI 7021 - ODENVY agent left here 2000 local with 2 copies ea of 6 photos person suspected by OSWALD on special flight for Dallas. He carrying envelope with 1 copy each photo for airmail special from Dallas to GALBOND at home per telecon with CURTIS. 1 copy each these photos plus copy each of 2 photos showing same person exiting PBRUMEN Embassy forwarded in HMMA 22533 leaving regular pouch tonight. View above, does Hqs want staffer with additional photos?	
23.	23 Nov.			DIR 84821 - Send staffer ~~with all photos~~ OSWALD to Hqs on next flight. Call Mr. Whitten 652-6827 on arrival.	

13-00000

SECRET

24.	23 Nov.		DIR 84822 - No need send staffer with photos. We have asked Navy for photos again, but Mexi can see OSWALD's picture sooner on press wire. Have just re-emphasized to ODENVY Hqrs sensitivity of Photos you are sending and also relayed names of travelers with similar names. Note radio says OSWALD lived under alias of O. H. LEE.
25.	23 Nov.		DIR 84837 - Urgently require info Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV travels outside Mexi, hour by hour whereabouts 22 Nov, all details his activities during Nov., names and backgrounds his contacts also future contacts and activities KOSTIKOV via unilateral coverage, any indications unusual activities involving KGB and Sovemb personnel 17 through 30 Nov.
26.	23 Nov.		DIR 84885 - KOSTIKOV traveled in September with Ivan Gavrilovich ALFERYEV who in close contact Cuban dips during Feb 62 TDY Quito. Request reporting and coverage ALFERYEV as with KOSTIKOV.
27.	23 Nov.		DIR 84886 - Important you review all LIENVOY tapes and transcrips since 27 Sept to locate all material pertinent to (para 9 above). Dispatch soonest by special courier, staffer if necessary, full transcripts and original tapes if available all pertinent material. Are original tapes available?
28.	23 Nov.		DIR 84888 - ODENVY says that photos of man entering Sovemb which Mexi sent Dallas were not of OSWALD. (Para 22 above) Presume Mexi has doubled checked dates of these photos and also checking all pertinent other photos for possible shots of OSWALD.
28.	23 Nov.		MEXI 7023 - On 28 Sept 63 Silvia ODIAN Cuban Emb called Sov Consul saying North American there who had been Sovemb and wish speak with consul. Uniden North American told Sov consul quote "I was in your Emb and spoke to your Consul. I was just now at your Emb and they took my address....." (same as para 4 above)... In view OSWALD in Sov Union and fact he claimed on 1 Oct. LIENVOY to have visited Sovemb 28 Sept, Subj is probably OSWALD. Station unable compare voice as first tape erased. Para three MEXI 7014 (para 13 above) should be 1 Oct 63. Same Subj visited Sovemb 4 Oct but not recorded LIENVOY that date. Also pouching 4 Oct photos. Making effort determine OSWALDS activities Mexico.
29.	23 Nov.		MEXI 7024 - Station's check indicates no other KOSTIKOV travel outside MEXI. 6 thru 19 Nov shows KOSTIKOV at Sovemb every day. Placing him under LIEMBRACE surveillance. No recent unusual KGB and Sovemb personnel activities 17 Nov to date.

SECRET

			No other ALFERIEV travel. LILYRIC reporting shows ALFERIEV at Sovemb 6 thru 19 Nov. (No coverage 9, 10, 16, 17 Nov.) Will cover with LIRICE surveillance. Stepping up processing covering Sovemb, trying get LIFEAT ocergge of switchboard of apt bldg where reside Min KAZANTSEV, suspect KGB resident KONSTANTINOV and suspect GRU SCHUCHKIN. Having LIPAWN report movements SIDOROV and effort re audio OP against SID. Incoming LIFEAT on KGB KUZNETSOV will be processed ASAP. Rechecking all unerased tapes LIENVOY center.
30.	23 Nov 63		BARKER (p) wrote to COS suggesting, since Mexican authorities closed U.S.-Mexican border (possible escape route of assassin/s), we should request Mexi authorities to put police cordon around Cuban Emb and require all visitors to identify themselves - entering and exiting.
31.	23 Nov.		Note to Luis ECHEVERRIA to arrest Silvia DURAN, the girl who put OSWALD in touch with Sovemb. Silvia is Mexican citizen, lives at Bahia de Morlaco #74; mother lives at Ebro #12; brother at Herodoto #14; she drives Consul car, plates 8-92-77; phone is 45-06-96; works at Cuban Embassy.
32.	23 Nov.		MEXI 7025 - (Ref DIR 84886 - para 27 above) - On 28 Sept 63 LIENVOY reported fol: "Entrada MF.....(same as para 4 above)". On 1 Oct 63 at 1045 hrs man called Sovemb and said "Hello this is Lee OSWALD speaking.....(same as para 6 above)". Transcriber says OSWALD is the one talking in both cases and the one who called from Cuban Emb 28 Sept to Sovemb.
33.	23 Nov.	MEXI 7026	Luis ECHEVERRIA asked COS for all info on fnu RODRIGUEZ Molina. He said he heard on radio RODRIGUEZ picked up in connection assassination and he is Mexican. Only trace here is 30 Jan 61 report from LIFIRES that one Oscar RODRIGUEZ Molina, 31, Cuban, arrived here legally 21 Jan 61 on Mexicana from Cuba on tourist card 78643/61/6. Left Calle Independencia 17 as contact address w/airline. This info given ECHEVERRIA. ODENVY informed of above. Have no info. ODENVY chief calling Dallas for details. Request Hqs traces soonest.
34.	23 Nov.		MEXI 7027 - To facilitate expeditious Mexi records search and asset investigations, can Hqs provide info dates activities OSWALD's most recent stay thru 22 Nov in U.S.

13-00000

SECRET

35. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7028 - COS had urgent call to see LITENSOR 23 Nov. COS thought would be for expression condolence but developed that LIENVOY 2 had located call to Sovemb of OSWALD made on 28 Sept. Believe fact that LITENSOR aware of this contact (from joint operation) and passed data to COS is important.

36. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7029 - Saw photos of OSWALD on t.v. night of 22 Nov and it obvious photos sent to Dallas were not iden. Dates are given on photos. Station reviewing all available photos persons entering Sov and Cub Embassies. Station suggesting to LITEMPO 2 that Silvia DURAN who Mexi employee at Cuban Emb and who put OSWALD on telephone from Cuban Emb to talk to Sovemb on 28 Sept be arrested immediately and held incommunicado until she gives all details of OSWALD known to her. LITEMPO 2 can say D.F.S. coverage revealed call to him if he needs to explain.

37. 23 Nov.

NOTE WRITTEN BY COS: At 1620 hrs on 23 Nov 63 I had a call from Jack Whitten (Washington) asking that I not do para 3 (to arrest Silvia DURAN - para 36 above). I told him too late, I could not recall request. I told him that he already should have rec'd a cable in which I told them that President here had knowledge which made this "action" (against DURAN) so that it could be Mexican initiative. He said Okay. NOTE: I had return call from ECHEVERRIA at about 1515 hrs on 23 Nov 63 saying they would get "mujer" and he would immediately notify me. He thanked me for info on her. (Signed COS)

38. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7030 - Following cars appeared at Cuban Emb: 21 Oct 63 at 1900 hrs Texas TA 582, and silver grey Buick Texas Kr-57-73 on 24 Oct at 11:35 hrs. Both car license plates were black letters on white, believed be 63 issuance. Request identification. Although no known connection suggest above be called attention office handling OSWALD case.

39. 23 Nov.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD from Jeremy L. NIARCOS on Support Activities Assignments re GPIDEAL Assassination.

40. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7032 - Info on surveillance teams - Soviets - no unusually activity.

41. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7033 - Fol additional calls LIENVOY probably repeat probably OSWALD: A. On 27 Sept 63 call to Sov Mil Att "Entrada. Man calling says is it necessary to take out a visa to go to Odesa. Man inside says to call 15-60-55 and ask for the consul. Man outside asks for the address. Man inside says they will give it to you. (B) On 27 Sept 63 at 1605 (see para 2 above) (C) On 27 Sept 63 at 1626 (see para 3 above) (D) On 1 Oct 63 at 1031 (see para 5

This call was in Spanish. It could not have been Oswald.

SECRET

SECRET

No- This could not be Oswald ?

above. E. On 3 Oct 63 (see para 7 above)

NOTE by COS: I had a call from Washington (Jack Whitten) at 1620 hrs on 23 Nov. I told Jack Whitten at 1620/30 on 23 Nov. that this (cable) would be en route to him soon. Signed by COS.

42. 23 Nov. MEXI 7034 - Complete recheck photos all visitors to Cuban Emb Aug thru first half Nov against good press photos shows no evidence OSWALD visit. Similar blank against all Sovemb photos from 1 Sept. Note only visit we know he made was Cuban Emb 28 Sept Saturday on which Emb closed and we have not had coverage. In future will require at least half day photo coverage both Sov and Cub Embassies. Check manifests all planes arriving Mexi central airport from U.S. fails show OSWALD arrival. Passing this info GOM asking they check border airports from which OSWALD might have flown Mexi. We do not get manifests these domestic flights.

VISITS

43. 23 Nov. MEXI 7035 - LIENVOY reporting Sovemb normal. Conversations between Alfredo MIRABAL Diaz with suspect KGB Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV (who not available, so KOSTIKOV come on line) (One time KOSTIKOV in error addressed MIRABAL as AZCUE and MIRABAL corrects him. COMMENT: MIRABAL replaced Eusebio AZCUE Lopez, former Cuban Consul).

44. 23 Nov. MEXI 7036 - LIENVOY Sovemb on 22 Nov. reports many calls by press people to get statement from Sovs re assassination; they are all told Sovemb closed to call back Monday.

45. 23 Nov. List of 14 names of contacts of ALFERIEV and KOSTIKOV at Sovemb

46. ? COS note to ECHEVERRIA to keep secret the arrest of Silvia DURAN that no info from her is published or leaked, that all info from her is cabled to Washington immediately through COS and that her arrest and her statements is not spread to any leftists.....
NOTE: From COS: ECHEVERRIA said she was arrested with "seven others including her husband..." They were having a fiesta - and ECHEVERRIA had just had a meeting with The President (who apparently said "Proceed" and interrogate forcefully). signed COS

~~23xN~~

47. 23 Nov. MEXI 7037 - ECHEVERRIA informed COS at 1800 hrs that Silvia DURAN and her husband had already been arrested and were presently under interrogation by Gobernacion authorities. ECHEVERRIA promised to try to keep arrest secret. ECHEVERRIA promised all info obtained from DURANS: said first report should

SECRET

48.	23 Nov.		MEXI 7038 - LILYRIC reporting on KOSTIKOV's surveillance and also on ALFERIEV.
49.	23 Nov.	MEXI-7039	In Jan 63 Silvia DURAN seen in 2 cars with Texas plates, convertible plate JF 96 - 75 and white Volvo plate KU 94-95. Another Ford car Texas plate JH 24-76 seen in front of residence DURAN brother. Pls resolve. Above to hold in reserve here for possible use in connection GOM interrogation DURAN.
50.	24 Nov.		DIR 84914 - Hqs thanks Station for efforts made in helping on this critical matter. It is extremely urgent that we get verbatim transcripts in English of all OSWALD intercepts and other take which could relate to him. Forget economy of words and cable. ODENVY tells us that Jose RODRIGUEZ Molina is not involved. (para 33 above)
51.	23 Nov.		DIR 84916 - Arrest of Silvia DURAN is extremely serious matter which could prejudice ODYOKE freedom of action on entire question of PBRUMEN responsibility. Request you ensure her arrest kept absolutely secret, that no info from her is published or leaked, that all info is cabled to us, and fact of her arrest and statements not spread to leftist. We are trying to get more info on OSWALD from ODENVY and will advise.
52.	23 Nov.		DIR 84917 (ref DIR 84916 - para 51 above) Assume you are keeping Legal fully informed on developments ref.
X53.	23 Nov.		MEXI 7040 - U.S. Consulate Nuevo Laredo reported to Ambassador: OSWALD entered Mexi at Nuevo Laredo on 26 Sept., said age 23 years, occupation photographer, residence New Orleans, destination Mexico City, Mexican tourist card #24085. Same source (Mexi Immigration Records) state he left by auto on 3 Oct 63 at Nuevo Laredo. Will advise LITEMPOS and ODENVY and will ask LITEMPOS to check hotels in Mexi City to check OSWALD's activities.
54.	23 Nov.		MEXI 7041 - As of 1900 23 Nov., LIEMBRACE surveillance team and LILYRIC and LIMITED basehouses all report KOSTIKOV under Mexi Secret Service physical surveillance. Since cannot continue LIEMBRACE unilateral under above conditions must cancel LIEMBRACE. This likely due to LITENSOR reading same LIENVOY take as Station. Station has not mentioned KOSTIKOV to Mexicans.
55.	23 Nov.		MEXI 7042 - Advised Legat of arrest and of Hqs desire for secrecy. Legat had not heard of arrest although he had talked to governacion contacts several times in last hour. This good sign of ECHEVERRIA control for time being. Also told Amb who "very pleased" but who also hopes can be kept secret let Washington decide on all "leaks" and releases.

SECRET

SECRET

56. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7043 - 1100 hrs on 23 Nov., 1955 green Ford California 63 plates KVU 191 parked near Sovemb. Male driver approached main gate but did not enter. Stood looking at Emb and watching street for minute then walked across street to plant shop where remained until 1145 when left area.

X 57. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7044 - Completed analysis Russian language portions of Sovemb LIENVOY 18 thru 21 Nov. No items of possible pertinence OSWALD. All normal.

58. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7045 - Summary of local contacts of ALFERIEV (see para 45 above)

59. 23 Nov.

MEXI 7046 - ECHEVERRIA told COS Silvia DURAN completely cooperative and gave written statement attesting to 2 visits by OSWALD, who showed her U.S. passport showing long stay in USSR. Said he Communist and admirer of CASTRO. Wanted her help get transit visa Cuba order to go USSR. She could only arrange transit Cuba if already had USSR visa. Sovs told her they had further checking to do before could issue visa. Knows not why returned U.S. without visa. DURAN told governacion she had recognized OSWALD on T.V. 22 Nov and told husband about visits. Owing cooperativeness ECHEVERRIA believes will be no repercussions. No evidence Emb knows she picked up. Above preliminary report. COS will see Echeverria again morning 24 Nov. Amb Mann informed by COS of DURAN pickup and delighted. Will brief ODENVY.

60. 24 Nov. 1405

Antonio CARAM asks JARDON (of Cuban Emb) if anything is known or passed about the death of OSWALD. JARDON says yes they passed the message that someone shot him in the stomach. CARAM says it is all a plot. JARDON agrees that it is evident. CARAM asks isn't it true that that is what is happening. JARDON says those types wanted to make it appear to be a Communist sympathizing with Cuba, etc., etc., sure once he was in the Soviet Union, and also he subjected himself to a dirty game. CARAM believes they grabbed him for the job. JARDON agrees. CARAM says it is obvious they had to liquidate him (OSWALD) so he wouldn't talk. JARDON agrees and adds that precisely so that he (OSWALD) wouldn't talk, the job is made more difficult (to find out plot of assassination of Kennedy). JARDON says the international situation will become serious. CARAM says what a ridiculous thing to think that a bar man (cantinero) is able to mix with the police and kill OSWALD; in this mess mess they should suspect the police of Dallas. JARDON says it was all premeditated; they let him (OSWALD) be killed. CARAM says did you see the building? It is 90 meters from the street, what a coincidence they did not register the building (for surveillance?), including there at the building some police were in on the complicity for sure. JARDON says perhaps so. CARAM says all of this has him very worried

LIENVOY

13-00000

SECRET

61. 24 Nov.

MEXI 7047 - Re Station's newly initiated LIFEAT coverage of apartment residence KAZANTSEV, KONSTANTINOV and ~~KEK~~ SHCHUCHKIN: No calls in or out by above for coverage 1640 to 2000 hrs 23 Nov.

X62. 24 Nov. 1259 ~~KIENVOY~~

SIDOROV talks with OBRUBOV who says Have you heard the latest? OSWALD LIENVOY was mortally wounded in a closed chamber. The details are not given. He is being operated on, according to the radio. (COMMENT: by transcriber - When OBRUBOV said "in a closed chamber" some irony could be detected in the tone of his voice, as if he had a smirk on his face, whereas SIDOROV was very non-commital with grunts for answers, and the final word uttered as if to say - "So what?")

63. 24 Nov.

MEXI 7048 - Re Stations LIFEAT coverage of residence Sov Cultural officer Svyatoslav Fedorovich KUZNETSOV, identified KGB: No calls whatever 18 Nov thru 21 Nov. One personal call 22 Nov between him and wife of no pertinence. No calls 23 Nov.

64. 24 Nov.

MEXI 7049 - LIPAWN-1 22 Nov audio product, of target Sovmilat Aleksandr Georgiyevich SIDOROV, of no pertinence.

X65. 24 Nov.

MEXI 7050 - Foll LIENVOY Russian lang portions complete coverage thru 22 Nov: A. 1338 hrs uniden woman asks Sergey Semyonovich KUKHARENKO if "they" phoned him at home. KUKH replied that "they" wanted to talk to the Ambassador. "They" were told that no one is here now because it is lunchtime. Female implies to KUKH that Sovamb says not make any statement. B. 1445 hrs Yugoslav Amb Gustav VLAHOV asks for Sovamb BAZAROV. V told that B at dinner. V says wishes speak to him regardless. B answers. V asks if he got any additional news. B says no. V asks and what nationality, nothing is known. B says no. V says because (muffled word) here, that the nationality is Latin American. Do you understand? B says yes, I think so also. It is very important. V says then you know nothing more? B says nothing except what was broadcast on radio. B asks V if V has anything new. V says no. That is why V phoned. B says no - about other things, besides nationality. B asks V if he heard a broadcast from Washington. V says they only told me that he was wounded and then V heard on the radio that the transfusion did not help. B says yes, that he died. V says "I knew that he was wounded even before the Americans. Both laugh. Merely by accident. B says yes, there they were calling an emergency meeting of Congress. V says yes, I've heard that the one who is chief here terminated his trip and came back (ref is to Pres. Adolfo LOPEZ Mateos). B says which trip. V says "Today he was

SECRET

SECRET

in one of the states initiating aid projects. B says I understand. If there is anything new I'll phone you promptly. (Only other pertinent portions concern fact that Amb BAZAROV held a conference with apparently most members of his staff at 1730 hrs 22 Nov.)

66. 24 Nov.

MEXI 7051 - Contacts of Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV (ref: DIR 84837 - para 25 above) see para 45 above.

67. 24 Nov.

DIR 84920 - About Silvia DURAN. One important question still puzzles us. When OSWALD was in Mexico City in late Sept and early Oct to get a Sov visa and a Cub transit visa, did he want to travel to Cuba right away, alone, or have his wife join him there and then leave for Cuba, or did he plan to return to the States first and then leave later. Although it appears that he was then thinking only about a peaceful change of residence to the Sov Union, it is also possible that he was getting documented to make a quick escape after assassinating President. Pls restudy LIENVOY material and give us your opinion, and also have Mexicans question Silvia DURAN very carefully on this point. Advise.

68. 24 Nov.

DIR 84921 - Plates KU 9495 Fiat Multipla 1960 issued to Carol J. SOLES, 5726 Killarmet St., Corpus Christi, Texas. Motor No. 954257. Plates JF 9675 Cadillac Sedan 1950 issued to Richard J. ARANDA 1601 N. W. 23rd San Antonio, Texas. Motor No. 506100812. Plates JH 2476 Chev coupe 1959 issued to Harry Lee Saffe 5022 Bayhead San Antonio, Texas. Motor No. 8598175555. (Ref Mexi 7039 - see para 49 above) Awaiting info from ODENVY on other plates in MEXI 7030 (see para 38 above) and MEXI 7043 (see para 56 above)

69. 24 Nov.

NOTE TO COS FROM DCOS: My suggestion on this is to do nothing with it her yet. (re para 68 above) So tell Hqs ask them for reading on these people. We might consider giving GOM the dope on Mexican plates observed at her house in 61, unless you feel this is a thing we should investigate first. She doesn't seem to me to have any target potential now, if she ever did, with all the confusion surrounding her. In fact, it would surprise me to see her lose her job.

70. 24 Nov.

MEXI 7053 - In meeting 24 Nov attended by ODENVY, Amb, Min, COS and DCOS foll obtained: OSWALD ordered rifle of same type used to kill President from Kleins Mail Order House, Chicago. Ordered in name Alek HIDELL but had sent to P.O. box registered in own name. Also OSWALD when arrested had selective service card in possession in name Alek HIDELL. This same name appeared on Cuban Fair Play Committee

SECRET

propaganda issued New Orleans, although OSWALD name also appeared underneath. ODENVY had not established as of noon 23 Nov whether HIDELL exists or alias used by OSWALD. No Mexi traces HIDELL. Checking person photographed entering Sovemb 1 and 4 Oct and Cub Emb 15 Oct might be HIDELL. Supplying Mexicans multiple copies ODENVY photos OSWALD and Station photos unidentified man appropriately cropped for hotel investigation. Also checking HIDELL by name with border posts and other GOM files.

71. 24 Nov.

See #67

MEXI 7054 - Refs: A. MEXI 7046 (para 59 above) and B. DIR 84920 (para 67 above) Additions or amendments ref A: a. DURAN arrested at home with husband and members of family who having party. All taken to jail. b. Since she had told not only husband but other members of family about OSWALD visits after she read name and saw TV picture, she attributed arrest to denunciation by cousin whom does not like. Thus source GOM knowledge not revealed to her. c. Does not know where OSWALD stayed in Mexi. d. Passport OSWALD showed her was still valid for USSR. He told her wished return there permanently with wife. e. DURAN had impression OSWALD had or believed he had made arrangements in Washington whereby instructions would be sent Sovemb Mexi to issue Sov entry visa in manner by which would not himself have to visit Sovemb. Failure his real or imagined instructions work smoothly caused him become rude to Sovs. (COMMENT: Para 1c of MEXI 7933 - probably para 41 above - partially bears this out but Station detects no signs rudeness in OSWALDS talks with Sovs. Further details DURAN interrogation may reveal OSWALD became abusive in Cub emb as result his frustration by Sovs.) f. Her impression he simply "comrade" who could not live comfortably under rigors of capitalism and wished return to spiritual home in USSR. g. DURAN knows not whether he got USSR visa or Cuban transit visa but if he did she had no part in it. h. If OSWALD talked anyone else in Cuban Emb she unaware. REF DIR 84916 (para 51 above) ECHEVERRIA aware ODYORK concern re leak and has warned her about talking, but feels at least fact of arrest may well be leaked by other relatives picked up same time. COS will continue push need for secrecy with ECHEVERRIA. DURAN and husband will be released but kept under surveillance. Re Ref B. With MEXI 7933 Hqs has full transcripts all pertinent calls. Regret tapes for this period already erased. Station feeling that above is best answer obtainable to Ref B but will request reinterrogation DURAN if Hqs still desires.

SECRET

72.	25 Nov.		Press reported OSWALD entered Mexico 26 Sept with tourist card given him by Mexican Consul in New Orleans on 17 Sept. Press confirmed that 26 Sept OSWALD crossed border by ~~MEX~~ Nuevo Laredo, Tamps., the following day to Mexi City by road. On 27 Sept he went to Cuban Consulate General to request visa to transit Cuba because he was going to ~~Russia~~ go to Moscow via Habana. Consul Eusebio AZCUE told OSWALD that he would have to consult his government, that the paper work required 10 to 12 days. OSWALD, because of his irritable character, became annoyed with AZCUE and left the office slamming the door. On 28 Sept OSWALD went to the Consul General of the Sov Union to request a visa for Russia. He said in helping his case, that his wife was a Sov citizen; that he was a militant Communist and had lived three yrs in Russia. OSWALD told the Sov Consul that he could verify this quickly by calling his wife who was at that time in New Orleans in a hotel. The Sov Consul said he would have to consult with his government and that ordinarily a case like this would take from three to four months. OSWALD again became annoyed as he had the day before in the Cuban Embassy and left the office very mad. OSWALD returned to Texas on 3 Oct via the border of Nuevo Laredo, Tamps. Investigations so far do not indicate that OSWALD interviewed higher officials of the Sov and Cuban Embassies.	Excelsior
73.	25 Nov.		MEXI 7055 - Mexi daily Excelsior (same as para 72 above), also: This not our leak. Cannot eliminate Gobernacion as source. FYI: Presume Hqs is aware of AP story datelined Hava 7 Sept 63. At reception at Brazilian Emb Fidel CASTRO is Quoted: "We are prepared to fight them and answer in kind. United States leaders should think (reflect?) that if they are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate the Cuban leaders, they themselves will not be safe."	
74.	25 Nov.	1232	Lic. CERVANTES calls from UNS offices to 18-35-70, office of newspaper El Mundo (sinarquist) and asks what is new. Office girl says House of Senators called to say the Commission of Foreign Affairs would be at the American Embassy at 12 to express regrets for Kennedy's death. CERVANTES makes a note of that.	LIENVOY
75.	25 Nov.	1445	Julieta de Enrique GONZALEZ Pedrero comments with Cecilia that she is very impressed with all she has seen on T.V. since Friday and then yesterday when the other one (OSWALD) was killed. Cecilia agrees. Julieta says this all stems from a Fascist organization, because the police and gangsters are of the same group. Cecilia does not agree but believes this all stems from the John Birch Society. Julieta says	LIENVOY

75. (continued)

no this could not be true because one was a Jew, that it is definitely a group of Fascists, very American, he is owner of a Cabaret of nudists and belongs to political gangsters. Cecilia says it is absurd that they let him enter (Ruby entering jail where OSWALD was). Julieta says he (Ruby) was there from the first day, that he began to mix with the police and newspapermen. It was perfectly planned, indeed some of the police probably are of the same organization because Ruby ~~pxxxthexgun (xxrriedxthexgun)xxxxitxxxxxxx~~ aimed the gun at his chest (OSWALD's). Cecilia agrees, the picture is evidence of that because the police did not move to try to get in or anything for within a question of seconds there should have been a reaction. Julieta hopes they will continue the investigation; at least Kennedy's brother has sent a special agent. Cecilia says everything about it is strange as the paper stated they found this character (Ruby) drinking Coca Cola on the second floor and they just left him there. Julieta adds that from the x very first everything was absurd, that he was a Communist. Cecilia says this type (OSWALD) could not be nuts because the whole thing was so perfectly planned and that is evident since the bullet was aimed at Kennedy. Julieta believes that this is all done by extreme rightists planned from very high up and that is why they had to kill OSWALD so he couldn't talk. Julieta adds that she hopes they will wake up a little with this business and pay attention to what has happened because it is evident it is all a conspiracy of rightist groups and military men. She adds that in a very obvious way this individual (OSWALD) pretended he was a Communist to prepare the groundwork. Cecilia believes that he even purposely married the Russian girl. Julieta comments that all was very well prepared, step by step to blame the Communists, but that now with this (OSWALD's death) everything is more complicated and they couldn't continue (the investigation) and even the Dallas police said that with the death of OSWALD the case was closed, but the FBI answered immediately that it was not closed, that on the contrary, they had to open an investigation and also the Senate will name a commission to investigate, and Julieta hopes they won't be alarmed at whatever may be turned up. She adds that each time more details x confirm that OSWALD was a Fascist and this business of trying to join an anti-Castro organization and later poke his nose into the Fair Play for Cuba surely all of this was made up by the Dallas police. Likewise she indicates that all the speeches given try to imply that he (OSWALD) was a fanatic; also NIXON spoke to the peoples of the Nation to stop this tendency toward violence and hate. Cecilia is astonished that NIXON has made a stand as a good person. Julieta says that it is that now everyone is frightened since they have seen just to what extent these things can happen. She hopes they continue the investigation to the end.

75. (continued)

and, if things come out, that she hopes the public will be shaken up so that they will stop this tendency toward Fascism. Julieta continues that at the beginning she thought it was caused by racial trouble but now she thinks it is something more than that; it is a national thing well planned and that OSWALD was not just acting spontaneously. Cecilia agrees, indeed it was a perfect shot with exact calculation and could not have been done spontaneously. Julieta says that his (OSWALD's) death was evidently to shut him up and they had better not say now that Ruby was at the moment emotional (when he shot OSWALD) because Ruby is the type who could never be pictured asa great patriot since he has a criminal record. Cecilia believes that Johnson (Pres.) and all those people are paying attention to the strengkth in this. Julieta is sure of this and adds that the news (press) was rediculous in respect to OSWALD in that he went to marry a Russian, later was photographed with the Daily Worker; with the Communist newspaper in one hand and a Troskyist one in the other hand; thus everything was very well prepared to blame the leftists; indeed this has always been the way they have done it, commit the terrorist acts and then try to make it appear that the acts were done by the Communists; that has always been the tactic and only the people that have no idea about politics can swallow those things. She adds that this is very dangerous, indeed when they are able to assassinate a president like Kennedy, imagine how strong they are in the United States.

76. 25 Nov.

DIR 84938 - Since U. S. immigration records next to nothing on travel of U.S. citizens, pls ask Mexi immigration to check all their records since June 62, when OSWALD returned from Sov Union, to see if he entered or left Mexico at any other time than the 26 Sept to 3 Oct 63. We still do not know what if anything OSWALD told his Dallas interrogators about travel to Mexi. We also need info on who traveled with him and what vehicle he used on his Sept-Oct 63 trip and on any other trips. Does Mexi government have any way of tellling what other toursit cards he might have had? If so, pls ask them.

77. 25 Nov.

Note to LITEMPO - Silvia DURAN knew where OSWALD was staying in Mexico. Could we get this address from her?

78. 25 Nov.

MEXI 7059 - Spanish lang take of 23 Nov Sovemb LIENVOY of no pertinence. From Russian lang portions 23 Nov. LEINVOY: 1301 hrs Polish Amb called Sovamb. Pole asked if BAZAROV going anywhere today, BAZ said staying at Emb. Pole asked is could visit BAZ, latter agreed for 1330 hrs. Otherwise, all Russian lang parts personal matters. No one word on assassination.

79. 25 Nov.

MEXI 7060 - (REF MEXI 6868 - not in OSWALD P-file and not abstracted) According LIFIRE dip couriers ref left MEXI for Cuba 12 Nov via Cubana 465 returned MEXI 18 Nov via Cubana. According LIENVOY, they probably left for N. Y. on 23 Nov via Aeronaves flt 451, Ananyev (phonetic) of Sov consulate N. Y. phoned Sovemb 23 Nov asking for info on which flight couriers taking. COMMENT: This only infrequently occurs. Asst Consul KOSTIKOV handled the call from N. Y.

80. 25 Nov.

MEXI 7061 - Composite of latest reporting by sources LICALLA, LIMITED and LILYRIC on movements in and out Sovemb by KOSTIKOV and ALFERYEV; (All normal apparently, except 24 Nov. 1207 hrs KOSTIKOV enters Sovemb with wife and SHUBIN. 1440 drives out in ALFERYEV's car, latter at wheel, with KAZANTSEV and two unidentified Sov visitors also in car - This first time LILYRIC has seen these visiting Sovs. MEXI will identify ASAP.)

81. 25 Nov.

MEXI 7062 - (Ref: DIR 84938 - Para 76 above) LEGAT attempting get all details re method of travel who if anyone travelled with him and any info of either travel by OSWALD or "Alex HIDELL". LEGAT checked flights Nuevo Laredo and Monterrey to and from Mexi and found no evidence OSWALD use of air travel. LEGAT checking on Jack RUBINSTEIN alias Jack RUBY. LEGAT also assisting with all assets in attempt get data on where OSWALD stayed in Mexi and his contacts. Job suggested in para one ref almost too big, but will make request. Mexi immigration records are poor.

82 25 Nov.

Memo from RSO: Subject: Gilberto ALVARADO, tel: 41-07-31; address, Pino 173, Col. Santa Maria de la Virrera, Nicaraguan cit, born 31 Jan 40 in Ciudad Rama, State of Celaya, Nic. - Juan LORILLO, Rolan ALVARADO and Carlos Fonseca AMADOR are members of his organization in Nicaragua. Source claims he was sent to Mexi by Nic Communists to go to Cuba where he will be trained in sabotage, but he will go after he gets documented as a Mexi cit. The Cuban Emb in Mexi is going to come up with a false Mexi birth certificate for him. Source said two persons were in the Cub Emb the morning of 25 Nov 63 at 1100 who are involved in the plot to assassinate Pres. Kennedy. He described them as one being white person with a large cleft nose. The other person had close cropped hair with a copete. Mr. ALVARADO claims that on the 18th of Sept he was in the Cub Emb in Mexi and he saw OSWALD receive $6,500. OSWALD was speaking with a Negro, about 29 yrs of age, who had a scar on his jaw, had reddish hair which is probably tinted. The Negro spoke English well and might be a North American. OSWALD was speaking of eliminating a person. The

Negro then said that he was sorry that he could not accompany OSWALD, but said "you understand my situation". OSWALD then replied that's all right I can do this by myself. The source was of the opinion that OSWALD had come from Habana and when OSWALD entered he was affectionately greeted by a female employee of the Cub Emb who has blue eyes and lives at Calle Juarez 407. Source also stated that OSWALD was given $1,500 for extra expenses. Source stated that when he went to the bathroom he saw OSWALD counting the money, in American dollaars, on the patio which is adjacent. EEE RSO and D/RSO made an appointment to meet ALVARADO at 0930 26 Nov at the cafeteria of the Hotel Francis. (Signed A. C. Plambeck)

83. 25 Nov.

Memo on OSWALD read to Pres. LOPEZ Mateos on night of 25 Nov. giving background info and asking many questions.

84. 25 Nov.

Excelsior. Cuban lawyer Jose Antonio CABARGAS, anti-Castro former director of Instituto de Seguridad Social of Cuba was captured last night by federal agents to be investigated for political activities and especially for a suspicious telephone call to Miami with Emilio NUÑEZ Portuando, former Cuban delegate to United Nations. Address of CABARGAS No. 10, Victoria 25. CABARGAS and NUÑEZ spoke of the assassination of Kennedy.

85. 25 Nov.

Police report on CABARGAS and NUÑEZ of para 84 above. See para 86.

86. 25 Nov.

MEXI 7064 - Following received 1405 from Durkin, Narcotics representative who received from member police bank of Mexi, which is one of two interpol reps here. Report directed to Direccion General (presumably of bank). A. At 2030 hrs 24 Nov., Director Internatonal telephone services called writer re phone call between CABARCA in Mexi and NUÑEZ in Miami (phone 371-29-41). CABARCA told NUÑEZ that with assassination Kennedy, CASTRO's plan has been realized and that next one to go would be "Bob" and that any time atomic bombs would rain down on U. S. without anyone knowing why, that if all U.S. unable defend life of its president, would not be able defend selves either. Report said other items relative Latin America mentioned but operator could give no further info. Report continued Capt Manuel LECUONA Ramos, Chief of office of special investigations under private secretary of President notified. Attempt also made locate Jose Luis BENAVIDES, treasury rep San Antonio, but could only get Capt Meade of San Antonio police who promised inform BENAVIDES in full of above. Both callers well known anti-Castroites. CABARCA now under interrogation by police. ODENVY notified here and will contact Procuraduria direct for further info. Since fact CABARCA arrest appeared morning papers here no sensitivity problem involved. Writer unknown. Lists his phone in report as 15-15-21. which not in either of reversed

SECRET

92. 25 Nov. — John RETTIE calls Carlos LAGUNAS who is not in. Luz BERLOVA takes the phone. John tells Luz about Excelsior article today - about OSWALD. John would like to confirm this. Luz thinks he should call the Embassy. Ask for the boy with whom they had breakfast once - Fernandez ROA. But the Soviet Embassy? Best with KAZANTSEV. Boris KAZANTSEV. He would know about it surely. He is Counselor. He is the tall man? No, the gray haired man is KONSTANTINOV. The one with whom they were drinking with the Amb. - black hair and glasses. Ask KAZANTSEV or YATSKOV who is the Consul. YATSKOV would have been person to have received OSWALD. If he went to the Embassy, yes. YATSKOV may not know John, but KAZANTSEV knows him. KAZANTSEV speaks Spanish. He was the one who greeted John in English. LIFEAT

93. 26 Nov. — MEXI 7067 - At this moment Station officer and local Security officer (whom he contacted) are interviewing Nicaraguan who claims that on 18 Sept he saw OSWALD receive sixthousand five hundred dollars in meeting inside Cuban Emb Mexi. Request Mana and DIR advise MEXI OPIM any traces Gilberto ALVARADO, DPOB: 31 Jan 40 Ciudad Rama, Celaya, Nicaragua. Claims he awaiting false Mexi documentation prior receiving sabotage training Cuba. Says Juan LORILLO, Rolan ALVARADO and Carlos FONSECA Amador are members his (Communist?) organization Nicaragua.

94. 26 Nov. 0924 — President DORTICOS of Habana calls Amb. Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas of Cuban Embassy, Mexico City. About Silvia DURAN, the police picking her up, detaining her, interrogating her, etc. (DORTICOS asked several times about money.) DORTICOS asked HERNANDEZ to question Silvia some more and to investigate more and call him. LIENVOY

95. 26 Nov. — MEXI 7068 - Translation of transcript (of para 94 above) sent. LITENSOR also has Spanish copy. Tape being retained.

96. 26 Nov. — MEXI 7069 (Ref: MEXI 7067 - Para 93 above) (also see Para 82 above) Station officer (probably BARKER) with Emb Security Officer interviewed Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO Ugarte morning 26 Nov with following results: (Repetition of Para 82 and 93 above with following additional): ALVARADO admitted he really on penetration mission for Nic Secret Service, reports to Major Roger JEREZ, Nic Milatt, Pasaje Latino, Interior 513, tel: 46-33-76, Mexi. On 2 Sept reported in Mexi to Professor Edelberto TORRES, Address General Zuazua No. 37, Interior 8. TORRES is Nic in charge of Nic CP travellers to Cuba. Well known Communist. Has daughter in Moscow. On 2 Sept discussed anti-Somoza guerrilla activity in with TORRES and brothers Gustavo and Humberto JEREZ Talavera.

SECRET

92. 25 Nov. — John RETTIE calls Carlos LAGUNAS who is not in. Luz BERLOVA takes the phone. John tells Luz about Excelsior article today - about OSWALD. John would like to confirm this. Luz thinks he should call the Embassy. Ask for the boy with whom they had breakfast once - Fernandez ROA. But the Soviet Embassy? Best with KAZANTSEV. Boris KAZANTSEV. He would know about it surely. He is Counselor. He is the tall man? No, the gray haired man is KONSTANTINOV. The one with whom they were drinking with the Amb. - black hair and glasses. Ask KAZANTSEV or YATSKOV who is the Consul. YATSKOV would have been person to have received OSWALD. If he went to the Embassy, yes. YATSKOV may not know John, but KAZANTSEV knows him. KAZANTSEV speaks Spanish. He was the one who greeted John in English. LIFEAT

93. 26 Nov. — MEXI 7067 - At this moment Station officer and local Security officer (whom he contacted) are interviewing Nicaraguan who claims that on 18 Sept he saw OSWALD receive sixthousand five hundred dollars in meeting inside Cuban Emb Mexi. Request Mana and DIR advise MEXI OPIM any traces Gilberto ALVARADO, DPOB: 31 Jan 40 Ciudad Rama, Celaya, Nicaragua. Claims he awaiting false Mexi documentation prior receiving sabotage training Cuba. Says Juan LORILLO, Rolan ALVARADO and Carlos FONSECA Amador are members his (Communist?) organization Nicaragua.

94. 26 Nov. 0924 — President DORTICOS of Habana calls Amb. Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas of Cuban Embassy, Mexico City. About Silvia DURAN, the police picking her up, detaining her, interrogating her, etc. (DORTICOS asked several times about money.) DORTICOS asked HERNANDEZ to question Silvia some more and to investigate more and call him. LIENVOY

95. 26 Nov. — MEXI 7068 - Translation of transcript (of para 94 above) sent. Station also has Spanish copy. Tape being retained. LITENSOR

96. 26 Nov. — MEXI 7069 (Ref: MEXI 7067 - Para 93 above) (also see Para 82 above) Station officer (probably BARKER) with Emb Security Officer interviewed Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO Ugarte morning 26 Nov with following results: (Repetition of Para 82 and 93 above with following additional): ALVARADO admitted he really on penetration mission for Nic Secret Service, reports to Major Roger JEREZ, Nic Milatt, Pasaje Latino, Interior 513, tel: 46-33-76, Mexi. On 2 Sept reported in Mexi to Professor Edelberto TORRES, Address General Zuazua No. 37, Interior 8. TORRES is Nic in charge of Nic CP travellers to Cuba. Well known Communist. Has daughter in Moscow. On 2 Sept discussed anti-Somoza guerrilla activity in with TORRES and brothers Gustavo and Humberto JEREZ Talavera.

Cuban Consulate to turn passport photos over to Consul AZCUE, etc., etc. At the end of Sept ALVARADO phoned American Emb several times to report his belief someone important in U. S. to be killed, used name Jorge KYNAUT (phonetic) to protect identity. Was asked if call related visa matter. Replied no, political matter, wished to speak to person of confidence. First time was screened by 2 females, finally spoke to man who said he would call back. ALVARADO left phone number 30-19-52 (since changed). Man never called. ALVARADO tried repeatedly contact Emb by phone was finally told "Quit wasting our time. We are working here, not playing." When ALVARADO saw OSWALD photo in newspaper he again contacted Emb 25 Nov. ALVARADO is young, quiet, very serious person, who speaks with conviction. Knows enough English to understand conversation, had tank maintenance training in Canal Zone when with Nic Army. Says he still Nic Commie party mbr, was originally convinced Marxist, later became disillusioned, has been penetration agent for Nic Gov for past 4 yrs. Scheduled enter Cuba within 2 months. He explained he outraged by Kennedy assassination which he 80% sure Communist plot. Does not wish become involved in big publicity splash, hopes U.S. will keep name secret, but willing do whatever necessary. Lives at Pino No. 173, Col. Santa Maria de la Ribera, Tel 41-07-31. Will accept phone call from "Rodolfo Gabaldon" to set time for next meeting which to take place front Juarez Monument, Parque Alameda.

97. 26 Nov.

MEXI 7070 - LIMITED reported Mexi Secret Service initiated heavy surveillance of Sovemb starting afternoon 23 Nov. Also Sec Serv physical surveillance of KOSTIKOV earlier reported, according LIMITED the Sec Serv started close obvious surveillance of Vitaliy Borisovich SHUBIN (KGB) on 23 Nov. Note SHUBIN in past often accompanied KOSTIKOV on trips outside Sovemb

97. 26 Nov.

MEXI 7072 - (REF: A. MEXI 7067 - Para 93 above; B. MEXI 7068 - Para 95; C. MEXI 7069 - Para 96 above) - Amb Mann asks following be sent by COS to Sec. Rust, Mr. Mc Cone and Mr. Hoover: This message represents combined suggestions of myself, Scott and Anderson: In view of Nic (Ref A) and info in long distance telephone between DORTICOS and HERNANDEZ (Ref B) we suggest Mexicans be informed concerning Ref A and Nic be put at disposition of LOPEZ Mateos on condition LOPEZ Mateos will agree to order rearrest and interrogate Silvia DURAN as follows: a) Confront Silvia with Nic and have Nic inform her of details his statement to us. b) Tell Sivlia she only living non-Cuban who knows full story and hence in same position as OSWALD prior to his assassination; her only chance for survival is to come clean with whole story and to cooperate completely with Mexi Gov in return for Mexi Gov protection. c) She will not in any case be allowed to leave Mexi. / Given apparent character of Silvia there would appear to be good chance of her cracking when confronted with details of deal between OSWALD, AZCUE, MIRABAL and Silvia and unknown Cuban negro. If she did break - and we suggest Mexicans should be asked to go all out in seeing that she does - we and Mexicans would have needed corroboration of statement of the Nic. Also suggest Mexi Gov identify and arrest unknown negro. Have Mexicans rearrest Silvia so as to eliminate possibility of her being smuggled out of Mexi to Cuba or killed here. We lack established reliability of Nic, but suggest that DORTICOS' preoccupation with money angle tends to corroborate authenticity of Nic statement. Thus, there appears

to be strong a possibility that a down payment was made to OSWALD in Cub Emb here. Request instructions.

98. 26 Nov. MEXI 7083 - (REF: MEXI 7067 - Para 93 above) FYI: ALVARADO now claims he CP penetration agent for GON. Request MANA Station not consult Liaison on this one until further word from MEXI or DIR.

99. 26 Nov. MEXI - 7084 - AMB Mann requested ODENVY officer be sent to Mexi to give him more details of OSWALD/RUBINSTEIN cases. This info only because it indicates Amb's feeling he not being fully enough informed of aspects of these cases in U.S.A.

100. 26 Nov. MEXI 7092 (REFS: A. DIR 85066 - not in file, not abstracted; A. MEXI 7084 - para 99 above) 1. See Ref B. which crossed DIR 85039 (not in file, not abstracted). 2. Amb's feeling is he not fully briefed on cases. etc.// COS finds present C/ODENVY one of best and most cooperative, etc.// COS opinion it is desirable ODENVY senf officer to Mexi to satisfy Amb. Unless Mr. Johnson can convince Amb that Chief/Odenvy Mexi will receive and make available to him all information concerning U.S. angles of these cases.

101. 26 Nov. MEXI 7093 (REF: DIR 85198 - not in file, not abstracted) Appreciate prompt instructions. ALVARADO's story being checked. He being re-interviewed, and moved to safe address. Have asked ECHEVERRIA as of night 26 Nov to put close surveillance on DURAN.

102. 26 Nov. MEXI 7094 - 1. Dr. Jose Guillermo AGUIRRE of Mexi told following to Pete Moraga, USIS, on 26 Nov. A. Maria RODRIGUEZ widow of LOPEZ said a son in law of hers who lives in New Orleans was well acquainted with OSWALD. B. Son in law is a Cuban, Arnesto RODRIGUEZ, who lives at 212 Jefferson Parrish, Tel, Vernon 5-9658. C. Arnesto RODRIGUEZ runs a Spanish language school, is anti-Castro. D. According to Maria RODRIGUEZ de LOPEZ her son in law has taped conversations with OSWALD. 2. Above will be passed to ODENVY here on 27 Nov. Hqs may wish pass ODENVY.

103. 26 Nov. Note (para 102 above) from Bob Adams on 26 Nov 63. Signed COS

104. 26 Nov. MEXI 7095 - Following result of ODENVY investigation hotels: OSWALD registered at small Hotel del Comercio, Sahagun 19, tel: 46-60-51, on 27 Sept 63. OSWALD left this hotel on 1 Oct. ODENVY believes OSWALD travelled from Nuevo Laredo to Monterrey by bus on 26 Sept then changed buses and continued on Anahuac bus line to Mexi City arriving in time on 27 Sept for 1037 telephone call to Sovemb that date.

105. 26 Nov. 1806 STATE INCOMING TELEGRAM Guadalajara, Control #369 - Local newspaper editor today told me he visited Monday by one Hector Francis COSERRANO, news photographer from Culiacan. Latter stated he travelled by bus late Sept Culiacan to Mexi City with OSWALD. They attempted converse though OSWALD's Spanish poor. OSWALD gave informant personal card and pamphlet in English with many pictures Castro, both later discarded. On arrival MEXI

SECRET

106. 26 Nov.

The News article on OSWALD Sought Visa Here to Russia, Report Mexican Government Sources. Article states OSWALD entered Mexico 26 Sept, left 3 Oct, on tourist card issued in New Orleans by Mexi consulate, conferred with Cuban consul Eusebio AZCUE, etc. etc.

107. 26 Nov.

LITEMPO-4 prepared report for LITEMPO-2 on case. Source personally interviewed Silvia DURAN as well as Horacio DURAN Navarro, Ruben DURAN Navarro, Betty SERRATOS de DURAN, Lidia Duran Navarro Vda. de FLORES, Agata ROSENO Garcia, Barbara Ann BLISS and Charles E. BENTley, and attached report sets forth the results obtained. Also attached are photos of Silvia and husband, Horacio. Source advised that he interrogated Silvia on two occasions and on both she denied knowledge of OSWALD's residence, whereabouts or contacts in Mexico except as set forth in the report. See report, in Spanish, Vol. I of P-8593.
NOTE: Check page 10 of report, mutual friend is Tino CONTRERAS, baterista (drum drummer) with CONTRERAS; Oscar of Tampico, 5 July 67 memo to LEGAT.

108. 26 Nov. 1335

Woman calls Sovemb and wants to talk with the person who had contact with OSWALD when he was in Mexico, wants to know where he was, where he stayed in Mexico. The Sov told her no one knew anything about the case. LIENVOY

109. 26 Nov. 1558 NOTE: NOT REPORTED

D.F.S. agent, Hugo CASILLAS, calls the North American, Barbara, who lives at Bahia Magdalena 127 and reminds her that he is one of the boys from that time of the detention and that he was talking with her in the camioneta (paddy wagon??) (NOTE: Barbara refers to Barbara Ann BLISS of LITEMPO-4 report - para 107 above - page 8, which says she lives at Bahia de Magdalena No. 125 with tel 45-13-41, divorced from Juan ESQUIVEL, Costa Rican, etc.) and said, "What a time you passed spent here, very pleasant, true?" Barbara remembers. Hugo asks if Charles has his white car in the same place, that at that time he was very worried that it would be stolen. Barbara comments that the others were nervous, and Betty, with the long hair, is now fighting with her husband. Hugo remembers that it seemed that day that they were having a party there in Ruben's house. Barbara indicates that it was a party for children. Hugo asks where she spent the day yesterday. Barbara said she went with Tino (CONTRERAS) her sweetheart, but adds that Tino went to the United States to record some music, jazz, for he plays the drums. Hugo asks if she hasn't gone to Acapulco. Barbara responds no because she doesn't like it (Acapulco); that there you can only go for your honeymoon. Then she comments that isn't it horrible that RUBY killed OSWALD..., "but think how those policemen are in Texas... they are mules." Hugo comments that in the photo you could see that they didn't even turn around (when Ruby shot OSWALD). Barbara believes that they wanted OSWALD to die. Hugo comments that now they say they might poison Jack RUBY. Barbara says the thing is not normal, "It's a thing, how do you say it - crooked (or twisted)." Hugo says that today he is on call but tomorrow he will be free. Barbara invites him to her house to have coffee anytime after 1530 hrs. Hugo will be there at 1700 hrs.

SECRET

SECRET

110. 26 Nov. 1839 — Amb. Juaquin HERNANDEZ Armas calls Pres. DORTICOS of Cuba and reports there is nothing new on the Silvia DURAN case and that she had not said OSWALD was given money in the Cub Emb. Translation has been checked and is correct.

110. 27 Nov. — Memo to LEGAT from COS enclosing all conversations from technical operations pertinent to OSWALD case, i.e., 27 Sept, 1037 hrs (para 1 above); 1605, (para 2 above); 1626 (para 3 above); 1158 (para 4 above); 1031 (para 5 above) 1 Oct.; 1035, 1 Oct (para 6 above marked 1045); 1539, 3 Oct (para 7 above). COS requested (underlined) no dissemination or discussion without prior and complete clearance and authorization of COS' organization.

111. 27 Nov. 1701 — STATE telgram from Tijuana (control #385) saying Negative report on RUBENSTEIN alias RUBY with all possible spelling variations checked.

112. 27 Nov. — Memo to LEGAT from COS telling contents of para 102 above.

113. 27 Nov. — MEMO to LEGAT from COS with copy of Amb. Mann's cable (para 97 above), and copy of Amb's draft of this cable.

114. 27 Nov. — DIR 85039 - Discussed with Mr. Alexis Johnson of State this afternoon Amb Mann's telegram requesting ODENVY officer travel MEXI for consultation on OSWALD case and other possible MEXI leads. Mr. Johnson is asking ODENVY expedite travel such officer and is enlisting assistance of Deputy Attorney General KATZENBACH in this matter. Will advise.

115. 27 Nov. — DIR 85086 - (Ref: MEXI 7067 - para 93 above) Subj ref is LAVARADO member of Frente de Liberacion Nacional (FLN) Nic exile revolutionary group which is Cuban supported and Commie dominated. ALVARADO is also known informant Nic intel service. Rolan ALVARADO, Carlos FONSECA Amador and Juan LORIO (possibly iden w/Juan LORILLO in ref) all well known Nic communists.

116. 27 Nov. — MANA 4609 - (Ref: MEXI 7067 para 93 above) (also see para 82 above) - Full name Subj is Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte, B. 31 Jan 40 Ciudad Rama, Zelaya, Nic. Subj, a mechanic, son of Cervilo ALVARADO and Zoila de ALBARADO. Subj about 5'4", 135 lbs, brown eyes, dark brown hair, dark complexion. Subj was informant for Nic Security Service from 62 until Aug 63 when his connection with Security discovered by FLN. After he "blown" in Aug 63, he rec'd small payment from Sec Serv and said he planned go El Salvador. He told Security he would write if he obtained any info of value. On 4 Oct Nic Serv rec'd letter from Subj in Mexi dated 2 Oct. Subj said he in position get info on 2 groups in Mexi, and mentioned E.TORRES, probably Edelberto TORRES, as being involved one group. Subj signed letter Jose UGARTE, pseudo assigned to him by Nic Serv, and gave address as Calz. Chavacana No. 142, Mexi 8. Nic Serv has had no contact with him since this letter. Subj was ultimate source several Station info reports, including HNM 740, 742, 753, and 762, which prepared from liaison info. He appeared to be fairly good informant with good access to FLN info. Nic services

considered him good informant, but said he might be inclined exaggerate. Should case develop to point where Mexi and Hqs believe desireable break ALVARADO, Station could probably arrange have Nic officer who handled him come Mexi to question him. Rolando ALVARADO Lopez, member Nic Commie Party (PSN), is ALVARADO's uncle. Juan LORIO Garcia, member of Central Committee of PSN, traveled MANA to MEXI on 14 Sept and returned to Nic on 17 Oct. Carlos FONSECA Amador, well known leader of FLN, last reported in Honduras as of early Nov.

117. 27 Nov. DIR 85066 - Further to DIR 85039 (para 114 above) Mr. Johnson has informed me that Mr. KATZENBACH spoke with C/ODENVY who contended that MEXI ODENVY office possessed all relevant info and that he was not disposed to send ODENVY officer to MEXI. Pls advise a) Whether ODENVY Mexi does in fact have necessary info b) Is it desirable in your opinion that ODENVY do send agent to MEXI?

118. 27 Nov. DIR 85178 - (Ref: Mexi 7069, 7072 - para 96 and 97 above) Amb Mann's message relayed to addressees. Decision will be cabled after they confer. In your investigation, suggest you contact ALVARADO's Nic case officer in Mexi and ask him whether ALVARADO has ever told him this story or anything like it. You can do this without further authorization. Request you not take any action to re-arrest DURAN or arrest others without approval from here. Presume you are checking to see whether ALVARADO ever made phone calls to the American Embassy he claims to have made.

119. 27 Nov. DIR 85198 - (Ref: DIR 85178 - para 118 above) We feel investigation and analysis of ALVARADO's story should be pursued further before more executive action is taken. In lieu of arresting DURAN, suggest she be put under close surveillance by KUBARK or by Mexi authorities. Note ALVARADO's claim he is still working for Nic Service and MANA's belief he was dropped in Aug 63.

120. 27 Nov. DIR 85258 (Ref: MEXI 7093 - para 101 above) - ODENVY says OSWALD applied for unemployment insurance in New Orleans on 17 Sept, one day before Alvarado says he saw him in Cuban Emb Mexi. ODENVY checking all airlines to see if he could have flown to MEXI by 18 Sept. He was in New Orleans on 25 Sept and left that day for Texas without paying his rent. He is believed to have been without funds during this period. ODENVY says his New Orleans landlady believes he was there continuously between 17 and 25 Sept. Above gives further reasen to believe ALVARADO is fabricating.

121. 27 Nov. DIR 85318 (Ref: MEXI 7101 which states COS was advised at 1215 MEXI time via Lic. x ECHEVERRIA that Silvia DURAN has been rearrested because she was attempting to leave Mexi for Cuba. Request instructions.) - This instruction has been coordinated with ODACID and ODENVY. Mexi authorities should interrogate Silvia to extent necessary clarify outstanding points which been raised your cables last 48 hrs. You may provide questions to Mexi interrogators but we do not want any Americans to confront Silvia or be in contact with her. Advise results interrogation.

SECRET

122. 27 Nov. DIR 85797 (Ref: MANA 4609 - para 116 above) Appreciate MANA info ref. Defer MEXI whether or not they want Nic case officer to assist in interrogation.

123. 27 Nov. MEXI 7097 (Ref: MEXI 7068 - para 95 above) Following is translation of a resume of follow up conversation to ref. Source is LIENVOY. LITENSOR has copy. Tapes being saved. HERNANDEZ Armas calls DORTICOS of Cuba at 1939 hrs. (see para 110 above)

124. 27 Nov. MEXI 7098 (Ref: MEXI 7069 - para 96 above) Two Station officers interviewed ALVARADO in safehouse again night 26 Nov with following results: Subj story remained substantially same as in ref. Subj recognized photos of Cub Emb personnel Silvia DURAN, Francisco LLAGOSTERA, ORESTES Ruiz, Samuel PEREZ, Rogelio RODRIGUEZ, Raul APARICIO, Rolando ESTEVA, Heberto JORRIN, Oscar CONCEPCION, Antonio GARCIA, Jose FERNANDEZ Roa, Andres ARMONA, Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas, "Raul", Pereguina ALONSO, Luisa CALDERON, and Alfredo MIRABAL. Did not know names of any but knew by sight and gave partial descriptions such as duties, height, skin coloring, condition of teeth, disposition, accent, etc., not discernable from phonos/ Identified photo of Oscar CONCEPCION Mendoza as tall Cuban of para 9 ref and photo of Luisa CALDERON as pretty girl of para 12 ref. Quickly identified New Yorleans mug shot of OSWALD supplied by ODENVY. Said was positive of these identifications. (Note LIENVOY reveals CALDERON planning move into Cub Emb 25 Nov.)/ Said OSWALD had green passport in pocket and Subj believes he saw pistol in shoulder holster. Said OSWALD wore long shoes and had wrist watch with yellow metal band. Described how OSWALD slouched in chair in Consulate waiting room about noon 18 Sept, seemed to be at home, appeared to know and be known by consulate personnel. Said he heard OSWALD use Mexi slang expression "Cabron", badly pronounced./ Subj reinacted conversation and money-passing scene of para 10 and 11 ref using Station officers as "props". Conversation essentially same as ref except had OSWALD use word "kill" in first reply to negro, hence "You're not the man. I can kill him." Said U.S. banknotes were in small pack, about quarter inch thick at most with paper band which negro broke before counting out fifteen hundred dollars for extra expenses and five thousand dollars as "advance"./ Subj said he still sergeant Nic guardia civil. Entered Mexico illegally without travel documents 29 Aug paying bribe at border having transited Honduras, Salvador and Guatemala en route. Entered Mexi on 1961 mission for secret service after contrived escape from false arrest in Nic followed by period of asylum in Mexi Emb. Said rec'd training at Fort Gulick, Canal Zone, in March 1956 (Note Subj only 16 yrs old at that time)./ Subj says he has been to Cub Consulate on 2 or 3 Sept, 15 or 16 Sept, 18 Sept, 19 Sept, 26 Sept and 25 Nov. Station photo coverage of Cub Emb did not include consulate gate until Oct, Subj not identified on photos of persons using Emb gate. Subj admits visiting Sovemb 6 or 7 times, about 4 times with TORRES. Is somewhat fuzzy on reasons for these visits, was not pressed for detail at this session. Subj has not been identified in photo coverage Sovemb./ Subj given 600 pesos to enable him move out of present quarters to hotel or rooming house elsewhere in Mexi for next few days. Signed receipt in true name. / Subj appears completely cooperative. Showing some signs of fearing for safety.

SECRET

13-00000

125. 27 Nov.

126. 27 Nov.

MEXI 7101 (para 121 above) SECRET

MEXI 7104 Amb Mann asks that following be passed to Sec. Rusk. He presumes KUBARK and ODENVY will be advised. Since my cable of yesterday (MEXI 7072 - para 97 above) there have been three principal developments: 1) Amb HERNANDEZ Armas at 1839 hrs last evening called DORTICOS of Cuba. In this conversation, which like the first is taped, DORTICOS expressed continued concern over possibility that Mexi police had interrogated Silvia about money. 2) ALVARADO, the Nic, was questioned by CAS officer until two a.m. this morning. This officer was impressed by ALVARADO who has offered make himself available as a witness and who is now hiding in place provided by CAS. We cannot guarantee ALVARADO's safety. Wealth of detail ALVARADO gives about events and personalities involved with OSWALD in Cub Emb is striking. 3) At 1215 hrs Mexi time 27 Nov., CAS officer was admised by phone by ECHEVERRIA that he had rearrested Silvia today because he learned she was attempting to leave Mexi for Habana. However, Echeverria later told LEGAT that he had decided to rearrest Silvia to avoid any possibility she might escapt to Cuba and later be unavailable as a witness. Since we had received no reply to yesterday's telegrem (MEXI 7072 - para 97 above) we have not requested Mexi gov to take g any action against Silvia except to maintain increased surveillance of her activities. Echeverria later denied to LEGAT that he had any specific concrete evidence that she was about to leave for Cuba. We do not now know which Echeverria statements are accurate. It is quite possible, and even probable, that contradictory statements made by Echeverria are explained by desire of GOM to play down importance of OSWALD visit here. Mexi line still is that OSWALD visit related solely to visa question. Consistent with this Echeverria stated to LEGAT that DORTICOS only interested in finding out whether Mexi authorities tried to pay a story from Silvia. This is obviously incrorrect interpretation. Neither LOPEZ Mateor nor Echeverria know of ALVARADO's story. Pls note that according Echeverria Silvia is being taken to Attorney General's office to which Mexi press has easy access. Possiblity of habeas corpus cannot be discounted. 4) We have as yet found no trace of the red headed Cub negro described by ALVARADO, but are continuing our search for him. 5) In addition to questions raised in yesterday's telegram Washington should urgently consider feasibility of requesting Mexi authorities to arrest for interrogation: Eusebio AZCUE; Luisa CALDERON and Alfredo MIRABAL. The two men are Cuban nationals and Cuban consular officers. Luisa CALDERON is a dr secretary in Cuban consulate here. In this connection article II of Consular Convention between U. S. and Mexi exempts from arrest "Consular officers, national of the state by which they are appointed, and not engaged in any private occupation for gain" except "when charged with the commission of an act designated by local legislation as crime other than misdemeanor and subjecting the individual guilty thereof to punishment by imprisonment." We are checking to see whether all of these individuals are on current consular list. Even assuming they are, and assuming also that Cuban-Mexican consular convention is similar to ours, they would all seem to be subject to arrest, provided Mexican law defines their apparent conspiracy with OSWALD as a crime and not a misdemeanor. They may all quickly be returned to Habana in order to eliminate any possibility that Mexi Gov could use them as witnesses. We know that AZCUE went to Habana on 18 Nov and we are not now certain that he or others are in Mexi at present time. 6) While I realize enormous difficulty in giving us instructions, I

SECRET

nevertheless feel obliged to point out again that time is of the essence here. Mann"

Sterile copy of above to Amb at his request - 27 Nov. 63

27. 27 Nov. MEXI 7105 (Ref: DIR 85245 - not in file; not abstracted) 1. Sending photostatic copy of ten page statement by Silvia DURAN obtained from Echeverria by hand of Roger T. KINGMAN in envelope addressed to GALBOND true name. 2. KINGMAN arriving Dulles airport at 0800 hrs 28 Nov. He will be met by his wife, hopes she will tell him what to do with envelope. 3. Sorry no time to translate statement. 4. Also including 22 Nov Luisa CALDERON (Cuban consular employee) talk to unknown man from LIENVOY. (para 19 above)

28. 27 Nov. MEXI 7107 (REF: A. DIR 85178 - para 118 above; B. DIR 85797 - para 122 above; C. CIR 85258 - para 120 above) - 1) ALVARADO story after two installments tends prove that he has been in Cub Emb and knows some of employees by sight name or both. Nothing more. 2) To resolve doubt only effective way is to have cooperation of MAJORJEREZ directed by his Hqs in interrogating ALVARADO. If Hqs agrees suggest he be cable urgently to cooperate without question with PBSWING officer who will contact him morning28 Nov. Station wishes JEREZ be present during interrogation to throw all Nic official weight behind it, but not to participate except in portions relative ALVARADO's alleged mission for JEREZ. 3) Station concedes outside possibility this story could be SOMOZA gambit get rid of CASTRO so defer to Hqs re action para 2.

29. 27 Nov. 1020 Individual calls Cub Emb and says he is from Ultimas Noticias, talks with Luisa CALDERON of LIENVOY Commercial Department, that they have received a cable from Cuba saying they were protesting to Mexico because of the bad treatment given a Cuban Embassy employee in Mexico in relation with the visa requested by OSWALD, the Kennedy assassin. Luisa asks him to speak with the secretary of the Ambassador.

30. 27 Nov. 1026 The same individual (as para 129 above) speaks with Consuelo ESPERON, says he is from LIENVOY Ultimas Noticias and they received a cable from Habana saying an employee of the Cuban Embassy had been badly treated by Relaciones Exteriores (Foreign Relations) when trying to find out about OSWALD's passport and the assassination of Kennedy, and he wants to find out if it is true. Consuelo pays no attention to the question and asks if the cable was received directly from Habana. The individual only says that Cuba has protested to Mexico about this behavior. Consuelo is going to find out, and then she tells him that there they know nothing, that they have no news about this. The individual says he is going to talk with the boss of information to find out personally about this. Consuelo indicates that the Ambassador's secretary, Peregrina ALONSO, is going to speak. The individual, in the meantime, speaks to someone who is with him and says (in familiar form "tu") "They are going to tell you, that you are chief of information, that they do not have " Later

a radio broadcast from Habana which said that Minister Raul ROA announced that they had sent a protest to Amb. Gilberto BOSQUES of Mexico against the conduct of the Mexican authorities who arrested an employee "of yours" named Silvia DURAN, that they were transacting some business in the Secretaria de Relaciones "I suppose to do with information" about the passport of OSWALD. Peregrina says she has no news of this. The head of information says k of the protest, but was there an arrest? Peregrina insists that she knows nothing.

131. 27 Nov.

COS sent letter to JC (KING), via John Horton, with copies of report prepared by LITEMPO-4 (para 107 above)

132. 27 Nov.

DIR 85245 - Dept of Justice preparing report on whole case and will want to include detailed data on OSWALD's Mexi activities. LIENVOY info cannot be used, but statements of Silvia DURAN which carry essentially same import could be used without compromising Mexi sources. Therefore, request you cable in translated version of her statements and obtain LITENSDR and LITEMPO-2's permission to use statements in official report for publication. Pls note DIR ODENVY is getting from ODENVY Mexi much info which originates with LIENVOY operation. ODENVY here does not realize this info produced by KUBARK operation, and ODENVY may be getting LIENVOY info thru own clandestine sources in Gobernacion or even in President's office. Try to clarify with ODENVY rep there exact manner in which he has obtained such info and ~~in~~ form in which he sent it to ODENVY Hqs. We must avoid inadvertant compromise of LIENVOY.

133. 27 Nov.

NEW YORK TIMES - Trail of OSWALD in Mexico Vague. .....Mexican and American investigative authorities admitted were inclined to discount Mexican immigration reports from Nueva Laredo that OSWALD entered Mexi in a U. S. sailor's uniform and in the company of two women and a man. Raul LUEBANO, Mexi immigration agent at Nuevo Laredo port of entry, said this (sailor's uniform) from his recollections of OSWALD.....

134. 27 Nov.

NEW YORK TIMES - Cuba Attributes Murder to Right. Cuba supported Moscow's theory today that the "far right" was responsible for the assassination. .....

135. 27 Nov.

NEW YORK TIMES - Cuba Exile Tells of OSWALD Boast. A Cuban exile leader said that OSWALD had boasted that if the U.S. attempted an invasion of Cuba, he would defend CASTRO. OSWALD made the statement in a x conversation with an anti-Castro Cuban who was posing as a Castro supporter according to Carlos BRINGUIER, New Orleans delegate to the Cuban Student Directorate...Authorities learned that OSWALD, during a summer in New Orleans before going to Dallas, tried to join the anti-Communist group. BRINGUIER regarded OSWALD with suspicion and later saw him distributing pro-Castro literature. BRINGUIER, a 29 yr old Havanan who manages a dry-goods store.....

SECRET

~~28xNovx~~ 136.	28 Nov.		Wilton HALL talks with Vanda SUMMER. WH says sad about Kennedy.. the worse is what is this behind it. Very strange. WH does not doubt that OSWALD had all these connections, but OSWALD could have been hired by someone on the Right to kill Kennedy. WH thinks that F.B.I. believes that he had an accomplice. It would be impossible for one man to fire that many times in that short of time. Had to have an accomplice. A lot to come out yet. (This not in OSWALD file. It is in P-8324, Vol. 2) LIFEAT
137.	28 Nov.	1400	Folder on left side of Vol. 2 of Hotel Registrations and travel of OSWALD given to COS by Echeverria.
138.	28 Nov.		ATISBOS - Article about the Cuban Gov protesting the x detention of Silvia DURAN and husband, along with entering their house, etc....all of which is hurting friendly relations between Cuba and Mexico.
139.	28 Nov.		EL DIA - The Amazing Puzzle of the Dallas Police. Written by El Dia correspondent, Leopoldo ARAGON. Article on discrepencies of OSWALD as the "only" killer..... The incognitos continue. The rumors continue. The 40,000 dollars found in OSWALD's house. A paid assassin? An assassin silenced by the bullet of someone or some who feared they might be implicated?.....
140.	28 Nov.	1230	STATE TELEGRAM SENT SECSTATE 1201 FLASH (Roger Channel) For Sec Rusk and Alexis Johnson: Amb. Mann's telegram says Many thanks for your telegram 961 (not in file). Perhaps I should describe briefly the background for my recommendations on the OSWALD case. 1. In reading OSWALD's rather complete dossier.....etc., etc.....I therefore request soonest instructions on following specific points: a) Mexicans must be told immediately whether we want them to continue with investigation. b) Mexicans are pressing us for immediate agreement that DURAN should be turned loose but kept under surveillance. What shall we say. Request immediate answer to this specific question. c) If ALVARADO is not to be turned over to Mexicans what do we do with him? Shall we send him to the States for interrogation? Shall Embassy give him polygraph test here? Or shall we do something else and if so what?
141.	28 Nov.		DIR 85371 (Ref: DIR 85318 - not in file, not abstracted) To be certain there is no misunderstanding between us, we want to insure that neither Silvia DURAN nor Cubans get impression that Americans behind her re-arrest. In other words, we want Mexi authorities to take responsibility for whole affair.
141.	28 Nov.	SECRET	DIR 85469 (Ref: MEXI 7104 - para 126 above) Ref being passed to ODACID and ODENVY per your request. Have discussed MEXI 7104 with Mr. Alexis Johnson. He wants Amb Mann to know that it not likely requested instructions will be forthcoming prior 28 Nov. On Wash end ODENVY has jurisdiction. Both ODACID and KUBARK attempting follow their wishes

Amb is pushing this case too hard and that we could well create flap with Cubans which could have serious repercussions. Understand from Mr. Johnson that he sent telegram ODACID channels to Amb this afternoon attempting to give him better perspective on this whole problem. We hope this will be of some assistance in reducing his pressures on you.

142. 28 Nov.

DIR 85653 - ODENVY says their follow-up investigation of OSWALD's activities has produced "reliable indications" that he was in New Orleans on 19 Sept 63. This, coupled with earlier evidence that he was in New Orleans applying for unemployment insurance on 17 Sept means OSWALD would have had to fly to Mexi and back between 17 and 19 Sept in order to be at Cub Emb getting his pay off, as ALVARADO claims, on 18 Sept. With this added info, believe Mexi can confidently regard ALVARADO as fabricator and tailor interrogation accordingly. Perhaps he might respond to suggestion that he has been having delusions and needs psychiatric treatment.

143. 28 Nov.

DIR 85654 - We have just heard by phone from Kingman, who is at home, that Mexi evaluation of ALVARADO story may have been seriously warped by a piece of misinformation which has crept into this case. From conversations with your officer, Kingman has the impression that they believe theere is other evidence that OSWALD made a bank deposit of 5,000 dollars in the U.S. after he got back from Mexi on 3 Oct. This would tend, if true, to corroborate ALVARADO's story that he saw OSWALD get 5,000 for the job and 1,500 for expenses. Kingman thinks he heard that CURTIS got the info about the bank deposit from an ODENVY man named Clark. / We know of no such bank deposit. ODENVY here has just affirmed they never heard this story. The story of the deposit of 5,000 dollars is therefore almost certainly erroneous. Pls check it with ODENVY there. We have advised ODENVY that this rumor exists in Mexico. / We can readily see how this piece of misinformation would mislead you. Pls do not assume this Hqs is in possession of all facts known to ODENVY or the Dallas police or any other body. / ODENVY has just levied on us official request for full info on source and origin of rumor about 5,000 dollar bank deposit. Pls reply immediate.

144. 28 Nov.

DIR 85655 (Ref: DIR 85469 - Para 141 above) To supplement our position as outlined in ref, we wish to stress there should be no let down in your effort to follow all leads and investigate all facts which bear on this case. We have by no means excluded possibility that other as yet unknown persons may have been involved or even that other powers may have played a role. Pls continue all coverage of Sov and Cub installations and your liaison with Mexicans.

145. 28 Nov.

MANA 4613 (Refs; A. DIR 85616 - not in file, not abstracted; B. MEXI 7107 - para 128 above) Station requested ERYTHROID-1 cooperation Mexi thru Major JEREZ and if possible by sending ERYTHROID-3 Mexi. E-1 said ALVARADO in Mexi without ERYTHROID authority and passed off suggestion use JEREZ but agreed immediately send E-3. Station agreed pay E-3 expenses. He now in process getting visa and plane reservations and will probably be in Mexi today unless Hqs and Mexi wish cancel. / Even though his story re OSWALD may be false it possible he has been working other angle penetrate Cubans and E-3 will be able to assist in getting

facts straight. In spite Mexi 7113 (not in file, not abstracted) believe it of value E-3 travel Mexi and contact Station officer this case. Advise flash.

146. 28 Nov.

DIR 85661 (Ref: MEXI 7113 - not in file, not abstracted; MANA 4613- Para 145 above) Do not turn ALVARADO over to the Mexicans. We have officially asked ODENVY for their position on this move, and pending ODENVY's answer and our final consideration, ALVARADO should not be surfaced to Mexicans or turned over to them. / Advise us if ODENVY in Mexi attempts to get you to act one ~~m~~ way or the other on the question of turning ALVARADO over to the Mexicans./ Pls note complicating factor ~~xx~~ that ALVARADO may be a Nic agent too. MANA pls advise its views. We agree ERTHYROID 3 should go Mexi and be reachable at Nic Emb to be at Mexi disposal. / For Mexi: Note ODENVY man Larry Keenan now in Mexi was sent especially to follow up leads on entire assassination. Pls cooperate with him fully.

147. 28 Nov.

DIR 85663 - ODENVY Liaison officer officially advises that ODENVY requests that KUBARK turn ALVARADO over to Mexican authorities and that KUBARK request Mexican authorities to interrogate ALVARADO in detail. / ODENVY reports that it understand that Mexi authorities have a capability of polygraphing and requests that KUBARK requsst Mexi authorities that he be polygraphed. / ODENVY expressed desire to have the results of the interrogation as soon as possible and that the Legal Attache be kept advised of developments. / ODENVY takes the position that inasmuch as Silvia DURAN may be released sometime today (28 Nov) according to info which ODENVY has from LEGAT, ALVARADO should be turned over to Mexicans as soon as possible, so that their stories can be checked against each other. / Mexi Station is instructed to carry out ODENVY's requests set out above. Give full cooperation to the LEGAT. This turnover is made without prejudice to KUBARK's future role in this case. Whether we ever resume direct contact with ALVARADO will be decided on its merits when the issue arises.

148. 28 Nov.

MANA 4614 - (Ref: MEXI 7117 - not in file of OSWALD, but in ALVARADO P-8639 as follows: Delighted have ERYTHROID 3. Have him call 46-94-00, x 250 and ask for Mr. Daniels, identifying self as Alberto SUAREZ. Meeting will take place lobby Plaza Hotel corner Insurgentes Norte and Sullivan just off Paseo Reforma. Time will be set by phone. If he should be able arrive 28 Nov. give him number 20-96-24 and ask for Sr. David. Pls furnish identifying data. / If KUBARK interrogation in E 3 presence unsatisfactory retain alternative of turnover to GOM.) ERYTHROID-3 (IDEN) arriving Mexi Taca flt 400, 0945 29 Nov. Will make contact per ref. Have suggested he stay either hotel Geneve or Reforma to facillitate reverse contact if desired by Mexi. / E-1 and E-3 have been told only that ALVARADO appears have some infor bearing on OSWALD. / E-3 speaks English, cooperates very closely with Station. He knows ALVARADO very well and knows all details his past activities within FLN and his work for ERYTHROIDS. E-3 will follow Mexi leads re interrogation. Will probably send open code answer to E-1 thru his Emb so best suggest he send messages thru our channels for security and MANA will relay to E-1. DIR 85663 (para 147 above) just received. Believe best not change travel plans E-3. Suggest advisability Mexi

much more likely solve riddle than LCFLUTTER, especially view GON power control his future.

149. 28 Nov.

MANA 4615 (Ref: MANA 4614 - para 148 above) - [redacted] Born Managua 21 Feb 24. Brown hair, green eyes, 5'8", weight 170 lbs. [redacted] is captain [redacted] chief [redacted] office of national security.

150. 28 Nov.

MANA 4617 - Pls inform MANA soonest whether or not still desireable ERYTHROID-3 travel. If not request permission inform ERYTHROID ALVARADO in hands Mexi authorities.

151. 28 Nov.

DIR 85616 - In the face of mounting evidence that ALVARADO is fabricating his story of seing OSWALD take money in Cub Emb, urge you follow up with his local NIC case officer and avail yourself of the help of the Nic service, which a can send ERTHYROID 3, a good KUBARK asset, to help in interrogation. We find it incredible that the Cubans would brief and pay an assassin in front of ~~x~~ a Nic interloper. We think it possible or even likely that he has been in and out of Cub Emb as a Nic agent trying to infiltrate cuba and has picked up names and faces there in so doing. All he has said about OSWALD he could have gotten from the press, except for certain incorrect items such as his statement that OSWALD wore glasses. / The fact that ALVARADO is a calm, nice and intelligent young man does not mean he is not fabricator. FYI we and other agencies are being flooded by fabrications on the OSWALD case from several continents some originating with people on the fringes of the intelligence business. Such fabrications are not usually done for money, but out of sickly fancy and a desire to get into the intel game. / We do not think it a remarkable coincidence that both DORTICOS and ALVARADO talk about money paid to OSWALD. For one thing, pay for an assassin is a factor which immediately rises in the mind of expert and layman alike. Secondly, DORTICOS may have heard through some Russian or Cuban source in the Mexi government that DURAN was asked whether the Cubans paid OSWALD for the alleged assignment. / While we do not insist that ALVARADO's story is beyond all belief we do urge that Mexi place it and ALVARADO under the most searching scrutiny. His interrogators must probe deeply into his make-up and lead him back through the though processes which may have led him to ~~x~~ make this possible mis-step. In securing confessions of ~~x~~ fabrication, a sympathetic attitude, stressing awareness of the severe mental strain the subject must be under, and with generous recognition of his "basically fine motivation" coupled with promises of face-saving secrecy, and even specious hopes of "useful" future cooperation are often effective. ~~Many~~ Hours must be devoted to these tactics. / Have just received Mexi 7107 - para 128 above - Concur that MANA lend all assistance and induce Nic service to cooperate. Think there is just no possibility that this is a Nic frame-up, but hope Nic cooperation will prove helpful.

152. 28 Nov.

SECRET

MEXI 7113 (Ref: DIR 85653 - Para 142 above) Request OPIM authorization turn ALVARADO over to LITEMPOS with brief explanation he claims to be witness to payoff to OSWALD in Cuban Consulate 18 Sept., admits is in Mexi illegally, admits CP membership, visits to Sovemb, claims that Cuban Con now involved in documenting him with false Mexi papers for travel to Cuba. Latter point alone would give Mexi authorities good reason to subject him to

detailed interrogation. / With Hqs approval of turn-over Station would plan no further contact with ALVARADO.

153. 28 Nov. MEXI 7114 (Ref: DIR 85654 - para 143 above) Mr. Clark Anderson, LEGAT, told COS and Amb Mann of rumor that "OSWALD had deposited five thousand dollars in a bank in the U. S."/ On 27 Nov. Amb in presence COS asked Anderson about this again and Anderson said rumor was on T.V. and radio in Mexi. Anderson said he had no info from his Hqs to confirm or deny this. He said he would check his Hqs. / COS has not heard rumor but feels sure Anderson or some of his office did hear this. This Station had no additional info concerning this but now assumes ALVARADO may have heard same radio or T.V. report and thus have had "basis" for 5,000 dollar payment.

154. 28 Nov. MEXI 7115 LITAMIL 9 reported 27 Nov after Silvia DURAN first arrest was public knowledge that there great deal discussion of this in Emb. She back in office 25 Nov and seemed quite pleased with her performance. Her account interrogation contained little new except police had threatened her with extradition to U. S. to face OSWALD. She had no fear of confrontation. L-9 said there almost no discussion in Emb. Staff meeting 23 Nov very short and somber with general impression being one of shock and disbelief. Heard no expressions of pleasure. / LITAMIL 7 seen night 27 Nov had nothing to add to above. Indeed her version much less detailed. Neither L-7 or L-9 had any personal knowledge OSWALD presence Cub Emb at any time.

155. 28 Nov. MEXI 7117 (see para 148 above) (Ref: MANA 4613 - para 145 above)

156. 28 Nov. MEXI 7118 (Ref: DIR 85371 - para 141 above) Note second pickup which made on GOM initiative without prior consultation with Station or PBSWING obviously evidence great desire Mexi authorities to be of service. Immediately after pickup Echeverria had received instructions from LITENSOR personally not to release DURAN until CURTIS said so. At Hqs request CURTIS furnished interrogation questions to Echeverria night 27 Nov. In view ref felt no alternative but inform Echeverria neither CURTIS nor PBSWING making official request for her continued detention. Decision re release must be theirs. This was done at 1200 noon on 28 Nov.

157. 28 Nov. MEXI 7119 (Ref: DIR 85245 - para 132 above) Have furnished LEGAT all pertinent info from LIENVOY on OSWALD case, including brief memo dated 16 Oct 63 on OSWALD's contacts with the Sovemb. / In all cases have put statement "This info from confidential source. It must not be disseminated, etc." / On 27 Nov COS talked with LEGAT and made following points: A. We wished him cite KUBARK as the source of all info he receives from this Station and sent to his Hqs. B. We require that no distribution of KUBARK info be made outside LEGAT's office without prior clearance with KUBARK Hqs. C. A great deal of our info as he knows, comes from sensitive, and some of from technical operations and all of these sensitive operations have taken years, much work and many dollars to build. We

cited KUBARK as the source and put the control statement on our info. He says however, that he has no control over his Hqs and their distribution of KUBARK or any other info. / Also, FYI LEGAT believes Justice Dept (outside his organization) taking actions and not under control LEGAT's Hqs.

158. 28 Nov. MEXI 7120 - Believe useful have Spanish speaking LCFLUTTER operator available Mexi certainly for ALVARADO and possibly for others. If Hqs agrees pls arrange soonest and advise.

159. 28 Nov. MEXI 7124 (REF: DIR 85663 - para 147 above) COS in contact with Echererria at 1450 hours and Echeverria grateful that ALVARADO being turned over to gobernacion. / Echeverria was given ALVARADO's ~~pp~~ present address and alias under which he registered. Mexicans will pick him up and question him on basis of very brief story given Echeverria by COS. / Echeverria advises that unless significant developments from present interrogation of Silvia DURAN (based upon questions furnished by COS 27 Nov) or from interrogation of ALVARADO, DURAN will be released during night 28 Nov or early morning 29 Nov. / Echeverria advised COS that Mexi Gov had refused to accept "muy grosero" (very rude) note of protest handed to Amb BOSQUES in Habana yesterday by Raul ROA, Cub foreign minister. / Will advise any results that become available from Mexi interrogation of ALVARADO.

160. 28 Nov. DIR 85667 (Ref: MEXI 7120 - para 158 above) No fluent Spanish speaking flutter man available at all. For reasons of security and compartmentation, prefer not to have KUBARK operator double tracked with Mexi operator. Would only confuse case. Prefer wait until all Mexi resources exhausted before we decide if we want to resume management of case, including LCFLUTTER. / Seasoned operators available here on short notice.

161. 29 Nov. Memo to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Gilberto Nolasco ALVARADO Ugarte; On the morning of 26 Nov an officer of this Section, accompanied by Mr. Plambeck of the Security Office, interviewed Subj in a parked car on the south edge of the city. The following statements, unless otherwise noted, are those of the Subject: etc., etc. (Complete info on ALVARADO up to time of his arrest on 28 Nov.)

162. 29 Nov. HMMA 22545 - Attached is a reel of tape containing three conversations reported in ref (MEXI 7068 - para 95 above).

163. 29 Nov. Check names Unsigned letter to Mr. Mann (probably Crackpot) naming people and places in the OSWALD case.

164. 29 Nov. MEXI 7125 (Ref: DIR 85672 - Pls continue to keep us filled in on status of interrogations of Silvia DURAN, ALVARADO, and others implicated as fast as you can get info. We have no other ready source of info on these cases. Request you utilize capable officer for liaison with Gobernacion to skim off details and relay them to your office for cabling to us at regular intervals. Request status report, even negative, by 0900 hrs. Be sure to keep us informed of what info if any is leaked to public information media there.) Echeverria advised COS early on 29 Nov that Silvia DURAN again released. She released at about 1900

hrs on 28 Nov. / DURAN is under close surveillance and will be apprehended any time info received to warrant. She still appears to Mexicans to have been involved only in business of possible Cub and Sov visas for OSWALD. / Will report soonest on ALVARADO interrogation.

165. 29 Nov.

MEXI 7126 (Ref: A. MEXI 7125 - Para 164 above B. DIR 85672 - para 164 above) LITEMPO 4 with whom BENADUM and COS dealing directly at suggestion of Echeverria will keep us advised of interrogation of ALVARADO as it progresses. / LITEMPO 4 states that his first oral report will be ready at 1100 hrs on 29 Nov. / BENADUM will be in direct contact with LITEMPO 4 at that time and COS will send data as soon as obtained. / COS is handling case since LITENSOR, LITEMPOS and LIENVOY involved and need to see LITENSOR, LIELEGANT, ECHEVARRIA and others (no one of whom speaks English). Also continuous Liaison with Amb and ODENVY necessary and COS wishes control these personally.

166. 29 Nov.

MEXI 7127 - LITEMPO 4 reported at 1130 hrs that ALVARADO claims that he present inside Cub Emb when OSWALD given 6,500 dollars. Same story given Mexicans as ALVARADO gave Station. One difference is that ALVARADO failed identify Silvia DURAN from several phtos LITEMPOS showed him. With Station officer ALVARADO did identify her. / Interogation continues. ALVARADO has up to now been "suave" and friendly. Now LITEMPO 4 states he is tougher. / ALVARADO has also claimed he here in 1961 on mission for Nic service and gives same story re present visit as he gave Station (namely, he awaiting documentation as a Mexi to be furnished him by Cub authorities, for a training mission in sabotage, to Cuba). / Above brief and preliminary. LITEMPO 4 "doubts" story and will begin work to "break" ALVARADO. / Will await contact by ETHYROID 3 and, if he wishes to do so, will have LITEMPO 4 call him at his hotel and let him participate. Feel sure LITEMPO 4 would welcome this. / Above given orally to LEGAT.

167. 29 Nov.

MEXI 7128 (Ref: DIR 85712 - Time is of essence in reporting what the Mexicans are learning from ALVARADO and Silvia DURAN. Up to now, we have been re-writing and relaying everything you report over to ODENVY Hqs which results in some unavoidable delay. We would like to be sure that you are immediately giving ODENVY there everything you get about ALVARADO and DURAN so ODENVY Mexi can cable the same data direct to ODENVY Hqs. Pls satisfy yourself that ODENVY there has adequate commo facilities and secretarial staff to keep its Hqs informed as fast as you keep us informed, and advise us on this. / If you find that ODENVY there does not have adequate commo or staff and wants to rely on us to relay the material, they may of course send messages right through our channels, or you can rely on us to relay the info as we have been. / In any case, be sure you indicate on all cables whether ODENVY Mexi has been given the same info.) ODENVY is locally being advised by COS personally of everything Station learns concerning OSWALD case and, now, on ALVARADO interrogation. / Feel sure ODENVY office, which almost same size as KUBARK station, has adequate staff for reporting needs. / Usual procedure here is that COS notifies Hqs, reports to chief ODENVY and to Amb orally then subsequently advises ODENVY by memo. / Hqs is assured

SECRET

168. 29 Nov. MEXI 7137 (Ref; MEXI 7068 - para 95 above - MEXI 7097 - para 123 above) Copy of LIENVOY tapes of conversations references pouched 29 Nov by RYBAT pouch HMMA 22545.

169. 29 Nov. DIR 85669 (REF: MANA 4617 - para 150 above) - Feel ERTHYROID 3 should go Mexi even though ALVARADO may be in Mexi hands. Assume he can be used as consultant at least, that he will know whether he can and should contact Mexi authorities, and that Mexi will clear any active use we make of him with the ODENVY rep. ODENVY here knows he is coming to Mexi to help. / At 1830 Wash time, which is about 1630 your time, we have no further news or requests. We are going home but can be back and on the wire on short notice.

170. 29 Nov. DIR 85672 (see para 165 above)

171. 29 Nov. MEXI 7156 (Ref MEXI 7127 - Para 166 above) - LITEMPO 4, who is very intelligent officer, had talked personally to ALVARADO twice. He saw him for one hour morning of 29 Nov, then for some three hrs afternoon 29 Nov. / LITEMPO 4 states that after first session he believed ALVARADO story a fantastic lie; after second session and all previous and interim interrogations, ALVARADO sticks to same story re OSWALD. LITEMPO 4 states "Although this still preliminary, either ALVARADO is telling truth essentially or is the best liar I have talked to in my many years and I have talked to some of the biggest." LITEMPO 4 "inclined" believe ALVARADO telling truth in general outline; but believes he mixed up on dates. / ETHROID 3 arrived in Mexi. Is now at Geneve Hotel. Will be seen at 1800 hrs. If he willing participate, will get LITEMPO 4 to contact E-3 immediately. / Contents of paras one and two (except for identy of source) have been given orally to chief ODENVY and to chief ODACID by COS. Source was described as "Mexican official."

172. 29 Nov. MEXI 7160 - As Hqs aware, Station's double agents have not had meetings with Sovs since assassination. This principally due fact that prior 22 Nov the Sovs scheduled future sessions for period ~~xxix~~ beginning circa 1 Dec; also due factor that one agent (LIJENNET-1) out of touch with Sov C/O and that another agent (LINILE-1) out of country....etc., etc. / Request instructions on what tactic or elicitation effort if any that doubles should make. / Also request similar instructions re Station's Sov access ~~against~~ agents LICRAVE 1 and LICUFF 1. LICANNY 1 may also have opportunity meet Sovs if Station wants.

173. 29 Nov. Memo to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Silvia Tirado de DURAN - Attached is a copy of a 10 page statement of info obtained by Gobernacion during the first detention of Subj. #6975

174. 30 Nov. DIR 85712(Ref Dir 85672 - para 165 above) see para 167 above

175. 30 Nov. DIR 86012 (Ref: MEXI 7160 - para 172 above) STATION's double agents obviously cannot direct pointed question to C/O's but should be alert to and report any comments on case. Perhaps can provoke discussion in innocuous questions as to general effect events expected to have on international relations. / In instructing agents station should not of course

SECRET

176. 30 Nov.

MEXI 7168 (Ref: MEXI 7156 - para 171 above) LITEMPO 4 and ETHYROID 3 met evening 29 Nov "unofficially" and E 3 reported on ALVARADO's background. He told LITEMPO 4 that ALVARADO had been "seventy five percent accurate" in his reporting and had had access and furnished good info on Communism in past. He said, however, that ALVARADO inclined "go off on his own" at times and impossible control. / At 1030 hours on 30 Nov LITEMPO 4 ~~it~~ reported to COS that ALVARADO has signed a statement saying that his story of seeing OSWALD inside Cub Emb is completely false. He also stated that he had not seen anyone handed money by Cub Con officers. He said too that he had not called the U. S. Emb (as previously claimed) on 20 Sept to warn them. He said his first call to the U. S. Emb was on 25 Nov the evening he saw the U.S. Emb Security officer. / ALVARADO still claims that the remainder of his story, the parts about visits to the Cub Con and plans for his (false) documentation as a Mexi and plans to go to Cuba for sabotage training are true. LITEMPO 4 still inclined believe these portions of story. / ALVARADO stated his motive was to try to get the U.S.A. to take action against Fidel CASTRO. He states he hates CASTRO passionately and thought his presentation, if he could have his story believed, would help to make the U.S.A. take forceful action against CASTRO. / ODENVY being informed of above.

177. 30 Nov. 1109

Police #09 reports to the Chief of Co. 8 the following: Here in front of the Cuban LIENVOY Embassy just now was a group of 35 or 40 persons carrying signs and we were able to take one away - the others got away. We have a photographer detained here with the patrol." The Lieutenant asks what photographer he is talking about. #09 says ~~it~~ he is the same as the others in the group. The Lieutenant insists and asks if he (the photographer) is from the press or from where and what will the police do with him. #09 does not know but he will investigate.

178. 30 Nov. 1200

Amb HERNANDEZ Armas calls Subsecretary GOROTIZA and says the following: "Pardon me for bothering you but I want you to know what has happened..." The Amb reports about the demonstration of para 177 above, and getting to the point, requests that GOROTIZA try not to have anything published in the press, nor pictures published...

179. on next page

180.
~~179~~. 1 Dec.

DIR 86064 (Ref: MEXI 7168 - para 176 above) White House, ODACID, and ODENVY here all advised ALVARADO confessed he fabricated his story. Pls give LITEMPO 4 our official thanks. / Because the resolution of this case will be closely scrutinized in the up-coming review of this entire episode, pls ascertain and cable details of how the confession was obtained what threats, promises, inducements, and tactics were used by LITEMPO 4. Was ALVARADO physically mistreated? Much? Pls learn whether ALVARADO actually did hear the false radio report about OSWALD's making a 5,000 dolllar bank deposit and use that in his story. / MANA and MEXI pls clarify with ERYTHROID 3 and Nic military attache whether ALVARADO was still their agent when he visited Cuban Emb. Pls keep track of ALVARADO's whereabouts and urge the Nics not ~~to~~ to do away with him. / Pls continue to follow all leads and tips. Question of whether OSWALD acted solely on his own has still not been finally resolved. Pls cable any results of second interrogation of Silvia DURAN when you get it.

13-00000

SECRET

179	1 Dec.	See para 409	DIR 86054 - Hqs has received report that on day of Pres Kennedy's assassination (22 Nov) Cubana aircraft delayed its departure Mexi City five hours from 1700 to 2200 awaiting important passenger who arrived Mexico City airport in private twin motor aircraft at 2130 hours Mexi time. Passenger transferred directly to Cubana plane without going through customs or immigration. Travelled in pilots cabin to Habana. Above from KMULCER diplomat who passenger on same plane to Habana. Request you attempt identify and determine reason unusual actions at airport.
(180 on previous page)			
181.	2 Dec.		Contents of para 179 above sent to LITEMPOS ?? No indication; however stated on the Xerox copy of the info is cc sent to 50-6-91/4 (LITEMPO file)
X 182.	2 Dec.		NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald's Mother Places Blame on Federal and Dallas Officers. She asks why defector was not being watched - Insists FBI shoed her Ruby's photo before Son was Killed. by Jack Langguth. ..... Also article on "Oswald Had Applied to a Swiss School".
183.	2 Dec.		AMEMBASSY Mexico City A-631 - Mexico Rejects Cuban Note on Oswald Case. - The Mexican and Cuban Governments have clashed over the investigation conducted by Mexi police into the activities of OSWALD while he was in Mexi from 26 Sept to 3 Oct. Mexi Foreign Minister Manuel TELLO announced on 28 Nov that the Mexi Amb to Cuba, Gilberto BOSQUES, had been instructed to return as "unacceptable" the Cub Gov's note of 26 Nov which had protested .....
184.	2 Dec.		MEXI 7199 - HMM 8104 On 30 Nov approximately 35 to 40 persons picketed in front of the Cuban Emb.....(same as para 178 above)
185.	2 Dec.	1648	Unidentified woman outside (WO) calls for New York Times Correspondent, Peter KIHSS, and asks for Ivan ALFIERIV. Not in. Then the Amb. Not in, to call tomorrow. WO asks if anyone knows when OSWALD went to the Sov Emb to request a visa. Man inside says call tomorrow at 9 and talk with someone else. LIENVOY
185.	2 Dec.	~~1012~~	Woman Outside (WO) calling for Peter KIHFF, New York Times correspondent, asks for the Cuban Amb and PEREGRINA says call back in 15 minutes, then asks what Sr. KIHFF wants to talk with the Amb about. WO says he wants to talk personally with the Amb. LIENVOY
186.	2 Dec.	1012 -	Woman Outside (WO) calling for Peter KIHFF asks if the (Cuban) Amb has arrived and Peregrina says yes, that the Amb will speak with KIHFF. WO says KIHFF left, but she herself would like to interview the Amb in order to get some data about OSWALD's stay in Mexi. Peregrina says When the Amb comes I shall give him your message, if you will give me the telephone of Sr. KIHFF or where you are so we can call when the Amb returns. WO asks if the Amb has not yet arrived and Peregrina says no. WO says Then give the message to the Amb, the telephone is 25-53-13 or 25-53-14. Peregrina takes the message. LIENVOY

Check Telephone #'s

SECRET

No evidence this was ever answered

NB: this was the photo sent up to Dallas 22 & shown to Mrs O.

SECRET

187. 2 Dec.63 1030 — Carlos SANCHEZ asks Peregrina (of Cuban Emb) if his application arrived. Peregrina says to wait a moment. Then SANCHEZ talks with the Amb. The Amb asks with whom does SANCHEZ want to talk. SANCHEZ says with PEREGRINA. Amb says to wait a moment. Incomplete — LIENVOY

Incomplete. Check LIENVOY

188. 2 Dec. Incomplete. First page missing. Check LIENVOY.

189. 2 Dec. 1003 Check. Not in OSWALD file. Check Richard BEYMER. — Richard BEYMER, North American, calls Cub Emb from Acapulco and talks with Luisa CALDERON and asks about Silvia DURAN. Luisa says Silvia should be in her house right now. Richard asks if Silvia is hurt. Luisa says no, that she has only bruises probably because they grabbed her arm very tight but that it is not serious. She (Luisa) adds that she cannot explain by telephone and asks when Richard will be coming to Mexico City. Richard says "This depends on you people...Anything (new) known about Cuba?" Luisa, after consulting with someone, responds that there is not an answer yet, but that today a plane will be coming in from Cuba and possibly something will arrive by diplomatic pouch, and for Richard to call again tomorrow. Richard asks if Silvia still works at the Emb. Luisa responds certainly she does. Richard will call tomorrow. — LIENVOY

190. 2 Dec. — MEXI 7203 (IN REF: DIR 86064 - Para 180 above) Following from ERYTHROID 3 to Station Officer 1800 2 Dec: ERYTHROID 3 saw ALVARADO afternoon 2 Dec for first time. Meeting lasted only seven minutes. (Previous meeting had been laid on by Mexicans but ERYTHROID 3 was not contacted as planned). In brief interview in company two Mexi officials ALVARADO reverted to previous story. Claimed he did see OSWALD, did call PBSWING to report. (PBSWING investigation does not support latter statement.) Said he told Mexicans he fabricating because he was "mentally mistreated"; specifically because of threat he would be hung by testicles. Not actually physically mistreated. / ERYTHROID 3 speaking for self and Nic Milat say ALVARADO was not their agent when he visited Cub Emb. / ERYTHROID 3 was told ALVARADO would be deported. He asked and received permission escort ALVARADO to MANA on 4 Dec. ERYTHROID 3 said he naturally unable come to any definite conclusion as to ALVARADO veracity but would be able to do so once he returned MANA and had chance complete interogation. ERYTHROID 3 reported gist above to his HQS MANA afternoon 2 Dec. / Above being reported to Amb and ODENVY.

True? Check.

191. 3 Dec. Att not in OSWALD file. Is in ALVARADO P-8639. — Memo to LEGAT, Subject: Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte - Attached is a copy of an interrogation report based upon the Mexi interrogation of Subject. (not in OSWALD file, that is, the attachment)

SECRET

SECRET

192. 3 Dec.

Memo to LEGAT, Subject: Conversations between Cuban President Osvaldo DORTICOS and Cuban Ambassador to Mexico, Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas on 26 Nov 63. / Attached are two transcripts of conversations....(These transcripts are in the LIENVOY tech chrono file; they are also in the OSWALD P-file with dispatch to Hqs transmitting tapes and transcripts.) Note by RIGGS.

193. 3 Dec. 1011

Peter KIHFF of the New York Time tells LEONOV of the Sov Emb that he is very interested LIENVOY in interviewing Amb BAZAROV about OSWALD's stay in Mexico. LEONOV will give the message.

194. 3 Dec.

Memo to LEGAT, Subj: Assassination of Pres John F. Kennedy Nov 22, 1963 at Dallas, Texas On 2 Dec a person identifying himself as Luis FERNANDEZ Gonzalez, cit of Honduras, appeared at Emb Reception Desk of U.S. Emb and said he had info of interest concerning OSWALD / ....Only living relitive is his mother, Aurora GONZALEZ, who resides in Honduras. FERNANDEZ in Mexi illegally, needs assistance to go to U.S., is member of MLN and his leader is Cuauhtemo c CARDENAS of Youth Section of MLN. Said he knew Saul LOPEZ, press chief of MLN. Said that on/about 28 Sept he met one John WHITE who greatly resembles OSWALD. / FERNANDEZ accompanied WHITE and LOPEZ to Cuernavaca, went to Hotel de la Selva for the day. / ... FERNANDEZ said WHITE and LOPEZ left Mexi for Monterrey in LOPEZ' automobile (knows this because he was invited to go too) / Gave a description of WHITE (resembling OSWALD)... Was told Emb could be of no assistance to him in this regard because he was illegally in Mexi...Noted that FERNANDEZ was filthy, heavily bearded and had every appearance of a penniless tramp. / Inasmuch as it appears FERNANDEZ is an opportunist,.....no further action is believed warranted.

195. 3 Dec.

MEXI 7209 (Ref: MEXI 7203 - para 190 above) Amb Mann sent cable to Mr. Alexis Johnson recounting contents of ref and recommending that ODENVY and KUBARK consider sending experts (including LCFLUTTER operator) to MANA to ~~a~~ interrogate ALVARADO.

196. 3 Dec.

NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald Below Average in Junior High. Article about OSWALD's early school years with low averages, however no indication of being a trouble maker, an absentee or in need of psychiatric care. On personal history statement under general health he wrote "abnormal eardrum in left ear".

197. 3 Dec.

NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald's Trip to Mexico in Sept was a Lonely Venture, Inquiry Shows. 7-Day Vist's cost put at under $30. He is believed to have made no political Contacts While on Quest for Cuban Visa. by Peter KIHSS (para 185, 186 and 193 above) -..... OSWALD traveled from Nuevo Laredo on 26 Sept via Transportes Frontera to Mexi leaving at 2:30 p.m. arriving Friday 27 Sept at 8:30 a.m. (750 miles).. Stayed at Comercio Hotel on Bernardo de Sahaguan St. Carried one leather suitcase about 2 feet long. Next to hotel is lunchroom La Esperanza, run by Mrs. Dolores Ramirez de BARRERO, who said OSWALD ate there once. OSWALD left Mexi City on Wed., 2 Oct on Frontera at 1 p.m. and arrived at Nuevo Laredo at 6:30 a.m. Thurs. 3 Oct. It is believed OSWALD left New Orleans on 24 Sept after having sent his wife to Dallas the previous day with a friend. He vanished from his cheap apartment there on that day without having paid

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

his rent. He is believed to have hitch-hiked to Laredo on the American side of the border where he arrived 26 Sept. It was his custom to travel by hitch-hiking. It was presumed he hitch-hiked north to Dallas from Laredo on his return from Mexi City. He arrived in Dallas the evening of Oct 3 and checked into the Dallas Y.M.C.A. The distance from Laredo to Dallas is 475 miles. Sebastian PEREZ Hernandez, desk clerk of the Hotel Comercio, said OSWALD had arrived alone and had left early in the mornings and come back late at night, and that he had had no visitors.

198. 3 Dec. — NEW YORK TIMES - FBI Hopes to Compile Assassination Data Soon. FBI Denies Showing Mrs. OSWALD Ruby Photo.....FBI report to Pres. Johnson will be a narrative account in minute detail. .. If it follows the pattern of other FBI investigative reports, it will stick to positive statements of what happened, dismissing baseless rumors by not mentioning them...~~MXHXXOSWALDXHHHXXAX~~ FBI denied showing a picture of Ruby to Mrs. OSWALD before fatal shooting of OSWALD by Ruby (Writer's note: The picture shown to Mrs. O was probably the unidentified American at Sov Emb Mexico, carried up to Dallas - the picture - by LEGAT.) Moscow, 2 Dec. Izvestia suggested today that the FBI was implicated in the shooting of Pres. Kennedy's accused assassin, OSWALD. The Sov Gob published a front-page report on Mrs. OSWALD's charge that FBI showed her a photograph of her son's killer before the Dallas nightclub operator shot OSWALD.

199. 3 Dec. — NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald's Mother Talks about Money and "Class" - Aware of Not Having Either, She Says, "That's Way We Lived, My Son and I". by Jack Langguth Article tells about OSWALD's mother's three marriages and the three sons, baptism of OSWALD's baby, etc.

200. 3 Dec. 1629 — Peter KHISS calls YZAKOV. Peter says he is newspaperman from New York Times and that KOUKHARENKO indicated he should talk with YAZKOV. Man inside (Sov Emb) says he does not understand. Peter says it is difficult because they do not speak each others language. Later woman outside tries to speak but no one answers so she hangs up. — LIENVOY

201. 3 Dec. 1632 — WO calls the Sovemb saying she is calling for Peter KHISS, correspondent of the New York Times, and asks for YAZKOV. Man Inside says YAZKOV is in Acapulco. WO says ~~thatxthenxshexwouldxlikextoxspeakxwith~~ KOUKHARENKO said to call and ask for YAZKOV. Woman inside says for KOUKHARENKO call the press office on 15-23-04. WO thanks. — LIENVOY

202. 3 Dec. 1635 — Out (of Sovemb) to 15-23-04. OBYEDKOV talks to KUKHARENKO. OBY says They'll be phoning you now from the N.Y. Times. KUKH: Don't let them phone again. OBY: Listen further - YATSKOV is not here. He has left. KUKH: Why did't you tell him that? What have I..? OBY: I've said that but he..she is asking for you again. I said you are not here. KUKH: Many thanks. OBY: They'll be phoning you now. KUKH: I won't answer. OBY: I said that he is not in, that he has left already. KUKH: Fine. (Trans. Comment: There is a definite reluctance on the part of everyone to talk to this correspondent

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

203. 3 Dec.

Peter KIHSS of N.Y. Times asks for ALFIERIV. Man inside says he is not here, to call LIENVOY tomorrow. Peter asks if it would be possible to go this afternoon or tonight. Man inside says tomorrow ~~xk~~ from 9 to 11. Peter does not know if he will be in the city tomorrow but "ni modo", that he is sorry to bother them so much. Man inside hangs up.

204. 3 Dec. 1011

Peter KIHSS of N. Y. Times asks to speak with Ivan ALFIERIV or the one in charge of Press at the Sovemb. Man inside says wait a moment. Peter says he is going through the city and would like an interview with the Amb for just a few minutes. LEONOV says wait a moment that he will connect Peter with the Amb's Secretary. Peter says thanks. Later LEONOV says the Secretary has not yet arrived and the Amb is not in and does not know if he will be in later or not, in fact that he himself just arrived at the Emb. Peter says perhaps it would be better if he would pass by the Emb because he is anxious about this appointment and also with other Embassies around there, so please take down his (Peter's) name so he can tell the Amb's Secretary his wishes, that there is an American correspondent in the city who wants to go speak with the Amb. LEONOV says okay give him his name. Peter ~~k~~ gives his name, that he has been sent to Mexico by the N. Y. Times ~~&~~ to do some work on the activities of "that Señor Lee OSWALD, the assassin of our president" and as you know the USSR Government has been sharing with the U. S. government this business and he really wants to talk a few minutes with the Amb and find out "this type - what were his desires here" for as you know the Embassy here (which Embassy) feels that all is not correct. LEONOV says he will tell the Amb's Secretary when she arrives, about the case, it is just that for Peter's information the Amb is planning to go to Acapulco for the Movie Festival, but sometime today you will be advised. Peter says okay but in case the Amb does not have time, then find out what person in the Emb can discuss this case and have the information needed for the interview "that that type had there" (why OSWALD was at the Sovemb). LEONOV says okay, not to worry that he will give the message just as soon as someone arrives. Peter asks if he goes to the Emb could he ask for LEONOV. LEONOV says it would be perfectly alright. Peter apologizes for his poor Spnish. LEONOV answers in English (perfect English) "My English is even worse." Peter responds, "Your English sounds wonderful. Goodbye."

which Embassy?? U.S. or USSR???

205. 3 Dec.

MEXI 7216 - LITEMPO 4 asked COS at 1300 hrs on 3 Dec for urgent traces on U.S. cit Gilberto P. LOPEZ. / LITEMPO 4 states LOPEZ arrived MEXI on 23 Nov en route to Habana. He has disappeared, no record of trip to Habana. / LOPEZ had FM-8 (tourist card limited to 15 days) #24553 obtained in Tampa, Fla on 20 Nov. / Have not checked above with ODENVY. / Subj, PP 310162, left MEXI for Habana on 27 Nov via Cubana (only passenger aboard). Source is LIFIRE. (See MEXI 7177 - Not in file; found in 50-500-4/1, 2 Dec 63 "LIFIRE airlist for 27 Nov shows Gilberto LOPEZ U. S. cit PP #310162 left Mexi for Habana. Above being passed Amb Mann and ODENVY Mexi.") No Station traces. / Appreciate early reply.

SECRET

SECRET

206. 3 Dec. Memo to The Amb from COS, Subj: Anti-Cuban Demonstration in Front of the Cuban Emb - HMM 8104 (same as para 178 and 184 above)

207. 4 Dec. Check AMKNOB knowledge of OSWALD — WAVE 8455 - AMKNOB 1 SW message rec'd WAVE 30 Nov reflected foll: A. Following WAVE CO instructions, A 1 sent cable with follow-up letter to Raul at CIS address Haba upon A 1 return Mexi; B. A 1 waited 15 days without receiving answer to letter sent RAUL; C. A 1 contacted PBRUMEN Emb 22 Nov attempting reestablish contact with RAUL. A 1 talked via telcon with girl named Silvia who claimed be sec of consulate. Silvia denied knowing RAUL. D. 22 Nov A 1 sent another cable PBRUMEN CIS address requesting meeting. E. 25 Nov A 1 rec'd urgent wire from RAUL sent from Tacubaya, D. F., dtd 23 Nov which acknowledged receipt A 1 wire and requested A 1 wait for RAUL. F. A 1 said "He terribly moved by horrible assassination president" and facing such acts must redouble strength fight red crime. G. A 1 said OSWALD face familiar and may have seen him PBRUMEN or Mexi. A 1 will further advise. H. A 1 convinced GOC employs killers and assassins. This regard mentioned case two persons killed Mexi by fnu CORONEWSKY who received three hundred dollars for deed from PBRUMEN Emb Mexi. / Will advise additional details upon receipt. / 3. Mexi: Request info re para 1 H above.

208. 3 Dec. MEXI 7224 - (Ref: MEXI 7216 - para 205 above) - ODENVY locally (who advised of LOPEZ by Gobernacion contact) advise LOPEZ came into Mexi at Nuevo Laredo on 23 Nov. / ODENVY asking for Hqs check. ✗ LOPEZ listed as having U.S. passport.

209. 4 Dec. Memo for COS from CHOADEN, Subj: N. Y. Times Article on OSWALD. - Carl MIGDAIL visited me on the morning of 4 Dec. He brought with him a cutting from the 3 Dec West Coast edition of the N. Y. Times. This was a story about OSWALD's visit to Mexi, and went into great detail about where he stayed and who he saw. MIGDAIL asked me if the story was accurate. I told him I did not know. (I have refused to comment to ✗ MIGDAIL on any aspects of the OSWALD case). / MIGDAIL said he felt certain that the N. Y. Times man got his information from Luis FARIAS' file.

Check FARIAS' file. Done

210. 4 Dec. DIR 86563 (Ref: MEXI 7203 - para 190 above) - Although we are confident that ALVARADO is a fabricator and that his retraction of his confession is false, it has been decided that he should be LCFLUTTERED. We do not want him returned to Nic until after the FLUTTER is finished because we fear that he will be too agitated in Nic, apprehensive that he will be mistreated. Pls arrange with LITEMPOS to have ALVARADO released to us for several more days. Ask ERYTHROID 3 to remain in Mexi to assist us. / Mr. Davis of KUSODA will arrive in Mexi 4 Dec. We do not want to blow him and preper that Mexicans not be aware of our plans to FLUTTER ALVARADO until after Mr. Davis has left. He may pose as Dept of Justice man. / FLUTTER should be performed on private or hotel premises, with Mr. Davis in charge assisted by Mr. Clark Anderson of ODENVY as interpreter. / Although it is likely that ALVARADO will be returned to Nic later, we do not want to

SECRET

in fear of bodily harm, that he be rested, etc..../ We realize that Mexicans and Nics have some equities and plenty of rights in this case, but we do not want to stop and discuss jurisdictional questions. MANA pls inform your liaison that there will be some further interrogation of ALVARADO in Mexi before his return. / Advise if you run into problems on this.

211. 4 Dec. MANA 4627 (REF: DIR 86563 - para 210 above) - ERYTHROID 1 concurs further interrogation ALVARADO in Mexi also in E 3 remaining Mexi as long as can be of service to us there. Interposes absolutely no problems, offering complete cooperation and agreement and any way he wish handle ALVARADO interrogations.

212. 3 Dec. MEXI 7229 (DIR 86563 - para 210 above) - COS talked with Echeverria at 1930 hrs on 3 Dec. / Echeverria said A. He will order LITEMPO 4 to ~~xxx~~ hold ALVARADO until COS is completed with "some additional questioning". B. In reply to COS REQUEST to "borrow" ALVARADO, Echeverria said yes. C. COS told Echeverria that questioning would be done jointly with ODENVY and COS "guaranteed" return of ALVARADO to LITEMPO 4. / Station has advised ERYTHROID 3 of delay for 2 or 3 days departure of ALVARADO. E3 will hope to remain in Mexi. / Submit following plan for Hqs approval A. Will have Messrs. Anderson and Joe Garcia of LEGAT pick up ALVARADO ~~x~~ from governacion. B. ALVARADO will be taken either to former ZRERASE safehouse or Hotel suite. Advise. C. Anderson and/or Garcia will actas interpreters for Mr. Davis. D. Plan to "borrow" ALVARADO early morning of 5 Dec and hope we can return him on evening of 5 Dec. E. Will install microphones in apartment or hotel on 4 Dec to insure recording on Davis/ALVARADO interview. / Request ERYTHROID 3 be notified by his superiors to remain Mexi a few more days is Station MANA can arrange this. / Advise Davis ETA.

213. 4 Dec. DIR 86621 (Ref: MEXI 7229 - Para 212 above) Your plan and progress most heartening. All parts approved with foll comments: Exact role of ODENVY men is up to their chief, but the role you outline for them and the selection of personnel seems perfect. We prefer hotel....If MANA 4627 is not enough authority for ERYTHROID 3 pls cable MANA for more.

214. 4 Dec. MANA 4628 (Ref: DIR 86563 - para 210 above and MANA 4627 - para 211 above) ERYTHROID 1 just rec'd telegram from E 3 sent from Mexi at 1147 pm Mexi time 3 Dec announcing E 3 arrival MANA on TACA today 4 Dec bring ALVARADO. If this true need confirmation before 2:00 pm local time today as E 1 feels special handling and security precautions required. / E 1 feels strongly ALVARADO should not be returned MANA before interrogation completed. Interrogation away from scene of events with subsequent difficulties checking news info make follow up interrog in MANA impractical.

SECRET

215. 4 Dec. DIR 86659 (Ref: DIR 86621 - para 213 above) - Mr. Davis arrives MEXI on American flt 35 at 2341 on 4 Dec. Will be traveling on tourist card unless he can get Mexi visa today in his official passport. Will carry FLUTTER instrument and should be met and assisted through customs, if possible without blowing his connection to KUBARK or with this case. & Pls reserve suitable convenient hotel room. / Request ALVARADO not be interrogated further until Mr. Davis takes over. Further interrogation might confuse case. ALVARADO should rest and eat well. Important he not spend today worrying too much.

216. 4 Dec. MEXI 7232 (Ref: MANA 4628 - para 214 above) ERYTHROID 3 remaining Mexi until interrogation of ALVARADO completed. / Will advise MANA ETA when known. / Believe return ALVARADO accompanied by E 3 will not be prior to 7 Dec.

217. 4 Dec. MEXI 7239 (Ref: DIR 86659 - para 215 above) As stated previously we cannot guarantee against any baggage searches without working thru LITEMPOS and blowing KUBARK connection to traveler.

218. 4 Dec. MEXI 7241 - Station holding all reels from 22 Nov 63 for both Cuban and Sov Embassies. / Unless advised to contrary, Station will erase routine tapes Sovemb keeping normal two week lag. Can retain Cuban taps as long as Hqs wishes. If period to extend indefinitely, may need more tapes. Have two months supply new tapes at Station.

219. 4 Dec. MEXI 7243 (Ref: A. DIR 84837 - para 25 above; B. DIR 84885 - para 26 above; C. MEXI 7061 - para 80 above) LICALLA, LILYRIC and LIENVOY coverage of KOSTIKOV and ALFERYEV thru 30 Nov indicate no particular deviation of their mode activities, no travel outside MEXI.

220. 5 Dec. Memo for the Files from COS, Subject: Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. Cit. - On 3 Dec 63 LITEMPO 4 reported that one Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. cit who arrived in Mexi on 23 Nov "looked suspicious". / LOPEZ, according to LITEMPO 4 had FM 8-24553 (a limited, 15 day, tourist card) issued in Tampa, Fla, on 20 Nov 63. / L 4 said Gobernacion had, as of 3 Dec "lost" Gilberto LOPEZ. They were looking for him. / ~~I~~ L 4 asked for any data from the U.S.A.

221. 5 Dec. DIR 86761 (Ref: MEXI 7216 - para 205 above) - Our check with ODACID on Gilberto Q. LOPEZ has produced nothing as yet. Very difficult for ODACID to do anything fast with Subject's name and passport number only. Hope they can tell us something by noon five Dec. / First ODENVY traces show something ona possible Gilberto LOPEZ in pro Castro activities in Los Angeles. Will get more and advise. If LITEMPO 4 can give us Gilberto's birthdate it will help. / We assume that you have not told LITEMPO 4 that LOPEZ flew to Cuba on 27 Nov because you do not want to blow the LIFIRE operation. This problem is up to you.

SECRET

222. 5 Dec.

MEXI 7253 (Ref: DIR 86761 - para 221 above) - LITEMPO 4 reported to COS late 4 Dec that, A. LOPEZ crossed at Laredo Texas on 23 Nov; B. Registered in Roosevelt Hotel Mexi City on 25 Nov at 1600 hrs Mexi City time in room 203; C. Departed as only passenger on Cubana flight on night 27 Nov for Habana. Checked out of hotel at 1900 hrs. / LITEMPO 4 has a good photograph of Gilberto LOPEZ taken at airport on departure. Will get copies. / Re para 3 LITEMPOS run airport so data re flights to Cuba available to them. Station did not report LIFIRE data to L 4./ Will attempt get birth date.

223. 5 Dec.

DIR 86976 (Ref: MEXI 7239 - para 217 above) We noted your reservations about getting Mr. Davis through customs securely but decided to rely on your assets anyway. Presume Mr. Davis did arrive, etc. Pls confirm. / As you make your final plans for LCFLUTTER pls let us know location and set up.

224. 5 Dec.

MEXI 7256 (Ref: DIR 86976 - para 223 above) - Peter K. WOODHEAD arrived, met by DCOS and got through customs with no problem. / After study with LEGAT have decided hold interrogation at Apart #8, Calle Merida 166 which was used by KUCLUB personnel for AEGENERATE L.P. This completely backstopped by being rented for "visiting Americans". No future plan to use apart by Station. Apart bldg has no watchman, no adjoining aparts or bldgs. Messrs Clark Anderson and Joe Garcia of LEGAT studied apart on 4 Dec with DOCS. / WOODHEAD stayed at apart on night of 4 Dec and approves. / Plan to have Anderson and Garcia pick up ALVARADO and bring him to apart. Mexi police will accompany to apart but will not enter bldg. Anderson alone will interpret. / Will have RESCIGNO in bedroom to monitor and record interrogation. RESCIGNO will not be blown to Anderson, Garcia or Mexicans. / Plan to have interrogation begin at 1400 hrs 5 Dec, adjourn overnight and continue morning of 6 Dec. / Plan send copy of tapes by WOODHEAD if possible.

225. 5 Dec.

Check

MEXI 7267 (Ref: MEXI 7256 - para 224 above) - Preliminary questioning as per ref took place. Initial attitude of one of resentment against Emb for turning over to Mexicans after his volunteering help and against Mexicans for treating him "like a dog". / View above, question of LCFLUTTER not yet broached. Migracion inspectors taking him out for good meal tonight in hopes prolonging upswing of rapport reached by interrogators toward end of session. / Hope know early afternoon 6 Dec whether ill take LCFLUTTER. Prefer cable summary after reading more definitive point in interrogation.

226. 5 Dec.

John RETTIE asks if Paul KENNEDY has gathered any influence on the Mexican political scene LIFEAT as far as the assassination is concerned. No, he has not gotten a thing on it. Paul ~~as far~~ thinks the only thing it could have done was to impress the political people about the spontaneity of the sympathy for Kennedy. Only this, but hasn't gone into it very much. Apparently they did react spontaneously, but then you could look at Mexi's vote in the U.N. on the OAS, on Venezuela-Cuban deal and you can see that it didn't make a lot of difference. No, not on international front. John does not think it would make any difference to Mexi politics. No, or inside, Paul says.

SECRET

227. 5 Dec. Check

HMMA 22561 (Ref: A. MEXI 7203 - para 190 above; B. MEXI 7209 - para 195 above) - Attached are copies of the Mexi interrogation report on Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte. / The last (quoted) portion is ALVARADO's statement in which he admits that the story, about his seeing OSWALD in Cub Consulate in Mexi and having seen OSWALD paid money in the Cub Con, is false. / A copy of this report was given to ODENVY locally.

228. 5 Dec.

HMMA 22579 (Ref: MEXI 7253 - para 222 above) - Attached are copies of a phto of Gilberto LOPEZ, U.S. citizen, taken night of 27 Nov at Mexi airport by Mexi authorities. Subject checked into Mexi Hotel Roosevelt, Av. Insurgentes 287, at 1600 on 25 Nov 63. He stayed in room 203. At 1900 hrs on 27 Nov Subj checked out of the Hotel Roosevelt and at 2100 hrs on 27 Nov Subj departed Mexi for Habana. / Subj was listed on Cubana flt #465 of 27 Nov as the only passenger. A crew of nine Cubans was listed. On departure from Mexi, Subject used U. S. passport #310162 which contained a Cuban "Courtesy" visa. / Source (LITEMPO/4) states the timing and circumstances surrounding Subj's travel through Mexi and departure for Habana are suspicious. / Source urgently requests all data on Subj.

229. 6 Dec. check ref

Warren Commission on this???

MEXI 7287 (Ref: MEXI 6982 - not in file, not abstracted) Foll results LITEASE-1 meet with KUZNETSOV 4 Dec. A. Re assassination, KUZ said act incomprehensible because could not effect changes in U.S. especially foreign policy or benefit racists. OSWALD Commie tendencies if true, or stay Russia had no bearing crime because CP directive since time of LENIN considered oppression opponents only damaged Commie movement. / B. Contradictions about crime: Use 3 different types of arms, inability account for OSWALD apprehension far from site of assassination, some bullets explosive others not. KUZ inordinately disconcerted by L-1 questions re OSWALD entry exit work marriage Soviet Union. Explained that although not common, foreigners can work Sov Union. Then stated and repeated he did not know details but doubtless there were special circumstances OSWALD's case. Re emigration Russian wife, no restrictions but few left Sov Union because psychologically attached Sov soil. / L-1 asked K if Sovemb could assist financially in issuance consular magazine Revista Monitor of which L 1 editor. K replied L 1 could talk with consul Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV about it but doubted any official help forthcoming.....

230. 6 Dec.

Gilberto Policarpo LOPEZ, born 26 Jan 40 in Habana, Cuba. Both his parents were U. S. citizens. / His address at time he got his last U.S. passport was Cerro 1307, Consejora Arango y Carvajal, Cerro, Habana, Cuba. / His last U.S. passport expired on 25 Jan 63. (Above - original sent to LITEMPO/4)

231. 6 Dec.

MEXI 7288 - ERYTHROID 3 returning MANA PAA flt 501, 7 Dec. Requests advise his wife to meet him.

232. 6 Dec. How good is FLUTTER on Latins??

MEXI 7289 - ALVARADO LCFLUTTER indicated he fabricating facts of his story. Interrogation revealed Subj unsure of day of week allegedly saw OSWALD. Thinks that it was on Tuesday which would have been 17 Sept. / When shown photos of OSWALD during testing, deception

SECRET

Subj admitting that he must have made honest mistake in relating original story in his identification of OSWALD. / WOODHEAD arriving Dulles 7 Dec on AA 58. / Echeverria will hold ALVARADO until 9 Dec so ERYTHROID 3 will not have to accompany.

233. 6 Dec. Where is ref???

Policarpo is a first name - origin is Greek mythology. Is Gilberto Policarpo LOPEZ iden with Gilberto LOPEZ Granados in P-8672, memo from LEGAT dated 11 Mar 64 with attached picture???

DIR 89188 (Ref: MEXI 7235 - not in file; not abstracted - not found; possibly transposition of numbers, i.e. MEXI 7253 - para 222 above) You may pass LITEMPO 4 following from ODACID but do not tell him it from ODACID: A. Gilberto Policarpo Lopez with same passport number born 26 Jan 40 in Habana. etc., etc. (info given to LITEMPO-4. See para 230 above) / This man is not identical with the Gilberto LOPEZ who was associated with pro-Castro goups in Los Angeles. We hope to get more from ODENVY on Gilberto Policarpo Lopez. Wil advise.

234. 7 Dec.

True???

DIR 87666 (Ref: MEXI 7289 - para 232 above) Presume all concerned now agree ALVARADO will be returned to Nic. We satisfied his whole story about seeing anyone paid to assassinate pres was a hoax. / We want to avoid all possible mishaps which might induce ALVARADO to resume his fabricating on this case, so we request that Mexi and Nic authorities take no punitive measures against him beyond deporting him to Nic. If ERTHROIDS can give him something useful and non-sensitive to do for a few months it will help. / Feel the successful wind-up of this tricky incident speaks for itself. / Thanks to all hands.

235. 7 Dec.

MEXI 7290 - LITEMPO 4 advised COS on 7 Dec that ALVARADO will be returned to MANA by TACA; flt #773 departing Mexi at 0930 hrs on 8 Dec. / Pls advise ERTHROID 3 who arriving MANA 7 Dec on P.S.S.

236. 8 Dec.

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Lee Harvey Oswald - The Man and The Mystery; Suspected Assassin of Kennedy was Withdrawn and Friendless; Turned to Marx in High School. - by Donald JANSON - Article about the type character OSWALD was.

237. 9 Dec.

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Following articles: Oswald Chafed at Life in Soviet. He wrote Mother He was Eager to Return to U. S., by Jack LANGGUTH; Dallas Suspends Critical Teacher. She Says View on Climat of Hate Led to Ouster.; Texts of Letters to Pro-Castro Group (six letters printed which OSWALD wrote to Fair Play for Cuba Committee); Six Oswald Letters are Given to FBI. Pro-Castro Group Here Finds Notes in its Files.; Texts of Oswald Letters to Mother on Soviet Trip.; Kennedy's Guard Brings Questions. Ex-Chief of Secret Service Raises Queries in Slaying.

238. 9 Dec.

EXCELSIOR - FBI Gets Harvey Letters - The FBI obtained copes of letters OSWALD sent to Fair Play for Cuba Committee; originals went to FBI said Vincent Theodore Lee, 36 of N.Y., chairman of FPCC.

SECRET

239. 9 Dec. DIR 87770 (Ref: MEXI 7241 - para 218 above) Pls do not erase any Soviet or Cuban tapes until further notice. Advise how much more tape you need.

240. 11 Dec. NOTE TO COS from RIGGS - AREHART was told yesterday but I told him not to tell the LIENVOY people - just keep bringing in the reels to me.....We have a month to six weeks reserve. Nevertheless, am requesting 500 new ones - if not needed for this, we can store half of them with MKCHARITY for not-yet-known targets. (This note attached to MEXI 7241 - para 239 above)

241. 10 Dec. THE NEW YORK TIMES - Oswald Met Offers of Friendship With Suliness. by Donald JANSON

242. 10 Dec. THE NEW YORK TIMES - FBI's Risk List Omitted Oswald. Secret Service Got Names Before Kennedy's Trip. - by Joseph A. LOFTUS

243. 10 Dec. THE NEW YORK TIMES - Beyond a Doubt, FBI Concludes. He Acted Alone and Did Not Know Ruby, Says Report to Warren Inquiry Panel.

244. 10 Dec. Memo to COS from Registry: Vincent LEE (U.S. head of Fair Play for Cuba Committee - para 237 above) - LEE traveled from Mexico to Cuba on 28 Dec 62 with passport #B073217. / LEE traveled from Cuba to Mexico on 21 January 1963 / (Elizabeth MORA traveled from Mexico to Cuba on 30 Dec 62 with courtesy passport #7864. Elizabeth Catiett (sic) de MORA traveled from Cuba to Mexico on 21 Jan 63 - the same plane as LEE).

245. 10 Dec. MEXI 7324 (Ref: A. MEXI 7256 - para 224 above. B. DIR 87666 - para 234 above) X Six tapes on which interrogation of Gilberto ALVARADO done by Peter K. WOODHEAD being pouched by HMMA 22600 on 12 Dec. / Copies of these six tapes given to LEGAT (who was interpreter for WOODHEAD) on 10 Dec. Understand he pouching these to his HQS on 12 Dec also.

246. 10 Dec. MEXI 7335 - Mexi newspaper Excelsior carried story on 9 Dec of Vicente LEE (Chairman of Fair Play for Cuba Commitee in N. Y.) exchange of letters with Lee OSWALD. / Following to BENADUM from "ODENVY source" who was directed for many years by BENADUM in Mexico. ODENVY source known to COS and to URQUHART (at Hqs). Source is U. S. cit Communist and member of American Commie group in Mexi in good standing. Source reported on 10 Dec that: A. Source's close friend Elizabeth Callett de MORA (Betty MORA) American negress, Commie who now naturalized Mexi and wife of Francisco MORA (Mexi Commie) had been called to Cub Emb and told to forget that she saw Vicent LEE in Cuba in Dec 62 and Jan 63. / Betty MORA and her husband are frightened because they both believe LEE and OSWALD had close relationship and probably LEE in on "planning" of OSWALD assassination of Pres. K. / Station files show that Vincent LEE travelled to Cuba from Mexi on 28 Dec 62 with U.S. passport #B073217; LEE returned to Mexi from Habana on 21 Jan 63. / Betty MORA travelled to Habana on 30 Dec 62 with "courtesy passport #7864" and returned on same flight as Vincent LEE on 21 Jan 63. / Para 2 above will be received by ODENVY locally from their source and

SECRET

wore glasses. Otherwise no addition to original story. E. Knew of no red haired negro in Emb. No new people arrived at Emb around time OSWALD visit. F. Admitted one 15 day trip to PBRUMEN in 61, none since and had no plans go. Denied had requested Amb send her there after first interrogation. / Regret not having forwarded this sooner, but saw absolutely no contribution to resolution basic mystery particularly after ALVARADO LCFLUTTER. Pouching questions and full interrogation report 13 Dec.

253. 12 Dec. MEXI 7362 (out of place) See para 252 above.

254. 12 Dec. HMMA 22600 (Ref: MEXI 7324 - para 245 above) Attached are copies of the six tapes which resulted from the interrogation of ALVARADO on 5 Dec 63 and 6 Dec 63 by Peter K. WOODHEAD. /...LEGAT acted as interpreter. / ...LEGAT given copies of these tapes. / Original six tapes are being held in Mexi City Station.

255. 13 Dec. Memo to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Interrogation of Silvia Tirado de DURAN during her "second arrest" - Attached are a) Mexi report of interrogation and b) list of questions suggested to Mexicans. These were shown to Mr. Anderson in draft prior to passage to Mexicans.

256. 13 Dec. Where is DIR ref ??

DIR 88899 (Ref: DIR 85391 - not in file, not abstracted: MEXI 7030 - para 38 above) ODENVY investigation shows car of F. Morgan Daniels with Plate TA 582 which Mexi reported outside Cub Emb on 21 Oct had not been outside Texas around that date. We attach no special significance to this. / Still checking owners other cars.

Why no significance??

257. 13 Dec. HMMA 22625 (Ref: MEXI 7364 - para 252 above) Attached are a) Mexi Government interrogation report on the "second arrest" of Silvia... and b) List of suggested questions submitted by Station. / A copy of each of these was given to LEGAT.

258. 13 Dec. DIR 88680 (Ref: MEXI 7352 - para 248 above) Upon receipt you may resume usual practice of keeping Cub and Sov tapes two weeks and then erasing, but pls do not erase tapes made between 22 Nov and present. Will advise. N Do not pouch to Hqs. / Pls continue watch for Sov or Cub reaction to investigation, evidence of their complicity, signs they putting out propaganda about case. FYI only, Sov intel in India had letters sent m to ODYOKE leaders demanding full investigation of case. / How many tapes do you want to replace those tied up by para 1 ?

A/ B/ C/

259. 13 Dec. WAVE 8949 (Refs: - not sent Mexi - WAVE 8658, DIR 87746, WAVE 8736) JENTONS returned WAVE 12 Dec. In addition to COMMO channel outlined para 5 ref C, JENTONS also included in his letter to UNSTAR suggestion that UNSTAR could also send name of source and other details via NIEXIT pouch to NIEXIT 3 in Mexi, if UNSTAR felt personal letter via Nassau insecure or slow. UNSTAR should ask NIEXIT 3 pass letter personally to JENTONS. / Re ref B Para 1, assume ODENVY questioned NIETO on alleged Dallas contacts, since ref A reported only that NIETO could give info on Dallas contacts.

What is this about??

SECRET

SECRET

260. 16 Dec.

Check 14-12-99 f

DIR 89366 (Ref: MEXI 7025 - para 32 above) (see para 4 above) In para two ref Silvia DURAN states that APARICIO has a telephone and that its number is 14-12-99. For our analysis of this case, can Mexi shed light on who APARICIO is, whether he has that number, and what this might have to do with our case. We guess it might merely have been a side remark to some bystander in the consulate. Advise. / Pls have monitors make every effort to identify voices of various Sovs to whom OSWALD spoke on the telephone or who dealt with his case with Silvia DURAN. (NOTE: In pencil writing 14-12-99 not listed 1962.) (NOTE: COS wrote on calbe "He is Raul APARICIO, Cuban Emb official.)

261. 16 Dec.

Check DUARTE Marins

Memo from LEGAT - Their HQS reported car bearing Texas license KR 5773 (see para 38 above) observed at Cub Emb during time OSWALD was in Mexi, is registered to Herminio DUARTE Martins, Jr., Sanatorio Dalinde, Tuxpan #23, Mexi, for a 1963 Buick. / Their HQS also advised of info from ~~xxx~~ one Robert Edmond GALLANT, inmate of Santa Clara Prison Farm in California, that he has been active in the anti-CASTRO undergound in Mexi for past six yrs under the name of General Roberto de Edmondo CORTES where he has under his command a secret army of 3,500 men in Mexi. He claims to have a "secret agent" working in Cub Emb here and alleges that OSWALD was in the Cub Emb on 12 July 63 to obtain a visa to Cuba. He claims that OSWALD stayed in Mexi for about one week at that time and supposedly traveled here by airplane. GALLANT claims that his agent in the Cub Emb pointed OSWALD out to him in Mexi last July. / LEGAT files reflect that GALLANT was arrested by Mexi authorities and deported to the U.S. in Aug 63 at our request in view of fact he was wanted on forgery charges in California. GALLANT was born 19 Mar 22 at Claremont, New Hampshire and is married to a Mexi cit. He was residing ~~x~~ at the corner of Cali and Montiel Street, Apart 302, Col Lindavista at ~~xx~~ the time of his arrest on 21 Aug 63. / FYI: OSWALD departed Nuevo Laredo for Mexi City at 2 p.m. on 26 Sept on Flecha Roja bus No. 516. Some of OSWALD's fellow passengers on this bus have been identified, and a British couple who observed him on the bus stated he was traveling alone and left the bus in Mexico City alone. / For retention there is attached a copy of the 2 sections of the Mexi tourist card (FM 8) utilized by OSWALD in entering and leaving Mexi.

262. 13 Dec.

HMMW 12193 - .....Thanks for Station's help in case...Basically, what the New York Times has printed about the report is all true. We have meanwhile been flooded with fabrications, of which the ALVARADO story was the most troublesome.///.....

263. 18 Dec.

John RETTIE with Robin (?). Robin was involved in assassination stories. Had to go to Washington. John RETTIE says he will eat his hat if "there aren't people behind OSWALD and Ruby and he will eat his shoes if these aren't ultra-rightists." John RETTIE does not believe all this business. A lot of talk about being one lone mad man. John does not believe it.

264. 19 Dec.

SECRET

Check Betty MORA

HMMA 22627 (Ref: MEXI 7335 - para 246 above) - Attached are a) 2 copies of photo of Vincent LEE taken at airport prior to his boarding Cubana flight #465 en route to Habana on 28 Dec 62. b) Copies of the Passenger Manifest of Aeronaves flt #401, showing LEE's travel from N.Y.C. to Mexi on 26 Dec 62. c) 2 Copies of Cuban manifest $465 of 28 Dec 62 showing LEE's travel from Mexi to Habana. d) Copies of Cubana manifest for a flight on 21 Jan 63 showing LEE's travel from Mexi from Habana and e) Copies of Aeronaves flt #400 of 22 Jan 63 showing LEE's travel from Mexi to N.Y.C. / As noted in ref, Betty MORA is very concerned over her association in Cuba and travel

SECRET

(on 21 Jan 63) with Vincent LEE. (All attachments in LEE P-8683)

265. 1 Dec. Politica magazine publishes an article by Fidel CASTRO on "Cuba Ante el Asesinato de Kennedy"

266. 20 Dec. DIR 90487 - Request Station photograph entire station p file on Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV and pouch one copy or microfilm in first possible pouch. Also request Station subject comments on file and on KOSTIKOV's activities and relationship to other Sovs Mexi. This analysis would accompany photos if possible. If not, pls cable. / Little in HQS file on KOSTIKOV and your info and study will be a vital contribution to our presentation to Warren Commission.

267. 20 Dec. MEXI 7488 (Ref: DIR 90487 - para 266 above) Pouching copy KOSTIKOV file and analysis in priority dispatch HMMA 22652 o/a 20 Dec. Order meet pouch deadline and satisfy Hqs request ASAP. Station unable excise true staffer names from file & routing sheets, memos, etc.

268. 21 Dec. DIR 90466 (Ref: MEXI 7115 - para 154 above) Our present plan in passing info to Warren Commission is to eliminate mention of taps, in order protect your continuing ops. Will rely instead on statements of Silvia DURAN and on contents of Sov Con file which Sovs gave ODACID here. File shows both OSWALD and wife were dickering with Sovs in Wash by mail to get permission return to Russia./ Exact detailed info from LITAMILS 7 and 9 on just what Silvia DURAN and other officials said about OSWALD's visits and his dealings would be valuable and usable corroborative evidence. Request you requestion them carefully on these points, attempting get as much authentic data as possible, without mixing in what they know from newspapers. Pls cable summaries and pouch detailed statements.

269. 26 Dec. MEXI 7527 (Ref: DIR 89366 - para 260 above) 14-12-99 is home number of Raul APARICIO Nogales, Cultural Attache of Emb. Doubt any connection OSWALD as APARICIO was on sick leave during significant period. / Re para two Ref: See MEXI 7033 (para 41 above). No further info available as tapes have been erased. (See para 4 above)

270. 27 Dec. MEXI 7550 (DIR 88680 - para 258 above) Pls air pouch 30 doz. tapes. About 20 doz. tied up with Sov and Cub traffic 22 Nov to 13 Dec. Additional 10 doz. needed for STGANG op.

271. 2 Jan 64 MEXI 7615 (Ref: DIR 90466 - para 268 above) LITAMIL 9 has nothing additional to offer beyond account of MEXI 7115 (para 154 above) except that Silvia said at that time that she was perfectly willing travel to U.S. to confront OSWALD if necessary. L9 did not talk to Silvia about OSWALD visit, merely stood around with other staff members while Silvia recounted arrest, interrogation, release. Silvia did not mention any details of her encounter with OSWALD. / L9 reported on 27 Dec that Silvia has not reutrned to work since release from second arrest. Her husband was angry over FOMIN-ROA note which made cause celebre of affair, told PBRUMEN emb official that ROA note ~~HMMA~~ inaccurate in claiming Silvia mistreated by Mexi police.

SECRET

SECRET

272. 6 Jan

DIR 92766 Request very discreet check to learn whether AMPALM 26 (IDEN),unwitting Cuban propaganda writer for AMPALM project at WAVE, has visited Mexi since assassination of Kennedy. AMPALM 26 has originated a report that OSWALD had a long conference with Cub Amb in Mexi in restaurant on outskirts of Mexi. AMPALM 26 report has found its way ~~it~~ into unofficial analysis of whole case prepared by Cuban psychologist, Jose I. LASAGA in Miami. / Do not wish AMPALM 26 to learn his identity as source this info has been divulged by LASAGA. Pls check immigration records and local sources who might know.

273. 6 Jan

DIR 92767 (Ref: DIR 92766 - para 272 above) IDEN is Salvador DIAZ Verson.

274. 8 Jan

Note to BENADUM: Pls determine whether or not a Cuban writer, presently in Miami, has visited Mexi. His name is Salvador DIAZ Verson.

275. 8 Jan

MEXI 7690 (REFS: A. DIR 90487 - para 266 above; B. MEXI 5943 - not abstracted, not in file; C. HMMA 22652 - para 267 above) Believe foll info which supplemental Ref C report worthwhile in inclusion HQS presentation: The unidentified Sov of Ref B who met Sergey Nikolayevich ANTONOV (Chief Latin American Dept KGB) has now been positively identified by LIFRE as being Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV.

276. 8 Jan

MEXI 7682 - Although assume info below probably not pertinent since first name OSWALD's wife is Marina, wish nevertheless report foll: 7 Nov 63 Aeronaves flt 400 to N. Y. manifest lists passenger "de OSWALD Elena". No other apparent pertinent names among other 16 passengers.

277. 13 Jan

Check

MEMO to Boonstra, cc to COS, from LEGAT: ~~Subject: OSWALD~~ - Attached is a memo setting forth the results of an interview of one Ylario ROJAS Villanueva of Guadalajara who wrote a letter to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy which contained info allegedly having to do with assassination of K. Letter, postmarked 31 Dec 63, Guadalajara to Robert F. Kennedy said.....I ~~Mx~~ am a Mexican... I am communicating with you because I do not trust anyone in the matter I intend to deal with. ...death of your brother.....I used to be a friend of OSWALD and also of Albert, as well as three more people. I knew about the plan, but I never thought that it would turn out tobe a true plan.....Signed Ylario ROJAS, Manuel Acuna 1367, Guadalajara. / Upon interview on 10 Jan 64 ROJAS furnished the following info: In June or July 62, ROJAS was in Mexico City..... Cuban approached him about smuggling Cuban propaganda into Mexi. The Cuban said he would see him later in Guadalajara. / Around middle of Aug 62, the Cuban arrived in Guadalajara in an automobile and drove ROJAS to Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua. ~~K~~ ROJAS went to a movie in Ciudad Juarez and apparently the Cuban went over into El Paso. / When the movie was over, ROJAS was picked up in front of the theater by the Cuban who at that time intrroduced him to an individual. ROJAS has no independent memory of this individual's name, but recognizes him by phot as OSWALD. The three went to a bar where they discussed the introduction of CASTRO propaganda into Mexi via Cozumel, an island located....They talked at length, including discussions of everyday matters, for about four hours and they also did quite a bit of drinking. The Cuban apparently turned his car over to OSWALD and the Cuban and ROJAS spent the night in a hotel.../ ROJAS said the following morning they left Ciudad Juarez on a flight of Aeronaves and flew to Monterrey.

SECRET

SECRET

Check Daniel SOLIS

It is to be noted that Aeronaves has no such flight as that described by ROJAS. After arrival in Guadalajara the Cuban gave ROJAS 400 pesos and told him he would receive further instructions at a later date. / In the latter part of Dec 62 the Cuban came to Guadalajara and gave ROJAS 900 pesos and told him to proceed to Cozumel by bus within about five days. ROJAS arrived in Cozumel just after Christmas 62. There he was met by 2 Cuban men and a Cuban woman whose first name was CRISTINA. ROJAS explained that, although he cannot recall the names of the Cubans, he has them written down in a notebook which he left with Daniel SOLIS, a municipal policeman in Cozumel. ROJAS stated SOLIS would not deliver the book to anyone but him. / About 28 Dec 62 OSWALD arrived in Cozumel, having proceeded there from Jamaica via Mexicana de Aviacion. OSWALD, the three Cubans and ROJAS again discussed the introduction of Cuban propaganda.....During the time of these discussions OSWALD and the three Cubans stayed at the Hotel Playa in Cozumel and ROJAS stayed with Daniel SOLIS. / OSWALD remained in Cozumel for 2 or 3 days and then returned to Jamaica by air. The three Cubans and ROJAS continued to reside in Cozumel until about 15 Feb 63 when OSWALD again came to Cozumel from Jamaica. On this occasion OSWALD stayed three days in Cozumel. The day after his arrival an American by the name of ALBERT arrived from Jamaica. All conversations between this American, OSWALD, and the three Cubans were in English, ROJAS stating that all three Cubans spoke very good English. The Cuban woman, CRISTINA, told ROJAS that they had discussed the elimination of Pres Kennedy. She stated that OSWALD was for killing Kennedy but that ALBERT and the Cuband did not agree with OSWALD. / ROJAS stated that he has ALBERT's last name entered in the notebook which is in the possession of Daniel SOLIS. He claimed he got ALBERT's name from a U.S. Gov credential in the bath house of the Hotel Islena where ALBERT stayed. .....OSWALD allegedly stated that, no matter what the opposition, he would have to go through with it (the killing) because otherwise he might lose his life, indicating that he was acting under orders. / ROJAS stayed in Cozumel until early March 63 then returned by bus to Guad. ...../ ROJAS could not explain why he cannot remember the names of the three Cubans in Cozumel after having been with them for nearly three months. He described them...../..../...ROJAS stated he is willing to go anywhere if his expenses are paid to make any indentification and to pick up his notebook with the full names of the individuals mentioned. It was noted during the interview that he appeared sincere, but stated he is desperately in need of money. He lives in a slum area of Guadalajaara, is 31 yrs old, about five feet nine inches, medium build, dark brown hair, dark complexion, brown eyes and has a mustache.

278. 14 Jan.

MEXI 7764 - LEGAT requests following which connected with investigation of a lead on OSWALD. / It is requested that the foll investigation be conducted at Cozumel. A. Determine whether a municipal policeman named Daniel SOLIS actually exists and is living and working in Cozumel. B. If SOLIS does exist, determine whether he is acquainted with ..ROJAS..../ C. Determine whether SOLIS has a notebook in his possession which belongs to ROJAS...../ Pls cable reply.

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

279. 14 Jan.

MEXI 7776 (Ref: DIR 92766 - para 272 above) No evidence to date of travel to Mexi by AMPALM 26 during 1963. / Foll volunteered by C/ODENVY in Mexi, on evening 13 Jan in his oral review to COS of current problems in their investigations of leads pertinent to OSWALD case: A. ODENVY Hqs sent cable to Mexi stating (AMPALM/26) was source of analysis prepared by Cuban psychologist, Jose I. LASAGA of Miami. B. ODENVY interviewed AMPALM 26 who said: Silvia DURAN took OSWALD to Caballo Bayo restaurant near Chapultepec Golf Club where they met Cuban Amb to Mexi, Joaquin HERNANDEZ Armas. Then HERNANDEZ Armas took OSWALD for a ride in his car so that they could talk privately. C. AMPALM/26 told ODENVY his source was Eduardo BORELL Navarro, Mexi newspaperman who writes editorials for Excelsior. D. C/ODENVY sent Matthew Crawford, Assistant, to interview BORELL Navarro on 12 Jna. E. BORELL Navarro said AMPALM/26 had "imagined" whole story. BORELL Navarro said he did nto know any more than that OSWALD had been to Mexi and had visited the Cub Emb and Silvia DURAN. BORELL Navarro said everything he knew had been published and was public knowledge. / C/ODENVY, Mexio said he knew AMPALM/26 well when both were in Habana. He said AMPALM/26 "noted for reporting based upon his intuitive feelings" and very rarely reported facts. / Believe ODENVY told AMPALM/26 he had been cited to them as source by Jose I. LASAGA.

Check Eduardo BORELL Navarro

280. 15 Jan.

was this forwarded to Warren Commission?

A bulletin from Fundacion del Cardenal Mindszenty, with address: P.O. Box 321, Clayton Branch, St. Louis 5, Missouri, the following was translated "Consigna Comunista de Propaganda en Relacion Con la Muerte del Presidente Kennedy", published by Comite Mexicano Para La Divulgacion de los Objectivos, Estrategia y Tacticas del Comunismo. Article pointing out the assassination was the work of the Communists. (From LIHUFF/1) ✓

281. 16 Jan.

HMM 8289 (Source: LITAMIL 9) Officials of the Cub Emb in Mexi received very few Christmas greetings from Mexi Gov officials. (It is believed that the lack of the traditional exchange of Christmas greetings between Mexi Gov and Cub Emb was the result of the resentment caused among Mexi officialdom by the strong note dated 26 Nov 63, rec'd by the Mexi Ministry of Foreign Relations from Raul ROA Garcia, Cub Minister of Foreign Relations, over the detention by Mexi authorities of Silvia DURAN in connection with the visit to the Cub Emb in Mexi of OSWALD. / .... ✓

282. 16 Jan. —

WAVE 0569 (Refs: A. MEXI 7776 - para 279 above: B. DIR 92766 - para 272 above: C. WAVE 2341 - not rec'd: D. DIR 04473 - not rec'd: E. WAVE 1856 - not rec'd: F. PACY 1245 - (In 6457), 12 Nov 63, OTDORIC TPRANSACK, filed 200-124-117/3) : G. WAVE 1393 - not rec'd. 1. Re para 1 Ref B according WAVE sources (AMRAZOR 1 and AMBUCKLE 1) AMPALM 26 stated planned depart WAVE area for Mexi 20 Nov 63 in order attend seminar Federacion Internacional de Organizaciones de Periodistas Profesionales (FIOPP) held Mexi 18-29 Nov 63. Para 2 B Ref F confirms planned attendance FIOPP by AMPALM 26. On return WAVE area A 26 told AMBUCKLE 1 he attended FIOPP seminar / 2. WAVE agrees para 3 Ref A that A 26 noted for skeptical reporting particularly re his association with ODEARL. (See Refs C, E and G.) In reply query para 3 ref E, Ref D informed WAVE A 26 not ODEARL agent. FYI AMRAZOR 1 reported learning from A 26 that the latter scheduled make speeches at FIOPP seminar and later continue on to Central America probably to Nicaragua. In similar statement to AMPALM 4, A 26 implied confidential ODYOKE

Check AMPALM 26 trip to Managau; does he know ALVARADO ??

SECRET

mission. / 4. Re para 2 Ref B, Pan Am Airways records show A 26 departed WAVE area 18 Nov 63 via PAA flt 503 for MANA with transfer in Guat to PAA flight 501 for MANA. PAA records reflect A 26 traveled as planned, however view fact A 26 had to transfer in Guat, it possible he traveled to Mexi, either prior visit MANA or afterwards. No record travel A 26 local ODURGE office since A 26 permanent U.S. resident as of 7 Nov 62 and granted reentry permit 3 Jan 63 valid one yr. Latter allows A 26 multiple departures and entries without restrictions. Request Hqs check ODURGE ZRMETAL to determine if A 26 arrived from Mexi on or about 1 Dec 63. A 26 ODURGE registration No. A 7799307. / AMPALM 4 has obtained copy of LASAGA report. WAVE can pouch if Hqs interested.

283. 16 Jan

MEXI 7819 (Ref: MEXI 7776 - para 279 above) LITEMPO 4 reported on 16 Jan that AMPALM 26 was in Mexi on 21 Nov 63. LITEMPO 4 does not yet know arrival or departure dates. / AMPALM 26 was invited to Mexi to attend "Colegio Nacional de Periodistas" to assist in series of meetings organized by that group, according to L 4.

284. 16 Jan

MRID 0385 (Ref: MEXI 7764 - para 278 above, also see para 277) - Daniel SOLIS well known municipal policeman Cozumel of good reputation over past 11 yrs. / SOLIS does not know any person named Ylario ROJAS Villanueva. SOLIS wife's uncle named Eladio VILLANUEVA Ramirez from Guadalajara and believes originally from Manuel Doblado, Guanajuato. This uncle visited SOLIS in Cozumel about first 2 weeks in June 63. Uncle arrived by bus to Puerto Juarez and boat to Cozumel, broke, seeking work, with no luggage and nothing more than clothes on back. Uncle said his suitcase had fallen from top of bus into water at unspecified ferry crossing enroute Merida. Uncle said suitcase contained "important papers" and all his personal belongings. SOLIS housed him and got him temporary job as bricklayers assistant. Uncle worked Cozumel until around mid-June and then left for Veracruz by boat to Puerto Juarez. Present whereabouts Uncle not known to SOLIS. SOLIS gave him clothes and 500 pesos financial assistance on departure. / While at SOLIS house, uncle wrote three letters to skipper ferry boat trying recover suitcase but no answer. Uncle sent and received no other mail. Uncle had no notebook of any kind. Uncle was not in contact with any Cubans on Cozumel. Only known assosiates were Mexi airforce sargeant "Polo" and his bricklayer boss Leonel VILLANUEVA (no relation). (COMMENT: SOLIS said no Cubans or North Americans official named Albert in Cozumel in June 63 or in period late Dec 62 to early March 63 other than visits Cubcon officials Mrid. This confirmed by Station/Base contact Joaquin NASSIM who highly knowledgeable Cozumel matters. Base did not broach possible OSWALD presence Cozumel with SOLIS but NASSIM said highly doubtful). / SOLIS description of uncle: Age about 30, 5 feet 8, about 185 lbs, stocky, skin "moreno" black straight hair, mustache, long face. Usually works as chauffeur or farmer. SOLIS said uncle did not seem aberrated.

Check Eladio VILLANUEVA Ramirez

285. 20 Jan

MEMO to LEGAT from COS: Subject: OSWALD - reporting info in para 284 above.

13-00000

SECRET

286. 28 Jan

MEXI 7964 (Ref: MRID 0385 - para 284 above) LEGAT, continuing interrogation of Ylario ROJAS Villanueva of Guadalajara, has determined that: A. He is really Eladio VILLANUEVA of ref and is the uncle of Daniel SOLIS wife. B. Eladio VILLANUEVA was in Cozumel from Apr 63 until July 63 and stayed with Daniel SOLIS. He showed letters he had written to his wife from there for this period. C. Daniel SOLIS knows address and true name of Eladio VILLANUEVA; letters from SOLIS to VILLANUEVA to prove this point. / VILLANUEVA has written to SOLIS to send his address book to VILLANUEVA, U.S. Con in Guadalajara; used excuse that wished visa to U.S. He insists SOLIS has notebook and still clings to story he saw OSWALD as he wrote to Mr. Robert Kennedy. / For Hqs: VILLANUEVA has agreed take LCFLUTTER test and LEGAT Wash Hqs asked him to ask COS if LCFLUTTER operator could come Mexi as was done in case of ALVARADO (Nic). / COS agreed forward request to Hqs. / If agreed LEGAT would prefer Mexi or Guadalajara as location with Mr. Joe Garcia as interpreter if one needed, time within next ten days. / Pls cable reply.

287. 29 Jan

MEMO to Boonstra, cc to COS from LEGAT; Subject: OSWALD - It is to be noted that the White House was in receipt of a paper entitled "Possible Psychological Motivations in the Assassination of Pres. Kennedy" written by Jose I. LASAGA of Miami, Fla. This speculative paper attempted to establish that the motivation of OSWALD in the assassination of Pres K was Fidel CASTRO or a CASTRO agent and that OSWALD was motivated during his trip to Mexi between 27 Sept and 2 Oct 63. The paper alleged that OSWALD held an extended interview with the Cuban Amb in Mexi whom he met in a restaurant on the outskirts of Mexi from which restaurant they both later left in the Amb's car for a talk without being overheard./ Source of this latter info was alleged to be Salvador DIAZ Verson. This individual was interviewed at Miami. He stated that while in Mexi 29-29 Nov 63 attending the Congress of the International Federation of Professional Newspaper Organizations, he was at the offices of the newspaper Excelsior on the night of 25 Nov 63. There he learned through the Mexi press that the Mexi gov had arrested one Silvia DURAN; that DURAN allegedly had OSWALD as a guest in her house during his visit to Mexi; and that DURAN placed OSWALD in contact with officials of the Cub Emb in Mexi. / DIAZ Verson went on to claim that he was a told by Dr. BORRELL Navarros, an exiled Cuban newspaperman employed by Excelsior, that OSWALD and DURAN on the day following OSWALD's arrival in Mexi went to a restaurant called the Caballo Blanco or possibly the Caballo Bayo where they met an official of the Cub Emb. DIAZ Verson claimed that he knows nothing about OSWALD and the Cub official leaving the restaurant together in a car. / It was ascertained that Dr. Eduardo BORRELL Navarro, a former Cuban Cabinet Minister who on occasion writes feature articles for the Mexi City Excelsior, currently resides at 1303 Homero St., Apart 301, Mexi. BORRELL Navarro was interviewed on 11 Jan at which time he furnished the following info: Salvador DIAZ Verson was in Mexi as claimed and discussed OSWALD with BORRELL and other Cuban exiles. DIAZ Verson also visited BORRELL in BORRELL's home. / BORRELL did not tell the story credited to him by DIAZ Verson concerning the visit to a Mexi City restaurant by OSWALD and Silvia DURAN. BORRELL had never heard this story or any similar story before. / BORRELL knew of no meeting between OSWALD and Cub Emb officials other than the meetings which occurred at the time OSWALD visited the Cub Con in Mexi. / BORRELL knew nothing concerning any visit by OSWALD to the home of DURAN. / It is to be noted that DURAN was questioned by Mexi authorities

Was this in possession of Warren Comm.?

Check BORRELL Navarro, Eduardo

SECRET

on 23 Nov 63. At that time she confirmed that OSWALD visited the Cub Emb in Mexi during the time he was in Mexi from 27 Sept to 2 Oct. She alleged that the purpose of his visits to the Cuban Emb was to obtain a Cuban visa. She stated she had given him a telephone number to use in calling her concerning the visa, but denied that he had ever visited in her home. / On 17 Jan 64 a source.... advised that he had been unable to locate a Caballo Blano restaurant in Mexi, but stated there is a Caballo Bayo restaurant located on outskirts of Mexi. Source went to restaurant, showed photos of former Cub Con Eusebio AZCUE Lopez, who was in charge of Cub Con at the time of OSWALD's visit there, of Cub Amb HERNANDEZ Armas, of Silvia DURAN and of OSWALD to employees of restaurant and conducted extensive interviews of these employees. He was unable to find anyone among the employees who could recall any of the persons as having been at restaurant.

X 288. 30 Jan — MEXI 8008 (Ref: DIR 97829 - para 289 below) - Station has reported all available info OSWALD activities Mexi. / Practically all info from LIENVOY and all other sources was also reported locally to ODENVY and to Amb Mann. It may be that some Station info included by local ODENVY reps in their reporting; believe however local ODENVY will have indicated KUBARK as source.

289. 30 Jan — DIR 97829 - Fletcher M. KNIGHT appeared before Warren Commission on 28 Jan and received guidelines on what they expect from KUBARK. On Sat, 1 Feb, we will give commission a report on OSWALD's activities in Mexi, presented so as to protect your sources and techniques. Pls review your reporting to us on this subj and cable in anything additional you may have in time for us to include in report.

290. 1 Feb. — DIR 98676 (Ref: MEXI 7964 - para 286 above) Before deciding on LCFLUTTER of ROJAS need much more info on his background for clearance purposes. Pls have ODENVY supply vital data, background, job history, some idea of physical and mental condition. Also need know: Would LCFLUTTER be done in secret or must Mexi authorities know? KUBARK not in favor of cutting in local authorities because it hurts security and mobility of FLUTTER experts. / We have no traces on ROJAS with present identifying data. We in contact with ODENVY here on case. Pls ask ODENVY Mexi to supply added data.

291. 6 Feb. — MEMO to COS from LEGAT; Subject: OSWALD - Re: Ylario ROJAS Villanueva aka Hilario ROJAS Villanueva, Eladio VILLANUEVA, Eladio VILLANUEVA Rojas. Bio Data: ROJAS does not have any birth certificate but states he was born in 1932 or 1933 on a ranch known as Guayabo de Santa Rita, located near the town of Ciudad Manuel Doblado in the state of Guanajuato. His mother still resides at the ranch and her name is Estefania ROJAS and is now about 80 yrs old. He did not know his father, therefor uses his mother's surname, ROJAS. / ROJAS lived on the ranch and went to primary school there, finished sixth grade at age of 14. Worked at ax various jobs about the ranch and in 1949 entered U.S. illegally and worked in the El Centro, Calif. area for a person named McILVANEY near Highway 99 and Roxy Street. McILVANEY was engaged in drainage and irrigation work and ROJAS worked for him about 7 yrs. / In 1954 he was allowed

SECRET

291. (continued)

also calims a common-law marriage to Alicia GALVEZ and that a child was born in the U.S. of this marriage. Alicia still corresponds with him and lives at Calle Republica del Salvador #152, Col. Cuauhtemoc, Mexicali, Mexi. / In about 1954 he returned to the ranch where he continued with his work on the ranch. During 1946 or 57 he was employed by a bottling company at Tijuana, Mexi which bottled 7-Up. .... / In 1960 he returned to Guadalajara. He had no fixed employment since his Tijuana job with the u-Up bottling firm in 57 or 58., occasional temporary jobs since about 58, mostly involving truckloading. / He married his present wife, Yolanda CORDOBA in 57 and now has five children; the youngest born 21 Oct 63. / Letters which have been observed indicate by postmark that ROJAS was in Cozumel, butx at a later period than he has stated and apparently for at least three to possibly five months, which contradicts information received from Daniel SOLIS, who stated Ylario ROSAS Villanueva was in Cozumel for about 2 weeks in June 63. ROJAS readily admits that he, ROJAS, is the uncle of SOLIS's wife. / A verification of his reported travel to the U.S. border, namely, Nuevo Laredo, has been established, although not on the specific dates furnished by ROJAS. CMA records reflect one Hilario ROJAS was on flt from Guadalajara to Nuevo Laredo on 3 Aug 62. CMA records further reflect that a telegram dated 31 July 62 at Nuevo Laredo authorized the CMA ticket office at Guadalajara to issue a ticket to Hilario ROJAS of 665 Chilarde Street, Guadalajara. (It is noted that ROJAS has stated that he formerly resided at Chilarde Street in Guadalajara.) / ROJAS appears to be in normal physical condition and no outward signs observed of any mental deficiency. He did not reveal any mental quirks. He tends to be voluble in his conversations and to wander from specific lines of questioning. / He appears to react mentally in a manner reflecting innate intelligence superior to that of his stated sixth grade education. / He does not volunteer any motive for furnishing info to the U. S. Gov concerning his alleged association with unidentified Cubans and with OSWALD, both at U.S. border and at Cozumel. / Other than discrepancies ~~making~~ noted in various interviews conducted with ROJAS, the only apparently unusual development concerns a reportedly second letter that he has directed to U. S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy, wherein he, according to his own statement, stated that he had additional info to furnish. According to ROJAS, this additional info concerned a so-called camera which he saw in Cozumel in the possession of the unidentified Bubans and OSWALD, which camera reportedly had adaptations which could be utilized to fire about five cartridges, which cartridges reportedly have a small gas compartment and that said gas was for the purpose of cutting down on the noise made in firing said camera. He also described a rifle supposedly in the possession of these previously mentioned individuals. He claims to have beenxgxl told by the Cubans that the "camera" was worth about $50,000 and was a Russian invention. / Attitude toward Polygraph Examination: It was explained to ROJAS that it might be necessary in the future to afford him a scientific examination with the use of certain instruments. He said he would be agreeable to such an examination. / Attitude of Mexican Government re Polygraph Examination: It is assumed that, as in the past case of the Nic, Echeverria should be xx consulted and his authorization obtained to conduct said examination. At the same time, he can also be told that general results of exam would be furnished him. / It is further suggested that the full name of ROJAS should be furnished Echeverria and the fact that he would be examined either in Guadalajara or Mexi. There does not appear to be any reason for Echeverria to be furnished the iden of the Polygraph examiner....

Why was xx a telegram sent from Nuevo Laredo authorizing the CMA ticket office at Guadalajara to issue a ticket ???

SECRET

SECRET

292. 7 Feb. MEXI 8117 (Ref: DIR 98676 - para 290 above) Following rec'd from local ODENVY on 7 Feb. (Reporting contents of para 291 above)

293. 8 Feb. DIR 00302 (Ref: MEXI 8117 - para 292 above) Will trace and clear ROJAS. / Since he Mexi cit, we do not want to LCFLUTTER him in Mexi with knowledge of government there. ALVARADO case was different because we knew ALVARADO would be sent straight back to Nic. Will confer with ODENVY here on pros and cons of taking him to Texas, where facilities would be better. Will advise.

294. 8 Feb. Note on cover sheet of DIR 00302 - Advised Henry Johnson (LEGAT) on 11 Feb 64. Signed COS

4 295. 11 Feb. MEMO to COS from JKBENADUM (source): Source has been told to drop everything else and concentrate on Betty MORA to endeavor to find out any additional info which she might have re OSWALD and his activities on behalf of the Fair Play For Cuba Committee in New Orleans, La. prior to the assassination. (See para 264 above) In this connection it will be recalled that MORA Stated after the death of the President that she hoped that the FBI would not look too hard in New Orleans because it could be very bad"for us". / Source also reported that Reva BERNSTEIN, former Chairman of the FPFCC in Detroit, Mich., has been in Mexi for more than a month, that she had been in Puerto Vallarta for a month, that she had wanted to go to Playa Azul but that she did not do so because "it was not good to do so - so soon after the assassination", that she was leaving Mexi to go to Zijuatenejo. Source does not believe she was in Puerto Vallarta, nor that she is presently in Zijuatenejo. / BERSTEIN also told source that she had been questioned in Detroit, prior to her departure for Mexi, by the RCMP, but that no inquiry had been made of her by the FBI or any U.S. police or investigative agency. The interrogation had to do with the FPFCC, its activities in the Detroit area, and the fact that she had reportedly acted as a mail drop for Canadian communists. This interrogation took place in the office of her lawyer in Detroit. She admitted to source that she had, in fact, acted as a drop, but that she told the RCMP that she had merely acted as the addressee for "progressive publications" for her Canadian friends.

What is the RCMP ?
Check BERNSTEIN

296. 12 Feb. Note written in margin of above Memo: Should I report for Hqs info only ? by COS. RIGGS wrote: Since this deals with OSWALD case and has already been reported by the source to ODENVY, I believe we should not send to Hqs. It adds nothing to the case and if Hqs should decide to dissem, it would blow source to ODENVY (our use of source). Signed RIGGS

A.

296. 12 Feb. to MRID MEXI 8194 (Ref: MRID 0385 - para 284 above and B. MEXI 7964 - para 286 above) LEGAT requests the following additional questions be put to Daniel SOLIS: A. Verify if SOLIS has received two letters recently from Eladio ROJAS Villanueva aka Eladio VILLANUEVA regarding notebook. B. Ask SOLIS to forward notebook if found to: Mr. Edwin O. Johnson, Consulado Americano, Guadalajara, Jalisco. C. Letters in possession VILLANUEVA indicate he in Cozumel with Daniel SOLIS for at least three months in 1963. Can SOLIS recall dates? D. Ask SOLIS if VILLANUEVA in contact with Cubans or Americans while in Cozumel. Ask him how VILLANUEVA

SECRET

SECRET

297. 12 Feb.

FOR JACK STEWART, MERIDA. from Joe Garcia (LEGAT) requesting information contained in para 296 above.

298. 18 Feb.

MRID 0404 (Ref: MEXI 8194 - para 296 above) 1. Foll SOLIS reply para 1 Ref: A. Had not received two letters recently from VILLANUEVA. B. Would forward as requested any notebook that turned up. C. Best recollection VILLANUEVA arrived Cozumel very early June 63, left on 4 July 63 on ferry boat Alberto for Puerto Juarez. SOLIS received three letters, since burned, from VILLANUEVA in Guadalajara in months immediately following VILLANUEVA departure from Cozumel. SOLIS answered all three. In last of three replies SOLIS asked VILLANUEVA repay 500 peso loan. SOLIS never heard from VILLANUEVA ℓ after that. VILLANUEVA in one of three letters asked if SOLIS would like to be "secret police agent" con Cozumel. SOLIS had no further info on possible contacts VILLANUEVA with Cubans or Americans on Cozumel. VILLANUEVA when not working as albanil, spent his time at SOLIS home "chapeando" (weeding, cutting brush) and usually in hammock by 2030 hrs. SOLIS and VILLANUEVA sometimes visited Mayalum night-club together. VILLANUEVA did not appear ㎞ be much of a drinker. / 2. SOLIS also said: VILLANUEVA arrived Cozumel with Sergeant second class "Polo" (nickname); Polo was arriving on new assignment of Cozumel Military Base; VILLANUEVA said had met Polo in Mexi City; Polo came around SOLIS house twice after VILLANUEVA departure looking for VILLANUEVA. (COMMENT: Base asked NASSIM JOAQUIM discreetly obtain all info possible on Polo; will advise. Base and JOAQUIM concur SOLIS seems be telling straight forward story. SOLIS daughter, apparently unprized, confirmed burning of letters from VILLANUEVA.

Check. VILLANUEVA claimed friendship with one ALBERT. See para 277 above. Now the ferry boat is named ALBERTO. ??

What happened to VILLANUEVA's suitcase which contained "important papers" which had fallen from top of bus into water. See Para 284 above.

Could Polo be Albert ?? Or could Polo be connected with VILLANUEVA's first contact in Mexi - the Cuban ??

299. 18 Feb.

MEMO to LEGAT from COS: Subject: OSWALD - Memo reports info contained in para 298 above.

300. 20 Feb.

MEXI 8341 to MRID - Mr. Joseph Garcia, LEGAT, going to Merida 21 Feb. Said would contact COB soom after arrival. / Garcia would like to meet and talk to Daniel SOLIS re VILLANUEVA. He also has "few other leads" in area but did not specify whether pertinent GPFLOOR or not.

301. 20 Feb.

DIR 02697 - No traces ROJAS aka VILLANUEVA. KUBARK now prepared to LCFLUTTER him in Texas if ODENVY still wants it. Have told ODENVY here and awaiting their decision.

302. 20 Feb.

MEMO to COS from LEGAT; Subject: OSWALD. (See para 197 above) As reported previously, source made available a copy of the bus manifest of a company called Transportes Frontera which covered the trip of the bus which departed Mexi 2 Oct 63 and scheduled arrival time at Nuevo Laredo of 6 a.m. on 3 Oct. The passenger listed as occupying seat 4 on this manifest was OSWALD, no first name given. Destination was given as Laredo./ No ticket number was listed by OSWALD's name although ticket numbers appeared beside the names of the remaining passengers. This manifest was poorly prepared in longhand with names of some of the passengers being incomplete and in some cases illegible. Toward the bottom of the manifest is a notation, "9 Laredo, 7 Monterrey"; however, including the name of OSWALD, 10 passengers appear on the list with a destination of Laredo. / Francisco ALVARADO, ticket salesman and dispatcher at the

Why no ticket number ??

SECRET

SECRET

discrepancy in number of passengers

Transportes Frontera terminal in Mexi, was interviewed several times, the last being on 17 Dec. ALVARADO had no recollection of OSWALD and could offer no explanation as to why no ticket number appeared beside his name or as to the reason for the discrepancy in the number of passengers listed for Laredo. / / As previously reported, Francisco SAUCEDO Velez and Dionisio REYNA Paz, chauffeurs on the trip.... were interviewed. They had no personal recollection of OSWALD nor could they offer any explanations concerning the discrepancy in the number of passengers and the fact that no ticket number appeared beside OSWALD's name. / SOUCEDO explained that tickets bearing a prefix of 39 covered travel from Mexi to Monterrey and those with a prefix of 10 covered the travel from Mexi to Nuevo Laredo. He also pointed out that tickets collected from the passengers on a given trip are forwarded to the offices of the bus company in Monterrey. / On 9 Dec Telesforo QUIROGA, ticket agent at Transportes Frontera office, Monterrey was interviewed. All tickets listed by number on the passenger manifest for the 2-3 Oct 63 trip from Mexi to Nuevo Laredo were located. QUIROGA could offer no explanation as to why no ticket number was listed for OSWALD, and it was impossible for him to locate a ticket which might have been used by OSWALD. / OSWALD in Mexi stayed at Hotel del Comercio, Calle Sahagun 19. On 20 Jan ~~x~~ 64 Guillermo GARCIA Luna, manager of this hotel, reported:~~b~~ The hotel does not use a system of registration cards for guests, but rather uses a ~~g~~ registry book. On the first day a guest arrives he, himself, makes the initial entry in the book, this including the name of the guest, the place from which he is arriving, his occupation, and his nationality. Thereafter on each day the guest continues at the ~~kk~~ hotel the same info is entered in the book on the page designated for that day, but the entry is made by a hotel employee. ...Guests pay in advance. OSWALD registered on 27 Sept, arriving being shown as "USA (Texas)", occupation "photo" and nationality was "U.S. citizen". Handwriting on this entry in the registry book has been identified with known handwriting of OSWALD by the FBI. / OSWALD was listed as staying in room 18 from 27 Sept through night of 1 Oct. Mr. GARCIA Luna said rooms 18 through 23 occupy one floor of the hotel. He was able to furnish info on three of the guests who occupied rooms on same floor as OSWALD because they frequently stop at the hotel when in Mexi. Guests were: Mr. PEREZ Pliego, San Luis Potosi, railroad employee, room 19 on 26 Sept, 27 and 28 Sept. A Captain ESQUIVEL of Veracruz occupies room 19 on 30 Sept, Mexi Army Captain well-known in Veracruz according to GARCIA Luna. / Mario RESENDIZ, merchant, Saltillo, Coahuila, room 21,26 Sept to 3 Oct., has merchandising business involving sale of flowers and miscellaneous items in Monclova, Coahuila, also well known in Monclova according to GARCIA Luna. / / On 21 Jan 64 Alfonso PEREZ Pliego, Espana 304, Guadalajara, Jalisco, office address Bolivar 8-401, Mexi, was interviewed in Mexi. He advised he frequently stops at del Comercio but had not noticed OSWALD. / The following investigation was conducted in Veracruz on 23-24 Jan: Ernest HOLM, Vice Consul, Amer Con, contacted logical sources of his office. None of these sources was able to identify Captain ESQUIVEL. Lt. COMMANDER Charles EDSON, assigned to Mexi Naval Academy as an instructor by the U. S. Navy was unable to locate any info on ESQUIVEL. Inspector Alberto MORALES, Veracruz Police Dept, was unable to obtain any info on ESQUIVEL. / Investigation continuing./ Intensive investigation continuing to locate Mario RESENDIZ of Monclova.

SECRET

303. 25 Feb. MEMO from LEGAT to COS: Subject: Jack L. RUBY; OSWALD - Victim - Information has been

Jack Leon RUBY, Jack RUBENSTEIN, or Jacob RUBENSTEIN. / Advise of any info to verify this travel by RUBY.

304. 27 Feb.

MEMO to LEGAT from COS: Subject: RUBY - Info available to this office fails to confirm that RUBY left Mexi for Habana or arrived in Mexi from Habana by air anytime during 1962.

305. 10 Mar.

What hotel??

MEMO from LEGAT to Boonstra, cc to COS; Subject: OSWALD. - Ref: LEGAT memo dated 13 Jan 64 (para 277 above) - Same background info as para 277 with following additional: ROJAS claimed he could pinpoint the date 14 August 1962 as the day he arrived in Mexi because he sat in seat #14 on the bus and his hotel room was #14 and he arrived in Mexi, by coicidence, on 14 Aug 62. (That day, while waiting in a park near the bus station of the busline Estrellas de Oro, and the hotel where he sayed was in the vicinity, he was contacted by an unidentified individual, who he later learned was a Cuban. He saw this Cuban over a period of two days and this Cuban proposed that ROJAS help him in smuggling Cuban propaganda to Mexico.) / ...../ / / / Details on interrogations concerning ROJAS, SOLIS, etc., ended up (page 22 of report from LEGAT) with "On 5 Mar 64, ROJAS, at Guadalajara, Jalisco, continued to maintain that he had met OSWALD at Nuevo Laredo and again later at Cozumel, as he had previously declared; however, subsequently on that day he orally admitted that he had never known or met OSWALD anywhere." / A written, signed statement declaring all information had been false was prepared and signed by ROJAS.

306. 12 Mar.

MEMO to COS from LEGAT: Subject: OSWALD. Source produced original of a passenger list or manifest relating to departure No. 2, Bus No. 340, 2 Oct 63, of the Transportes Frontera, S.A. de C. V. bus line, which has its headquarters in Monterrey, N. L. and its Mexi terminal at Buenavista Street No. 7. / The passenger list or manifest was clear evidence that OSWALD had departed from Mexi on the bus connected therewith which left Mexi at 1:00 p.m. and scheduled to have arrived at Nuevo Laredo, Tamps, (across border from Laredo, Texas) at 5:30 a.m., 3 Oct 63. / Info on passenger list is handwritten, not complete and not all legible, etc....(report submitted typed list of passengers, seat number, ticket number and destination, etc.)..."Inquiry at Transportes Frontera Bus Terminal" - On 5 March 64, Gilberto LOZANO Guizar advised that he is the Manager of the Mexi Terminal of Transportes Frontera Bus Company, Buenavista #7, which has a franchise for "through service" between Mexi, Monterrey and Laredo, but is not permitted to sell tickets or pick up passengers at intermediate localities. / LOZANO said that Transportes Frontera had made a complete study of its records and procedures and has now arrived at the conclusion that the person designated as "OSWLD" on the 2 Oct 63 passenger manifest did not purchase a ticket and could not have traveled on the trip to which it relates. He pointed out that the list of passenger reservations, tickets sold, and passengers actually boarding the bus in Mexi are recorded on the form which is provided for that purpose and is maintained on a clip board on the counter from which ticket sales normallly are made by the ticket salesman and dispatcher, Francisco ALVARADO. He admitted that ALVARADO occasionally is assisted during rush hours or a temporary absence from the counter by the baggage handler, Lucio LOPEZ Medina, who may receive and record reservations on the manifest but does not handle the actual receipt of payment

13-00000

SECRET

306. (continued)

for tickets. / According to Mr. LOZANO, a reservation is recorded by assigning a seat numberas available and recording opposite the seat number assigned, the name and destination of the individual requesting the reservations. That reservation is respected under normal conditions until two hours before departure time; however, in the event all seats are not filled, it may be held until the actual departure of the bus. Prior to the departure of the bus, a final check is made of passengers in connection with tickets sold for that particular trip, and at that time the dispatcher communicates by radio to the company headquarters in Monterrey the number of "paying" passengers on the bus in relation to the Monterrey or Laredo destinations for which they purchased tickets. / Francisco ALVARADO, ticket salesman and dispatcher for Transportes Frontera, advised that he prepared most of the handwriting on the 2 Oct 63 manifest on which the name "OSWLD" and destination "Lared" appear opposite Seat No. 4. He stated that he did not write the "OSWLD" reservation info and it was his opinion that the reservation had been made and the info recorded by the baggage handler, Lucio LOPEZ. ALVARADO is quite certain at the present time that the individual designated on the list as "OSWLD" did not purchase a ticket and did not travel on the trip relating to that manifest. No ticket number was recorded for that person, and a search of the company's records in Monterrey had failed to locate a ticket stub which was not otherwise accounted for in connection with that particular trip. / The notations by ALVARADO of "9 Laredo, 7 Monterrey" reflected that he had reported by radio to the Monterrey office of the company that the bus had departed with nine "paying" passengers for Laredo and seven "paying" passengers destined for Monterrey. Listed under "Name of Passengers" were "OSWLD" with no ticket number, indicating he did not travel; "Angel PEREZ" with no ticket number or destingtion, which confirmed that he had not purchased a ticket and had not boarded the bus; and "Nicolas GONZALEZ" Seat No. 10, listed as having traveled on a pass to Torreon. /.../ ALVARADO and Gilberto LOZANO stated that the notations on the back of the manifest referred to advances of funds made by ALVARADO to LOZANO from the cash for repairs, parts or other requirements. They related that the passenger lists are not kept as a permanent record, and, when the manifest was located in the "trash" at the request of investigators of the Mexi Presidential Staff, the Blanks at the tope of the form had not been filled in as to time, destination, trip number, bus number, and date, but they had completed those blanks from their personal knowledge in order to make that data clear to the investigators. They also had listed the names of the drivers on the formax at that time. They affirmed that the handwritten "Transportes Frontera" at the top of the document had been added by some official of the Mexi Government after the document was borrowed from them. / Both LOZANO and ALVARADO stated that they had no recollection of OSWALD, etc.....they could offer no explanation as to how Mexican authorities had arrived at the conclusion that OSWALD had travelled on the Transportes Frontera bus of 2 Oct 63, but pointed out that after the name was located on the manifest, they had not been given an opportunity of reviewing, analyzing or checking out the data thereon. / Lucio LOPEZ Medina, baggage and freight handler at Transportes, related that he often assists the ticket salesman by recording reservations and is quite certain that he wrote the "OSWLD" and "LARED" opposite Seat No. 4 on the passenger manifest of 2 Oct 63. He stated that he

Did OSWALD actually make the trip to Laredo on 2 Oct.??

Yes, according to this Commission. Don't see them # 7 above, which must refer to some other calls.

SECRET

306. (continued)

Lucio LOPEZ said he probably wrote "OSWLD" and "LARED" on the manifest, yet believes OSWALD did not make the trip on 2 Oct.

opposite Seats Nos. 1 and 3, etc., and possibly other items on the manifest. He acknowledged that he had no personal recollection of OSWALD, could not recognize his photo as being of anyone who had been at the bus terminal, and did not believe that OSWALD had embarked on the bus of 2 Oct 63. / LOPEZ said that the reservation was made by the individual in person, as he did not recall having received a reservation by telephone from any person who spoke very little Spanish and that he has no knowledge of English. / LOZANO said his company, the "Flecha Roja", and "Transportes del Norte" are the only bus lines which afford direct service between Mexi and Nuevo Laredo, Tamps. / "Inquiry at "Flecha Roja" Bus Terminal" Jesus SAUCEDO, Comptroller at the terminal of the Flecha Roja, Mexi, and investigators made a search of manifests with negative results. ... / Inquiry at Transportes del Norte Bus Terminal. Ricardo BELTRAN Medina, Mgr of Mex terminal stated emphatically that records had been searched by agents of the Mexi Presidential Staff, Ministry of Gov., the Federal Judicial Police, and himself, and no record had been located identifiable with OSWALD.

307. 16 March 1964

Check

Washington Report - BACKGROUND FOR ASSASSINATION, published by The American Security Council Editorial Staff. (good reading) Analysis on "why and how" OSWALD's orders could have come from Moscow.

308. 19 Mar

DIR 08574 - Dallas News today carries story to effect that Jack RUBY's lawyer, Mr. Melvin M. BELLI, was interviewed at border en route to Mexico City. Interview does not reveal purpose trip. Pls report any info you can develop on BELLI's activities or significance this maneuver. ODACID and President's commission extremely interested.

309. 19 Mar

Check Enrique RUIZ Montalvo

LOPES/LOPEZ

MNTY 0829 - Enrique RUIZ Montalvo, agent of the Federal Judicial Police, informed Base that one of his contacts reported in late Feb that Gilberto LOPES, US cit, was involved in assassination. According this contact, LOPES entered Mexi on foot from Laredo, Texas about 1200 hours on 13 Nov carrying U.S. passport #319962 issued 13 July 60 and proceeded by bus to Mexi where he entered Cuban Emb. On 27 Nov he left Emb for Cuba on Cubana flt 465 and was the only passenger allowed on the plane. LOPES was issued Mexi travel form 8 No. 24553 at Nuevo Laredo. / RUIZ said could not verify this info, but believed it might be of interest to U.S. gov. / Base and ODACID files contain no identifiable traces on LOPES/LOPEZ. Pls advise results Hqs passport check including bio data on LOPES if possible for further checking by Base and Station. / Background info re Base contact with RUIZ contained in HMYA 2120, 18 Mar being pouched 20 Mar.

310. 19 Mar

Check; VELASQUEZ on KAPLAN case - re; OSWALD, Pearl GONZALEZ, etc.

MEXI 8737 (REF: DIR 8695 - not in file; not abstracted) - Local radio broadcast morning 18 Mar told of BELLI's trip Mexi and intent visit "old friend" Victor VELASQUEZ. Station notified ODENVY. / Station traces on VELASQUEZ: BELLI member of Board (Chairman) of Directors of International Academy of Trial Lawyers, 545 Fifth Ave. N.Y. / Reply to Amb's request for trace stated in Oct 58 VELASQUEZ former History professor at UNAM and Falangist leader in Mexi 1942 and directed drug smuggling for party. Proceeds being used for Falangist propaganda. B-2 report 1945 says V pro-U.S. and no longer has Falangist connections. In interview w/Amb described self as anti-Commy, Royalist and believer in Porfirio Diaz policy. Was inviting

SECRET

Check possible PRIETO Laurens implication

Amb to party for Truman B. TUCKER, N.Y. lawyer listed in letterhead as President of Academy of Trial Lawyers. / Burnell GOODRICH, COS contact, reported Mar 61 that V was behind attacks launched against U.S. lawyers practicing in Mexi and controlled and financed group UNAM students who attacked U.S. lawyers. / V was character reference listed in PRQ of Jorge PRIETO Laurens, who president of Frente Popular Anticomunista de Mexi and Secgen of Confederacion interamericana de defensa del continante. / In Oct 62 when Mr. Robert FLORSTEDT (KUBARKER) here from HQS collecting NIS material he visited V whom described as Mexicos outstanding criminal lawyer and profound admirer of U.S. Interview lasted 2½ hrs although memo does not reveal in what way V of service. / ODENVY has no record but their inquiries reveal V outstanding and highly respected trial lawyer here. / In absence COS and since JKB leaving town 20 Mar for weekend asking ODENVY their ability follow BELLI movements. If nil, will atempt cover via LIEMBRACE surveillance. Will explore other possibilities with TESSAROLO and GOODRICH and JKB after his return 23 Mar.

In retrospect, this not true. VELASQUEZ is no good.

311. 20 Mar

MEXI 8740 (Ref: MNTY 0829 - Para 309 above) - Ref info jibes fully with that provided Station by LITEMPO 4 early Dec 63. / DIR: Assume ODENVY furnished no further info on Subj after DIR 87188 (not filed - not abstracted)

312. 20 Mar

THE NEWS - Fired By Ruby, BELLI Is Here - by Jaime Plenn: Melvin BELLI appealed to "public opinion and my fellow lawyers" not to pass judgement on his conduct in the Jack RUBY trial until all "technical details of the trial and the defense are known." / BELLI, discharged as attorney for RUBY, convicted killer of OSWALD, made the statement through a spokesman, VELAZQUEZ, well known local lawyer. / The indirect statement followed a reported criticism of BELLI by Walter C. CRAIG of Phoenix, Ariz., American Bar Assn. president. / .....

Did BELLI make statement on RUBY case later?

...BELLI arrived last night by train, and checked into a mid-town hotel, and was in contact with VELAZQUEZ, the latter said today. / ...BELLI said he would make a full statement of his position upon his arrival in San Francidco.

13. 30 Mar

THE NEWS - Hidden Side of OSWALD Case, by Ralph de Toledano; ...Theory on assassination - History and background of time in Moscow, facility in leaving Russia w/a wife, etc..... ///OSWALD took a trip to Mexico just before the day of the terrible deed. In apparatus work of this sort, the direction is always handled in a neighboring country and this is standard operating procedure. / The theory that OSWALD was mad does not match his behavior after his arrest. The mad political assassins issue flamboyant justifications of their acts. The trained assassin clams up. This is what OSWALD did. / What OSWALD really was and who his principals were will remain in obscurity unless a new defector brings the story out with him. But certainly, there are enough facts in the dossiers of Intelligence services around the world to put together much of the story - as others did in discovering the background of TROTSKY's murderer, a man who had much in common psychologically with OSWALD.

14. 31 Mar

Check BUCHANAN

SECRET

MEXICO CITY DAILY BULLETIN (Date-lined Paris, Mar 30 AFP) ...A Paris weekly magazine has been publishing a series of extracts from a book by U.S. lawyer Thomas Buchanan - which book found

SECRET

/ The book "The Assassins of President Kennedy" indicates OSWALD was little more than a "patsy" in a conspiracy put together by a number of men. The 24 yr old was used. according to Buchanan, to (a) acquire the rifle used in K slaying, (b) facilitate the entrance into the Dallas Book Depository of a marksman and (c) cover up for the rest of the gang by accepting full guilt for the crime. / Buchanan claims that Dallas Policeman Tippit, who was shot down by OSWALD shortly following the assassination, had as his "job" the "silencing" of OSWALD but that OSWALD was quicker on the draw. / Buchanan - whose conclusions are also supported by N.Y. Civil Rights Attorney Mark Lane, appearing before the Warren Com. "representing" the slain OSWALD - also claims that there was a sniper at the underpass bridge under which the Kennedy motorcade was moving and that this sniper also opened fire. / He says this second sniper might have been RUBY, who showed up following the killing in the office of the "Dallas Morning News," the only building of quick, sure access for the sniper on the bridge. His conclusion is clear - that Ruby gunned down OSWALD in the police station just as it was feared OSWALD was ready to "spill" the whole story.

315. 1 April

Has VELASQUEZ been queried recently?

MEXI 8878 (Ref: MEXI 8737 - para 310 above) - As HQS knows BELLI remained Mexi only one night and Victor VELASQUEZ issued innocuous press statement for him. / TESSAROLO and BENADUM both report VELASQUEZ reputation among local lawyers is shabby. While he effective defense lawyer with excellent batting average, said to be completely without ethics. Interesting that in current Mexi bar association attack against U.S. lawyers practicing Mexi, bar apparently not risking dignity its case by allowing VELASQUEZ join campaign. / BENADUM not optimistic re his or LITEMPO chances learn content BELLI/VELASQUEZ discussions.

316. 1 April

NOTE: Written by COS on cover of MEXI 8878 above. "I have a friend, Gerald SCHULZ, who is very close to Victor VELASQUEZ - maybe I can get xx some comment via Gerry from Victor V.

317. 3 Apr

MEMO to LEGAT from COS, Subject: Photographs. - Ref is made to our conversation of 3 Apr 64 and the request for sixteen copies of each of some five items. / There are attached 18 copies of each of the requested items. (On file copy is "See HMMA 23229, 9 Apr 64" - para 323 below)

318. 7 Apr 1810 hrs

DEPARTMENT INCOMING TELEGRAM (Control 133) - President's commission on assassination informed that members of commission staff plan travel to Mexi 8 Apr in connection with investigation of OSWALD's activities in Mexi during period 26 Sept to 3 Oct 63. / Names of staff members are William T. COLEMAN and W. Davis SLAWSON, Howard P. WILLENS of Justice Dept., currently assigned to commission staff, will accompany them. These lawyers have been instructed (1) to inform themselves of investigative effort made by American agencies abroad; (2) to become informed with as much detail as possible regarding investigative effert of Mexican agencies; and (3) to consult with appropriate U.S. and Mexican officials as to what further investigation should be initiated. / Emb should not disclose fact of trip or its purpose to anyone. Avoidance of publicity is of paramount interest to both U.S. and GOM. Pls assist.

SECRET

SECRET

319. 7 Apr

DIR 12633 - Wish alert you that three members of Warren Commission Legal Staff, WILLENS, SLAWSON, and COLEMAN, will arrive Mexi without publicity...to confer with you Station, HBFINCH, and ODENVY about investigative action taken on OSWALD case. / Main purpose is assure themselves about completeness of investigation by KUBARK, ODENVY, and Mexicans. All have studied our reports in detail. KUBARK endorses purpose of trip. / Will cable further guidelines on what expected from your Station.

320. 8 Apr

DIR 13026 (Ref: DIR 12633 - para 319 above) Subjects arrive..../ They want to know if Mexicans have further written investigative reports, want clarification of many points in ODENVY investigation, etc...Some highly touch subject they will discuss are whether they should see Mexi officials themselves, try to talk to Silvia DURAN, whether Mexicans will let them later publish just what Mexicans did in case. / These officers know we have tap assets, may have guessed from coverage, we have photo points and a source in Cuban Emb, but do not know details or our arrangements with Mexicans. Request CURTIS lend all needed assistance with minimum possible disclosure of assets and techniques, and no publicity at all.

321. 9 Apr

DIR 13284 (Ref: MEXI 8923 - para 322 below) Your visitors know CURTIS must leave 13 Apr for conference here.... / Consultation with Division .....

322. 3 Apr

MEXI 8923 - Station Chiefs meeting first on agenda followed by consultations with Division and Desk. Pls confirm. Also number of days..... ODACID telegram of 7 Apr probably will be fairly demanding and CURTIS, who was Station CO, will be expected to participate in discussions.

323. 9 Apr

HMMA 23229 Attached are copies of documents pertinent to OSWALD's trip to Mexi in Oct 63. / These copies were made (as extra ones) when ODENVY asked Station to make photographic copies for them. / Attached are for HQS only for completion of HQS files. (ATTS are as follows: Reproduced above is a "Solicitud de Reservacion" (Reservation Request), also described as a "Ticket Purchase Order" of Transportes Chihuahuenses Travel Agency, Mexi City, issued to Mr. H. O. LEE for "one seat from Mexi to Laredo, confirmed Mr. SAUCEDO" in the amount of 93.75 pesos and dated 30 Sept 63. #2. Reproduced above is a "Greyhound International Exchange Order" issued by Transportes Chihuahuenses Travel Agency, Mexi City on 1 Oct 63 to H. O. LEE for travel from Laredo, Texas to Dallas, Texas, following entry to the U.S. via Transportes del Norte.

324. 11 Apr

MEMO FOR THE FILES from COS, Subject: Theodore Vincent LEE - On 10 Apr 64 BENADUM reported that his "American source" had talked to Elizabeth Catlett de MORA (Betty MORA) on 9 Apr. / Among the items discussed was Subject (see his file). He was formerly Chief (in U.S.A.) of "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" (which was dissolved after OSWALD's assassination of K and publication and proof of OSWALD's involvement in the "Fair Play" activities). / Subject has now organized and is directing a "Revolutionary Aid Committee in the U.S.A.". MORA reports that this Committee is being financed from the Communist Chinese via Habana and Mexi.

Check Subject

SECRET

325.	11 Apr		THE NEWS - Local Police Mum on OSWALD Prob - Mexi police authorities refused to acknowledge their participation in the activities of OSWALD during his visit to Mexi City. / ...Various Mexi police corps are cooperating in the investigation carried here by 3 Americans, SLAWSON, WILLIAMS and COLEMAN on the steps of the alleged assassin of Pres. K. / OSWALD, shot to death by RUBY in Dallas, visited Mexi 26 Sept for one week, visited Mexi City to obtain a visa to travel to Cuba and Sov Union.
326.	9 Apr		AMEMBASSY OUTGOING TELEGRAM Control 122 - Upon their arrival at Mexi City 8 Apr the identies of COLEMAN, SLAWSON and WILLENS as members of President's Commission staff were known to Eastern airlines and to at least one other unidentified individual at airport. M..... / .....Thus we foresee no problem g with GOM from unexpected publicity.
327.	9 Apr		La Prensa - Three Investigators of Kennedy Case in D. F. - About arrival of three mentioned in para 326 above, also they traveled on diplomatic passports, were received by members of the U.S. Emb and refused to make comments to newspapermen. / Bags were not inspected, Etc.
328.	9 Apr		Novedades - Three Investigators of the Death of JFK in Mexico - Same as para 327 above.
329.	9 Apr		El Dia - Three Agents Arrive from U.S. who are Investigating the Assassination of Pres. K. - Same as above except last paragraph "However, it was not possible to find out if the three visitors who came for the investigation have come with the authorization of the authorities of our country, since, when we tried to ask them (or interview them), they would not respond."
330.	10 Apr	Is this house Silvia DURAN's? Has Luis CUETO Ramirez been queried by us?	Novedades - A U. S. Senate Commission in Mexico, Investigates Activities of OSWALD Here - Same as above but with more detail, including "...OSWALD attended a reunion in which were various persons, who, for some time have been active in political affairs, and the meeting was held in a house in Colonia Condesa. ..... Also stated was that the investigation would be in colaboration with the DFS of the D.F. and Police Chief, General Luis CUETO Ramirez.
331.	10 Apr		MEXI 8966 (Ref: A. DIR 13026 - para 320 above; B. DIR 12633 - para 319 above) Giving info of newspaper articles on visit of SLAWSON, WILLENS and COLEMAN. Also "On morning 9 Apr COS participated with Amb., Min Boonstra and LEGAT in briefing session. On afternoon 9 Apr COS and DCOS spent 3 hrs with visitors. Memo of briefing will be forwarded. / On 10 Apr at request visitors and with approval of Amb, COS has arranged take 3 visitors to see LITEMPO 8. COS has asked LEGAT accompany. Amb told LITEMPO 8 on night of 8 Apr (When Amb made his protocol call) of planned arrival, purpose of visit and desire... no publicity. / Will report on visit to LITEMPO 8.
332.	10 Apr		MEMO FOR RECORD signed by COS: Material from P-8593 shown to Warren Commission: 1. English translations of callsmade by OSWALD to Sov Emb.....2. Conversation between Pres. DORTICOS and Cub Amb HERNANDEZ Armas in Mexi on 26 Nov 63. 3. Conversation between Cub Amb to Mexi and Pres. DORTICOS in Habana on 26 Nov 63.

SECRET

Did they have all the Cuban conversations?

SECRET

333. 11 Apr 64

What was accomplished by Warren reps under restricted conditions?

MEXI 8984 (Ref: MEXI 8966 - para 331 above) Publicity on visit continued on 10 and 11 Apr including "The News"... which on 11 Apr stated Mexi police authorities refused to comment on visit. / On 10 Apr at 1130 hrs, with approval Amb, COS took three and LEGAT to see LITEMPO 8 and acted as interpreter. / LITEMPO 8 cooperative and friendly. / Visitors asked A. For a complete written report of "Measures taken and investigations made" by Mexi authorities after assassination. They promised that any portion they wished to publish in committee report would be cleared with Mexi authorities prior to publication. B. LITEMPO 8 said he would gladly assemble full report but he asked that "in order to make request official" Amb should request this report from Mexi Foreign Minister. LITEMPO 8 said he would contact X FORNMIN and tell him to get request to LITEMPO 8. LITEMPO 8 said report would come back via same channel in very short time. / C. Commission reps then asked if LITEMPO 8 objected

if Mexi citizens (such as manager of hotel where OSWALD stayed in Mexi) were invited and

voluntarily came into U.S. Emb to give statements to commission reps. D. LITEMPO 8 said the Mexi Gov could not agree to this. Said this would appear to be official investigation by U.S. authorities in Mexi. He said it would be against Mexi sovereignty. He then suggested that the commission reps let his office invite such Mexicans to luncheons or dinners with one of LITEMPO8's subordinates and the commission reps. (Note: This the reps subsequently decided would not be worth rist of offense to Mexicans and bad publicity since the x could not take depositions and really discuss matter in public restaurants.) / Amb sent note to Fornmin GOROSTIZA on afternoon 11 Apr. / Believe COS and DCOS can assure Hqs that 3 reps pleased with sessions they had with Station. Source (tel taps) revealed to them first by Amb and "take" from these (with Source known to them) revealed by COS. They state they already had been told of this source. They also said already committed to clear all drafts of intended reports with KUBARK.

334. 13 Apr

AMEMBASSY OUTGOING TELEGRAM #169 - Same info as para 333 above reported by Amb Freeman

335. 14 Apr

HMMA 23249 to C/WHD, Subject: Visit of Staff Representatives of the Warren Commission: Attached are copies of a Memo for the Record to record talks had with COLEMAN, SLAWSON and WILLENS, Staff Reps of Warren Commission. - 1. On 9 Apr 64 Messrs. C., S. and W, Staff Reps of the Warren Comm, came to Amb's office. 2. Amb, Boonstra, LEGAT and I met there at 0845 hrs on 9 Apr. Amb asked that LEGAT and I cooperate fully; these 3 would have Top Secret clearances, etc. 3. When visitors came in, Amb told them that he wished them to call on us for any and all help needed, but that he wished personally to ~~x~~ approve in advance any and all contacts with Mexi authorities and/or Mexi citizens. 4. Amb briefed them about secret and sensitive sources, such as tel taps, and reminded them any published item from these sources had to have prior clearance with KUBARK and ODENVY., etc. 5. Amb outlined "rules" for visitors to work. Amb made protocal call on Echeverria, etc. 6. See MEXI 8984 (para 333 above). 7. On 9 and 10 Apr, DCOS and I met with visitors. 3 hrs on 9 Apr and 2½ on 10 Apr. In our offices, they: a. Reviewed the "take" from LIENVOY for 27, 28 Sept

SECRET

SECRET

b. Eng translations of 2 conversations of 26 Nov between Pres DORTICOS and Cub Amb HERANANDEZ. c. Had me review Silvia DURAN case; they were shown pics of Silvia and husband. d. Had me review case of ALVARADO, the Nic. 8. Visitors asked what actions Mexi Station took beginning 22 Nov. I said we: a. Reminded Hqs, Amb Mann and ODENVY locally that we had sent them all (in Oct 63) data on OSWALD regarding visit to Mexi and visits to Sov and Cub Emb. b. Threw all Station assets and sources into job of trying to get all possible details of OSWALD's travel to and from Mexi, place he stayed, contact, etc. c. Stayed in continuous contact with Hqs on leads with ODENVY to coordinate work. d. With Hqs approval, got in touch with Mexi authorities and obtained help in cases -- the outstanding ones being Silvia DURAN and ALVARADO. e. Put coverages on DURAN, KOSTIKOV and contact in Mexi with OSWALD. 9. Note; The knew about tel conversations OSWALD had except for A. OSWALD wanted to go to Odessa, and b. OSWALD wanted a visa for his wife "who was a Russian". 10. They said that Assistant Sec Mann still has the "feeling in his guts" that Castro hired OSWALD to kill Kennedy; they said, however, that the Commission has not been able to get any proof of this. 11. No documents or photos were given visitors. Eng translations read were kept by Station. They are attached. 12. It is believed that all 3 of these visitors were pleased with Station's work on OSWALD case.

Amb Mann was positive.

What did they accomplish?

336. 23 Apr

MEMO from LEGAT to COS: Lee Harvey OSWALD. Hotel accommodation of OSWALD in Mexi City. Info verifying OSWALD stayed at Hotel del Comercio, located at Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, in room No. 18. OSWALD registered as "LEE, HARVEY OSWALD, USA, TEXAS, PHOTO, US citizen". Owner and manager of hotel, Guillermo GARCIA Luna cooperated with LEGAT. LEGAT had FBI Laboratory check handwriting of hotel registry of OSWALD with true signature and was found identical. / List of names and residences, room numbers and dates of occupancy of those registered at hotel during time OSWALD was there. / GARCIA Luna received OSWALD at Hotel del Comercio at between 1000 and 1100; OSWALD's room No. 18 was 16.00 pesos daily with bath, that the registry book indicates OSWALD stayed at hotel night of 1-2 Oct and departed during the day of 2 Oct 63. GARCIA Luna could not recall circumstances of OSWALD's departure nor the hour. He believed OSWALD neither spoke nor understood any Spanish. He had not observed OSWALD in the hotel during the day and he was never accompanied by any person. He recalled that OSWALD carried a medium-size, brown handbag, which had a zipper and was either of Naugahyde or canvas material. He did not remember that OSWALD had ever worn a coat and believed he usually appeared in a short-sleeved shirt of a knit variety. Matilde GARNICA, maid at the hotel del Comercio, recognized photo of OSWALD as being the young American who had occupied room No. 18 for almost a week during the latter part of last year. She arrives at work between 0900 and 1000 and leaves at 2100. Clearly recalls OSWALD, as few Americans stay at the hotel. He had few personal effects, carried in a "small, brown, zippered handbag" canvas or imitation leather material. She had seen OSWALD the day of his arrival and the following Saturday as he w still was in his room when she checked to determine which rooms were available for cleaning. When she saw him in the room on Saturday he said "good morning" in English, and a short time later left the hotel.

Check other guests of hotel

If OSWALD was never at the hotel during the day time, why was he never seen with a coat on since he apparently was out at night when it would naturally be chilly.

SECRET

336. (continued)

Pedro RODRIGUEZ Ledesma, night watchman at hotel, claims OSWALD left hotel at 0630 or 0700 hrs, for RODRIGUEZ was able to get a taxi for him; however, the maid, Matilde GARNICA, claimed she spoke to OSWALD that Saturday morning of his departure when he said "good morning" and he was in his room. Matilde GARNICA enters work between 0900 and 1000. Time discrepancy??

without wearing a coat???

If OSWALD ate meals at 1400 at restaurant next door to hotel, why was he never seen at hotel during the day? Did he never enter his room during the day, after lunch, to wash his hands? Why, if he were in area of Cub or Sov Emb or Colonia Condesa, would he return to the hotel location to eat, yet not be seen at the hotel??

Negro?? Any connection?? Brought up by GARCIA Luna because of efforts to locate him so he could pay the bill??

SECRET

Sebastian PEREZ Hernandez, desk clerk and assistant to the owner of the Hotel del Comercio, had not conversed with OSWALD but remembered him clearly because few Americans stay at the hotel. He said OSWALD left the hotel each morning and did not return until evening, possibly after PEREZ Hernandez had completed his working day and left the hotel. OSWALD was alone and usually wore a knit, short-sleeved sport shirt and no coat or jacket. He did not remember seeing OSWALD depart the hotel on the morning of 2 Oct, but it was possible that the night watchman, who remains at the reception desk during the night might have been aware of OSWALD's departure from the hotel. Watchman is Pedro RODRIGUEZ who could be located at the hotel after 2100 or during the early morning hours. / Pedro RODRIGUEZ Ledesma's working hours are from 2100 to 0900, however, he often is able to leave the hotel by 0800 or earlier if the owner and manager, Guillermo GARCIA Luna, has arrived to relieve him and handle reception duties. He clearly recalls the young American whom he later identified in his mind as OSWALD and remembers that on the date of the latter's departure from the hotel and on the basis of sign language and the word "taxi" which he understood that OSWALD wanted a taxicab, RODRIGUEZ walked around the corner from the hotel where he obtained a taxicab. He believed OSWALD left the hotel between 0630 and 0700 since it was getting light when he went in search of the taxicab. He could not be more precise concerning the time. He believed OSWALD gave him a small tip of one or two pesos. OSWALD carried his own luggage downstairs and waited in front of the hotel with the luggage until RODRIGUEZ returned with the taxicab. RODRIGUEZ commented that while he had little difficulty obtaining a taxi at the early hour, it becomes very difficult to secure taxi transportation between 0730 and 0830 because of the heavy traffic at that time. RODRIGUEZ related that OSWALD always arrived at the hotel late at night, "midnight or thereafter", but he never noticed any indication that OSWALD had been drinking. / Guillermo GARCIA Luna said of Pedro RODRIGUEZ Ledesma that RODRIGUEZ is "humble but very serious, deeply religious, a family man, and highly reliable." / Dolores RAMIREZ de BARREIRO, owner, manager and sometimes cook at small restaurant immediately adjacent to Hotel del Comercio, stated that because of proximity of hotel, many hotel guests eat meals at restaurant. She remembered OSWALD who had eaten several meals at the restaurant in the late afternoon over a period of one week. OSWALD appeared at the restaurant after the noon rush hour or some time after 1400, always alone, and ordered food by pointing at menu. Ate soup of day, rice, and either meat or eggs, but rejected dessert and coffee, and was very money (cost) conscious. Meals cost five to six pesos. ///// Individuals in neighborhood of hotel were queried with negative results. ///// Guillermo GARCIA Luna advised that on the basis of a search of abandoned correspondence, review of his records and accounts, and refreshing his memory through discussions with other personnel at hotel, he had been able to develop the following data: Antonio OLIVA is a Negro who had been considered Cuban but had clarified to GARCIA Luna that he had grown up on east coast of Mexico where "Cuban Spanish" is spoken. He registered as "musician" but was known to have been employed as a cook or cook's helper in an unidentified Mexi City restaurant. He had been living at the hotel with a woman to whom he referred as his "wife" but GARCIA Luna judged that she might have been his paramour. They left the hotel without paying a substantial hotel bill, and GARCIA Luna has been attempting to locate them without success.

13-00000

SECRET

336. (continued) Why did OSWALD choose this hotel? Proximity to Bus Terminal?? If so why, did he use a taxi?

All other inquiries of hotel guests during OSWALD visit were negative. / LEGAT sources reported that Guillermo GARCIA Luna and his hotel, del Comercio, to be reputable.

337. 27 Apr

MEMO TO LEGAT from COS, Photographs. Attached are, as requested, two prints of each negative. (See 338 below)

338. 28 Apr

HMMA 23331 - Attached are photos made from film sent to this office by local ODENVY rep on 24 Apr 64. / Local ODENVY rep requested two copies each. He said these would be sent to his Hqs for Warren Commission. / The photos include ones of the local Sov Emb, the local Cub Consulate, Hotel del Comercio, bus terminal -- places of interest to the Warren Comm because of OSWALD's Mexi visit. / It is requested that this dispatch and atts be routed to Chief, KUDESK.

339. 5 May

DIR 18827 - Warren commision requests we furnish following info: A. Hours when Cuban and Sov Embassies and Consulates in Mexi City are open to public; their normal working hours. Their procedures and regulations, formal and informal involved in issuing permits for travel to and through Cuba. B. Description of procedures and regulations of Mexi government for travel of PBPRIME cits to and through Cuba. / Request Mexi cable summary of all that can be ascertained on above.

340. 6 May

MEXI 9332 (Ref: DIR 18827 - para 339 above) Sov Emb and Con are not open to public. Offices are in compound accessible to public by appointment. Sov guards are on outside gate around clock. Normal work hours Sep 63 were 0900 to 1800 but recently changed to 0900 to 1400 Monday through Friday. Sov con frequently change. Now open 1100 to 1300 Mondays and Fridays. Sixteen Sov families live in compound. Visitors ring bell at gate at all hours. Russian speakers can get in anytime. Others usually turned away by guard after hours. Sovs are not known to issue permits for travel Cuba. / Cuban Emb and consulate in same compound but have separate entrances. Consulate receives visitors from 1000 to 1400 hrs Monday through Friday. Emb working hours are from 0900 to 1700 hours same days but most Emb visitors usually attended before 1400 hrs. These hrs also applied during Sept 63. / Cuban Emb procedures and regulations for issuing permits for travel to and through Cuba: Visas normally valid for 3 months from date of issue. Prior authorization from Habana invariably required before issuance any visa. Applicant completes visa application from form at Consulate, permission often obtained in exchange of cables between Emb and Minrex Habana. In many cases visas issued on separate sheet paper in effort conceal fact of travel. / Mexi govt procedures and regs re travel PBPRIME cits to and through Cuba unchanged since HMMA 20887, 3 May 63. PBPRIME cits with passports and Cub visas are free to travel to Cuba. PBRIME cits can obtain tourist cards from Mexi consul Habana for return via Mexi.

SECRET

341. 12 May

HMMA 23398 - Attached are copies of 2 pages which were reproduced by Station for local ODENVY who procured documents (on loan) from Sec de Gob. (Documents are list of ~~x~~ persons entering

SECRET

Mexi, with description, manner of travel, etc.

342. 13 May

MEXI 9430 - ODENVY rec'd large pkg through pouch from committee counsel Lee RANKIN with instructions pass unopened to Dr. Dale CAMERON attending psychiatric convention here. On turnover CAMERON opened package ODENVY office and C/ODENVY could see only that it contained pile documents stamped top secret with classification lined out. CAMERON walked out of office carrying papers, probably to Hotel Maria Isabel where most conventioners staying./ Station understands CAMERON intends deliver talk on psychiatric assessment of OSWALD, presumably on basis these papers. / Although Station ignorant content or origin documents appears odd see top secret docs relevant GPFLOOR case declassified prior issuance committee report. / Have not informed ODENVY this cable although C/ODENVY said he cabling his Hqs which he thought probably did not know contents of package.

Check. This is very odd.

343. 13 May

MEMO to Boonstra from LEGAT, copy to COS - In accordance with our conversation, there is attached a copy of the report forwarded to the Sec of For Relations by the Acting Sec of Gobernacion. / While the report at the end bears a date of 6 May 64, source who made a copy of the report available for copying advised that it was actually delivered to Foreign Relations on 9 May 64. (see para 344 below)

344. 19 May

HMMA 23443 - Attached are copies of the Gobernacion Report on the steps taken and investigations made by the Mexi Gov as a result of President K's assassination. / As will be recalled, this Report was asked for by the three members of the Warren Commission who visited Mexi 8-13 Apr 64. .../ The attached copies are "unofficial". The Report has not yet (as of 18 May) been received by U.S. Amb from the Sec of For Affairs. / The attached was received from LITEMPO/1. A copy was also sent to this Station by the LEGAT who received a copy unofficially from Lic. Santiggo IBAÑEZ Llamas, Director of Investigations, Gobernacion. / Pls pass copy to Chief, KUDESK. (Highlights of Report, in rough translation) - Just as soon as GOM learned of the death of Pres. K, the country closed it's borders, in case the assassin would try to flea Dallas into Mexico. / Also troops were sent to border towns in case it would be necessary. / Upon learning the name of the assassin, investigations were begun because it was known OSWALD was in Mexico in 1963. / Through Immigration Department we could establish for sure that OSWALD entered Mexi via Nuevo Laredo, Tamps, 26 Sept 63 as a tourist, etc., etc., and made a photostatic copy of document of entry into country, etc. / On 27 Sept he stayed at the Hotel del Comercio, etc. / g During his five day stay in Mexi City, OSWALD tried to obtain a Cuban visa in transit to the Sov Union, etc. / Interviewed Sra. Silvia DURAN, etc. / OSWALD cancelled his reservations at the hotel on 1 Oct and reserved a seat on the bus of Transported Frontera to return to Nuevo Laredo the following day. However, he did not travel on this bus, nor any other bus line which travels to Nuevo Laredo, Tamps. / Confirmed that OSWALD left Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 3 Oct. etc. / On 26 Nov an inspector, Jose Mario del VALLE, went to Nuevo Laredo to investigate OSWALD's travels and also the existent rumor that OSWALD had been there previously to obtain a divorce in Mexico. etc.... Because of an error of one of the stenographers, Form 11, in the Immigration Office in Nuevo Laredo stated OSWALD had travelled in by car from there to his

~~345x~~

Where are the attachments to this???

What is this about??

OSWALD tried to get a divorce??

SECRET

SECRET

There are supposed to be 17 attachments; where are they???

How can they be so sure that OSWALD had no political contacts???

/ Also, Tourist Cards were checked of persons traveling at the same time as OSWALD to try to establish any connection with him, or cars entering and leaving, etc., etc. / To complete this investigation, it was established without a doubt, that OSWALD had no contacts in Mexico with persons or groups affiliated with politics. / Finally, case closed; file sent to archives. Signed by Lic. Luis ECHEVERRIA.

345. 22 May — AMEMBASSY A-1359 - Mexican Report on Activities of OSWALD While in Mexico - On 11 Apr the Emb delivered to Sec of For Relations note #1349, dated 10 Apr 64, requesting report on investigation conducted by Mexi national agencies into activites of OSWALD. Emb note also requested a description of the measures which were taken by Mexi Gov, etc. / Under cover of note #504826, dated 14 May 64, the Sec of For Relations of Mexi has transmitted to Emb a confidential memo setting forth info as requested. The original note and attached memo are forwarded herewith, with the request that they be made available to President's Commission on Assassination. A certified copy of the Mexi note and memo is included for the Department's files, while another certified copy has been retained in Emb files. / Department's attention is drawn to the reservation that memo may not be published, in part or in full, without the express consent of the Mexi Gov.

346. 26 May — HMMA 23520 - Mexi Gov Report on Actions Taken and Investigations Made After the Death of Pres. Kennedy (Ref: HMMA 23443 - para 344 above) Same info as para 344 above except the declaration of Silvia DURAN about her contact with OSWALD (nothing new).

347. 2 June — NOTE: written by COS - This copy of the Foreign Office's "edited" version of Lic. Luis ECHEVERRIA's report was given to me by LEGAT on 2 June 64. We already have copies. (Attached is the same report as para 346 above.

348. 17 June — AMEMBASSY A1461 "Supplementary Mexican Report on Activities of OSWALD (ref: A 1359 - para 345 above) - Referenced airgram transmitted a note and a memo from Mexi Sec of For Rel on investigations, etc. / Supplementing that info, Note No. 505503 dated 9 June 1964 transmitting a number of photostatic copies of documents pertinent to this case. The original of that note and its annexes are forwarded herewith, with the request that they be made available to the President's Commission on the Assassination. A certified copy of the Mexi note and its annexes are included for the Department's files, another retained in the Embassy. / Department's attention is drawn to the reservation that... may not be published...without permission of Mexi Government.

Where is 505503 ? And attachments ??

349. 18 June 64 — Potomac Cable No. 278 (Unclassified) (Sent via wireless file 6-12-64) - The Warren Commission - This is a two page document stating the aims of the Commission, which was established on 29 Nov 63, and that its report would be published in July 1964.

SECRET

SECRET

350. 19 June

MEXI 9948 (ref: MEXI 9681 - not in OSWALD file; see YATSKOV P-885) During Subject's (Subject is LIOVAL-1) (John Emil BLANKENEAGEL) 11-12 June 64 trip with Sov Consul Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV (KGB), latter mentioned could do favor for Subj and import rifle free of duty from U.S. for Subj's hunting interests. Subj casually responded that Y could probably order one from KLEIN discount store Chicago. This caused Sov to ask Subj if though OSWALD actually Pres K's assassin. Subj said definitely believed this true basis newspaper accounts. / Y countered saying did not believe OSWALD involved and briefly explained his position by foll: "I met OSWALD here. He stormed into my office and wanted me to introduce and recommend him to the Cubans. He told me that he had lived in the USSR. I told him that I would have to check before I could recommend him. He was nervous and his hands trembled, and he stormed out of my office. I don't believe that a person as nervous as OSWALD, whose hands trembled, could have accurately fired a rifle." / Above is full extent of Y's statement as recalled by Subj who did not try elicit further. ...

LITMUS?

351. 22 June Read carefully

LEGAT REPORT (filed in Bulky)

352. 24 June

MEXI 0005 (Ref: DIR 30547 - para 353 below) - From 27 Sept 63 LIENVOY, time late afternoon prior 1700 hours, unidentified Sov male talked with YATSKOVA. Presume male YATSKOV basis endearing terms used. / 28 Sept LIENVOY about 0857 hrs: KAZANTSEV speaks with wife, and YATSKOV then talks with KAZANTSEVA. Gist of conversation is that YATSKOV family, accompanied by BAZAROVS and KAZANTSEVS, planning day trip (possibly to Cuernavaca) and to depart this date about 1100 hrs. From LICALLA 28 Sept 0952 hrs: Y and wife and KAZANTSEV seen chatting on terrace. At 1000 hrs Y and wife went into garden. LICALLA did not observe time of Y departure from Emb. / Have no reporting for Sun, 29 Sept. / 30 Sept LILYRIC observed Y enter SovEmb in his dip car 0852 hrs, departed 1416 hrs. LIENVOY 30 Sept reports KAZANTSEV, speaking with a visiting Sov, tells Sov call morn 1 Oct and speak with Y. / 1 Oct LILYRIC: Y entered Emb 0847, left 1416, LICALLA observed Y at 1104 hrs talking with Valentin Vasilyevich BAKULIN and Aleksey Ivanovich GARMASHEV. / 2 Oct: Acc LILYRIC Y entered Emb 0846, left 1106, entered 1120. Departed 1122 with Oleg Pavlovich MOSKVICHEV, entered 1128 with M, departed 1420 with wife. According LICALLA seen with Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV at 0852, seen with Valeriy Aleksandrovich ANDRIANOV at 1000, seen with Moskvichev at 1124, seen with GARMACHEV at 1402. / Feel quite possible that OSWALD spoke with YATSKOV basis 1 Oct 63 LIENVOY: When OSWALD spoke with OBYEDKOV, OSWALD said had talked with a consul on Saturday, did not name KOSTIKOV. It was OBYEDKOV who asked suggestively if it was K and OSWALD said yes, possibly without thought. Direct HQS attention this transcript. Note however, KOSTIKOV has dark hair, YATSKOV light brown and very grey at temples, giving appearance of almost white hair. Could also well be that OSWALD first spoke with KOSTIKOV who turned OSWALD over to his boss YATSKOV. Also, given the apparent frankness of Y's discussions with LIOVAL-1, particularly his views Stalin and Khrushchev, would appear possible he told L-1 truth re OSWALD, at minimum re meeting OSWALD.

SECRET

13-00000

353. 24 June

DIR 30547 (Ref: MEXI 9948 - para 350 above) - Pls check LICALLA and LIENVOY records try determine if YATSKOV was in Mexi City during period OSWALD there and if YATSKOV in Sov Emb Sat., 28 Sept, day which OSWALD claimed had visited Emb and talked to consul (MEXI 7025, 23 Nov. - para 32 above). Also cable your views possibility OSWALD could have met YATSKOV rather than or in addition to KOSTIKOV. ← NB: This the name that LHO cites in his letter to Sov. Emb. Wash.

354. 3 July

See para 344 and 348 above. Where are Annexes to GOM report??

AMEMBASSY Incoming Telegram Control #72 - President's Commission considers it absolutely necessary publish documents supplied by GOM (with possible exception Annex 3, reservation sheet of bus company, and Annex 5, except the statements by Mrs. Duran and husband which extremely important to Commission). &&M You requested contact GOM soonest indicating above. You may wish emphasize that Commission desires publish as much info possible, etc. Report will be published at earliest late July or early August. FYI Substantially all info in documents supplied by GOM had also been supplied Commission by other sources., etc., etc.

NOTE on above: Underlined "other sources" - LIENVOY ? Also - Amb will request from Foreign Minister. Signed COS

355. 7 July

DIR 33368 - Call Station attention to DEPTEL 23 dated 2 July to Mexi (para 354 above) dealing with commission intention publish most of docs received from GOM. Station may wish monitor reply to protect any of its ops interests.

356. 21 July

THE NEWS by Holmes Alexander - Double-Check, datelined Washington - Nugh Aynesworth, a friend of Alexander, will publish anything the Commission omits. Aynesworth has been conducting a parallel investigation of testimony, affidavits and ballistic reports. .....OSWALD's own words show him in his vacillating loyalty, swinging to the Communists, and then swinging back to his native country. When he was pro-Russian, he took money from the Soviet secret police. When he was pro-American, he was able to raise money for homeward passage at the American Embassy. Aynesworth claimed that the fk FBI knew OSWALD to be a potential assassin. And FBI agent is quoted as telling the Dallas police on 22 Nov. "We knew he was capable of assassinating the President, but we didn't dream he would do it. etc., etc.

357. 31 July

AMEMBASSY Outgoing Telegram, Control 955 - GOROSTIZA told me that GOM has no objection to publication of all documents except statement of Mrs. Duran (annex 5 mentioned in GOM Note 505503 dated 9 June 1964) (see para 348 - annexes missing). Publisation would be embarrassing to GOM because of extensive questioning of Mrs. Duran, etc. / I suggested that another way of handling problem would be for GOROSTIZA to indicate parts of Duran statement, publication of which would be particularly embarrassing to GOM, with view to deleting these from published document. GOROSTIZA agreed to re-read document with this in view.....

SECRET

358. 5 Aug 64 — Memo of Tel Conversation between Foreign Secretary GOROSTIZA and Minister Boonstra - GOROSTIZA gave permission to publish all of the documents concerning OSWALD, including that document No. 5 relating to Silvia DURAN.....

359. 5 Aug — AMEMBASSY Outgoing Telegram #122 from Amb Freeman to Secstate advising info in para 358 above.

360. 14 Aug — Memo of Conversation between Amb Jose GALLASTEGUI, Secretariat of Foreign Relations, and Boonstra - Note from GOM dated 23 July 64 stated permission given to publish all info on OSWALD case, but omitted Document #5 (on DURAN). GALLASTEGUI said note had been written before decision was made to permit publishing info on DURAN, to return note and another would be sent....

361. 20 Aug — AMEMBASSY Mexico to Dept of State - Permission to Publish Documents on OSWALD with attached Note No. 507794 from GOM.....

✓ 362. 24 Aug — MEXI 881 (Ref: WAVE 0767 - 19 Aug 64 - 1. 19 Aug KUJUMP Houston advised KUJUMP WAVE area of foll: A. Oscar RODRIGUEZ Molina DPOB 10 Dec 29 Jaruco, Havana effected Black River crossing from Mexi to Brownsville, Texas, 18 Aug. B. Subj picked up by and in custody ODURGE Brownsville. C. Subj claims visit PBRIME May 61 for few months then returned PBRUMEN with family. D. Worked food ration dept PBRUMEN until 64 when arrested for counter AMTHUG-1 activities. E. W ile in jail approx 21 days was recruited by CIS for alleged mission abroad. F. Subj when picked up during above river crossing requested talk with ODYOKE intel rep. 2. WAVE sending Wilfred O. CLOWER to Houston/Brownsville contact KUJUMP Houston and assess Subj Brownsville order further determine nature CIS mission, locus same and possible OP viability case. 3. WAVE traces possibly iden Subj previously forwarded addees. BELL 1989, 29 Feb 61; MEXI 7479, 2 Mar 61; WAVE 4375, 10 Mar 61; MEXI 7999, 12 May 61 and WAVE 6382, 23 May 61. Local ODURGE/ODENVY traces pending. 4. Request addee traces...) Station traces reflect Oscar RODRIGUEZ Molina arrived Mexi from Hava 22 Jan 61. Gave contact address Independencia 17. (LIFIRE B/Doc) MEXI 6 7026, 23 Nov 63 ECHEVERRIA asked COS for all info on Subj. Said had heard on radio FNU RODRIGUEZ Molina picked up connection GPFLOOR and RODRIGUEZ a Mexican.

Check these refs.

363. 4 Sept — DIR 47058 - 1. FYI. We are informed by Warren Comm Marina OSWALD has very recently provided additional documentary materials pertaining to late husband's Mexi stay. To wit: Map of Mexi cite containing location marks and a Mexi cite TV guide. Our underatanding that very detailed search of Pain residence in Dallas has been conducted by appropriate authority and other materials with bearing on case have been produced. ODENVY has forwarded it rep Mexi copies of map and other unspecified materials on or about 29 Aug. We have been assured copies from Commission and will forward for your info soonest. May well be that local ODENVY rep will bring this up with yhu on his own. / Apparently none of this new info significantly alters previous conclusions re OSWALD's stay.

What are new materials??

SECRET

364.	4 Sept.		DIR 47423 - Have recd from Warren Comm for analysis and comment photo copy OSWALD Cuba visa application Mexi 27 Sept 63. Comm recd photo copy of document from Cubans via Swiss and ODACID in past week. / OSWALD's signature being analyzed here. Document bears manuscript notation OSWALD's address Mexi possibly made by Silvia DURAN. We require urgently handwriting samples DURAN: Signature minimum, prefer larger sample if available. Also desire original but photo copy will do if that all you have. / Pouching soonest FYI photo copy doc.
365.	4 Sept.		MEXI 0805 (Ref: DIR 47423 - para 364 above) - Next pouch 8 Sept. Will forward photos of DURAN signature only which is all we have at present. Attempting obtain larger sample from LITEMPOS. Will advise. (Attached to cable is photo of DURAN's signature)
366.	8 Sept		HMMA 24280 - Transmitted herewith are two photostatic samples of DURAN's signature.
367.	9 Sept		MEMO FOR THE RECORD by COS - Hqs is in urgent need of handwriting speciments of DURAN. ACTION: Get LIKAYAK/2 to have LIMUD coverage put on DURAN urgently and try to get some fast speciments..
368.	10 Sept		HMMW 12889 - The attached documents and translation, provided by ODACID, are FYI. The Warren Comm has decided not to confront Mrs. DURAN with the copy of OSWALD's visa application, therefore, no action by Mexi with respect to the paper is desired at this time.
for details, of application, see attachment		NB →	Attached is the translation of the visa application of OSWALD, in which is stated "Planned date of arrival in Cuba: September 30, 1963"
369.	14 Sept		HMMA 24304 - Attached is another copy of DURAN's signature, furnished by LITEMPO/4 who is searching for additional handwriting speciments of DURAN.. / Station can put LIMUD coverage on DURAN....
370.	16 Sept		DIR 49619 (Ref MEXI 0805 - para 365 above) Slawson of Warren Comm in discussion DURAN's handwriting sample asked if info available re current state her morale, attitude, current employment status. / FYI only, HQS believes commission may seek to have DURAN certify she compiled OSWALD's visa application papers supplied by GOC through Swiss. / Request Sta furnish ASAP available info re situation and outlook DURAN. Suggest you not consult Mex officials at this time.
371.	16 Sept		DIR 49941 - Warren Comm asks for any substantitive data which can be cited in published report as authoritative source of allegations that DURAN and her husband were or are members of the Communist party. / Comm attorney Slawson recalls that both COS and C/ODENVY referred to these allegations during his visit to Mexi. / Pls advise by return cable whether any documentary or other evidence exists or can be attributed to Mexi police authorities. In her deposition DURAN formally denied such membership.

SECRET

SECRET

372. 18 Sept 64

DIR 50732 (Ref: HMMW 12889 - para 368 above) Request Station cable its opinion authenticity visa application. Also, if available or possible promptly procure, desire other samples or blanks for comparison and possible authentication. Does stationery of Havana's response check out with any available exemplars?

373. 19 Sept

MEXI 0930 (Ref: DIR 49,619 - para 370 above, and DIR 49,941 - para 371 above) - COS checked with LITEMPO 4 who personally participated in interrogation of DURAN re OSWALD. A. Her full name is Silvia Tirado Bazan de DURAN. Husband's name is Horacio DURAN Navarro. B. At time of interrogation by Mexi authorities on OSWALD case both DURAN and husband denied they were members of the PCM, PPS or any Commie or Marxist front groups. C. Both stated they "believed completely in Marxist Leninist principles and tried to live as Marxists". D. LITEMPO 4 stated "No Mexi has worked for Cuban Emb in Mexi since 1959 who is not a completely convinced Communist." ... E. Both Silvia and husband were listed in LITEMPO 4 organization's files as Communists, members of PCM. This however not releasable in documentary form. / Horacio continues to live at Av Constituyentes #143-3, but Silvia has disappeared. Husband refuses to say where she is; merely states "She is out of Mexico". Whereabouts unknown to LITEMPOS for some three weeks; believed to be hidden by Cubans. / LITEMPO 4 reports that Silvia has not worked since detention on OSWALD case. Does not know present status her morale but believes she still frightened, very pro-Castro, pro Communist and anti-USA and anti-Mexi police authorities. / Horacio has kept up payments on rent, light bills and seems to live as well as ever; source of his income mystery to LITEMPO 4. / LITEMPO 4 actively hunting Silvia and will provide any info to COS.

374. 22 Sept

MEXI 0969 (Ref: DIR 50732 - para 372 above) STATION does not have exemplars available for comparison with ref visa application. Type face matches that of other documents from Emb. Weak impression of top of lower case letter "E" also appears in document from commerical office of Emb apparently prepared on same typewriter as visa application form. Stationery used for letter from Habana appears genuine. Both documents have authentic flavor. Attempting obtain blank visa application for comparison. / LITAMIL 9 recently received letter from Mercy MARTINEZ who actually signed letter from Habana. Will check signatures when LI-9 locates letter.

375. 25 Set

HMMW 12931 (Ref: HMMA 24304 - para 369 above) - We appreciate the offer to put LIMUD on Silvia but do not feel it necessary since handwriting investigation can now be considered completed. / All Hqs components involved in GPFLOOR wish to express their appreciation.....

376. 23 Sept
Check MOHRENSCHILDT

AMEMB Outgoing Telegram #619 - Emb's Legat has copious file on George de MOHRENSCHILDT. Legat advises that all info in his file is also on had at FBI, Wash. (Note by COS: Clark Anderson says this fellow was once thought to have been involved in OSWALD case.)

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

377. 24 Sept — DIR 51937 - COS will recall that several photos of unidentified person were handcarried by LEGAT officer to Dallas on about 23 Nov to assist in investigation. Soon after OSWALD's arrest and prior to his murder by RUBY, cropped photo of this man was shown by the FBI to OSWALD's mother who disclaimed any knowledge. / After OSWALD's death his mother publicly claimed the FBI had shown her a photo of RUBY prior repeat prior to the killing of her son. When again shown copy, cropped differently, she stated it not identical with the one shown her the first time. / Because of this publicity Warren Comm will publish copies of both photos among documents keyed to its survey of FBI postcrime handling../ Report to be released 28 Oct..... (Note written by COS: God! This was of tough looking American type going into Soviet Embassy. Do you have copy of photo? Did we ever get identity?)

Iden of American entering Sov Emb???

378. 24 Sept — MEXI 1011 (Ref: DIR 51937 - para 377 above) - Station unclear as to purpose served by publication photo of person not even involved this case. ...../ Cannot predict security effect of publication...../ Station wishes forewarn basehouse operators for hostile reactions. Will clear all three affected bases of all tech equipment for indefinite period just prior to publication. / May Station assume no material originating LIFEAT or LIENVOY to appear?....

379. 25 Sept — MEXI 1018 (Ref: A. DIR 52398 - para 380 ~~xhmx~~ below; B. MEXI X1011 - para 378 above) Refs obviously crossed..../Only remaining hope would appear be to get ASCHAM prevail on Comm not only retouch background in photos but also retouch face to degree obviously not identifiable with RUBY but also not with actual subj of photo. / If neither suppression nor effective alteration possible, Station plans evacuate LIMITED, LILYRIC, LICALLA, recent LICOWL installation and LIMESA properties of all gear on phased basis .....Also evacuating LIONION base house and sending occupants ~~away~~ for week on pretext.....

380. 25 Sept — DIR 52398 (Ref: DIR 51937 - para 377 above) - ...Each photo shows same unidentified man. One closely cropped, other cropped but with enough background to clearly identify Sovemb main gate.....

381. 25 Sept — HMMS 3734 - Enclosed are copies of the two photographs mentioned in DIR 51937 (para 377 above) and subsequent cable.

382. 26 Setp — DIR 52774 (Ref: MEXI 1018para 379 above) ODENVY showed her spread but Subj photo only one which attracted attention. Comm adamant needs photo to establish chain of evidence. Doubt other photos will be published. ODENVY told her nothing re identity or origin of photo. ....We have assurance from Comm staff that background details of photo will be obscured. / Nevertheless, believe prudence dictates equipment should be removed from installations including LIMESA.....

383. 28 Sept — DIR 52929 (Ref: DIR 51937 - para 377 above) Foll is pertinent excerpt from Warren Comm: "Affidavits obtained from the CIA and from the two FBI agents who trimmed the photographs ....Original photo had been taken by the CIA outside of the U.S.....Copy of book being handcarried by KINGMAN. (note by COS: I suppose we relax, let happen whatever happens!)

SECRET

SECRET

384.	28 Set 64	Check this bio data on	MEMO from LEGAT: Oscar RODRIGUEZ Molina - Cuban
385.	28 Sept		MEXI 1040 (Ref: DIR 52929 - para 383 above) Request KINGMAN carry annex with photos. Station already has basic report, obtained thru chief PBSWING 26 Sept.
386.	29 Sept		(PROBABLY SPECIAL CHANNEL) (Ref: DIR 52774 - para 382 above) Per ref, operations suspended in LIMESA as of 1707 hrs 28 Sept 64 and all gear removed same day.
387.	29 Sept		THE NEWS - Inside Washi gton - Mystery of OSWALD's 6 Days in Mexico? by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott - ...the reason for the mysterious Mexi trip of OSWALD.. / Informational gap about OSWALD's eight days in Mexico.... / While reporting that OSWALD escaped surveillance during much of his Mexican visit, the commission will reveal that the "limited" observations by U.S. and Mexi intelligence authorities clearly indicate the trip involved more than an effort to obtain a visa for travel to Cuba and Russia. ....the surveillance failure was a major U.S. blunder, since a number of government agencies had advance notice that OSWALD planned to go to Mexico. .....It was during these fateful eight days that U.S. authorities lost trace of OSWALD, although the CIA was prewarned to keep a careful check on OSWALD because of his connections with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.....(Note by COS: What a false statement!!)
388.	30 Sept		DIR 53264 (Ref: MEXI 1040 - para 385 above) Pls see para four DIR 52398 (para 380 above) Mr. Rankin due return 30 Sept and photo in question not sent to print pending his return and discussions with us. / Will forward pertinent appendix as soon as available.
389.	30 Sept		MEMO FOR THE FILES from COS; Subject: Warren Commission Report - I sent copies of the Warren Comm Report (book) to: DIAZ Ordaz, LIELEGANT and Mr. Burnell Goodrich. / I also asked that ECHEVERRIA be sent a copy from the Amb. He had been "listed" by LEGAT. / I have retained a copy for the office. / All of the above are without appendices.
390.	2 Oct 64		DIR 54271 - Galley proofs received from Comm 2 Oct. Pouching 4 Oct. Background is completely blacked out. / Also learned that all appendices will be made public simultaneously sometime in Nov. This is change in schedule given in DIR 52398 (para 380 above). / You may wish modify timing and planning of MEXI 1018 (para 379 above)
391.	5 Oct		HMMW 12963 - Enclosed are the galley proofs of 2 photos mentioned in DIR 54271 (para 390 above)
392.	5 Oct		EXCELSIOR - Advertising TV program "The reconstruction of the Assassination of Pres. JFK." exclusive pictures of the FBI; commentary - Agustin BARRIOS Gomez

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

393. 5 Oct 64

MEXI 1120 - Per LIENVOY 30 Sept Silvia DURAN informed Raul PEREYRA of Cuban Embassy that she had been on an excursion with some students to Isla Mujeres and Merida. PEREYRA who recently returned from Cuba said Eusebio AZCUE sent greetings to Silvia.

394. 6 Oct

HMMA 24463 (Ref: A. HMMW 12889 - para 368 above; B. DIR 50732 - para 372 above; C. MEXI 0969 - para 374 above) 1. Attached for HQS are: An item dated Jan 64 recovered from Cub Emb trash by LITAINT/2 which may have been prepared on the same typewriter used to prepare the visa application form of Ref A; and 3 Xerox copies of the signature of Mercy MARTINEZ (Mercedes MARTINEZ del Cueto) taken from a letter from her to LITAMIL-9 dated Sept 64. / Mercy MARTINEZ is listed by Cub For Min as Sub-Director of the Secretariat of the Ministry. Her immediate superior is Juan NIKO Nilo OTERO Rodriguez for whom she signed the letter of Ref A. / It is requested that every effort be made to insure that the attachments are handled in such a way as to protect LITAMIL-9 and the LITAINT-2 trash operation from compromise. (No attachments)

395. 6 Oct

MEMO FOR FILES from COS: On 18 Sept 64 I saw LITEMPO/4 who advised that a. Silvia DURAN, at time she was questioned about OSWALD denied that she or her husband was a member of the Commie Party, the PPS or any other Commie or Marxist organization. Her husband, when questioned at the same time, gave the same replies. b. Silvia and husband admitted they believed in Marxism, tried to live so as to "conform to Marxist/Leninist theories". Silvia said "I am a Marxist". c. Silvia has disappeared from her home; Horacio claims he does not know where she is. He continues to live at Av Constituyentes 143-3 and is able to pay rent, lights, etc. / LITEMPO/4 said he could be quoted as saying that "no Mexi except Communists had worked for the Cub Emb in Mexi since Jan 59".

396. 8 Oct

THE NEWS - Pillion Insists OSWALD is Collaborator in Red Network - by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott: .....Documents delivered to the archives where the papers will be available - if they do not disappear - to researchers, future investigators and students of history. .....Pillion traced OSWALD's activities in the Sov Union, his close association with the KGB, his marriage to the niece of a Lt. Colonel of the Soviet MVD, and his later visits to Mexi, reporting: ".....Upon arrival in Sov Union, OSWALD voluntarily became associated with the Sov Secret Police (KGB). ....., whihc is responsible for recruiting and training of agents for sabotage, assassination, incitement of riots and other forms of terror..... KGB arranged press conferences to publicize OSWALD's defection, then provided a job for him in the sheet metal shop of a radio factory in Minsk. OSWALD was not a skilled sheet metal worker. His job was a clerical job of "checker". This was a sham cover job. OSWALD was given a 5,000 ruble lump sum payment prior to going to Minsk. Thereafter, he received 700 rubles per month as wages and an additional 700 rubles per month from the KGB. The 700 ruble payment from the KGB was falsely represented as emanating frlm the Sov Red Cross. The 1,400 ruble monthly income of OSWALD was comparable to salary of Gen mgr of the factory where he worked. KGB provided OSWALD with a scarce and comparatively luxurious apartment in Minsk for a period of more than two years.

Who is source?? What info did we get from Station Moscow??

Research this.

SECRET

SECRET

397. 10 Oct 64

MEXI 1191 - On 9 Oct LICOWL-1 reported as foll: 7 Oct Aleksey Ivanovich GARMASHOV (deputy KGB resident Mexi) asked L-1 re availabily apts immediate vicinity LIMERICK installation, and specifically asked about quarters above L-1 store. L-1 described quarters which too small for Sovs. GARMASHOV (G) added two owners of nearby apt bldgs and refused rent to Sovs. L-1 then volunteered try rent apt in his name for Sovs which G accepted. / Later same day L-1 discovered two apts being vacated 15 Oct in same bldg which houses (unknown to L-1) LILYRIC which Sta reactivated 8 Oct. On 9 Oct G again visited L-1 after being informed of vacant apts and stated he would like to see larger of two apts. L-1 escorted G to apt top floor which G inspected closely. L-1 reports G looked out front window which faces LIMERICK for extended period. L-1 noted that activity inside LIMERICK compound could be seen from this point. After inspection, G stated not interested because apt dirty and did not have garage for cars. (L-1 notes that Sovs aware bldg had no garage prior to G inspection tour.) / Sta believes above is concrete indication Sovs looking for likely KUBARK photo base sites. LILYRIC is one of eight or nine apts which could give same coverage as LILYRIC. No possible anticipate what Sov next step will be nor timing. Request Hqs comments on security surrounding report annexes priro to their release and possibility Sovs have already obtained copies. / .....

✓ 398. 12 Oct

Check Elena GARRO

MEMO FOR THE RECORD from Flannery (C/CA) - Elena GARRO told Eunice Odio (who relayed to TICHBORN on 9 Oct) that she and her duaghter were invited to a party at the Cuban Emb during the period she now finds out that OSWALD was here in Mexi prior to the assassination. She was invited by a Mexi secretary in the Cub Emb whose husband is a cousin of the GARRO family (Horacio DURAN????). At the party, she saw three Gringos, not drinking, not mixing, and more or less just standing around together like "three bumps on a log". They were so obviously out of place, she asked someone in the Cub Emb about them and was told that "they were just passing ~~thru~~ through". She claims that on account of the way these three gringos stood out she took a good long look at them as did her daughter. When assassination occurred and OSWALD's picture was spread into the newspapers, both Elena and her daughter immediately said that he was one of the three gringos "without a doubt" at the party.

399.

Why d was this not sent to HQS ??

Note covering above memo to COS: Do you want me to send the gist of this to Hqs? COS wrote: Yes, but we should follow up first. Flannery then wrote: Nothing further.

✗ 400. 15 Oct

DIR 56876 (Ref: MEXI 1191 - para 397 above) Hqs has no evidence that Sovs have advance copy of photo. Comm sources assure us its copy of photo furnished by the FBI has also been altered to black out the background. At present the annex is scheduled for release around mid Nov. / Considered opinion here is that Sov action per ref would seem to be a logical CI step as a precautionary measure on basis of published comm report. That a thorough security survey should be done at this time either on Sov Emb's own initiative or on request from Moscow is not at all surprising, independently of any specifice contained in Comm report.

SECRET

SECRET

401. 21 Oct 64 THE NEWS - Inside Washington CIA Withheld Vital Intelligence from Warren Commission - by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott - ....Despite the commission's written request for all documents that might shed light on the assassination, CIA failed to turn over a national intelligence estimate warning that it is Kremlin policy to remove Western officials who actively oppose Soviet policies, titled "Soviet Strategic Executive Action".....McCone furnished the Comm with the CIA's secret surveilance reports on OSWALD's eight days in Mexi before assassination, including details of OSWALD's contact with the head KGB agent in the Sov Emb there..... Xx Investigators also are trying to determine why the CIA in its pre-assassination report to the State Department on OSWALD's trip to Mexi gave details only of the defector's visit to the Sov Emb and not the Cub Emb. CIA did not report the latter visit until after the assassination. (In DCOS handwriting is the note: Who talked to these guys? - about the secret surveillance reports - and Annie G. wrote: The caller from the Cub Emb was unidentified until HQS sent traces on OSWALD and voices compared by FEINGLASS. ← The traces were sent before assas. (on 10 Oct); No photo was needed by Hq.; The voice comparison was not made until after 22 ✓

402. 25 Nov NEW YORK TIMES Plot Idea Studies by Warren Group - Doubts May Remain Despite Exhaustive Examination - 26 volumes of Comm data released yesterday include, lengthy testimony by a member of the John Birch Society..... named Revilo P. Oliver, professor at University of Illinois. "...cover up for Communist Conspiracy". .....Article carries picture which was shown to OSWALD's mother.....Comm found that the picture was of an unidentified man in a foreign country with whom the CIA thought OSWALD might have been associated.....Thomas B. Buchanan who wrote "Who Killed Kennedy" and Mark Lane, a N.Y. lawyer who was briefly Mrs. OSWALD's lawyer (mother of OSWALD). Lane declined to disclose name of his alleged informant....

Who was LANE's informant?? ?

403. 25 Nov DIR 66600 (Ref: DIR 54271 - para 390 above) First picture and rehash of "Marguerite's Story" appear on page 19 of 25 Nov issue of N.Y. Times. / FYI: Background in all copies of original photo in Comm's possession obliterated.

404. 25 Nov MEMO FOR THE FILES from COS - Sub: June COBB - On 24 Nov 64 LIHUFF/1 reported the foll which he had learned from LICHANT/1: a. The former wife of Octavio PAZ rents a room to an American Communist, June COBB. Mrs. PAZ is afraid of Miss Cobb who broke legs and smashed ribs of a pet cat..... b. COBB is promiscuous and sleeps with men..../ c. Mrs. PAZ believes COBB may have been "planted" on her by Communists.... Mrs. PAZ tried to talk to Robert Kennedy when he was here to tell him she had personally met OSWALD at DURAN's house .... PAZ reported this info to American official of Emb who said he was Warren Comm rep.....

See para 398 on Elena GARRO de PAZ

405. 29 Nov after 1900 hrs LIFEAT Rafael LOZANO with Dudley DOUST. DD just got back. DD talked to TELLO and asked him about OSWALD. OSWALD was here this year. About the OSWALD incident, the roughing up business is nonsense and the reason they rejected the Note of course was because it was not passed in the formal way and was just a rude note. He (TELLO) does not think it was very serious. ....

Check John RETTIE file

SECRET

SECRET

406. 2 Dec 64 — HMMS 3848 - Attached is one set of the hearing transcripts and exhibits of the Warren Comm Report. (Attachment is para 407 below)

407. 23 Dec — Warren Comm Report — BK D 4726 - Warren Commission Testimony - Selected Excerpts

408. 31 Dec — HMMW 13244 (Ref: EGGA 3171, 2 Nov 64 - not in file; not abstracted) Attached is a copy of a CSCI to the FBI reporting an incident which might be connected with the assassination... (attachment is para 409 below)

409. 23 Dec. — MEMO TO FBI from WOFACT - An untested source recently furnished us with the foll info he allegedly received from a well known Cuban scientist and acquaintance on 23 Nov 63, but which he had forgotten to report. The release of the Warren Comm Report reminded him of the incident. / The scientist said he had been at the Havana airport on afternoon of 22 Nov 63 when at 1700 hrs an aircraft with Mexi markings landed and parked at far side of the field. Two men, whom he recognized as Cuban "gangsters" alighted, entered rear entrance of administration bldg and disappeared without going through normal customs procedures. His curiosity was aroused, and he was able to learn that the aircraft had just arrived from Dallas, Texas, via Tijuana and Mexi City. The plane had been forced to land at Tijuana due to engine trouble. By combining the date, the origin of the flight, and the known reputation of the two men, he theorized that the two men must have been involved in assassination.. He speculated that OSWALD had acted in the pay of Castro, and that the two Cubans had been in Dallas to organize or oversee the operation. He told the source that he had been greatly distressed by what he had seen and heard and had to telll someone about it. He then cautioned source not to tell anyone else about it or they would both be shot by the Cubans. / The source has passed away since furnishing above info, thus making any follow-up on this matter impossible.

See para 179 above.

NB: Not worthy the same story

Was this never checked out???

There is no evidence that this was answered but Hq. passed it to FBI in spite of short shrift

410. 31 Jan 65 — DIR 81342 - Request identify and Station traces person(s) at Mexi address: E.F. Ajdo 325, Juadalajov (Jalino), Mexique. / George de MOHRENSHILDT, who connected OSWALD case and who now living Haiti, received letter postmarked 30 Sept 64 with above return address.

Notes written in long hand on above cabel - Maybe: Apdo Must be Guadalajara, Jalisco Clark Anderson's office has a good man, Ed Johnson, in Guadalajara - would probably be best man to check this out.

411. 8 Feb — MEXI 2430 (Ref: DIR 81342 - para 410 above) Believe ref address is Apdo 325, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. / ODENVY has rep in Guadalajara with excellent police contacts. Request Hqs authorize Sta to pursue lead through local ODENVY chief.

412. 11 Feb. — DIR 84099 (Ref: DIR 81342 - para 410 above and MEXI 2430 - para 411 above) Station authorized pursue lead on Mexi address through local ODENVY. ODENVY rep may also be advised this info being included in voluminous report on recent activities of de MOHRENSCHILDT which

See para 376 above on MOHRENSCHILDT.

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

413. 18 Feb 65

HMMA 25401 (Ref: DIR 88680 - para 258 above) In compliance with Ref, Mexi Sta continues to hold several hundred hot reels covering Sov and Cub Emb during period 22 Nov - 13 Dec 63. / Sta Mexi would like to know if these reels can now be erased for re-use, or if these should be sent to Hqs for retention.

414. 10 Mar 65

What connection has MOHRENSCHILDT with this P.O. Box ??

MEXI 2741 (Ref: DIR 81342 - para 410 above and MEXI 2430 - para 411 above) ODENVY reports P.O. Box of refs is mail address of Almacenes Favier, large French-owned department store in Guadalajara.

415. 18 Mar

HMMW 13460 (Ref: HMMA 25401 - para 413 above) Pls forward reels mentioned in ref, with any identifying and explanatory data available, to Hqs for retention. (On copy of dispatch is Annie G.'s writing - 1 Apr 65 Shipping reels to Hqs w/microfilm of transcripts.)

416. 8 Apr

Check name William R. BORKING (sp??)

MEMO to FBI from WOFACT - A usually reliable source in Mexi City provided me with a copy of an annonymous letter to the Sov Emb which refers to OSWALD and which is enclosed for your info. / The files of this office contain no info on William R. BORKING (?? sp???) CSCI 316/01398 65

BORKINS

417. 8 June 1965

MEXI 016 (Ref: HQS 146 - ???) Correct that coverage Sov Emb visitors same as past (LIMITED and LILYRIC). Correct that PBPRIME visitors now rare / Suggest comment to ODENVY evidence that word has gotten around that PBSWING Mexi aware identities PBPRIME visitors to Sov Emb, which probable deterrent to all but extremely naive. / CURTIS believes wide distribution Warren Comm report on OSWALD case could have caused a decrease in visitors.

418. 15 June 1059 hrs.

Cub Emb Long distance. Woman Outside (WO) in English informs the Cub Emb there is a long distance call from Chicago for Amb ARMAS. Man Inside (MI) says to wait a moment. Later WO in French asks if ARMAS speaks French. ARMAS says no. M WO continues in French and says she is speaking for Sr. GAN (?) of Chicago, in the United States, and continues in the same language asking if Silvia DURAN was a friend of OSWALD, the person who assassinated the President Kennedy. ARMAS does not understand her language and in Spanish says that Silvia worked for awhile in the Embassy, but quite a while ago she left her work here and has not been seen since. WO continues in French and asks if Silvia returned to Cuba. ARMAS says no that she is a Mexican and therefore resides in Mexico but he does not know her address. WO, in her language, asks if Silvia was a friend of OSWALD. ARMAS, without understanding, says "SI" (saying "SI" to everything) and asks who is talking. WO does not understand, but insists in knowing if she (Silvia) was a friend of OSWALD. ARMAS says si "gui..gui".. ajá...muy bien. si...si señorita (it seems that what he is saying is not being understood). WO continues in her language which ARMAS does not understand and says that he knows nothing more and that all he is saying is that "the Sra. DURAN no longer works in the Embassy and they don't know her address". WO again in her language asks if SILVIA was a friend of OSWALD and if it is "verdad" (she says this in Spanish). ARMAS says "si..señora si." WO says thank you. ARMAS says "Buenos dias...eh...!"

LIENVOY

SECRET

SECRET

419\. 17 June

See para 418 above. Who is this woman??

MEXI 3832 - LIENVOY reported 15 Jun 65 that unidentified woman speaking French called Cub Amb HERNANDEZ Armas from Chicago on behalf of a ЖМ Mr. GAN (phon) asked if Silvia DURAN was friend of OSWALD and if she had returned to Cuba. Amb who does not understand much French said DURAN used to work at Emb, no longer does, that she resides Mexi but he does not know her address. Woman again ased if DURAN was ffiend OSWALD, Amb did not understand question but answered yes. / Pouching tape.

420\. 18 June

HMMA 26394 (Ref: MEXI 3832 - para 419 above) Transmitted herewith is the tape mentioned in referenced cable.

421\. 30 June

MEMO to FBI from WOFACT - reporting info in paras 419 and 420 above. CSCI 316/02654-65

422\. 19 Aug

EXCELSIOR - Widow of OSWALD has been hit by her new husband and he threatens suicide. Kenneth Jess PORTER is now in the same jail as RUBY.
on same page
The Revolver and the Gun of OSWALD, Confiscated.

423\. 18 Nov

Where is ref??

DIR 58683 (Ref: DIR 57610 - not filed; not abstracted) If suitable access developed AZCUE per ref, Hqs interested any new or aftermath info that can be brought to light OSWALD's visa application at Cub Emb Mexi Sept 63.

424\. 22 Nov

Did Marina's book ever come out??

THE NEWS - 1 page on KENNEDY on the second anniversary of his death..... Thousands of Memorials Immortalize Kennedy.....Marina Oswald Wants to Forget (now Mrs. Kenneth Porter .... she is publishing a book)...Flowers Mark Assassination Site...Gov Connally Can't Forget Tragedy

425\. 10 Dec 1965

How did Elena GARRO know about Silvia being the mistress of OSWALD?? This is 1965. Station heard from LIRING/3 in July 67.

How did Elena know about a red haired negro??

At this point, it had appeared in the Warren Comm report Sept 1964

See item #82 re ALVARADO. description was almost word for word published?

MEMO OF CONVERSATION - Elena GARRO de PAZ with Charles Thomas (Political Officer) - Elena said she had met OSWALD...../ In Sept 63, after her return from abroad, she went to a party at the home of Ruben DURAN, who is married to her cousin. Elenita accompanied her. She met OSWALD and 2 other young Americans. At party she was discourage from talking with him..../ Other guests were Cuban Consul, AZCUE, General CLARK Flores, Silvia DURAN, who she later learned was OSWALD's mistress while he was here, Emilio CARBALLIDO, and a Latin American negro man with red hair. / In Nov 63 when identity of assassin became known, she and her daughter went to Cub Emb and shouted "assassin" and other insults at the staff there. / Shortly afterward, she and her daughter were visited by a friend, Manuel CARVILLO, then official in Secretariat of Gobernacion, and were told he had orders to escort them to a small and obscure hotel in center of town. They were kept there for eight days under pretext that they were in danger. When she told CARVILLO she wanted to go to Amer Emb and explain what she knew of OSWALD, she was told that the Amer Emb was full of Communist spies. .../ Some of the other people at the party were taken to Veracruz to be "protected" by Gov. LOPEZ Arias. Ruben DURAN is "protected" by Gen. CLARK Flores and now driving a big car and looking very prosperous. / Many Communists believe assassination was result of Commie plot engineered by Castro.

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

Did Migdail ever publish anything on OSWALD??

See para 404 above

Hqs Isaac Don Levine been queried further?? No doubt Marina is hiding info.

Note to Stan W from COS: What an imagination she has! Should we sent to Hqs? - Stan replied: Suggest sending. There have been stories around town about all this, and Thomas is not only person she has talked to. / Migdail has a little folder into which he is putting all the little scraps he can find relating OSWALD to the Cubans; when he gets enough of them I suppose he will try to do a dope piece. / If memory serves me, didn't LICOOKIE refer to OSWALD and the local eftists & Cubans in one of her squibs? / Isaac Don Levine is writing a book about the assassination; Migdail says that the Cuban connection bothers him increasingly as he progresses in his xxxx research. IDL had long talk with Marina not long ago in Russian; IDL is Russian Jewish emigre, and reputable scholar - and left convinced that she hiding info.

425. 16 Dec — ? 12 Dec important

Results of queries of LIONION, LICHANT/1 etc ??

MEXI 5621 - Info in para 425 above reported to Hqs..../ Station checking GARRO statements with LIONION, LICHANT/1 and other sources. Will cable results. (NOTE from COS to Annie and Watson: Pls ask Thomas if he'll "follow up"; get questions from Annie G. Let's discuss.)

427. 25 Dec

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION, (Reference /10 Dec 65) between Elena GARRO de Paz and Charles Thomas, Political Officer: On 25 Dec Elena discussed her alleged encounter with OSWALD. Also present were Thomas' wife, and Elena's daughter, Elenita. Further info was given subsequently on 9 Jan 66. During this latter conversation, Elena admitted she had gone to AmEmb on an earlier occasion with her daughter and mother-in-law and talked to two Emb officers (presumably from LEGAT) about this matter. She said since the Emb officers did not give much credence to anything they said, they did not bother to give a very complete story. The following info supplements and in some instances corrects that given in the memo of Dec 10. / 1. Lydia, Horacio, and Ruben DURAN are all cousins of Elena. Silvia is married to Horacio, a weak man, who was converted to Communism by Ricardo GUERRA. Elena has nothing to do with Silvia whom she detests and considers a whore. Ruben was born in U.S. and served in U.S. army during war. ...Party was held at home of Ruben. / Elena believes date of party was 2 or 3 Sept 63, few days before visit of Sov astronaut, Gagarin, but is not sure of date.../ At the party OSWALD wore a black sweater. He tended to be silent and stared at the floor. Two young American companions, one was very tall and slender and had long blond hair xxx which hung across forehead, gaunt face and long protruding chin; other was tall, short light brown hair...All three were obviously Americans and did not mix or dance with other people. The three were friends, because Elena saw them by chance the next day walking down the street together. / Although Elena had returned from Europe in June or July, she had already met Eusebio AZCUE and knows positively he was at party. On another occasion (not clear whether before or after the party in question), she attended a party where she saw Eusebio AZCUE; Emilio CARBALLIDO; and a Latin American negro man with red hair. (These last 2 were not at the DURAN party as was stated in the 10 Dec memo.) CARBALLIDO and AZCUE, with others, were in heated discussion on that occasion about Kennedy and they came to conclusion that the only solution was to kill him. Elena said CARBALLIDO is known as a Castro agent; he had been to Red China, Sov Union, and many times to Cuba. Following assassination he spent a year in Cuba, then got a job teaching at Rutgers Universidy through Dr. Jose VASQUEZ Amaral, formerly with Rockefeller Foundation in N.Y. and who is now a x professor at Rutgers. The day after assassination, Elenita encountered Sra. de AZCUE in Sanborns. On seeing her, Sra. de AZCUE hurried out of store. AZCUE was called back to Habana after assassination and his wife followed shortly... /

Lydia, Horacio and Ruben DURAN are cousins of Elena GARRO de PAZ.

Check files on AZCUE and CARBALLIDO - especially LIENVOY during Sept-Oct 63

SECRET

NO: [illegible]

SECRET

427. (continued) 25 Dec.

Check pics of Elena and Elenita

Check Ricardo GUERRA and Rosario CASTELLANOS de GUERRA. Why are they enemies of Elena??

Check LICHANT/1

Can this be checked - guards outside her house? Was sister guarded?

Why won't Elena identify 2 Communists??

Can trip to Veracruz be proved??
Check Eunice ODIO, Costa Rican. Didn't Elena first say VASQUEZ Amoral's mistress was a Guat???

Does COBB know COS?

Others present at DURAN party were Horacio and Silvia; Lydia DURAN; Elena's philocommunist sister, Deva GUERRERO; Gen. Jose Jesus CLARK Flores and his mistress, a Guat woman; a medical doctor from Dalinde Hospital; a young American couple, both fat and blond, who were spending their honeymoon in Mexi; a 40 yr old Mexi woman in a red dress; and a strange man who claimed to be Mexican but did not look or talk like one. His first name was Alejandro and he subsequently wrote Elenita several love letters. She turned these in to the Amer Emb. Ricardo GUERRA and wife Rosario CASTELLANOS were supposed to come to party but declined to come when they learned she (Elena) would be there. / On Sat., 23 Nov 63, Elena's brother drove her and Eleniga to Cub Emb at 3 p m. Her brother was embarrassed by their behavior and drove a block up the street to wait for them after letting them out. The two women then went inside gate and shouted "assassin" and other insults. Later that day a friend, Manuel CALVILLO took them to small hotel for safety....Since Elena could not remember name of hotel, she took Thomas to the part of town where she remembered it to be - Vermont Hotel, Calle Vermont 29, one and a half blocks west of Insurgentes just south of Viaducto. Elena said hotel is owned by someone from San Luis Potosi and used by businessmen from that area. She and Elenita did not register. CALVILLO registered them as relatives or friends of his from San Luis Potosi. They stayed there until the following Friday and hardly left their room. / Elena and Elenita saw newspapers with OSWALD's picture and knew they had seen him at party. When CALVILLO visited them at hotel, she told him she wanted to report to Amer Emb what she knew about OSWALD's connections with local communists and with AZCUE. CALVILLO said she shouldn't go because the Amer Emb was full of Communist spies. When she returned to her house the following week, guards were posted outside it./ When she saw her sister, Deva GUERRERA, the latter was terrified because of OSWALD's presence at the DURAN party. Sra. de GUERRERA was very angry with DURAN's because she thought they had become involved in the assassination plot for money. About 2 months after assassination, Sr. (or Sra.?) de GUERRERO was called in by two communists, whom she refuses to identify, and was warned with threats never to reveal to anyone that she had been to a party with OSWALD. She remained so terrified that she would not accompany Elena to the Amer Emb to tell what she knew of OSWALD. / Shortly after assassination, Emilio CARBALLIDO, took DURANS to Jalapa, Veracruz and kept them out of the way for a while until the initail shock of assassination wore off. CARBALLIDO has connections with the University of Veracruz Press. / Shortly after assassination, an Amer woman, June COBB, came and spent several days in Elena's house. She was sent by their mutual friend, Eunice ODIO, a Costa Rican who is now June COBB's roommate and who was formerly the mistress of VASQUEZ Amoral when he was with Rockefeller Foundation, and Ermesto de la PEÑA. June COBB expressed interest in the assassination. She succeeded in getting Deva GUERRERO drunk one night, and the latter told all she knew about OSWALD and the party at the home of Ruben. COBB then wanted them to tell what they knew to the Amer authorities. Claiming to be CIA agent, she advised against going to Amer Emb and urged them to go to Texas to tell their story. Failing in this, she said she would arrange a meeting in a quiet cafe with the Chief of the CIA in Mexico. The meeting did not materialize, however, because she was asked to leave Elena's house. COBB had kicked the cat. / At end of Jan 64, Ruben visited Elena. He said he was going to visit the U.S. and wanted her to protect him as much as possible while

SECRET

SECRET

427. (continued)
Check Victor RICO Galan P-7354 LIENVOY

Secretariat of Gobernacion about another matter, she told the story of her encounter with OSWALD. The only person she could remember who told her this, however, was Victor RICO Galan. / She said she understood that OSWALD had come to Mexico more than once.

428. 3 Feb 66

MEMO from Annie Goodpasture to Cuban Section: Will you read this (memo in para 427 above) and tell me if this woman and daughter were seen creating such a disturbance - as they claim - in front of the Cuban Embassy. J. Piccolo wrote "No bells ring with me." Shaw wrote "Ni yo, tampoco." Judy wrote "No pictures either."

429. 27 Dec

MEMO to The Amb (cc to COS) from LEGAT - Ref is made to memo dated 10 Dec 65 (para 425 above) .../ For your info, Elena and Elenita were interviewed by personnel of this office on 17 and 24 Nov 64 at which time they furnished info similar to that set forth in ref memo. Inquiries conducted x at that time failed to substantiate allegations made by Enena and daughter. / In view of the fact Elena's allegations have been previously checked out without substantiation, no further action is being taken concerning her recent repetition of those allegations.

430. 29 Dec 65

MEXI 5741 - Ref: MEXI 5621 - para 426 above : LEGAT interviewed Elena and Elenita Nov 64 and failed substantiate allegations ref. / MEXI will advise further info obtained.

NOTE attached to MEXI 5741, written by DCOS (White): "See bottom document in 50-6-129/3 on this Subject. I don't know what FBI did in Nov 64, but the GARRO's have been talking about this for a long time and she is said to be extremely bright." Annie G. wrote the following: "1. LA Memo said they checked info MEXI 52 5621 and found it unsubstantiated. COS asked me to send this cable. 3. We will try to confirm or refute Mrs. G. de P's info and follow up." COS wrote "She is also 'nuts' ".

This document by LICOOKIE was not in P-8593, but was copied from 50-6-129/3 and attached to MEXI 5741, 29 Dec 65.

Document by LICOOKIE dated 5 October 1964 - Mexican Communists who had contact with OSWALD, as has not appeared in Warren Comm write-ups in press. - All weekend Elena GARRO de Paz, Elenita Paz (the daughter) and Deba GARRO de GUERRERO Galvan sat around recalling details of their having been in a group with OSWALD here last fall during the days that he was in Mexi. The write-ups of the Warren Comm report in the newspapers sparked this discussion, and they apparently had never really sat around determined to piece it all together, although all 3 were deeply affected..... The main points: Elena and Deba are first cousins of three young Mexicans named Duran: Ruben, Horacio, and Lynn. Horacio is the husband of Silvia the Mexican girl who was arrested for questioning about OSWALD because she had been in touch with him at the Cuban Emb when he went there looking for a visa. (She is or was also a ringleader at the Cub-Mexican Institutbe on Tokio) / While OSWALD was here last fall the DURAN cousins invited the GARRO sisters and young Elenita to a "twist" party at the home of Ruben Duran mid-week. A few Communists they knew (Deba is a Commie herself, and Elena has been in touch with Commies since she was a young girl and went to Republican Spain with Octavio Paz.) and a number of people who struck them as very peculiar at the time, were there. AND OSWALD WAS THERE WITH TWO OTHER BEATNIK LOOKING BOYS, ONE OF WHOM WAS VERY TALL AND ALL THREE OF WHOM THEY REMEMBER QUITE WELL.

SECRET

SECRET

450. (continued) 29 Dec 65

DURAN brothers suddenly have money. Why??

.....Elena and Elinata were so sickened (by the news of the assassination) that they broke off their relations with the DURANS. However, their cousins very nervously looked them up later. Deba GARRO de GUERRERO Galvan says that Lynn DURAN and one of the DURAN boys have made trips to Texas. And that most conspicuously they have all prospered this last year. Always poor before, they now have an expensive car each. Horacio works at EL DIA newspaper.

Note by DCOS: Returned on 21 Apr 65 as L/l never regained contact with Elena GARRO de PAZ.

451. 22 Jan 66

A-727 To: Dept of State FROM: Amembassy, Mexico - As of possible interest to Washington agencies, there is transmitted herewith a memo of conversation containing some observations about Cuba. Victor RICO Galan is a Spanish-born Mexican journalist who has been one of the most prolific and ardent apologists for Castro's Cuba in Mexico.

Check AZCUE's LIENVOY file

Attachment: Participants: Elena GARRO de PAZ, Mexican writer, and Charles Wm. Thomas, Political Officer - 1. RICO Galan told Elena that Eusebio AZCUE, former Cuban Consul in Meixco, was one of the most powerful men now in Cuba... / .....He was recalled to Havana immediately on the assassination when he was Cuban Consul in Mexi, presumably because he had had contact with OSWALD. .../.../...

No this number

452. 6 Feb 66

THE NEWS - BBC Films Lee OSWALD Story with US Actor - .....

453. 21 Feb 66

THE NEWS - Fight for OSWALD's Guns in Court - .....

454. 22 Feb

THE NEWS - Government Awarded OSWALD Guns.

455. 23 Feb

How can it be ascertained that OSWALD did not travel to Mexico prior to early Sept 63. ?

There must be some basis for Elena's reporting.

MEMO TO The Amb, cc to COS - from LEGAT - Ref is made to Memo of Conversation dated 25 Dec 65 (para 427 above), rec'd by this office on 27 Jan 66, and LEGAT memo dated 27 Dec 65 (para 429 above)... / Extensive investigation conducted in the U.S. and Mexico after the assassination failed to disclose that OSWALD traveled to Mexico prior to 26 Sept 63. OSWALD was residxing in New Orleans, Louisiana in early Sept 63 and no info has been obtained to indicate that he was x away from that area in early Sept 63. / In view of the fact that Elena GARRO de PAZ's allegations have been previously checked out without substantiation, no further action is being taken concerning her recent repetition of those allegations.

456. 9 June

Memo to C/VIS from COS on Visa Applicant #220, 9 June 66, DUARTE Martinez, Herminio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 15 Dec 36 - Pls see LEGAT report dated 16 Dec 63, subject,... OSWALD for info on one Herminio DUARTE Martins. .....Note to COS from Rosa P. - Ref LEGAT report stated that DUARTE's car was noted at the Cuban Emb at the same time OSWALD was there.

Check Herminio DUARTE Martins

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

457. 14 June 66 THE NEWS - Jury Finds RUBY Sane -

458. 16 June DIR 12633 - Hqs has reviewed advance copy book entitled "Inquest" by Edward J. EPSTEIN, subject being assassination... Book in hands major reviewers, to be released sometime June 66. In discussing CIA role in OSWALD investigations, statement is made on page 94 that Warren Comm had picture by CIA purportedly showing OSWALD entering Cub Emb and that "Picture reportedly taken by secret camera from across the street". FYI, this is picture page 638, Vol 16 of Warren Comm... / Since book now in print but not yet on sale, foregoing is advance notice to alert Station for whatever precautionary measures.....

459. 25 June THE NEWS - Lawyers Plead RUBY's Guilt Based on Perjured Testimony -

460. 13 July Memo of Conversation - Subject: Further on OSWALD and K Assassination - (Ref: Memo this Subj of 25 Dec 65 - para 427 above) Participants - Elena and Thomas (Pol Officer) - Elena described some developments which may have some bearing on her claim that she saw OSWALD at a party at home of her cousin Ruben DURAN when OSWALD was in Mexico prior to assassination. / Elena said Carlos SOLORZANO is well acquainted with Cub Amb HERNANDEZ Armas, and that he was not leftist but his brother, Alfonso, was a Communist. Amb HERANNDEZ told SOLORZANO he wanted to meet Elena, so SOLORZANO arranged a party at his own home on 30 June 66 and invited both of them. Also present were Tito MONTEROSO and his wife; Elvira VARGAS, leftist journalist with NOVEDADES and personal friend of Pres DIAZ Ordaz; Emanuel CARBALLO, the pro-Castro writer; Joaquin DIAZ Canedo, head of publishing firm called Editorial Mortiz; and Juan SORIANO, painter, who was invited to make her feel at ease, since he is a friend of hers and was the only anti-Communist there besides herself. / During evening, Amb HERNANDEZ, whom she described as intelligent and cultured, concentrated his attention on her..... and expressed interest in her friend, Carlos MADRAZO. He issued a personal invitation to her to attend the annual literary festival of the Casa de las Americas in Havana. She said she was not a Fidelista and would not go unless Juan SORIANO went with her. Amb HERNANDEZ then invited SORIANO but the latter denounced the Castro regime over the objections of the others present...../ Later, her friend, Victor RICO Galan who personally dislikes Amb HERNANDEZ warned her not to go to Cuba alone. / On 4 July 66 a driver from the Cub Emb delivered to her home on Calle Alencastre in Lomas Virreyes an envelope containing two letters and some printed matter from the Casa de las Americas in Havana. The first letter, written last October (66?) gave her address as Vermont 38 and the second letter, written in April, gave her address as Vermont 39. The envelope for the first letter, with the above address, was marked for return to the sender, which was the Cub Emb here. The second envelope, which contained the whole pkg, had no address as it was hand carried to her home - see attachments. / Elena stated the only reason the letters were addressed to her at Calle Vermont was because she spent several days at the Hotel Vermont after the assassination. The correct address of the hotel is Vermont 29, so she concluded the Cub Gov carried that street and number, with a minor error, as her regular address. / Since CALVILLO had taken her to the hotel ostensibly to protect her from the Communists, this raised the question of how the Cubans obtained that

Check Elena's friends and story.

LICHANT/1 ??? Info from him???

SECRET

SECRET

460. (continued) 13 July 66

address. She said that the only people who knew she had been at the Hotel Vermont were CALVILLO and two close friends of his, Ernesto de la Peña and Margarita MICHELENA. Two other friends of these three who might have learned of it are Eunice ODIO and June COBB. She ~~x~~ has always been suspicious of all three because they went out of their way to cultivate her when she returned from Europe in 63 and made such a point of being outspoken professional anti-Communists. ....Elenna said CALVILLO was a close personal friend of Noe PALOMARES and Pres. DIAZ Ordaz, and that guards, presumably from Gobernacion, had been placed outside her home when she returned from the Hotel Vermonth...../ Elena thought it possible that the Cub Emb had deliberately given her the letters from the Casa de las Americas with the Vermont Street address in order to frighten her. She was already concerned about what appeared to be three gunshots that had been fired through her upstairs window while she was out of the house three weeks ago. .../ Finally, Elena said she had recently encountered her cousin, Lydia M DURAN and that the latter had been very friendly and wanted to meet her again. She said Lydia was very poor and had a small job with Difision Cultural at the Anthropological Museum.

Attached are letters to Elena from the Casa de las Americas.

461. 24 July 66

THE NEWS - Warren Report Questioned - Richard N. Goodwin made the suggestion (of an independent group to determine whether the Warren Comm investigation was inadequate and defective) in a review printed in Book Week of the book by Edward Jay EPSTEIN entitled "Inquest, the Warren Comm and The Establishment of Truth."....Goodwin said, "It not only raises questions but demands exploration and answers."

462. 28 July

THE NEWS - New Home for OSWALD's Widow - About Marina and new husband moving

463. 8 Aug

The Warren Comm did not do an adequate investigative job.....It is hard to believe the Commission served the public well. Instead of ending all the rumors, they set the stage for a new, and more serious era of speculation.

The Second OSWALD: The Case for a Conspiracy Theory - Inquest by Edward Jay EPSTEIN, and, Whitewash by Harold Weisberg - by Richard H. Popkin

Presents theory that there were two OSWALD's in the conspiracy.....

464. 13 Aug

THE NEWS - New Book Due on JFK Case - The third book since the Warren Comm - "Rush to Judgement" by Mark Lane, a New York City lawyer, - ....."The force of the evidence is inescapable - the case against OSWALD as the lone assassin is refuted by the very witnesses upon whom the commission relied.....the FBI report devastates the commission's conclusions that all of the shots were fired from the rear and that they were fired by a lone assassin."

SECRET

465.	13 Aug 66		THE NEWS - RUBY's Lawyers Go To Supreme Court
466.	13 Oct 66	This is what Elena claimed and noone would believe her. Info from LICHANT/1 ???	MEMO to COS from LEGAT - Ref (memo dated 13 July 66 - para 460 above) Source advised that at Hotel Vermont, Vermont #29, disclosing that Elena Paz, housewife from San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, had registered at the Hotel Vermont on 23 Nov 63xxx leaving 24 Nov 63; registering on 25 Nov 63, leaving 27 Nov 63 and again registering on 28 Nov 63 leaving 30 Nov 63. /The above individual may or may not be identical with Elena... referred to in referenced memo. Compare #427 when "they" left Hotel A: hurriedly their room
467.	28 Oct		THE NEWS - Walter WINCHELL - Debunker: .....None of the books we read can explain away this: What was OSWALD doing hiding in a movie theater (a few miles away) shortly after the mx murder of Officer TIPPETT when he should x have been at his job???
468.	31 Oct		THE NEWS - Pike Takes a Swing At The Warren Commission
469.	2 Nov		THE NEWS - Archives Take Title to JFK Death Weapon
470.	3 Nov		THE NEWS - 2nd Assassin Doubtful says Epstein
471.	9 Nov		SIEMPRE - Tres Asesinatos - La Muerte en Texas
472.	12 Nov		THE NEWS - by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson - Doubters of Warren Report Overlook Important Point -
473.	23 Nov		THE NEWS - Articles on third anniversary of assassination: Mrs. K in Seclusion; Eyewitnesses Give Pro and Con; Three Shots, Not Four; Warren Panel Sticks to Findings
474.	25 Nov		THE NEWS - by Drew Pearson - Warren Commission Chosen With Eye to Unimpeachability
475.	25 Nov		THE NEWS - FBI Chief Backs Commission on Findings in OSWALD Case: Hundreds Visit OSWALD Grave
476.	28 Nov		THE NEWS - Boggs Backs Findings of JFK Report
477.	6 Dec		THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - OSWALD Hoped to be a Cuban Hero
478.	8 Dec		THE NEWS - by Walter Lippmann - Another Investigation Asked?
479.	9 Dec		THE NEWS - by Drew Pearson - German Magazine Reveals JFK Had Addison's Disease (therefore the autopsy report was witheld)

SECRET

SECRET

480. 12 Dec 66 — THE NEWS - RUBY's Cancer At Advanced Stage

481. 9 Sept 66 — THE NEWS - by William F. Buckley, Jr. - Warren Comm's Investigations Should Resume

482. 10 Dec 66 — THE NEWS - by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott - The Warren Comm Uncovers Curious Information (About "Mr. X" reporting to the U.S. Emb in Moscow about background of OSWALDS and friendship with RUBY, etc.....)

Was this proved or disproved -("Mr. X")

483. 11 Dec — THE NEWS - Jack Ruby Has Cancer

484. 15 Dec — THE NEWS - Ruby Undergoes Extensive Tests

485. 17 Dec — THE NEWS - Mrs. JFK Takes First Legal Steps to Stop Book ("The Death of a President" by William Manchester) also Dell Offers One Million For JFK Death Book

486. 19 Dec — THE NEWS - Jackie Not Seeking Out-Of-Court Deal (re: the book "Death of a President") and Author Only Wants Book Given Chance

487. 2 Jan 67 — THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - Careful Chronology Reviewed in OSWALD Case - This article states that OSWALD was not a crackpot .....premeditated murder.... Also states OSWALD's letter of 9 Nov 63 to Sov Emb in Washington, reporting on "my meeting with Comrade KOSTIN k in the Embassy, Mexico City."

Check Comrade KOSTIN

488. 3 Jan 67 — THE NEWS - INCA Seeks Injunction on OSWALD Recording - Attached is a note written by COS: I have a copy of this recording; OSWALD sounds on this Disco, like a more than average (certainly not the stupid) person we've been led to believe he was.....I'll be glad to play it for a group should this be desired.

COS does not believe OSWALD was stupid.

489. 3 Jan 67 ? — From Merida Mario MENENDEZ Rodriguez asks Carlos FERREYRA at the Revista Sucesos, if LIENVOY anything has arrived for him from Chile. FERREYRA says no, but says that an envelope arrived for him from CARNERO Hoke. MENENDEZ understands and adds that the article that will came out about who killed KENNEDY (on Saturday, 7 Jan 67), in the introduction it says that RUBY is in agony, to tell AMPARAN to correct it because RUBY also has died, he died today. At the same time MENENDEZ says for FERREYRA to meet him at the airport the next day at 16:30. FERREYRA agrees.

490. 4 Jan — THE NEWS - RUBY Dies of Cancer

491. 5 Jan 67 — THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - OSWALD A Drilled Communist - that OSWALD was a drilled, dedicated, obedient, cool and canny Communist. OSWALD's key MVD contact (in Russia) was Colonel Nicolay AKSENOV .....TheAlek in his U.S. alias - Alek J. HIDELL - was OSWALD's nickname in Russia. Comrade KOSTIN at Sov Emb Mexi was MVD officer Valeriy Vladimirovich

Check Colonel Nicolay AKSENOV - was he ever in Mexico ?

SECRET

SECRET

491. (continued) 5 Jan 67

Check back on various misterious x flights landing and taking off in Mexico

in his personal effects by the Dallas police, includes: "Certain of my documents are in the small blue valise...The Embassy (i.e., Sov Emb) will come quickly to your assistance on learning everything...The 'Red Cross' will also help you...we have friends here." He wrote these instructions in Russian.....Trapped by her own coverups, Marina finally stated that OSWALD had laid plans to reach Cuba by returning to New Orleans and hijacking an airliner flying to Habana from there.

492.	5 Jan	THE NEWS	RUBY Flown to Chicago
493.	6 Jan		THE NEWS - RUBY's Corpse Closely Guarded
494.	7 Jan		THE NEWS - RUBY Laid to Rest
495.	10 Jan		THE NEWS - by Inez Robb - RUBY's Killing of OSWALD Owing to Long Arm of Coincidence
496.	12 Jan		THE NEWS - by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson - JFK Initiated Dallas Trip; Visit Not Urged by Johnson
497.	15 Jan		THE NEWS - Returns Home - Jacqueline K arrives...after she returned from her Caribbean vacation....
498.	16 Jan		THE NEWS - Mrs. K Tries to Avoid Court Action (re: Death of a President)
499.	17 Jan		THE NEWS - Mrs. K Agrees to Publication of "The Death of a President"; also Stern Prints Antoher Part, Uncensored.
500.	18 Jan		MEMO to COS from LEGAT - Subject: William R. DOBKINS - Ref is made to your memo #11,174 dated 17 Nov 66, captioned "Correspondence for the Cuban Embassy." (Not in OSWALD file - is as follows: to LEGAT from COS - From a usually reliable, sensitive source the attached item of correspondence has been made available to us. / The envelop containing the attached clipping bore the following return address: William R. DOBKINS, 415 South Main, Monahans, Texas There is no info available in our ~~records on DOBKINS~~.... (no attachment)))) LEGAT memo is: We have been advised that William R. DOBKINS is a person of doubtful mental stability who has been interviewed in connection with the assassination. He claimed to have served in the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) with OSWALD and alleged that after telling OSWALD of the theft of his (DOBKINS') ranch by politicians they talked about killing Pres. Johnson, Gov Connally of Texas, and Texas Railroad Commissioner James Langdon. Subject also threatened these persons in a 1964 letter to the Chairman of Texans for Goldwater. / Subj has claimed that he traveled to Mexi following his discharge from the USMC in order to arrange a defection to Russia. The approximate dates of this travel are at present unknown. / By letter dated 8 Apr 65, entitled x "Correspondence to the Sov Emb in Mexi City", your Hqs furnished our Hqs with a copy of a rambling anonymous letter which concerned DOBKINS, OSWALD, various political personalities in Texas, and the assassination,

No attachment to Memo #11,174

see above #496

SECRET

SECRET

500. (continued) 18 Jan 67

Check DOBKINS - similarity to OSWALD ??

Is DOBKINS the "twin" in the "double OSWALD" theory ??

which the letter relates to the uncompromising attitude of Pres Johnson. It is felt that DOBKINS may have authored this letter. / Mrs. Marguerite OSWALD, mother of OSWALD, knows DOBKINS and was in contact with him in Nov 66. She claims that he is very similar to her late son and that some of the travel activity attributed to her son might have actually applied to DOBKINS. / You are requested to advise if you have any record indicating that Subj has been a visitor to the Sov or Cub Emb or has attempted to use their Consular facilities to arrange travel to the Sov Union. Additional descriptive data concerning him will be furnished to you when available. / You are further requested to authorize dissem in suitably paraphrased language with the source completely protected....DOBKINS was in contact with the Cub Emb, Mexi.

COS answer to LEGAT was Memo #11,499 (not in OSWALD file) dated 23 Feb 67 (from request of 18 Jan ?????) The files of this office contain no info regarding Subj in addition to that contained in my memo dated 17 Nov 66. / You are authorized to dissem..... to the intelligence community of the U.S. Gov ~~xx~~ that Subj was in contact with the Cub Emb in Mexi.

501. 19 Jan 67

THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - OSWALD Wrongly Called Crazy (criticizing the Manchester book, Death of a President.

502. 21 Jan

THE NEWS - German Court Postpones Ruling on Look's Suit

503. ~~xxAprx67~~ 24 Jan 67

BOOK DISPATCH 5847 (9 attachments h/w - 1 SECRET 8 Unclassified) TO Certain Stations and Bases, from Chief, WOVIEW, Subject: Countering Criticism of the Warren Report. PSYCH 1. Our Concern....increasing challenge to the Warren Commission's Report....2. Trend of opinion is a matter of concern to the U.S. gov including our organization....3. Action. We do not recommend that discussions of the assassination question be initiated, however addressees are requested: a. To discuss....b. To employ propaganda....4. In private or media discussion....the following arguments should be useful: a. No significant new evidence....b.c.d.e.f.g...5. Where possible, counter speculation by encouraging reference to the Commission's Report itself.....

Read attachments

504. 24 Jan 67

EL SOL - Two Years Nine Months OSWALD spent in doctrine in USSR; What Influences Moved his Imbalance? by Jesus Benitez -

505. 26 Jan

THE NEWS - Der Stern OKs Cuts in JFK Book (re: Death of a President)

506. 30 Jan

THE NEWS - by Joseph W. Grigg - Mark Lane Challenges Warren Report and Lawyer Takes Issue With Lane and OSWALD Victim's Widow Reweds (Policeman TIPPIT's wife)

507. 31 Jan

THE NEWS - by Art Buchwald - The Manchester Story; also, W. Winchell's Jacqueline's legal fees over Manchester will be a dilly. Father-in-law picking up tab.

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

508. 7 Feb 67

MEMO of Conversation between Elena GARRO de PAZ and Thomas (Pol Officer) - Elena said Mario MENENDEZ, Editor of Sucesos, asked her to write more articles for the magazine.... MENENDEZ had been to the U.S. recently and that he therefore must have a valid visa, despite the fact he is an agent of Fidel Castro. / Elena said her cousin, Ruben DURAN also goes to the U.S. often without difficulty, despite the fact he entertained OSWALD... / Horacio DURAN now works for Joaquin CISNEROS, Private Sec of Pres DIAZ Ordaz. Through Horacio's intervention CISNEROS ordered Gobernacion to clear a visa for son of Eusebio AZCUE who was Cuban Consul in Mexico at time of assassination / Dr. Yolanda ORTIZ Ascensio was arrested at the same time as Victor RICO Galan but released on payment of a 35,000 peso bond. After her release, Dr. ORTIZ then got from RICO Galan9s mother all sensitive papers, documents, letters, etc. belonging to RICO. Elena said she turned them over to the Mexi Gov or perhaps the Cub Emb. ...../...../////Elena said that the Cubans were willing to pay her a great deal of money if she would go to Habana and write a biography of Fidel Castro. She said she had no desire to do so, and was in fact afraid to go because of the OSWALD episode, but that she found the offer tempting since Octavio Paz was no longer sending her any money.

Mexican

No repetition of file note

509. 17 Feb

THE NEWS - RUBY's Cancer Could Have Come From Emotions

510. 18 Feb

THE NEWS - New Probe Launched into Kennedy Assassination (Begins - the Jim Garrison case) .....A Cuban serving nine years for burglary has been transferred from the Angola Pen to the Orleans Parish Prison. This man formerly lived just a block from the last New Orleans address of OSWALD and is reported to have known OSWALD.

Check this

511. 19 Feb

THE NEWS - OSWALD Didn't Act Alone, Says D. A.

512. 21 Feb

THE NEWS - Several Involved in JFK Murder - Dave LEWIS, who is employed at the Trailways Bus Station here (New Orleans) said that there were other people involved and he didn't tell the FBI because the FBI didn't ask him.

Check Dave LEWIS - early contact

513. 21 Feb

EL SOL - The Reds Killed KENNEDY says Juanita CASTRO

514. 22 Feb

THE NEWS - Conversation Clued D.A. in on "Plot" in JFK Murder - also - New JFK Probe No Hoax, Says DA's Witness - David F. LEWIS, Jr., 26, skinny, dark-haired man said he knew five persons implicated in New Orleans in a plot against the life of K....

515. 23 Feb

THE NEWS - Pilot Involved in JFK Probe Found Dead -- David W. FERRIE, 46 was found dead in bed covered by a sheet. Coroner Chetta said FERRIE died of a ruptured blood vessel at the base of the brain. Garrison said there were 15 bottles of pills in the apartment and death was apparent suicide

Check David W. FERRIE - early contact

SECRET

SECRET

516. 24 Feb 67 — THE NEWS - DA Won't Turn Over JFK Probe to Feds -

517. 24 Feb — MEMO from LEGAT to COS Subject: William Ray DOBKINS (Ref: LEGAT memo of 18 Jan 67 - para 500 above) We have rec'd info that the reported travel to Mexico of Subj in order to arrange for his defection to Sov Union occurred following his discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps in August 1959. He went to Tijuana, Baja California, where he contacted a local "communist" with whom he had become acquainted in a tavern, and sought to arrange his defection through this person. We are arranging for appropriate inquiry to be conducted in Tijuana. / DOBKINS is described as Race White; Sex Male; DPOB 16 Jan 37, McCamey, Tex. Height 5 ft 9 inches; weight 150 lbs; hair Black; eyes Brown; Scars or marks 1/4" scar middle of forehead; education High school graduate / It was the opinion of the Sheriff of Ward County, Monahans, Texas, that all members of the DOBKINS family are mentally unbalanced. / A photo of Subj is enclosed.

Check

518. 25 Feb — EL SOL - Castro's Friends are in "Entredicho" ; also Complot en Nueva Orleans ; also Que Murió de "Alta Presión" (re: death of David FERRIE - para 515 above) - ....The name of FERRIE was mentioned again yesterday when Perry R. RUSSO, of Baton Rouge, said that FERRIE said one month before the assassination "We shall kill him - and before long." FERRIE had told a group of newspapermen the week before that the authorities suspected him of being the pilot who would make the "get-away" after the assassination.

Perry R. RUSSO - early contact

519. 25 Feb — THE NEWS - JFK Plot Case Solved Says New Orleans D.A. ; and Pilot's Death Ruled Natural (re: FERRIE death)

520. 26 Feb — THE NEWS - More Deaths Feared in JFK Plot Case - J.S. (Jack) MARTIN, a man believed to have given GARRISON much of the info on which his investigation of the assassination is based, said he is in seclusion "for reasons of security".

J.S. (Jack) MARTIN - early contact

521. 26 Feb — EL SOL - Plotters Against Kennedy Will Not Escape

522. 27 Feb — THE NEWS - Letters to the Editors - from Frank WORRELL - ...Wondering if GARRISON is as much concerned with assassination mystery as in getting to top of Louisiana politics.....

523. 27 Feb — EL HERALDO - 96 Hours of the Life of OSWALD in Mexico - by Sotero R. GARCIARREYES - During the 96 hrs in Mexico, OSWALD dealt with only six people who now fear for their lives. Those six are Guillermo GARCIA, Sebastian PEREZ, Angel CURIEL, Dolores RAMIREZ, Margarita LABASTIDA and Matilde GARNICA.

early contacts - at hotel in Mexico City
check this with LEGAT report

13-00000

SECRET

524. 27 Feb 67 1259 hrs

check

MO (Antonio ANDRADE) from the Heraldo talks with Cub Emb (ARACELI) and says he is a good LIENVOY friend of Amb HERANDEZ Armas and ESCARTIN and was in charge of a series of reports about Cuba. ARACELI says What do you want? ANDRADE says he wants to know when OSWALD arrived asking for a visa and you turned him down. ARACELI asks why, at this point, does he want to know now? ANDRADE says for the newspaper. ARANCELI says he would have to come here (to the Cub Emb) personally and speak with the First Secretary, that by phone she could not tekl him anything. ANDRADE says he will go to the Emb the next day.

525. 27 Feb

THE NEWS - DA's Witness in Hiding - J.S. (Jack) MARTIN (para 520) said, "Now I'm hid out. I'm stuck in an unpleasant and nasty situation. When you play spy and get caught in enemy territory, you get no help."

526. 28 Feb

THE NEWS - Over-All Picture of JFK Probe Underground - .....An official report, on file in Washington, quoted agents as saying MARTIN (para 520) told them "he suffers from telephonitis when drinking and that it was during one of his drinking sprees that he telephoned Asst. Dist. Atty. H.S. Kohlman and told him this fantastic story about FERRIE being involved with OSWALD."

527. 28 Feb

MEXI 0517 - Following is LIENVOY text of conversation between Antonio ANDRADE and "Secretary of Cuban Consul" who Catalina FUENTES Sarduy de CEPERO (identified intel member and wife of Gerardo CEPERO Gallardo Mexico Cubana official): (Contents of para 524 above)

528. 1 Mar 67

THE NEWS - FERRIE Died of Natural Causes - .....In Dallas, Asst. Dist. Atty. Bill Alexander set the stage for GARRISON's men to interview a Cuban exile about the events leading up to the assassination...Alexander said that 2 Dallas police officers familiar with the assassination must be present and any interview must be held in a Dallas government bldg before witness Sergio ARCHACHA would meet with GARRISON investigators, and "ARCHACHA damned well better not disappear, because we will be very unhappy."

Check Sergio ARCHACHA - early contact
aka ARCACHA (Cuban who speaks English)

529. 1 Mar

EL HERALDO - Fidel Castro Decided on the Death of Kennedy - According to El Tiempo, Spanish languagedaily printed in U.S., collaborator Stanley Ross sayd the FBI in New York, on 19 Nov 63 - 3 days before the assassination - detained one Cuban named Pascual Enrique RUEDOLDO Gongora, who confessed to be a member of one of the six or seven groups of assassins (each group contained 3 men) which Castro had sent to the U.S. to liquidate Pres. K. .....Also about ARCACHA (para 528)

Check Pascual Enrique RUEDOLDO Gongora, Cuban, detained 3 days before assassination.

530. 1 Mar

THE NEWS - FERRIE, OSWALD Seen Together - ....prior to assassination by a law officer making a check early one morning in the fall of 1963 - two men sitting together in a car. One of them identified himself at the time as OSWALD. The officer last week identified FERRIE's body as the other occupant of the vehicle.

FERRIE & OSWALD seen together in 1963

SECRET

SECRET

531. 1 Mar 67

Who were Americans in Mexico in contact with OSWALD in 1963??

THE NEWS - Assassination Probe Extended to Mexico - Reports of a mysterious visitor retracing OSWALD's steps gave rise to conjectures.....At least seven persons, including a young woman employed by the local Cub Emb yesterday were questioned by federal security officers....who said the questioning led to disclosure of at least 14 names and info on persons directly or indirectly related to OSWALD. Persons questioned told police that OSWALD had been in contact with various American nationals during his stay in this city.

532. 2 Mar

Clay SHAW
James R. LEWALLEN ??

THE NEWS - First Arrest Mde in Kennedy Probe - GARRISON arrested former managing director of New Orleans International Trade Mart today on a charge of "conspiracy to commit murder." Clay SHAW, 54. SHAW and James R. LEWALLEN, 38, a quality control inspector for the Boeing Co. at a Saturn rocket plant in New Orleans, were the first two men subpoenaed in the probe.

533. 3 Mar

MEXICO CITY 0564 - Mexi Eng language News article by Robert S Allen and Paul Scott, 2 Mar, Wash, states "Still secret WOFACT report on OSWALDS Sept activities which was sent to the State Dept Intelligence Division on 11 Oct 63 could possibly shed some new light on the Mexi trip and possibly other links of the accused assassin." / Station believes this memo may be based on MEXI 6453, 8 Oct 63 (para 9 above). Recommend that this memo not be declassified for newspaper sources since would blow LIENVOY and give grounds for criticism against WOFACT and LIRAMA. Believe would also further convince LIRAMA of poor security in State Dept. / Pls advise action taken protect LIENVOY

534. 3 Mar

Clay BERTRAND - aka SHAW
check Doug EDELSON

EL SOL - Newspaperman EDELSON Says Fidel Castro Ordered the Crime - According to GARRISON, OSWALD, Clay SHAW and pilot David W FERRIE and "others" plotted in New Orleans in Sept 63 for the assassination. (Same info as para 529 above)

535. 3 Mar

THE NEWS - JFK Murder Directed from Cuba, Says DA - Same info as para 529, 534

536 3 Mar

EL UNIVERSAL GRAFICO - Three key points in the conspiration to murder Kennedy? - more about GARRISON - SHAW and FERRIE met in the latter's apartment to plan K's death ....Materials confiscated from SHAW's apartment.

537. 3 Mar

THE NEWS - "Truth Serum" Allegedly Uncovers Plot Evidence - GARRISON says he has evidence that OSWALD, SHAW and FERRIE met in Sept 63 to discuss "how they would kill KFK". The evidence came from an unnamed informant, whose statements were corroborated while the informant was under the influence of sodium pentothal, or truth serum Clark, the new U.S. attorney general, said the FBI investigated SHAW late in 63 and cleared him of any link with the assassination....

SECRET

13-00000

538. 3 Mar 67

539. 3 Mar
check Mrs Sylvia ODIO

Is this true - that Mexi police have many details on OSWALD's visit.

check Dr Alberto GARCIA Menocal

540 3 Mar

541. 4 Mar

check Dante MAROCHINI

542. 4 Mar

543. 4 Mar ??

544. 4 Mar

what else does Mexi police know??

545. 4 Apr

ULTIMAS NOTICIAS - Conclusions of GARRISON - Same info as above newspaper reports

THE NEWS - by Allen and Scott - Key To GARRISON Probe in Missing Woman - re: Mrs. Sylvia ODIO. Info is that contained in MEXI 0564 (para 533 above)

See Warren C. report pp 321-324

also: Cuban Embassy Knows a Lot About OSWALD - A Cuban exile said that the Cub Emb in Mexi City "has not said one-fifth" of what OSWALD discussed there when he visited here two months before killing KENNEDY. / Dr. Alberto GARCIA Menocal, secretary general of the Cuban Business Association in Mexico, an old schoolmate of Castro Ruz, left Cuba one year after the Cuban revolution that ousted Batista. / He said it is probable that Mexican police have many details on OSWALD's visit here which at that time were considered unimportant but could now be needed in GARRISON's investigation

THE NEWS - DA: SHAW, OSWALD, FERRIE Plotted to Kill Kennedy - same info as above news articles

THE NEWS - GARRISON Questions 4th Suspect in Case - GARRISON subpoenaed a fourth man today - Dante MAROCHINI, whose wife told reporters at the couple's home she thought GARRISON may have wanted to talk with her husband because he knew James LEWALLEN, a former roommate of FERRIE. MAROCHINI returned to his home briefly before going to GARRISON's office and denied his wife's statements.

EL SOL - GARRISON looking for Fame, Says Mayor Welch

??? - Cuban Embassy Has Said Nothing About OSWALD - re: statements of Dr. Alberto GARCIA Menocal (para 539 above)

THE NEWS - Cuban Embassy Refuses Comment on Possible Link to JFK Case - .....that OSWALD received instructions and funds for the assassination from Cuban officials in Mexi. (Earlier, employees of the hotel where OSWALD stayed and a lunchroom where he ate said they had been questioned this week by an unidentified man regarding contacts OSWALD may have made in Mexi. The paper Novedades reported that Mexi federal police had obtained a list of "highly interesting" persons with whom OSWALD had direct or indirect contact, including several U.S. citizens.)

THE NEWS - Strong Interests Hamstring GARRISON Probe, Says Visitor - Joseph M. RAULT, Jr., tells a Mexican news conference his views on the GARRISON probe going on in New Orleans..

check Gordon NOVEL - early contact??

also: NOVEL Booked on Fugitive Charge - NOVEL, Gordon, 29, remained in jail in lieu of $10,000 bond after his appearance in Columbus Municipal Court on a fugitive charge filed formally by police from suburban Gahanna, where he was arrested Saturday night, at the request of GARRISON, who wants NOVEL as a witness in his inquiry..conspiring

SECRET

545. (continued) 4 Apr 67

check ARCACHA - para 528 above

also: Cuban Jailed in GARRISON Probe - Sergio ARCACHA Smith, 44, a former anti-Castro Cuban exile leader in New Orleans, was arrested on a warrant by GARRISON . . warrant accused ARCACHA with conspiring with David FERRIE, now dead, and Gordon NOVEL, now in jail in Columbus.

546. 4 Mar 67

EL SOL - OSWALD and SHAW, Members of a Castro Comando - Doug EDELSON, reporter for the radio chain in U. S. called "Wins", accused Castro of giving the order to assassinate K. . . OSWALD's trip to Mexi was not for the purpose of getting a visa to Cuba, but rather to receive orders and funds from Cuban officials in order to commit the assassination. . . .

547. 4 Mar

check Dean A ANDREW - early contact

EL HERALDO - The FBI Admits the Innocence of SHAW - Johnson says it is useless to open a new investigation; Proofs of GARRISON. . . . . also, picture of SHAW and picture of Dean A. ANDREW, named by GARRISON.

548. 5 Mar

DIR 80403 - (Ref: MEXI 0517 - para 527 above) - No Hqs traces ANDRADE, FUENTES and CEPERO

549. 6 Mar

check LUMIERE

MEMO from LICOMET-2 to José (Piccolo) - Attached is a clipping from the publication LUMIERE page 8, of Sol de Mexico, 4 Mar 67: Surveilled OSWALD in Mexico, but Not in Dallas. CIA agents take note, in Mexi airport, of travelers to and from Cuba. The counter-espionage service of the CIA photographed OSWALD when he arrived in Mexico and sent the info to the FBI, emphasizing the fact that OSWALD was in contact with the Sov and Cub Embassies in Mexi. "U.S. News and World Report" says that Mexi is of much importance to the CIA because of the number of Communist agents who, from Mexico, extend their net of operations to the U.S. and South America.

550. 4 Mar

EL HERALDO - Dan MARACHINI is the fourth person Cited by GARRISON - He was a co-worker of OSWALD. - info in previous newspaper clippings.

551. 5 Mar

picture of James LEWALLEN

THE NEWS - OSWALD-Arms Cache Raid Links Sought- GARRISON was seeking a possible connection between OSWALD and a group of men involved in a 1963 FBI raid on a munitions cache in Lacombe, Louisiana. The report came after Dante MAROCHINI, 42, fourth man in GARRISON's probe spent 90 minutes in the DA's office. / MAROCHINI and OSWALD once were employed here (New Orleans) at the same time by the same coffee manufacturer, though the plants were a block apart, records show.

also - Officials Here Dodge "Cuban Plot" Query . - Government officials (of Mexi) declined to become embroiled in the controversy about an alleged Cuban plot to assassinate K. They said "We will not go into it again" unless asked by the U S . . . An official spokesman said there was no evidence to support a charge that the Cuban gov was involved.

also - Houston Mayor Welch Calls GARRISON a Publicity Seeker. . .

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

552 6 Mar 67

THE NEWS - Sidelines by Loyd Rosenfield; also, Letters to the Editor - a letter saying OSWALD took orders from the Cub Emb and Warren is a Communist, written by Richard M. WASCOE.

553. 7 Mar

THE NEWS - OSWALD's Movements Here Bared written by Jaime Plenn (COS wrote to Annie G. "Anything new in this?"and Annie replied "No. All is rehash.")

check this long review of case. Not previously seen in this file is his (OSWALD's) talking with two British tourists, on the bus to Mexico, and that he was going to Cuba and hoped to see Fidel Castro... Also, he talked to two Australian girls and recommended the "Cuba Hotel" in Mexico, etc , also about ALVARADO denying, then again confirming his knowledge of OSWALD

554. 7 Mar

EL SOL - Will the truth be known today? Will the Castro agent claim he was sent to kill Kennedy? - Ruedolo GONGORA, Castro agent, will be interviewed today. (He was held on 14 Nov 63, accused as a Castro agent, admitted being an employee and agent of the Castro regime, and added he was sent by Castro to assassinate Pres. K. / He was held in Bellevue Hospital where he was declaired ¥ "loco" and then sent to Creedmore hospital where he has been incomunicado.)

Ruedolo GONGORA - Castro agent??

555. 7 Mar

DIR 81029 - (Ref: MEXI 0564 - para 533 above) - On 10 Oct 63 Hqs disseminated report to State, FBI, Navy and Immigration based on 1 Oct 63 LIENVOY info on OSWALD contact with Sov Emb. This dissem was classified secret, and any attempt to declassify would require WOFACT approval. Classification has not been dropped. Appropriate WOFACT office which coordinates all OSWALD related material is aware of sensitivity of Mexi info and need to protect LIENVOY source.

556. 8 Mar

THE NEWS - JFK's Body May Be Exhumed - "The Truth About the Assassination", written by Charles Roberts, White House reporter for Newsweek Magazine, and published Tuesday by Grosset and Dunlap as "The Answer to the Warren Report Critics".

Did GARRISON reveal his witness??

also: GARRISON Under Pressure to Reveal Informant - It is our position that he (GARRISON) must present testimony from witnesses who have personal knowledge of the events involved in his xxxxxk allegations. This would mean GARRISON's "confidential informant" who allegedly overheard SHAL, OSWALD and FERRIE plot to kill Pres. K. would have to testify or GARRISON would be in danger of having his case thrown out of court. according to William J WEGMANN and Edward F. WEGMANN, attorneys for Clay SHAW.

also: Proof Will Come Hard Says Reporter Merriman Smith (Editor's note: SMITH, UPI White House reporter who won the Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the assassination, went to New Orleans last week to look into charges that the murder of the young president involved a conspiracy spawned in Louisiana. Following is his report)...

SECRET

SECRET

557. 8 M arch 67

THE NEWS - OSWALD "Home and Dry" by Court Action - by Henry J. Taylor - a review of OSWALD's stay in the Sov Union, when he renounced his U.S. citizenship, etc

558. 9 Mar

THE NEWS - OSWALD's Wife a Member of the Komsomol - by Henry J. Taylor - about OSWALD marrying Marina, neice of MVD...She stated to Amer Emb in Moscow she did not belong to the KOMSOMOL, when applying for a visa to the U.S. - later she admitted she had lied.

559. 9 Mar

THE NEWS - Judge Upholds GARRISON -

560 10 Mar

THE NEWS - Two More Enter JFK Investigation - New Orleans Grand Jury took a hand in GARRISON's investigation...and summoned an attorney who was asked to represent OSWALD after the assassination ... Dean ANDREWS practiced law in New Orleans at the time of the assassination and told the Warren Comm he received a call from a man named Clay BERTRAND after the assassination, asking ANDREWS represent OSWALD. ANDREWS said he was ill at the time and did not take the case. Mrs. Josephone HUG spent 34 minutes with the jury. She xx once worked for Clay L. SHAW.

Dean ANDREWS - attorney for OSWALD

Mrs Josephine HUG (worked for SHAW)

561. 11 Mar

THE NEWS - Man Refuses Lie Detector - Dean L. ANDREWS refused to take a lie detector test. Sam (Monk) Selden, ANDREWS' attorney, said he had advised ANDREWS to refuse "on the grounds that it was not necessary."

562. 11 Mar

THE NEWS - Cabbie Remembers Hauling OSWALD, FERRIE Together - Raymond CUMMINGS, 34, also a former policeman, told a news conference that he was certain it was OSWALD and FERRIE, in his cab.

check Raymond CUMMINGS - early contact

563. 12 Mar

THE NEWS - SHAW Gets Special Hearing -

564. 13 Mar

MEMO TO LEGAT from COS - Subject: William Ray DOBKINS - Reference is made to your memo dated 24 Feb 67 (para 517 above) / No record could be found of a visit by a person resembling Subject to the Cuban or Soviet Emb. Should more precise info be obtained on the time when Subj was actually in Mexi, a further check can be made.

564. 13 Mar

THE NEWS - CIA Report of OSWALD Visit Here Kept Secret -

also: SHAW Seeks to Squash Plot Charge -

also: Ramsey Clark Unhappy With New JFK Probe

565. 14 Mar

THE NEWS - SHAW's Motion Overruled - A three-judge panel overruled today a defense motion asking that only a single judge preside over a preliminary hearing for SHAW. Another development - Raymond DUMMINGS, the Dallas Carpenter who claims that he once drove OSWALD, FERRIE and a third man to Jack RUBY's nightclub, arrived here by plane.

Raymond CUMMINGS
(picture)

13-00000

SECRET

566. 15 Mar 67 check Perry Raymond RUSSO - early contact	EL SOL - RUSSO Says He Saw SHAW, OSWALD and FERRIE Plan the Death of Kennedy -
567. 16 Mar 0900 hrs who is this??	AMEMB Incoming Telegram #441 - from Tampico - Local reporter tells me he knew OSWALD slightly but adds he can shed no new light on case and would lose job over any publicity. Short Airgram follows. Signed by Ruyle [this is the case of the Un. of Mex. student] OSCAR CONTRERAS
568. 15 Mar check RUSSO, 5'9", closecropped hair - looks like OSWALD somewhat	THE NEWS - Witness Tells of Plot to Kill John Kennedy - (Picture of RUSSO and SHAW) Witness Perry RUSSO identified by SHAW as one of three men he heard plotting to kill Pres. K in Sept of 63. A 25 yr old insurance salesman testified he heard OSWALD, FERRIE and SHAW conspiring to assassinate Pres K in 1963 two months before K was killed in Dallas. He pointed out SHAW as the man he met at the party as "Clem BERTRAND"..... RUSSO said he saw OSWALD four times in New Orleans, in the months before the assassination and he knew him as Leon OSWALD.
569. 16 Mar Leon OSWALD - Perry R RUSSO, 25	THE NEWS - GARRISON Witness Confesses Confusion - GARRISON's star witness testified today he kept knowledge of an alleged plot to assassinate Pres K to himself for more than three years because he was "confused" about whether OSWALD was the man he knew as "Leon OSWALD". / Perry R RUSSO 25, a Baton Rouge, La., insurance salesman said he witnessed SHAW, OSWALD and FERRIE plotting the assassination in New Orleans and that he became "absolutely sure" of identity when one of GARRISON's men drew whiskers on a picture of OSWALD to make him look like the unshaven man he knew. ....
570. 16 Mar early contact from Tampico - no name yet.	A-43 Dept of State from AMCONSUL Tampico - Subj: Tampico Reporter Knew OSWALD - (Ref: Tampico 59, 15 Mar 67 - para 567 above) - During course of recent evening of buying drinks for a couple of Tampico newsmen, one of them mentioned to me he had recognized the photo of OSWALD when it appeared following the assassination. He said he commented on this to his editor at the time. The latter advised him to keep the matter to himself. Later during the evening he requested that I not reveal to anyone what he had told me, claiming to fear for his job if anything came to light at this point / Later (during daylight hours) I approached him for permission to inform the Dept and his reply was a flat no. His knowledge of OSWALD had been slight. ...simply to have met OSWALD at the university in Mexico City and x aware he wished to travel to Cuba, but Cubans were not prepared to grant him a visa. He said his contacts with OSWALD had been fleeting and of no consequence, and he repeated his request I inform no one, that he would lose his job if the matter came to light / When I pressed him further...treated in strictest confidence, he agreed to my doing so.
571. 17 Mar GARRISON's "confidential informant", RUSSO	THE NEWS - DA's witness Says He Was X Hypnotized - (see para 556 above) - GARRISON's "confidential informant", Perry R. RUSSO, said GARRISON had him hypnotized three times before bringing him to court to testify about a conspiracey to kill Pres. K (presumably RUSSO was hypnotized to see if he were telling the truth in his story to GARRISON investigators that he heard SHAW, OSWALD and FERRIE plotting...

SECRET

SECRET

571. (continued) 17 Mar 67

Dean ANDREWS indicted for perjury

also: DA Aide Suspended, Indicted for Perjury - (see para 560 above) Dean ANDREWS, former attorney who told the Warren Comm he was asked to represent OSWALD after assassination was indicted for perjury. The indictment said ANDREWS testified falsely before the grand jury concerning GARRISON's investigation.....

572 18 Mar

THE NEWS - State Lacked Evidence to Convict OSWALD; Tonahill - Joe H. TONAHILL, the co-counsel for the later RUBY said OSWALD could never have been convicted in Texas for the assassination. Texas law prohibited the testimony of a wife from being entered into the court record.....

also: Judges Rule Evidence Sufficient to Try SHAW - ..."...The court finds that sufficient evidence has been presented to establish probable cause that a crime has been committed, and further, that sufficient evidence has been presented to justify the bringing into play further steps of the criminal process against the arrestee, SHAW.

573. 19 Mar

THE NEWS - Did OSWALD Die From RUBY's Shot? -

574 20 Mar

THE NEWS - SHAW Just Getting Checkup (and) Gun Found Near SHAW's Car - SHAW was hospitalized for "his annual physical" and for treatment of a recurring back pain that first developed during his military career

575. 23 Mar

THE NEWS - Grand Jury Indicts SHAW for Conspiracy

Gordon NOVEL

also: Witness Calls JFK Probe "Fraud" - Nightclub operator Gordon NOVEL, suppoenaed earlier in the day by a New Orleans grand jury, accused GARRISON of condicting a "political, police state inquisition".

576. 24 Mar

THE NEWS - Subpoenaed GARRISON Witness Flees City - GARRISON's office ordered the arrest of Gordon NOVEL, former owner of a French Quarter Bar, as material witness in the investigation of assassination ...NOVEL 29, did not appear and could not be found here, later turned up in Columbus, Ohio; he left there today saying he was going to Chicago. Meantime, GARRISONS office issued two more subpoenas - one directed Donald DOOTY to appear for questioning; the other ordered Layton MARTENS to go before the grand jury next Wednesday. (DOOTY - red-bearded)

Gordon NOVEL Flees

check Donald DOOTY and Layton MARTENS early contacts

577

also: Counterspy Says US Reds Not In On JFK Plot - Herbert Philbrick, former counterspy and author of "I Led Three Lives" has discounted any theories blaming American Communists for assassination. / Philbrick said he was inclined to believe the orders to kill K originated in Communist-dominated Cuba.

SECRET

577.	25 Mar 67	THE NEWS - Chicago Asked to Arrest NOVEL - . . . . . GARRISON termed NOVEL a "most important" witness. . . .Bond was set for NOVEL at $50,000
578.	26 Mar NOVEL	THE NEWS - Missing Witness Pops Up, Tells "Truth" on "Fraud" - Gordon NOVEL, the "missing" witness in GARRISON's investigation, popped up in a Washington suburb and took a lie detector test on his charge that the GARRISON investigation was a "fraud". The operator of the polygraph test said NOVEL "passed" the lie test. "He showed no deceptions" . . . . NOVEL was a roommate of the late FERRIE
579	27 Mar	THE NEWS - Warren Report Will Play No Part In Trial of Shaw -
580.	28 Mar Sandra MOFFITT, aka Lilly Mae McMAINES - early contact	THE NEWS - GARRISON Orders Arrest of Contrary Witness - A GARRISON's office obtained a court order today for the arrest of a former New Orleans woman who contradicted testimony of GARRISON's star witness against businessman SHAW. / Bond was set at $5,000 for Sandra MOFFITT, alias Lilly Mae McMAINES of Omaha, Neb. PErry R. RUSSO testified in SHAW's preliminary hearing 14-17 Mar that he attended a party with Miss MOFFITT in Sept 63 at which SHAW helped plot K's death. / A three-judge panel ordered SHAW held over following the preliminary hearing. . / RUSSO said the party was at the apartment of the late FERRIE, the mysterious pilot who died this year of a brain hemmrrhage. . . / But the young woman told newsmen in Omaha last week that she did not go to the party and that she never met FERRIE until 1965.
581.	29 Mar	THE NEWS - GARRISON Chasing Witnesses -
582.	30 Mar	THE NEWS - JFK Probe Jury Recesses For A Week -
583.	1 Apr NOVEL and ARCACHA	THE NEWS - Warrant Obtained for NOVEL's Arrest - GARRISON obtained warrants today for the arrest of Gordon NOVEL and a Cuban exile leader on charges of conspiring to burglarize a munitions bunker in 1961. Sergio ARCACHA Smith is in Dallas; the arrest warrants were sent to Montreal, Canada, where NOVEL is reported to be hiding. also: TV Banned At Mock Trial - at Yale Law School, New Haven, Conn
584.	2 Apr NOVEL picked up	THE NEWS - Ohio Police Pick Up Witness in JFK Probe - Gordon NOVEL was taken into custody at Gahanna (near Columbus, Ohio) and kept behind closed doors at the detective bureau
585.	5 Apr	THE NEWS - Going To Blow Case Wide Open: NOVEL - Gordon NOVEL, subpoenaed as a material witness, released on bond today, said he would "blow the case wide open. I'm going to prove the investigation is a complete fabrication. . ." also: SHAW Enters Plea Today - SHAW said, "God Willing, I'm looking forward to the trial. I expect to win."

13-00000

SECRET

586. 6 Apr 67 — THE NEWS - SHAW Enters Plea of Innocent -

587. 8 Apr — THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - The Greatest Nonsense Of All -

588. 12 Apr — THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - Why Did OSWALD Kill Patrolman Tippit? -

589. 20 Apr — THE NEWS - by Allen and Scott - Agency To Review New Evidences in JFK Killing Eyed - (2/3 of the commission's estimated 28,000 documents have been declassified since it published its findings on 28 Sept 64. The remaining one-third, which include several hundred documents believed to have significant news value, are still barred from public scrutiny)

590. 22 Apr — THE NEWS - GARRISON Fails to Appear Despite Rumored Stay Here - Mexi newspapers said GARRISON was in Mexi as part of his investigation into the assassination.. / / / In Acapulco / / / Paper said GARRISON was accompanied by a special FBI inspector named Peter Krobe and four FBI agents. No Peter Krobe could be located in Acapulco.

FBI agent Peter Krobe in Acapulbo with GARRISON ???

591. 22 Apr — THE NEWS - JFK Assassination Plot Told by Puerto Rican - A 24 yr old Puerto Rican, who says he was trained in a Cuban espionage school, claims he was involved in a plot that put him in Dallas at the time of the assassination. . / The newspaper quoted Luis CASTILLO, under investigation by the National Bureau of Investigation, as saying that in Dallas he was instructed by an unidentified man who gave him a rifle to shoot a man in an open car. / CASTILLO said he was not able to use his rifle but heard that a man called "Jose" was successful / CASTILLO was produced for local newsmen by the NBI which said he was arrested in Bulacan province, south of Manila, last 2 Mar, a month after he entered Manila supposedly to contact leading members of the Communist movement here. / CASTILLO said he followed orders in Sept 65 to assume the identity of a Filipino in the Chicago area, named Antonio ELORIAGA, and was deported by U.S. to Philippines for overstaying in the U.S.

check Luis CASTILLO - possible early contact or trainee for assassination

check "Jose"

check Antonio ELORIAGA

also: Picture of SHAW - arrives for his arraignment in New Orleans...

592. 2 May — Pavel Antonovich YATSKOV has stated that he talked to OSWALD when he was in Mexico LIENVOY (ca. 28 Sep 63) and that he believed OSWALD was too nervous a person to have ~~xx~~ been able to shoot Pres. K. (prepared by WEENING, sent with HMMA 31932, 2 May 67)

check YATSKOV - early contact

? see #350, 1 Mar 67) ? 19 Jan 1964

593 6 May — THE SAN ANTONIO LIGHT - GARRISON Busy - OSWALD, CIA Linked - ... re: . witnesses reported seeing OSWALD, BANISTER, ARCACHA and FERRIE together in the building (FERRIE died 22 Feb 67: BANISTER didd of a heart attach in the summer of 64)

check Guy BANISTER - early contact

SECRET

SECRET

594.	6 May 67		THE NEWS - La. Daily Claims OSWALD CIA Agent
595.	9 May	has iden of American be ascertained?	MEXI 1364 - Following from C/LNERGO locally on 8 May for HQS info only / Mr. Bernard Diederich. C/Latin American Bureau of Time Life was introduced on 4 May to C/LNERGO by Aide to C/LNPURE. / Diederich said he had been assigned task of determining facts about a photo (now known not to be OSWALD) which WOFACT sent urgently to LNERGO Dallas on day assassination. Diederich said photo appeared in Warren report and in an Esquire article. / C/LNERGO told Diederich he had no comment and suggested Diederich go to Wash if he wished to investigate this matter Diederich intimated he would go to LNERGO and WOFACT Wash. / C/LNERGO reported to his Hqs - asked that fact he reported to Station not be told his Hqs.
596.	11 May	what picture of OSWALD and a Cuban companion taken in Mexi????	THE NEWS - Man Confirms News Report of GARRISON Bribe, Threats - Alvin R BEAUBOEUF, a 21 yrs old New Orleans man "confirms in all details" a magazine account that he was first offered money and then threatened in GARRISON's investigation of assassination... / Newsweek story said Lynn Loisel, a GARRISON investigator, offered BEAUBOEUF up to $3,000 and a job with an airline to "fill in the facts" about the late FERRIE... / GARRISON on these developments: The Justice Dept, claiming "executive immunity" moved to exempt FBI agent Regis Kennedy from testifying before a grand jury investigating GARRISON's charges... The grand jury issued a subpoena calling on the CIA in Wash to produce a picture GARRISON claims was taken of OSWALD and a Cuban companion in Mexi. Gordon NOVEL, a former New Orleans night club owner GARRISON is trying to extradite from Columbus, Ohio, will file a $10 million libel suit against the DA.
597.	11 May	who is Tampico SOURCE ? Oyan Contreras	Official-Informal CONFIDENTIAL, to Wesley D. Boles, Esquire, C/Mexi Political Affairs, Office of Mexi Affairs, Dept of State, Wash, Dear Wes: ... from Benjamin J Ruyle, Amer Consul, Tampico - about his "informant" knowing OSWALD. Informant said he and a group of fellow students met OSWALD when they came out of the Cineclub, which I understood to be at the Escuela de Filosofia. He described OSWALD as 'raro' and 'introvertido' OSWALD was with the group during the remainder of the afternoon, evening and following day. / OSWALD went to the UNAM to look for pro-Castro students who might help him persuade the Cuban Emb to grant him a visa. He spoke little Spanish, but indicated he was from California and a member of a pro-Castro group in New Orleans (no mention of Texas). ... Informant claims to have visited Cuba, to be well acquainted with Raul ROA ... friendly with Maria Teresa PROENZA who I understood him to say defected from the Cub Emb in Mexi and may now be in Miami. /. He asserted he was the student who personally climed the Miguel Aleman statue on the UNAM campus with the dynamite when it was mutilated some years ago. ... (NOTE from RIGGS - Believe this should be corrected to Polit Section here. from DCOS; Believe we should hit Ruyle on his source when next he comes up here or when someone from Cuba section goes there. — COS wrote Agree -)
598.			

SECRET

SECRET

598. 12 May 67 — EL UNIVERSAL - Diredtor of CIA Cited by GARRISON for Clarification - re: picture of OSWALD and a Cuban leaving the Cub Emb in Mexi, taken by an agent of the CIA and retouched not to reveal the identity of one of the men, if not both, as a Federal Agent.

599. 13 May — THE NEWS - GARRISON Claims Code Links RUBY, OSWALD and SHAW - GARRISON said RUBY's unpublished telephone number appears in code in address-books belonging to OSWALD and SHAW . / ///// GARRISON said SHAW's address book "contains a unique address which exists also in the address book of OSWALD, as printed in the Warren Comm exhibits Volume XVI, page 58." / He said both notebooks contain the same Dallas post office reference, "P.O Box 19106"

what about the telephone numbers books? was there a connection between O and RUBY ?

600. 15 May — THE NEWS - Solon Calls GARRISON's Evidence "Important" - Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La , said .. if GARRISON can verify that RUBY's telephone number was written down in code in the papers of OSWALD and SHAW, it would "prove that there definitely was a conspiracy "/////

601. 18 May — HMMW 15488 - In view of recent reopening of the publicity regarding OSWALD and WOFACT evidence, Hqs would like to determine whether the Station still has on hand the negatives from which the prints available at Hqs were made of the unidentified "mystery man" coming out of both the Sov and Cub Embassies. If they are still on file, it is requested that they remain so, and that they be forwarded HQS for retention rather than destroyed if the latter action is ever contemplated. End. Note by RIGGS: COS: I personally checked on 27 May 67 and negatives are in LIMITED photo chrono (J 145 ??) for 1 Oct 63.

602. 19 May — THE NEWS - Analysis of KK Kennedy Films Refutes 2nd Gunman Theory -

603. 22 May — THE NEWS - All CIA/? - "This Knocks Hell Out of GARRISON Case" says Alan Adelson, an attorney for the RUBY family

also - Five Anti-Castro Cubans Killed JFK: GARRISON said Pres K was assassinated by 5 anti-Castro Cubans angered over K's handling of the Bay of Pigs invasion / He said OSWALD did not shoot K and "did not even touch a gun on that day "

604. 25 May — THE NEWS - NOVEL Files Suit Against GARRISON

605. 28 May — THE NEWS - Evidence From News Media to be Part of SHAW Trial -

606. 29 May — THE NEWS - GARRISON to Bare "Other Plotter" -

607 29 May — THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - GARRISON No Buffoon at All - ..../////GARRISON turned to Volume XVI, Page 58, of the Commission's Report, OSWALD kept a diary. Page 58 shows a note OSWALD made: "P.O.Box 19106" .. SHAW's notebook contains the identical note. / GARRISON demonstrated for me the simple code that translates "P.OBox 19106" into WHitehall 1-5601. GARRISON fmmd

connection - OSWALD, RUBY, SHAW ??

SECRET

13-00000

607. (continued) 29 May 67

Who is the "Latin" ?

608 29 May

609. 30 May

610. 31 May 1967

611. 2 June

612. 6 June

Has this been proved?

613. 13 June 67

Check validity of LIRING/3

OSWALD and SILVIA had an affair

Why didn't Mexi police give us all info?

614. 3 June

615. 12 June

same info as para 592 above
YATSKOV - early contact

WHitehall 1-5601. / This development would connect OSWALD with both SHAW and RUBY. / The man GARRISON now wants most to find is a Latin, likewise revealed, whom GARRISON has traced back to the Bay of Pigs debacle.

HMMA 32103 - Ref: HMMW 15488 (para 601 above) - The prints forwarded to HQS in Ref, were taken of a person leaving the Soviet Embassy. The negatives of these prints are in the Station files.

THE NEWS - By SHAW Trial Judge - Contempt Warning Cited -

THE NEWS - by Henry J. Taylor - Some Facts About OSWALD Still Unanswered -

THE NEWS - Taylor Tripper (about above article in which Taylor said OSWALD left New Orleans about noon on a bus and reached Mexi City the next morning, which is an impossible task.

THE NEWS - GARRISON Says RUBY Part of Conspiracy - GARRISON alleged that SHAW made a trip to the Capitol House Hotel in Baton Rouge in the fall of 1963 and met with RUBY and OSWALD and supplied them with funds....

HMMA 32243 - to C/WHD, Subject: PBRUMEN/The LIRING-3 Operation - ////page 2 - para 6: Hqs attention is called to paragraphs 3 through 5 of ROWTON's report dated 26 May The fact that Silvia DURAN had sexual intercourse with OSWALD on several occasions when the latter was in Mexi City is probably new, but adds little to the OSWALD case. The Mexi police did not report the extent of the DURAN-OSWALD relationship to this Station. ////Att: - Wallace B ROWTON Meeting with LIRING/3, dated 26 May 67 - ..../LIRING/3, trying to keep active certain contacts he had had in the past, of the official Cuban circle, mentioned specifically the case of Silvia and Horacio DURAN and explained the background of his relationship with them //Silvia DURAN informed LIRING/3 that she had first met OSWALD when he applied for a visa and had gone out with him several times since she liked him from the start She admitted that she had sexual relations with him but insisted that she had no idea of his plans When the news of the assassination broke she stated that she was immediately taken into custody by the Mexi police and interrogated thoroughly and beaten until she admitted that she had had an affair with OSWALD. She added that ever since then she has cut off all contact with the Cubans, particularly since her husband Horacio, who was badly shaken by the whole affair, went into a rage and has forbidden her to see them. ...

THE NEWS - FBI Never Investigated Clay SHAW

MEMO on Pavel Antonvich YATSKOV prepared by Jonathan L. WEENING - YATSKOV has stated that he talked to OSWALD when he was in Mexico (ca. 28 Sept 63), and that he believed OSWALD was too nervous a person to have been able to shoot Pres. K (Source: HOVAL-E)

SECRET

616. 14 June 67

see para 597 above - Tampico source

HMMW 15,557 - to COS, Subject: K ASSAssination Report on OSWALD's Trip to Mexi City - 1. The American Consul in Tampico, Ruyle, has sent to the Dept of State a letter of 11 May 67 a copy of which is attached. / 2. This report constitutes the first piece of substantive info about OSWALD's sojourn in Mexi to appear since the assassination of Pres K. We understand the reluctance of the unidentified source to become infolved, but the fact remains that this info cannot continue to be withheld or concealed / 3. It is requested that you confer with Mr. Ruyle. ~~xxx~~ determine identity of source.. .///4 //5//6. Although the Warren Comm obtained no facts pointing to homosexuality on OSWALD's part, this allegation has been made by elements of the press covering GARRISON's investigation in New Orleans. It is therefore necessary to bear this possibility in mind when interviewing the source and others who spent time with OSWALD in Mexi. It is our hope that the facts obtained through these interviews will help to confirm that several of GARRISON's allegations about involvement of anti-Castro Cubans, WOFACT, ets., are false.~~x~~ (Note: 22 June 67 COS told Nate Ferris orally about this.)

OSWALD - Homosexual?? - according to GARRISON

617. 19 June

DIR 12232 - Mr Richard Welch, COS Georgetown, travelling on tourist card but carrying dip pp, will arrive Mexi 19 June on Panam 452 at 2010 hrs. Mr. Welch hand carrying special material for COS. Also wishes discuss with Station and ROWTON proposal for OPS use of latter in Guyana Request Station meet, escort through customs and arrange accomadation. He will depart Mexico City 20 June on Viasa 781. (Note: for ROWTON pers; Met by CP/D)

618. 20 June

Where are letter and attachments?

MEXI 1832 (Ref: DIR 12232 - para 617 above) On 20 June received letter and attachments sent by LUND. / Will attempt actions suggested; appreciate guidance.

619. 26 June 67

HMMW 15574 - to COS, Subject: OSWALD -(Ref: HMMA 32103 - para 608 above; and, HMMW 15488 - para 601 above) In addition to the photos forwarded to Hqs of mystery man in front of Sov Emb, Hqs also has a photo taken in front of Cub Emb of a man who appears to be identical with the "mystery man". The date written on the back of this print is 15 Oct 63. We have no record of a transmittal dispatch number, only an indication it was forwarded here by your Station The background on this one photo was compared with another photo recently submitted by you to Hqs of another unidentified person photographed entering the Cub Emb, and there is little doubt that the 15 Oct 63 photo was indeed taken in front of the Cub Emb. / This photo was the one referred to in HMMW 15488. Hqs assumes that you also have the negative of this 15 Oct 63 photo. End. (Note by RIGGS: This negative is filed in LIONION photo Chrono and was in the file on 3 July 67. Personally checked by RIGGS. Answered by HMMA -)

620. 27 June

THE NEW YORK TIMES - Key Aide Resigns GARRISON Inquiry - Investigator Quits in Fight Over Assassination Case - Chief Investigator for GARRISON, William H. Gurvich, quit his job today in the midst of a ~~x~~ dispute over the way the K assassination inquiry is being conducted /////

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

621 29 June 67

Check Eugene C DAVIS who is Clay BERTRAND, according to Dean ANDREWS

THE NEWS - by Walter Lippmann - "The Death of a President" - A Review

also: More Holes Punched in JFK Probe - Attorney Dean ANDREWS, Jr , said today the Clay BERTRAND who sought legal counsel for accused presidential assassin OSWALD was French Quarter bar operator Eugene C. DAVIS. / ANDREWS' statement came on the heels of DAVIS' appearance before the Grand Jury. / ANDREWS said in an interview that Clay L. SHAW, accused by GARRISON of conspiring to murder Pres K "never was, and never will be" Clay BERTRAND. / ANDREWS, under indictment for perjury in the GARRISON investigation, said he would voluntarily go before the grand jury and tell them that DAVIS was Clay BERTRAND.

622 29 June

Oscar CONTRERAS - Tampico - early contact

MEXI 1950 (Ref: HMMW 15557 - para 616 above) - DOSCHER travelled Tampico on 25 June 67 in attempt identify source of Amer Consuls letter per ref and make contact with him /// Amer Consul placed DOSCHER in contact with informant, Oscar CONTRERAS who is reporter for El Sol de Tampico; is about 30 yrs old and married with three children; studied law at UNAM for 3 yrs (approximately 1960 - 1964); belonged clandestine pro-Castro Revolutionary group at UNAM; visited Cuba where met Castro and Raul ROA; was persecuted by police for these activities; and finally decided get away from group and from police by changing residence to Tampico (circa 1964). CONTRERAS claims he no longer member of any organization, but is visited often by old friends who still active. / Regarding OSWALD case, he extremely cautious and refused give DOSCHER details on contact with OSWALD. Said reason he could not give names of persons who met OSWALD is that these persons still active revolutionaries and if they found out he informed on them, he and his family would be in grave danger / Although CONTRERAS was not able or willing give dates and names, he said OSWALD visited UNAM campus shortly after Cub Emb refused him visa to visit Cuba. OSWALD made inquiries regarding pro-Cuban revolutionary group at UNAM and was directed to CONTRERAS and his friends. OSWALD met CONTRERAS and four other pers as they came out of roundtable discussion held in faculty of Philosophy. OSWALD told group it urgent he visit Cuba and that Cub Emb denied him visa. He requested aid from CONTRERAS' group. CONTRERAS and others mistrusted OSWALD because they felt he was CIA provocation Group allowed OSWALD to accompany them the rest of that day, that night and part of the next day. OSWALD very introverted and appeared be slightly crazy. OSWALD made no mention of assassination plot, but kept bringing up point he had to travel to Cuba immediately. As to whether OSWALD might have been homosexual, CONTRERAS said he introverted and had complexes and he could have been type to enjoy such relations. While he was with group, however, he showed no signs of this tendency. ///DOSCHER was to have a third meeting with CONTRERAS evening 28 June 67 but CONTRERAS did not make appearance.////If above not sufficient, Station can possibly turn info over to LITEMPOS with request they pursue case for additional info -- Pls advise.

SECRET

SECRET

623.	30 June 67		THE NEWS - by Walter Lippmann - The Death of a President - "The Transfiguration of JFK" -
624.	1 July		THE NEWS - " " - Manchester Had Malice Toward None
625.	3 July		HMMA 32433 to C/WHD from COS, Subj: OSWALD (Ref: HMMW 15574 - para 619 above) - The negative of ref photo is filed at Mexi Station. This photo was taken in front of the Cub Emb but the photo published in the Warren Comm Report was taken in front of the Sov Emb / This Station has on file negatives of both photos
626	4 July	Tampico CONTRERAS	DIR 16823 (Ref: MEXI 1950 - para 622 above) - Although it possible CONTRERAS may have fabricated entire story, importance of any leads this matter demands we explore to fullest / Believe story should be given LNERGO unless you have objections If not, do you prefer handle locally or want us do so here? Once LNERGO in act, they may wish take up with Mexi authorities / Newspaper article CONTRERAS as leader of a UNAM revolutionary bloc tends give some substance to this story. . Does Station have any contacts or assets who might be able to identify other members of CONTRERAS group at time? If CONTRERAS colleagues identified, conceivably a follow up approach to him armed with this new knowledge might persuade him give more of story In any event, if unable to resolve CONTRERAS story unilaterally, will have to take up with Mexi officials and considering such possibly it may be unwise to risk exposure Station assets by unilateral effort. Because of this and in view LICOAXES relationship with LITEMPOS, it may not be wise to use LICOAXES despite their long ~~handling~~ history at UNAM / Request views re proceeding on own, through LITEMPOS, or handling lead to LNERGO with proviso we be kept informed. / No identifiable traces CONTRERAS.
627.	5 July	CONTRERAS	MEXI 1991 (Ref: DIR 16823 - para 626 above) - Station feels any further unilateral handling of CONTRERAS would not be profitable and prefers pass entire case to LITEMPOS for action Also, prefer inform LNERGO locally re case / In order accomplish above, COS plans have private meeting with LITEMPO-8 and will orally give him info available on CONTRERAS COS has already advised LNERGO of initial info (HMMW 15557 - para 616 above) and preparing follow-up memo containing info on DOSCHER's visit to Tampico. LNERGO to be advised that MEXI authorities now handling case and request LNERGO take no action without ~~prior~~ prior consultation Station
628.	5 July		MEMO to LEGAT from COS, Subj: OSWALD Visit in Mexi - memo reporting info in above paragraphs to LEGAT - on CONTRERAS.
629.	5 July		NOTE to COS from LUND (attached to cover of Vol. 5 of P-8593)

SECRET

SECRET

630. 6 July 67

DIR 17187 (Ref: MEXI 1991 - para 627 above) - Concur. Will take parallel action by advising LNERGO here.

631. 6 July

THE NEWS - D.A. Wants Sept Trial for SHAW - GARRISON is ready for trial of Clay L. SHAW.

632. 7 July

THE NEWS - Manchester Book Labeled Unreliable -

633. 8 July

THE NEWS - GARRISON Charges Newsman - GARRISON said a warrant had been issued for the arrest of a network newsman on charges the reporter attempted to bribe Perry Raymond RUSSO, the star witness in GARRISON's attempt to prove the assassination was a conspiracy. / GARRISON charged that Walter SHERIDAN... .had worked for NBC in New Orleans for two and one-half years. SHERIDAN has devoted his efforts almost exclusively since Feb investigating GARRISON's assassination conspiracy theory and legal activitied.

Walter SHERIDAN - early contact????

634. 10 July

MEMO from JKB (Source LITEMPO/12)kj re: Oscar CONTRERAS - Attached is a report on captioned subject, dated 7 July 67. / It will be noted that the records of the UNAM Law School reflect that the only Oscar CONTRERAS listed is one Oscar CONTRERAS Lartigue who was registered as a student there in 1959-60, but not during the period 1961-63

Attachment as follows: In the Law Faculty at UNAM in the files there is onlylisted Oscar CONTRERAS Lartigue, a student who registered in 1959 and 1960 to study Law, having quit "en este último año". / He is from Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, born 14 Feb 39, of Eustario L. CONTRERAS and Guadalupe LARTIGUE, hiw secondary studiesm were at Escuela Nacional Secundaria y Preparatoria Federal in Tamaulipas from 52 to 58. / On 17 Jan 61, in Excelsior, appears one Oscar CONTRERAS, as a signer of a protest for the Bloque Estudiantil Revolucionario

BLOQUE ESTUDIANTIL REVOLUCIONARIO (BER)

The first time we heard of the BER was in July 61 when activities began in politics among students. / 13 July 61 - University groups of the left, especially BER, and the Movimiento America Latina (MAL) headed by Humberto HIRIARTE (of BER) and Pedro SAENZ Zepeda (of MAL) made propaganda utilizing "agrupaciones de paja" to attack the clergy and the Secretariat of Gobernacion. / Directors of MAL are: Hugo ARANDA, Oscar GONZALEZ and Hiban (Iban) GARCIA, and those from the BER planned to have meetings in the Ateneo Español or UNAM, according to the instructions of Jose Antonio PORTUONDO (spelled CORTUONDO in report), Amb of Cuba / 15 July 61 - This group with other groups of the left continue having meetings at University City. / 25 July 61 - This group invited students of Instituto Politecnico Nacional (IPN) to an "act" to be held on 26 July 61 at Univ City to commemorate the Cuban Revolution / 26 July 61 - This group, along with MAL will organize an "act" in the Humanities Auditorium to honor the Cuban Revolution. / 15 Sept 61 - The students of Law School, ~~xxxxx~~ which head the leftist political group, ~~xxxx~~ named Patricio Lubumba will become affiliated with the BER /

SECRET

13-00000

634. (continued) 10 July 67

Oscar CONTRERAS - Have all these names been checked as possibly having had contact with OSWALD when CONTRERAS was at UNAM and OSWALD went there ??

30 Nov 61 - University Leftists, directed by the BER, Movimiento Liberacionai Nacional and MAL, directed by Antonio TENORIO Adame, Vicente VILLAMAR, Jose Eduardo PASCUAL and Humberto HIRIARTE will summon the students to a Defense of the Cuban Revolution and will be led by the Comite Universitario Pro-Defensa of the same leaders. / 24 Jan 62 - A meeting will be planned for the Apoyo a Cuba en el Hemeciclo a Juarez if the police does not stop it / 7 Mar 62 - Principal leaders are; Victor Manuel BARCELO, Carlos ANDALUZ, Hugo CASTRO Aranda, Antonio TENORIO Adame, Jose GUERRERO Guerrero, Carlos ORTIZ Tejeda, Daniel MOLINA. Brion Galvez, Humberto HIRIARTE, (spelled HIARTE), Oscar GONZALEZ, Hibam GARCIA, Pedro SAINZ Zepeda, Alberto CERECER, Jose Eduardo PASCUAL, Juan SALDAÑA, Martin REYES Baissadel, Vicente LVILLAMAR, Rubelio FERNANDEZ Dorado, and Jesus OCHOA. / This group ceased functioning as such about the middle of 1962 and one Oscar CONTRERAS, who was not one of the leaders, it is possible he was a lesser militant and signed as a leader in the Excelsior publication so as not to compromise the actual leaders.

635. 11 July

This is not proof that CONTRERAS was not at UNAM in Sept 63

HMMA 32497 (Ref: MEXI 1991 - para 627 above) - Attached is a copy of the first report received from the LITEMPOS on CONTRERAS.... / Of major interest is that the UNAM Law School files reflect that the only Oscar CONTRERAS listed is one Oscar CONTRERAS Lartigue, who was registered as a student in 1959 and 60, but not during the period 61 to 63. In the interview DOSCHER had with CONTRERAS in Tampico, CONTRERAS said he has studied law for three years between 60 and 64. This appears to be a direct lie on his part. / Also, CONTRERAS said he was a leader of the BER during his student years, and according to this report, his name does not appear on any of the lists of leaders of the Bloc. / The persons mentioned in the report are generally known to the Station as persons who belong, or belonged, to the MLN and other leftist revolutionary groups in Mexi. Such is the case with Antonio TENORIO Adame, Vicente VILLAMAR Contreras and Daniel MOLINA Alvarez. TENORIO is a member of the Directive Council of the MLN and was a delegate to the Tri-Continental Conference held in Habana in Jan 66 VILLAMAR is on the Central Committee of the JCM and was a delegate to the Tri-Continental Conference in Jan 66. MELINA is a member of the organizing committee for the first LASO congress.

636. 12 Sept

MEXI 2756 - On 12 Sept most Mexi dailies, including The News carried wire service reports of GARRISON's Playboy article charging that ex-CIA men killed KF JFK. In addition El Universal printing series by Delio F. PONJOAN datelined Miami entitled "La CIA Declara la Guerra a GARRISON". / Pouching clips.

637. 12 July

check Richard TOWNLEY

THE NEWS - GARRISON Files Bribery Charges Against Newsman - GARRISON filed charges accusing a broadcast newspaperman of attempting to bribe and intimidate a witness in probe /Richard TOWNLEY ....

SECRET

638. 13 July 67 — THE NEWS - GARRISON Gets "Equal Time" Spot -

639. 13 July — MEXI 2124 - 1. In classified note to Station 8 July, AmConsul, William Harben, in Merida, reported following: A Amer retired seaman Joseph HARET now in Merida was aboard Ferrel Lines Freighter African Dawn April 67 in Dar Es Salaam when that ship unloaded considerable crated freight to barge from which it was loaded on Cub vessel berthed 200 yards away Harben describes HARET as alert, intelligent experienced seamen / B American citizen Dennis Lynn HARBER describing self as armed forces vet on 100 percent disability pension told Harben that a Robert BROWN, Box 369 Boulder, Colo, whom he knew previously when teaching Eng to Cuban refugees in school run by fnu DIXON in Miami visited him at his (HARBER's) parent's home in Omaha and questioned him using concealed tape recorder about several Americans who had worked at Miami school: Bob ~~EE~~ BROWN, Ed COLLINS, William SEYMOUR, Leonard HALL and fnu HARGRAVES. He also showed HARBER photo of David FERRIE mixed up in New Orleans investigation of Pres K's death and asked if he knew him. HARBER claims to have translated for BROWN book by Cub officer, Alberto BAYO entitled "One Hundred Fifty Questions for Guerrilla Fighter" published by Panther publications. Also claims worked Bertitz school New York. In view apparent robust physical health, Harben suspected BARBER be affected with some sort psycho-neurosis ~~fx~~/ 2. Believe para 1B info should be passed to LNERGO.

Has this been checked?

Check Dennis Lynn HARBER

others?

640. 16 July — THE NEWS - Three Assasins in JFK Conspiracy Says GARRISON

641 24 July — Memo to Director, FBI in Washington, Subj: OSWALD - memo reports info in paras 634, 635 above

642. 30 July — THE NEWS - Connally Writing Own Account of Assassination -

643. 8 Aug — HMMW 15695 to COS, Subj: Possible Mexican Ramifications of Assassination of Pres K - 1. An LNERGO informant alleges that "quite some time" before the assassination, OSWALD met in Mexi City ith a member of WOFACT whose alias was Bill MEDINA. The latter's true name was not known to the informant. Would you pls advise whether the name Bill MEDINA is known in any context? We assume there is no connection with IDENTITY but would appreciate your comments / 2. Another LNERGO report includes a statement to the effect that one Sam DEPINO, News Dept, WVUE Television, New Orleans claimed to have received info that GARRISON might try to connect an ex-Nazi now living in Mexi City with the assassination. The ex-Nazi was supposedly active in the propaganda field and was also described as "one of the heads of WOFACT in Mexi" Can you surmise who might be the identity of this incongruous descripting?

Check Bill MEDINA - early contact

Check Sam DEPINO

IDENTITY is Alfredo MEDINA Vidiella

SECRET

SECRET

644. 11 Aug 67

Thayer WALDO ??

DIR 26897 (Ref: MADRID 2170 being relayed Mexi City -)
1. Following info from WOFACT and LNPURE field reports: A THAYER WALDO reported as stringer for Drew Pearson in Uruguay 1948 where he known for inaccurately reporting Emb events He friendly with group of Spanish Communists in Uruguay Report from Uruguay also disclosed that Waldo made derog mr remarks regarding U.S. policy in Latin America and expressed himself as sympathizer with Sov politics. Reliability of above report cannot be judged since not available g in files / B. WALDO also reportedly served as correspondent for Pearson in Ecuador and Colombia. After being invited to Ecuador by Pres Galo PLAZA, Subj took steps in 1950 to renounce U.S. citizenship and obtain Ecuadoran citizenship in order advance official position with latter government. Later decided retain U.S. citizenship. In 1953 Subj was administrator of El Sol, leftist daily in Quito. In April 1953 he launched the Pacific Post newspaper in Ecuador. Subj considered unreliable, dishonest and unsavory by Americans and Ecuadorans June 1953 WALDO deported from Ecuador by Pres Jose Maria VELASCO Ibarra for writing derog articles concerning Ecuadoran government. He then spent one month in Cali, Colombia where he re-issued U.S. passport Wife Helen, a Hungarian national, joined Subj in Cali, travelling from Quito on IRO passport. / C. Jan 60, Habana Station reported WALDO as American newsman from Mexi in Habana who might be offered editorship of Eng language Times of Habana Late Jan 60, Mexi Station reported Subj discussed six week tour of Cuba with Emb officials Hqs files indicate WALDO resided Mexi two yrs prior late 1960 at Calle Colima 107, Dept 7, Mexi 7. / D. Latest info available Hqs is Mexi 9266 indicating WALDO Public relations head of Univ of Americas as of 3 Aug 65. / 2. Suggest addressees pass above info to Emb officers who in touch with Subj. / 3. M For Mexi: Request traces on Subj

645. 11 Aug
aka Mark THAYER

MEXI 2454 - (Ref: DIR 26897 - para 644 above) - 1. Mexi Station files contains same derog on WALDO (aka Mark THAYER) as ref. In addition HKHW 3282 of 11 Feb 60 cites usually reliable source in HEG 184 of 16 June 53 that Subj's former partner in Pacific Post, Francis R. SUTHERLAND stated WALDO carried on his person proof of CP membership which SUTHERLAnd had seen. / 2. Acting on top from SIMONCINI that WALDO had been expelled from Mexi, COS raised Subj in Amb staff meeting 3 Aug. Commercial Counselor who sits on board of regents at Univ of Americas, said WALDO had been fired by Univ since he was not doing job for them Said Univ forgot to inform GOM that WALDO working for them. This put WALDO in position of having violated working papers requirement, and according commercial counselor, probably accounted for WALDO's expulsion by GOM. Counselor for public affairs added that WALDO apparently kicked into Texas because he had called Emb Press Attache from there on 2 Aug / 3 In same staff meeting Couns for Public Affairs said Mexi foreign correspondents assoc concerned over case because (a) they feared WALDO might have been expelled because of anti-Mexican articles he wrote for Denver Post and New York Times (for which he stringer), and (b) WALDO owed club some 6,000 pesos in bar bills, etc / 4 According U S. Con Gen Mexi, WALDO is U S. citizen and had latest U.S. passport issued Mexi 1966 / 5 Mexi Eng News carries story by Jaime Plenn 11 Aug headlined "Search on for Missing Newsman" PLENN writes that disappearance of WALDO public relations director at Univ of Amer, has become object of official and private inquiries

SECRET

13-00000

645 (continued)	11 Aug 67				Following is gist PLENN article: WALDO left Mexi unexpectedly early July. Last heard from in letter postmarked Los Angeles addressed to University claiming he had been trailed in Mexi and that pressure put on him to leave country. WALDO a member of foreign correspondents assoc., which lists him as correspondent for Denver Post, San Francisco Chronicle, and Tucson Citizen. Also wrote regularly for other U.S. papers. Both Univ and Assoc trying locate WALDO. / 6. PLENN story continued: WALDO in Dallas at time assassination and reported events of that week to U.S. newspapers. Several months ago he called press conference Mexi and outlined his points of view that differed with Warren report. Short while before leaving Mexi, WALDO known to have been investigating activities in Mexi of OSWALD and a reported trip to Mexi by members of a secret U.S. organization at time Pres K visited Mexi 1962. WALDO friends said he told them he had been commissioned in ~~N~~ New Orleans by GARRISON to verify reports of certain incidents during KENNEDY visit Mexi. GOM immigration officials have denied WALDO deported. U.S. Emb officials said they had no info to supply re WALDO's whereabouts. / 7. LNERGO Chief Mexi advised COS on 11 Aug that LNERGO trying to locate to interview him re OSWALD case. Request HQS advise LNERGO if whereabouts known
Thayer WALDO in Dallas at time assassination					
646	11 Aug				THE NEWS - Search On For Missing Newsman - re Thayer WALDO - info given above
647.	12 Aug				MEXI 2463 (Ref: MEXI 2454 - para 645 above) - 1. Mexi Eng News 12 August carries follow-up story on Thayer WALDO by Pearl GONZALEZ. Gist follows. / 2. WALDO reported 11 August to be working on a news story for "Ramparts" magazine. While a spokesman for "Ramparts" said WALDO has an assignment for the magazine, he declined to say exactly what the assignment is or where WALDO located. / 3. When the news contacted William TURNER, staff writer of the California magazine at noon 11 Aug, he said: "I just talked to WALDO 5 min ago. There's no mystery. He is just busy traveling, which is why he hasn't written to anyone or why he hasn't left a forwarding address. Even as he hung up he was getting ready to leave for another city." / 4. TURNER went on to say that WALDO explained his resignation from the Univ of the Amer as resulting from pressures applied to Univ officials by powerful Amer business interests following his talk at the foreign correspondents club Debunking The Warren Report. WALDO went "on vacation" in Los Angeles, in July, TURNER said, wired his resignation to Univ, then followed up with a letter to pres of Univ. From Los Angeles WALDO continued to San Francisco where he contacted "Ramparts" and was put to work on temporary basis. TURNER concluded by saying WALDO "definitely not put out of Mexi.". / 5. Two professors at Univ said they weren't surprised at WALDO's resignation since he had been neglecting his job. One professor attricuted this to the fact WALDO under tremendous emotional strain since his wife allegedly in States waiting for decree on divorce she filed several months ago.
Could WALDO's wife be queried about time spent in Dallas during assessination?					
648.	15 Aug				THE NEWS - GARRISON Wins Perjury Case - against Dean ANDREWS
649.	19 Aug			SECRET	THE NEWS - DA Says OSWALD, RUBY, SHAW Conspired Against Kennedy - . ////GARRISON said that SHAW once met with RUBY and OSWALD at the Jack Tar Capital House in Baton Rouge and handed them money, that the meeting occurred from 2 to 9 p.m. on 3 Sept 63//// that SHAW went to Portland, Ore., in Nov 63 in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy. The route took him through Houston, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

SECRET

650. 22 Aug 67

HMMA 32861 to C/WHC, Subject: LNERGO Reports on Ramifications of Assassination - Ref: HMMW 15695 - para 643 above - As far as can be determined no WOFACT member has used the alias Bill MEDINA. Hqs assumption with regard to para 1, last sentence is correct / As Hqs aware, there is no ex-Nazi who is "one of the heads of WOFACT in Mexico."

651. 12 Sept

THE NEWS - Ex-CIA Men Killed JFK Says GARRISON -

652. 13 Sept

MEXI 2780 - Ref: MEXI 2756 -) - Following editorial written by LIQUIFIER in lead editorial column of Mexi prestige daily Excelsior re GARRISON interview in "Playboy": Title: Versions by GARRISON. Text: It is .. ///////LIQUIFIER wrote above editorial solely with aim of discrediting GARRISON. Since most Mexicans do not believe in Warren report LIQUIFIER had to express normal Mexi doubt about assassination. Most Mexi readers will assume that editorial represents official GOM and Excelsior management attitude toward GARRISON interview / Pls advise whether Hqs wants Mexi Station pouch or cable Spanish text ////

653. 18 Sept 67
x Check Playboy Interview-GARRISON

Playboy Interview: Jim GARRISON (Note written by COS: This guy GARRISON is so far gone that he would not be acceptable in any lumy bin !!)

654. 3 Oct

Comer CLARK, newspaperman

NOVEDADES - OSWALD Requested Help from us to Kill Kennedy, says Castro - His Amb in &M Mexico informed, but he didn't take it seriously - Castro revealed in a newspaper interview that OSWALD visited the Cub Emb in Mexico in order to request help to carry out his plans to assassinate Pres K. . / Castro told the newspaperman, Englishman, Comer CLARK, who was on a visit in Habana, according to an article just published in the U S The Inquirer: "I knew OSWALD was planning to assassinate Pres K, but I didn't think he would do it OSWALD visited the Cub Emb in Mexi on two occasions; the first, he said he wanted to work for us, but did not care to give details. The second time, he said he wanted to liberate Cuba from American imperialism, kill Kennedy and it was exactly that which he was thinking of doing " Castro added that the Cub Amb in Mexi told him of OSWALD's visits and what OSWALD had said He did not give it any importance. He (the Cub Amb in Mexi) thought he was dealing with a braggart "Also, I would consider killing a Chief of State to be a stupidity As far as Cuba is concerned the U.S. Government will continue to be the same - with one president or another " / The reporter asked Castro if his government warned the U S about OSWALD's plans. Castro answered that his government does not have, and did not have any kind of relations with the government of the U.S. Also, "If I had taken OSWALD seriously I could have informed the United Nations or some similar official organization, but I doubt that anyone would have believed it anyway Anyway I thought that OSWALD's visits to the Cub Emb (in Mexi) probably had something to do with the CIA of the U.S." / The newspaperman asked Castro "whatever the case, did Castro consider the possibility of the assassination " Castro emphasized that the thought entered his mind, but he immediately discarded it. "Also, if it were discovered that there existed a plot they would have blamed us ix for intervening. It could have been a pretext for another invasion of our land. At any rate, everybody would have stared at us (Cuba)."

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

654 (continued)	3 October 67	"I am not responsible for the death of K. This should be well understood. I think K was killed ~~X~~ by U.S. Fascists, by elements of the right wing who were in disagreement with him".
655 Check OSWALD's brother's story	3-7 Oct 67	THE NEWS - He Was My Brother - by Robert L. OSWALD with Myrick and Barbara Land
656.	31 Oct	THE NEWS - OSWALD's Widow Sues Government - . sued the U.S government for 500,000 dollars as compensation for the government's seizure of OSWALD's personal effects.
657.	23 Nov	THE NEWS - by Allen and Scott - FBI Still Puzzled - FBI is still investigating a mystery involving the contents of the last letter OSWALD wrote before the tragedy / The FBI intercepted letter mailed to the Sov Emb, Wash., on 12 Nov 63 - 10 days before the assassination. / Written as a request for a Sov visa, the letter contained a paragraph referring to the highly secret recall of a Cub official in Mex City Emb days after OSWALD had visited there... / How did OSWALD learn about this official's announced recall? / The FBI said from one of three sources: 1) An informant in the Cub Emb Mexi who contacted OSWALD ~~from~~ after he returned to the U.S. 2) the CIA, or 3) the KGB. / / / / The CIA's memo, now declassified, states "We surmise that the reference in OSWALD's 9 Nov letter to a man who has since been replaced must refer to Cuban Consul Eusebio AZCUE, who left Mexi for Cuba on permanent transfer on 18 Nov 63, four days before the assassination / / / / / Marina and Mrs. Ruth Paine, on whose typewriter the final draft was made, knew of the letter and its contents before it was mailed. / Mrs. Paine copied the letter and turned it over to Warren Comm on 23 Nov 63. . /
Eusebio AZCUE Is Marina holding back info? Is Mrs. Ruth Paine holding back info?		
658.	16 Nov 67	THE NEWS - Book Cites 3 Gunmen in JFK Killing - ///Conclusions of a two-yr investigation of the 63 tragedy by Dr. Josiah THOMPSON of Haverford College, Pa. . demolishes the Warren Report. THOMPSON, 32 yrs old Yale Phi Beta Kappa scholar, wrote "Six Seconds in Dallas", which casts doubt on the guilt of OSWALD. ...THOMAS claims to have had access to a better print of Abraham ZAPRUDER's color movie of the assassination than was made available to the FBI. ..// THOMPSON indicates - Four bullets were fired and all hit their mark - Bullets were fired from three locations - the sixth floor of the Depository Bldg, the roof of a nearby bldg, possibly the Dallas County Records Bldg or the Dal-Tex Bldg, and the stockade fence behind the grassy knoll at the side of the plaza.
659. Check Annie R. PATTERSON	30 Oct 67	CASE OF Annie R. PATTERSON (file from Protection & Welfare Section - U. S. Embassy, Mexico)

SECRET

SECRET

660. 23 Nov 67

THE NEWS - by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott - FBI Still Puzzled.....investigating a mystery involving the contents of the last letter OSWALD wrote before the Dallas tragedy. ... The correspondence, intercepted and read by the FBI before it arrived at its destination, was mailed to the Sov Emb here (Washington) on 12 Nov 63 - 10 days before assassination. / Written as a request for a Sov visa, the letter contained a paragraph referring to the highly secret recall of a Cuban official in the Mexi Emb days after OSWALD had visited there and returned to Dallas. / FBI trying to answer, How did OSWALD learn about this official's announced recall? The FBI said info would have had to come to OSWALD from one of 3 sources: 1) An informant in the Cub Emb in Mexi who contacted OSWALD after he returned to the U.S.; 2) the CIA, or 3) the KGB, the Sov secret police....The FBI ascertained that CIA and KGB in Mexi learned of the official's recall at the same time and only a week before OSWALD wrote his letter, containing the following para: "Of course the Sov Emb was not at fault, they were, as I say unprepared, the Cuban Consul was guilty of a gross breach of regulations, I am glad he has since been replaced."....CIA's memo to Warren Commission, now declassified states: "We surmise that the reference in OSWALD's 9 Nov letter to a man who has since been replaced must refer to Cuban Consul Eusebio AZCUE, who left Mexi for Cuba on permanent transfer on 18 Nov 63, four days before the assassination. .....

??????????? Check this out

661. 24 Nov 67

HMMA 33540 Attached herewith is column (of para 660 above)

662. 8 Dec 67

THE NEWS - Lane Wants Agent Before JFK Probe - Author-attorney Mark Lane is asking Pres. Johnson to release former Secret Service agent Abraham BOLDEN to testify in GARRISON's investigation.....Lane charges that the Secret Service knew of a conspiracy to kill Kennedy before the assassination.

Abraham BOLDEN - early contact ?

662. 9 Dec 67

BLITZ (newspaper) - New Evidence Exonerates OSWALD - FBI-CIA Plotted KEnnedy Murder - .....The fact that some 20 or more witnesses or persons involved in the crime, from OSWALD to RUBY who have since died unnatural deaths, also appears to incriminate powerful Police and Intelligence sources in the conspiracy.....New information came to light early in 67 when Miami Police Department released a tape-recorded conversation between a Police informer and an unidentified man who was an organizer for a reactionary segregationist political party. On 9 Nov 63, this man "said that a plan to kill the President was in the works. He said Kennedy would be shot with a high-powered rifle from an office building, and that the gun would be disassembled, taken into the building, assempled, and then used for murder". Also "They will pick up somebody within hours afterwards....just to throw the public off". "The tape-recording of this 9 Nov 63 conversation was given to the Secret Service immediately, ..." (Bill Barry, "Assassination Idea Taped Two Weeks Before JFK was Killed" MIAMI NEWS, 2 Feb 67, page 1A, cols. 4-7 & page 6A, cols 1-6).....The FBI picked up and questioned the unidentified man five days after the assassination, remained silent about the tape in testimony before the Commission...

Who taped this conversation??

SECRET

663. 10 Dec 67

Who was the federal agent; why was this not in the Commission report??

THE NEWS - Fired From a Sewer: Pistol Shot Killed JFK: GARRISON -.....there was a plan to kill Kennedy in Chicago and the site was moved to Dallas.....GARRISON produced a picture he said was taken 10 minutes after the assassination which showed a federal agent picking up a bullet found on the ground surrounded by pieces of flesh,...

664. 11 Dec 67

THE NEWS - by Pearl GONZALEZ - GARRISON Hints LBJ Link in Kennedy Plot -

665. 13 Dec 67

THE NEW YORK TIMES - by Anthony Lewis - Scholar Upholds Warren Report - A noted British scholar, in a comprehensive analysis of all the skeptical literature on the assassination concluded today that the skeptics had made no persuasive case. / John SPARROW, warden of All Souls College, Oxford, published an 18,000 word article..... (NOTE: Written by COS - "Finally, one who writes sensibly!)

666. 18 Dec 67

Is KAPLAN connected with case?

MEXICO CITY 3828 - Pouching Mexi City News article of 11 Dec by PerlGonzalez (para 664 above) describing interview she conducted previous week in New Orleans with GARRISON. Article quotes GARRISON as stating he believes Pres Johnson implicated in assassination and regard CIA as U.S.' Fascist alter ego. / LIROBBIN-1 reported 14 Dec this article possibly only prelude to new campaign against CIA and Warren Comm involving Perla, GARRISON and Ramparts magazine. LIROBBIN learned following from Perla: A. Perla is collaborating with Rampart Mag on Joel David KAPLAN case. ~~RAYMOND~~ This collaboration grew out of Perla's contact with Ramparts reporter John RAYMOND, who came Mexi last May to cover KAPLAN case. RAYMOND has since been fired by Ramparts. / Ramparts arranged Perla's interview with GARRISON and paid for her trip to New Orleans. Reason for this is Ramparts trying put together evidence KAPLAN case directly connected with assassination. Although Perla vague, one element in Ramparts theory is that KAPLAN tipped off Castro on timing of Bay of Pigs. Because of this, Ramparts theorizes Sen. Robert Kennedy has been exerting pressure on Mexi Gov to ~~keep~~keep KAPLAN imprisoned. / Ramparts has about 6 staff reporters working on story and one of them sat in on Perla's interview of GARRISON/ Perla went New York from New Orleans and talked to famous lawyer there about KAPLAN case (probably Louis NIZER).

667. 18 Dec

THE NEWS - OSWALD's Brother Sticks with Warren Report....actually shot the Pres and a Dallas officer after somebody "placed the thought in OSWALD's mind."

668. 18 Dec

HMMA 33689 - Transmitted herewith are copies of the Pearl GONZALEZ article (para 664 above)

669. 18 Dec

THE NEWS - The Face is Familiar - by Pearl GONZALEZ - About GARRISON. This is a report on Pearl's interview with GARRISON.....GARRISON said Have you seen a copy of this book by Harold Weisberg? called "OSWALD in New Orleans" with the subtitle "Case for Conspiracy with the CIA" and has a forward by GARRISON....."...the only notes known to be taken during the long 12 hr interview of OSWALD after the assassination appear to have been burned. Notes taken by a federal agent who interviewed OSWALD before the assassination also went up in flames. A secret CIA memo concerning OSWALD, written prior to the assassination went up in smoke while being Thermofaxed..

Did WOFIRM see notes and x-rays before being "destroyed" ??

SECRET

13-00000

SECRET

670.	21 Dec 67	DIRECTOR 61067 - Ref: MEXI 3828 (para 666 above) HQS not passing to LNGOLD but will advise LNERGO.
671.	21 Dec 67	THE NEWS - GARRISON Names 2nd Man in Plot - Charges of conspiring to assassinated Pres. K were filed against a freckle-faced man, Edgar Eugene BRADLEY.
Edgar Eugene BRADLEY - early contact ?		
672.	27 Dec 67	THE NEWS - FBI Knew of Plot: GARRISON - Tipped off by OSWALD - GARRISON said he believed the FBI, including its chief J. Edgar Hoover, had been warned in Nov 63 that an attempt would be made on Pres K.'s life when he visited Dallas. / GARRISON was basing his infomation on a telegram that OSWALD had sent to the FBI before the slaying. / GARRISON contacted Western Union officials in Dalls who took the telegram from OSWALD and kept a copy of it on file. / GARRISON said if he could get a copy of the telegram "it would break the case wide open" because it would prove that OSWALD worked with the FBI. / however, the Western Union agent would not reveal the file copy because he feared for his life. / In Washington, the FBI had no comment.....GARRISON claims extreme right wing, not Communists, were involved. (NOTE: COS wrote "This fellow has really 'flipped'!")
Does WOFIRM know about this telegram?		
673.	28 Dec 67	THE NEWS - GARRISON probe: BRADLEY Arraigned in Los Angeles - Edgar Eugene BRADLEY, 49, West Coast representative of a radio evangelist, was arraigned in municipal court in connection with a Louisiana warrant..... and was released on his own recognizance without being required to post bail. / BRADLEY, who has denied any involvement in the assassination, made a pre-arranged surrender to Sherrif Pitchess, and was then taken before Judge Aisenson for the arraignment.
674.	30 Dec 67	THE NEWS - Probe Gathers Steam: GARRISON Subpoenas Three - Material witnesses - Loran A. HALL, Thomas BECKHAM and Lawrence J. HOWARD Jr. Subpoena for HALL said GARRISON had information that HALL checked into the Dallas YMCA in October 63 and remained in Dallas until the time of K's deather on 22 Nov 63. HALL was in Dallas with RUBY "and other individuals believed to be involved in the assassination" including OSWALD. HALL was active in the "Free Cuba" movement in Florida, Louisiana and Texas and "he was previously engaged in CIA-sponsored guerrilla training in Fla. for raids on Cuba." / BECKHAM, associated with FERRIE in New Orleans during 63 and both were ordained priests in the "Old Orthodox Catholic Church of North America." BECKHAM was seen in Dallas in Nov 63..../ HOWARD was with FERRIE in 63 during visits to New Orleans and HOWARD participated in CIA-sponsored guerrila training in Fla for raids on Cuba.
Loran A. HALL early contact Thomas BECKHAM " Lawrence J. HOWARD Jr. "		
675.	3 Jan 68	THE NEW YORK TIMES - Educator Scorns "Plot" on Kennedy - Johnson Aide is Critical of Conspiracy Theorists - by Anthony Lewis - John P. ROCHE, special consultant to Pres Johnson, has dismissed as "marginal paranoids" the proponents of conspiracy theories in the assassination..... / A vital argument against the existence of a conspiracy, ROCH maintains, is the fact that ~~Sen Robert F. Kennedy would not has pursued~~ Sen Robert F. Kennedy has done nothing to pursue it -- and would surely have acted if there had been any ground for suspicion.
~~Sen Robert F. Kennedy would not has pursued~~ conspiracy investigations if he were part of it, either.		

SECRET

676. 5 Jan 68

James HICKS - early contact ?

THE NEWS - GARRISON Subpoenas 4th Man - ...GARRISON subpoenaed a federal civil service employee he said "may have special knowledge of the assassination.." James HICKS, a civilian employee at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Okla. HICKS was at the scene the day Kennedy was shot, and may have special knowledge concerning details of the assassination with respect to its planning and execution as well as personnel employed in the assassination...." HICKS said, "I saw everything."

677. 10 Jan 68

Jack M HELM - early contact ?

Jules Rocco KIMBLE - CIA involvement ?

What was in the safe deposit box (to be revealed during next month's trial of Clay SHAW - GARRISON has key to box)

Who is Walter SHERIDAN - why did Robert K. counsel him not to talk & to go to Canada?

Harold WEISBERG - early contact ?

RHW NWQA - GARRISON Begins to Attract Attention - by Paul Scott - ....Attention of these congressional probers centers around GARRISON's interest in and handling of (1) an official of the Ku Klux Klan and (2) a former congressional committee employee, who has given secret testimony before the New Orleans grand jury... / The KKK official involved in GARRISON's investigation is Jack M. HELM, former exalted cyclops of the New Orleans unit of the United Klans of America, and now head of an independent KKK group which he organized. Summoned before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Jan 66 during the committee's probe of the KKK, he was an uncooperative witness...../ GARRISON began his probe of HELM on a tip from Jules Rocco KIMBLE, a self-avowed member of the KKK, who also claimed he once worked special assignments for the CIA. The the CIA denies and GARRISON claims he will prove. KIMBLE reported that on the day after the death of David FERRIE, he drove HELM to FERRIE's apartment. HELM then came out with a satchel full of papers which, KIMBLE, says, the KKK official then placed in a bank safe deposit box. KIMBLE said that Walter SHERIDAN, former Justice Department trouble shooter for the then Attorney General Robert Kennedy, once counseled him not to talk to anyone and to go to Canada. ../ The former congressional employee whose furnishing of information to GARRISON has interested congressional probers is Harold WEISBERG, autho. of books on the assassination, attacking the Warren Comm, the FBI and CIA..../ WEISBERG is the same man who testified in 1940 before a House committee that he bought forged documents in an attempt to link the Dies committee to the Silver Shirts. (At that time the Silver Shirts was a militant right-wing organization on the attorney general's subversive list. The documents were used in an abortive attempt by a Michigan congressman to smear the Dies committee, forerunner of the present House Committee on Un-American Activities.) Records of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee also show that WEISBERG was dropped from the staff of the late Senator LaFollette's Special Investigating Subcommittee for leaking subcommittee confidential information. / ...In WEISBERG's book on the assassination, he contends that OSWALD was framed by an impersonator. Congressional probers are now checking WEISBERG's long-time contacts in the CIA and State Dept, including several persons who transferred to those agencies from the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) after World War II.

678. 13 Jan 68

Perhaps we should query Jeane DIXON ?????

THE NEWS - NEWS' Pearl Gets Letter on GARRISON - by Pearl GONZALEZ - "...GARRISON will be proven accurate in his plot charges," predicted Jeane Dixon, noted Wash., D.C. seeress who predicted the assassination.... / "...what I pick up psychically is..." Mrs. Dixon further enlarged on her GARRISON prediction by saying that a woman was a key figure in the assassination. She might be revealed by the investigation going on in New Orleans some time this year. She also said GARRISON will be thwarted in his probe by "a lot of power and money from outside the U.S. and inside", however, the mystery woman's involvement will come out in any event,

SECRET

SECRET

sometime in history.

679. 15 Jan 68 — THE NEWS - by Pearl GONZALEZ - The Face is Familiar - Perl interviewing Gordon B. SEAVEY of Belmont, Mass, one of the members of the National Newspaper Association visiting Mexico. Some of them (the Association's members and wives) asked who GARRISON was.....

680. 16 Jan 68 — THE NEWS - Witness Agrees to Make GARRISON Probe - by Jerry Cohen - Lawrence HOWARD, 33, of El Monte, Calif, accepted a GARRISON subpoena as a material witness, but said that the assertion of GARRISON that he knows about an assassination conspiracy is so much malarky and the only reason he is willing to testify is because "I want to clear my name. I've got nothing to be ashamed of." HOWARD, an unemployed welder had been on a three week trip to Mexico, a combination hunting and mining venture. HOWARD freely admitted he trained Cuban anti-Castro guerrillas in Fla in early 1960s but denied any acquaintance with men named by GARRISON as conspirators. / GARRISON is interested in HOWARD and Loran Eugene HALL, 38, because of a story told by Mrs. Sylvia ODIO, a Cuban refugee, about a pre-assassination visit from three men, one of whom resembled OSWALD. / Both HOWARD and HALL have said they cannot remember meeting with Mrs. OSWALD...

HOWARD

HALL

Sylvia ODIO

James HICKS (saw man w/gun in trunk of car)

also - Saw Man With Gun in Trunk (with picture) - James HICKS of Enid, Okla said he was in Dealy Plaza during the assassination and saw a man with a gun in the trunk of a car on the knoll from which some say shots were fired.

681. 20 Jan 68 — THE NEWS - Marina OSWALD Subpoenaed - The government subpoenaed Marina OSWALD PORTER in connection with two suits totaling $5.5 million over possessions of OSWALD. One suit, filed by Jack KING of Denver, seeks $5 million for the value of the rifle that killed Pres K and the pistol that killed Tippit. / .../ Mrs. Porter's suit of $500,000 is to recover the value of some 348 items, including her husband's diary, clothing, correspondence and other personal effects.

682. 21 Jan 68 — THE NEWS - POLLITICKING - by Pearl Gonzalez - The Jan 68 issue of Ramparts magazine had an unusual cover... "Who appointed Ramsey Clark, who has done his best to torpedo the case? Who controls the CIA? Who controls the FBI? Who controls the Archives where this evidence is locked up for so long that it is unlikely that there is anybody in this room who will be alive when it is released? This is really your property and the property of the people of this country. Who has the arrogance and the brass to prevent the people from seeing that evidence? Who indeed? / The one man who has profited most from the assassination - your friendly President, Johnson." - said GARRISON / We asked members of the U.S. National Newspaper Association, here on a recent visit "What is your opinion of the above?" Opinions are given of six people.....

SECRET

SECRET

683. 25 Jan 68

THE NEWS - Says Mexico City Was Base - GARRISON Subpoenas OSWALD's Widow - GARRISON said that Mexico City was used as a base of operations prior to the 63 assassination.. / Also Montreal.. / He added that only Americans and a few Latin Americans were involved in the plot to kill Pres K. / GARRISON asked OSWALD's widow Mrs. Marina Porter, to testify. She said she doubted she could help. / Grand Jury 8 Feb. / "I don't know if I could prove my innocence to him", Mrs. Porter said, "Mr. GARRISON is so powerful." The subpoena called Marina OSWALD Porter "a material witness"...

684. 28 Jan 68

THE NEWS - Texas Judge Sarah Hughs Urges U.S. Leave Vietnam - ....Hughes, who swore in Pres Johnson 22 Nov 63 aboard an Air Force plane..... said "Everything in the Warren Report is true," and "...GARRISON had no evidence against it."

685. 3 Feb 68

Jim KOETHE
William HUNTER
Tom HOWARD
Han KILLIAN
Earlene ROBERTS
Dorothy KILGALLEN
William WHALEY
Nancy Jane MOONEY
Lee BOWERS, Jr,
Karen Bennet CARLIN
Eddy BENAVIDES and Domingo BENAVIDES
Warren REYNOLDS

SUCESOR #1809 - Executive Order No. 11,130 - by Jose A. BENITEZ. This article brings out the fifteen persons directly or indirectly involved in the assassination, who have died murdered or mysteriously. 1. Tippit 2. OSWALD 3. Jim KOETHE, newspaperman, who attended a meeting with RUBY, prepared a book on the assassination, ~~x~~ was killed by a karate blow, and his notes have disappeared 4. William HUNTER, newspaperman, attended the same meeting. He was cited for a declaration in a police station, but was killed by a gun shot off by a policeman who was absent-minded - bullet in the heart 5. Tom HOWARD, lawyer, also in the meeting with RUBY. Died of unknown reasons. Taken to a hospital by a man who knows nothing. 6. Han KILLIAN His wife, a stri-tease dancer in RUBY's nightclub, was having an affair with one John CARTER, who lived in the same guest house as OSWALD. He fled Dallas at the beginning of RUBY's trial. After finding work in Florida, he sent for his wife. Two days later he was found decapitated. 7. Earlene ROBERTS. Lived in the same guest house as OSWALD. Her testimony was troublesome for the Dallas police and favorable to OSWALD. She died of a supposed "cardiac crisis", after having lost all her previous jobs. No autopsy was performed. 8. Dorothy KILGALLEN, well known newspaperwoman, attended an interview between Warren and RUBY. "Suicide" it was called, in her apartment. 9. William WHALEY, taxi driver who had driven OSWALD. His testimony was embarrassing for the "official thesis". He didd in an unexplicable automobile accident. 10. Nancy Jane MOONEY, strip tease dancer in RUBY's nightclub. She gave an alibi for the person who shot at Warren Reynolds, witness to the assassination of policeman Tippit. She hanged herself in a Dallas prison. 11. Lee BOWERS, Jr., railroadman, one of the most important witnesses who saw the shooting but not from where OSWALD was. His new automobile, going at 75 kilometers per hour hit, without reason, and without once applying the brakes, a wall. This "accident" was very suspicious. 12. Karen Bennet CARLIN worked with RUBY. She spoke before to tell him to go kill OSWALD. Assassinated by various bullets. 13. Eddy BENAVIDES, victim of his likeness to his brother, Domingo, who was witness in the Tippit assassination, died of a shot in the nape of the neck. His father-in-law, who tried to investigate his death, was a victim of an attempted house attack, but came out unhurt. 14. Jack RUBY, OSWALD's assassin, never taken toa Washington jail, which he requested for security reasons. Died of cancer, spread out in his body, which suddenly appeared. 15. David FERRIE, detained immediately after the assassination of

SECRET

13-00000

685 (cont'd) 3 Feb 68

Check author, Jose A. BENITEZ

Kennedy and later given his freedom. He met his death, but how, no one knows, after the press revealed that GARRISON suspected him. 16. Warren REYNOLDS, witness of the Tippit assassin. At first he did not admit that OSWALD was the author of the crime. Two days ~~i~~ after ~~hi~~ the interrogation in which he declared in favor of OSWALD, he received a bullet wound in the head. He lived, but he retracted whoat he had said and "admitted" OSWALD's crime, and of course, OSWALD died ~~xxxxxxx~~.

Executive Order No. 11,130 created a commission for the investigation of the assassination of Kennedy, dictated by Pres. Johnson on 29 Nov 63, seven days after the tragedy. The "investigation" was finished on 24 Sept 64.