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Information Developed by CIA on the Activity of  
Lee Harvey OSWALD in Mexico City  
28 September - 3 October 1963

I. OSWALD's Activity in Mexico City

1. On 9 October the CIA Station in Mexico ~~B~~ received the following information from a reliable and proven source:

An American named Lee OSWALD had contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City on Tuesday, 1 October 1963. He had spoken ~~B~~ to the Soviet Embassy guard, Ivan Ivanovich OBYEDKOV, to whom he said he had visited the Embassy two days earlier, Saturday, 28 September. He asked whether there had been a reply to a telegram that the Consul with whom he had spoken, but whose name he could not recall, had promised to send to Washington. ~~B~~

~~B~~ whom OSWALD had talked: ~~B~~

~~B~~ had probably been KOSTIKOV, OBYEDKOV.

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\_\_\_\_\_ assured OSWALD the telegram had been sent to Washington but no answer had been received.

The information was forwarded by cable to CIA Headquarters the same day it was received.

2. A file check in Washington which is routine in these matters revealed the possibility of an identity between the Lee OSWALD who had spoken with OBYEDKOV, and presumably with KOSTIKOV, and the defector returnee, Lee Harvey OSWALD.\*

3. On 10 October 1963 CIA Headquarters disseminated by cable the report in substantially the form and in the detail indicated above, in paragraph 1, to the Federal agencies whose jurisdictional interests had been established by a review of OSWALD's file: the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Depart-

\* The CIA file on Lee Harvey OSWALD was opened on 9 December 1960 to accommodate biographic information developed by CIA in response to an inquiry from the Department of State on a list of American defectors in Soviet Bloc countries. OSWALD's was among the names in the list. The Department of State inquiry was dated 25 October 1960. An interim reply was given by CIA on 3 November 1960; a final reply, on 21 November 1960. Until early October 1963 the contents of the OSWALD file held by CIA consisted entirely of press materials and disseminations received from the Department of State, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Navy Department.

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- though nowhere else does the  
CIA state what was in the original  
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ment of State, the Navy Department, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. A comment was included in the report noting the likelihood that the subject, Lee OSWALD, was probably identical with the former Marine who had defected to the Soviet Union in 1959. (The report disseminated by CIA in Washington on 10 October also included a physical description of an individual who was believed to have been the OSWALD who had contacted the Soviets in Mexico City. It was subsequently established by investigation that the description did not pertain to OSWALD.)

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4. On the same day, 10 October 1963, CIA Headquarters sent a lengthy cable summary to the Mexico - B - of the background information held in the Headquarters' file on OSWALD. An instruction was included for the Mexico - B - Station to pass the substance of its 9 October report to the local representatives of the same Federal departments and agencies that had been given the information in Washington. This instruction was immediately carried out. In this manner the information on OSWALD's contact with the Soviets on 1 October was passed in Mexico City to the Embassy, the FBI representative, the Naval Attache, and to the office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. There were no requests from recipients of the report for further information or for follow-up investigation.

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This was the description of the man in the photographs - they didn't know it wasn't Oswald until after the assassination (they were waiting for a picture of Oswald from the Navy)

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5. After the assassination of President Kennedy and the arrest of Lee Harvey OSWALD, an intensive review of all available sources was undertaken in Mexico - B - determine the purpose of OSWALD's visit.

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These additional materials were promptly disseminated in Washington by the CIA to the White House, the Department of State, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

e. 1 October. See paragraph I above for Lee

OSWALD's contact with the Soviet Consulate.

II. Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV

13. It is believed that the Soviet official with whom OSWALD dealt in Mexico City was Consular Attache Valeriy Vladimirovich KOSTIKOV, born in Moscow, 17 March 1933. A photograph of KOSTIKOV is attached. In his letter of 9 November to the Soviet Consulate in Washington, OSWALD wrote about his "meetings with Comrade KOSTIN (sic) of the Soviet Union in Mexico City, Mexico." There is no official of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City with a name resembling "KOSTIN", other than Consul KOSTIKOV.

14. KOSTIKOV is the senior officer of five Soviet Consular representatives who deal with visas and related

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matters. There is firm evidence for the conclusion that KOSTIKOV is a Soviet State Security (KGB) officer, and the other four Consular officers are also known or strongly suspected to be Soviet State Security personnel serving under official cover. The State Security Service is the major of the Soviet intelligence services and it is charged with espionage, counterintelligence and related matters inside the Soviet Union and overseas.

15. It must be clearly stated that Soviet intelligence and security officers placed abroad under official cover normally are required to perform the routine and legitimate business demanded by the cover job in an embassy or consulate.

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18. An intensive review of the files of our Mexico Station was undertaken immediately after the assassination to comb out any previously unreported information about KOSTIKOV's activity. No useful new information bearing on the assassination resulted from this effort.

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### III. Monetary Payment to CSWALD - Investigation of Allegation

21. On 26 November 1963 a young Nicaraguan named Gilberto ALVARADO Ugarte walked into the U.S. Embassy in

Mexico City and claimed he had been in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City on 18 September 1963 when a man he later recognized to be Lee OSWALD had been given \$6,500 in cash to kill someone.

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He said that he was in Mexico City \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ trying to get himself accepted by the Cubans as a communist so they would take him to Cuba for guerrilla training. |

\_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ He had apparently visited the Cuban Embassy and its Consular offices on a number of occasions and he correctly identified some twenty Cuban Embassy and Consular employees.

22. While intensive investigation in the United States showed that OSWALD could not possibly have been in Mexico City on 18 September (he was known to have been in New Orleans on both 17 and 19 September), intensive interrogation failed to shake ALVARADO's story. |



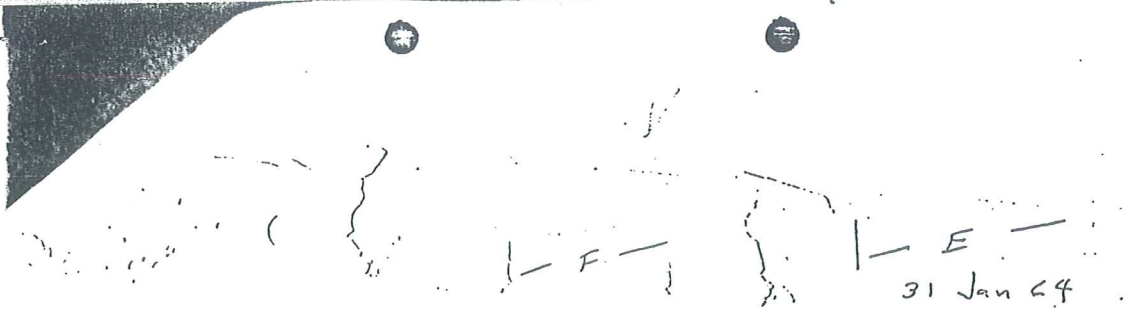
I hadn't read about a lie detector test  
- but he had been turned over to  
the MEX. government before he  
admitted he had been mistaken.  
He later said he made it up.

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But because of the importance of

resolving the problem CIA personnel continued the interrogation  
in close coordination with the FBI. ALVARADO voluntarily  
agreed to a lie detector examination. A/B polygraph expert,  
assisted by an FBI special agent, questioned ALVARADO and  
secured admissions that he must have been mistaken. The B  
polygraph expert concluded from the results of his tests that  
ALVARADO had fabricated his story about OSWALD in toto.

26. It should be noted that when he first told his story  
on 26 November, ALVARADO could have known from the  
Mexican press that OSWALD had visited the Cuban Consulate



in Mexico City. Also, he could have heard the rumors current there that OSWALD had \$5,000 with him when he returned from Mexico to the United States. ALVARADO has since been deported by the Mexican authorities to his native Nicaragua.

Attachment - photograph

