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FOR ALEXIS JOHNSON.

MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE NICARAGUAN, ALVRADO, AFTER A LONG INTERROGATION, HAS CONFESSED IN A SIGNED STATEMENT HE DID NOT SEE OSWALD IN THE CUBAN CONSULATE HERE ON SEPTEMBER 18 OR AT ANY OTHER TIME AND THAT HE DID NOT SEE ANYONE PASS MONEY TO OSWALD. ALVARADO SAID HIS MOTIVE FOR CLAIMING THE PASSAGE OF MONEY TO OSWALD WAS TO INVOLVE THE UNITED STATES IN A WAY WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE OVERTHROW OF CASTRO.

BOTH THE LEGAL ATTACHE AND THE CAS REPRESENTATIVE BELIEVE THAT ALVARADO'S STATEMENT TO THE MEXICANS MUST BE ACCEPTED AS FACT. THIS OPINION IS CONCURRED IN BY NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL [redacted] WHO PERSONALLY KNOWS ALVARADO AND WHO, WHILE HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE INVESTIGATION, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED ENTIRELY BY MEXICANS, WAS STANDING BY ADVISING WITH THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE INTERROGATION, WE ARE THEREFORE PROCEEDING HERE ON THE THEORY THAT THE ALVARADO STORY ABOUT HAVING SEEN MONEY PASS MUST BE COMPLETELY DISCOUNTED.

MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ARE OBVIOUSLY RELIEVED AND, WHILE THEY OFFER COOPERATION, I DOUBT THEY WILL MAKE ANY INTENSIVE EFFORT TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER. WITH THE COLLAPSE OF ALVARADO WE DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE A GOOD BASIS FOR REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION. AZCUE WOULD BE THE NUMBER ONE SUSPECT IN CUBAN CONSULATE AND HE DEPARTED MEXICO FOR HAVANA ON NOVEMBER 18 AND HAS NOT RETURNED.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING ESPECIALLY THE DORTICOS-HERNANDEZ ARMAS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WHICH REMAIN UNEXPLAINED. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO LOOK HERE FOR PEOPLE WHO SAW OSWALD WHILE HE WAS IN MEXICO BUT WE HAVE NO BASIS AT THIS TIME FOR AN OPTIMISTIC ESTIMATE THAT WE SHALL BE able TO FIND ANYTHING DEFINITIVE ON THE CENTRAL ISSUE.



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PLEASE EXPRESS TO MR. HOOVER MY APPRECIATION FOR KEENAN'S HELP HERE. HE AND ANDERSON BELIEVE THERE IS LITTLE MORE THAT HE CAN DO HERE NOW. I CONCUR. I AM SURE FBI IS CONTINUING INVESTIGATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED PROMPTLY ANY FACTS DEVELOPED AT HOME WHICH WOULD GIVE US LEAD HERE. REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO PROVE I STILL CONSIDER THAT UNEXPLAINED CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF CASTRO INVOLVEMENT.

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