

Unknown Person in Mexico
City Who Resembled
LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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The following investigation was conducted by SAS
THOMAS P. SCOLLARD and ROBERT C. DAVIS at Cincinnati, Ohio:

On December 5, 1963, JESSE GREGORY, 6520 F. Dudley,
Parktown, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised SAS DAVIS and SCOLLARD
that he believed he saw an individual in Mexico City who bore
a striking resemblance to subject. He furnished the following
information:

GREGORY is a retired Civil Service Commission employee,
having worked in Washington, D. C., until 1953, when he became
disabled by a heart condition. He planned a two-month vacation
in Mexico, beginning August 30, 1963. He travelled by plane
from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Chicago, Illinois, and from there
to Mexico City, Mexico, arriving on August 30, 1963. He had
reservations at the Hotel Canada, but decided against staying
there when he saw this hotel because it appeared to be a low
class establishment. He then obtained a room at a "huespedes,"
boarding house, located at 26 Lerma, Mexico City, where he
stayed one night. He was not satisfied with this room and
searched a Mexico City newspaper to locate better accommodations.
From the newspaper he obtained a room in another "huespedes"
located at 43 Vargobia, which was operated by CARMEN GODOY.
He rented a room at this address for one month. He occupied
a room on the first floor for a few days, then had his room

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changed to the second floor. There were 12 or 13 other people staying at this boarding house and he was surprised to find all these other people appeared to be intellectuals. He did not expect to find people of this class staying in an ordinary boarding house. He noted none of the other people staying at 43 Varsobia appeared to be engaged in regular employment because they were around the boarding house practically every day during the daylight hours and seemed to be resting or vacationing. When he first arrived at 43 Varsobia, all of the other persons living at this address were Latin Americans.

On or about September 23, 1963, or September 24, 1963, a young white male American, name unknown, about 20 to 25 years old, obtained a room at 43 Varsobia, occupying a room located over the detached garage of this house. This individual, according to GREGORY, could have been the subject because he bore a striking resemblance to photographs of the subject as seen by GREGORY in newspapers and magazines and on television. GREGORY saw this individual on only one occasion which occurred when they had breakfast alone on the day after the unknown white male American came to the boarding house. GREGORY's first impression of this suspect was that he looked very shabby and was a poor representative of the United States. GREGORY talked with this unknown suspect for about one hour when they had breakfast alone together at the boarding house. During this meal the suspect indicated strong dissatisfaction with the United States Government. He stated to GREGORY that he disliked the United States because of the racial situation. The suspect stated, "Things are pretty rotten in the United States," and "The United States is lousy." GREGORY has the impression this suspect was not particularly anti-Negro himself, but was disturbed over the racial problem in the United States and felt nothing could be done in the United States to alleviate the racial problem under the current system of government.

The unknown white male American indicated he was going to a college in Mexico City located on Delaroforma Street and told GREGORY he did not like college in the United States.

Suspect further indicated to GREGORY that at one time he had lived in Washington, D. C., but came to Mexico from Texas. The suspect spoke fair conversational Spanish. GREGORY

attempted to reason with the suspect about the racial problem in the United States, pointing out that there were many bright spots in the racial situation and he felt the people of the United States were doing very well under the current system of government in solving their racial problems. The suspect was not convinced by these arguments and kept repeating that, "The United States is rotten." GREGORY stated before leaving the suspect at the breakfast table on this morning he loaned him a book entitled, "The Coming Explosion in Latin American," which GREGORY felt would help the suspect to become more understanding of the racial problem of the United States.

GREGORY did not see the suspect again, but on September 29, 1963, GREGORY left 43 Varsobia and before leaving went to the room of the suspect to get his book. After knocking on the door and identifying himself, the suspect handed the book out through the door without coming outside the door or showing his face. During the period September 23 or September 24, 1963, to the date September 29, 1963, when GREGORY left this boarding house, it appeared to him that the suspect did not mix with the other boarders and stayed by himself.

GREGORY furnished the following description of the suspect, stating he realized his recollection of small details concerning the suspect was faulty, but that at the time he saw suspect he had no particular reason for committing his description to memory:

Age:	20 to 25
Height:	5' to 5'4"
Weight:	160 pounds

GREGORY estimated this weight, but said suspect looked thin and drawn. GREGORY was unable to estimate weight and height of interviewing Agents with any degree of accuracy.

Eyes:	Dark, not otherwise noticed
Hair:	Dark brown, unkept, needed haircut

Complexion:	Slightly suntanned, but not vigorous healthy appearance
Face:	No special recollection
Mouth:	Tense, not pleasant appearing
Chin:	No special recollection
Teeth:	No special recollection
Nose:	No special recollection
Adams Apple:	Not prominent, but noticeable
Scars and Marks:	None observed
Appearance:	Not clean shaven; shabby looking; introverted
Speech:	Not noticeably regional, may have been Midwest to South and Southwest, spoke softly, used word "rotten" often
Clothing:	Wearing long-sleeved pullover sweater, dark brown or very dark blue; white shirt, very dirty and worn, no tie; trousers - no specific recollection, but were dark and baggy; shoes - not noticed; luggage - carried one dark colored airline type handbag

One of the Latin Americans staying at 43 Varsobia during this period was known to GREGORY by the name of RUBEN D. MARANTES MEZA, who said he was employed by the Mexican Government as a hydroelectrical transformer specialist and was probably an electrical engineer. It was generally known at the boarding house that GREGORY was leaving the end of the month to visit for another month in Guadalajara, Mexico. MEZA offered to and did write a letter for GREGORY to obtain a place to stay in Guadalajara. MEZA sent this letter to DONNA DELORES RUBIA, 682 Juarez, Guadalajara, Mexico. GREGORY left Mexico City on September 29, 1963, and went directly to the 682 Juarez address where he obtained a room. GREGORY observed that this house was frequented by a group of 10 to 15 young Mexicans. During conversation, one of the young Mexicans told GREGORY that two rooms on the second floor of this address were being used to circulate communist literature. GREGORY never went to the second floor and never saw any evidence this address was being used to

circulate communist literature. However, this report disturbed him so he went to see SAMUEL R. SOUTHWELL, Public Affairs Officer, U. S. Information Service, at Guadalajara. GREGORY discussed this matter with SOUTHWELL who informed him it was known that about a year or two ago the residence at 682 Juarez was the location of a Russian Cultural Center, but SOUTHWELL said he had no knowledge communists were currently using the residence at this address for any purpose.

GREGORY speculated, with no reason to know for sure, that MEZA knew the address at 682 Juarez was being used by communists and sent GREGORY there to involve him with the communists. GREGORY further speculated that other persons residing at 43 Varsobia may have been communists because they all appeared to be intellectuals with no visible means of support. GREGORY's speculation strengthens his suspicion that the unknown white male American rooming at 43 Varsobia may have been LEE HARVEY OSWALD visiting Mexico City to contact communists.

GREGORY left Guadalajara on about November 17, 1963, and returned home without further incident. He furnished the following names of other individuals who resided at 43 Varsobia during the period August 30, 1963, and September 29, 1963, and who may have seen or talked to the unknown white male American suspect:

ADELA CEREDADE CASTILLO ✓
From Guatemala City and taking a
beauty culture course in Mexico City

ARTURO ATHIE ✓
Employed by Social Security System
Mexico Government. Said to be wealthy
person whose family has part ownership of
Coca Cola Company in Mexico City.

~~OCTAVIO PADILLAG~~
Employed in electrical work and
attending school

~~FEOJAVIER LOPEZ SALAZAR~~
Employed by Mexican Government

~~DANIEL ISLA GONZALES~~
A CPA employed by Mexican Government

~~RUBEN D. AGUILERA PRIEGO~~
Reserve Captain Mexican Army

~~ROBERTO L. ARANA~~
(Can't recall employment)

~~DOLORES MEDINA Y~~
(Can't recall employment)

~~GREGORY MAGANDER~~
(Can't recall employment)