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James H. Lesar
2101 L Street, N.W.
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Re: Mark A. Allen v. Central Intelligence Agency,
et al., Civil Action No. 78-1743

Dear Mr. Lesar:

Enclosed is a copy of the document involved in this action with the classification marking and "file and routing instructions." If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Assistant United States Attorney Dennis A. Dutterer (633-4925).

Very truly yours,

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United States Attorney

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Enclosure

XAAZ-22594

31 January 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin

SUBJECT:

Information Developed by CIA on the Activity of Lee Harvey OSWALD in Mexico City, 28 September - 3 October 1963 as Transmitted to Warren Commission

1. I am enclosing a presentation of the information developed by CIA on or about Lee Harvey OSWALD in Mexico City. We have included in this paper only hard, substantive information. Any judgments that are made represent professional evaluations by individuals who have worked over the years as specialists in their fields. Speculation, rumor, and vague detail not directly related to OSWALD's activity have not been included.

2. Pursuant to our discussion on 14 January 1964, I have given the enclosure an appropriate classification. The compromise of this material in its present form would lead directly to the destruction of current sources and methods of this Agency in Mexico and elsewhere.

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Richard Helms

Deputy Director for Plans

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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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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.)

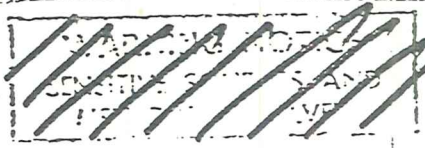
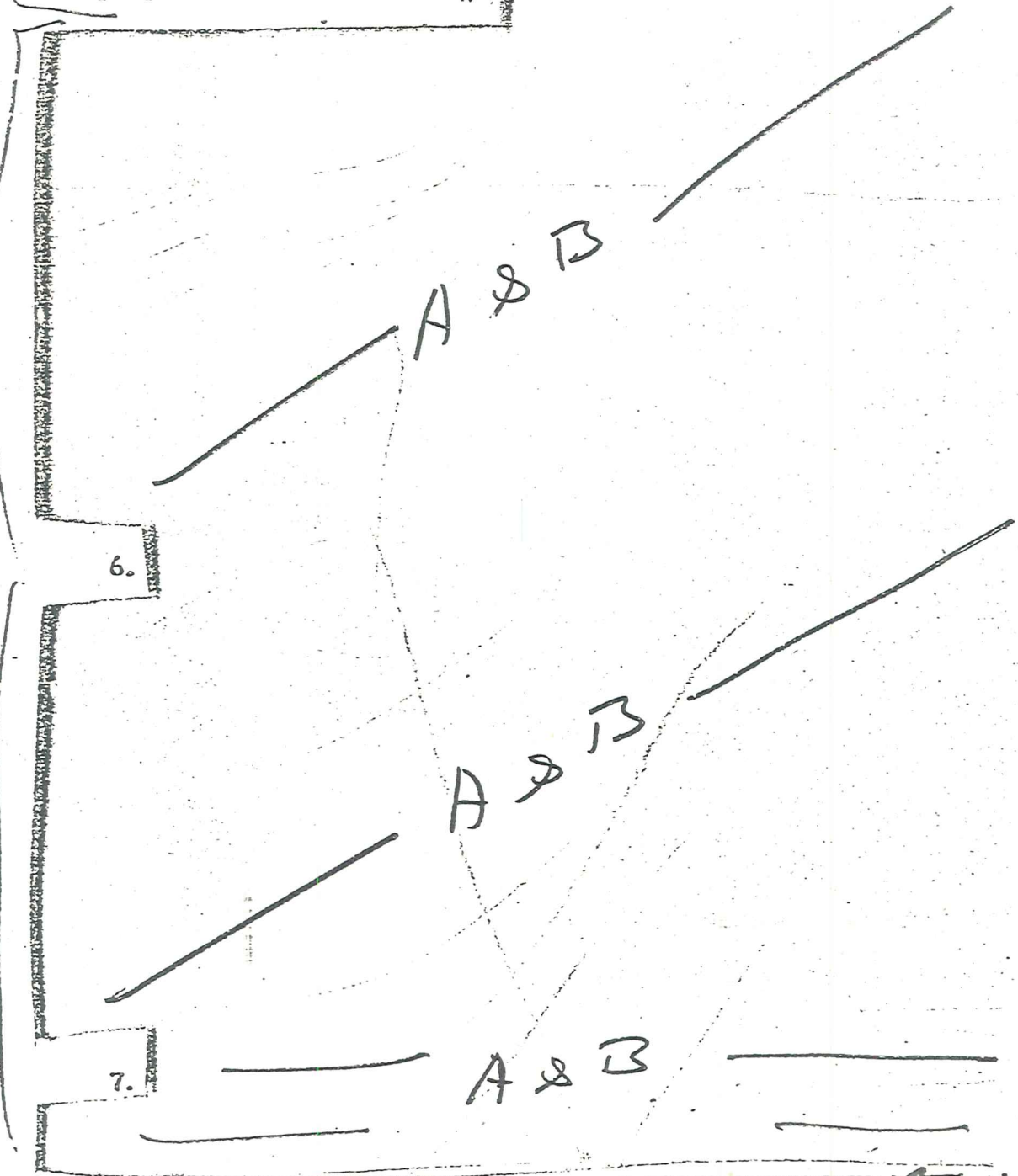
4. On the same day, 10 October 1963, CIA Headquarters sent a lengthy cable summary to the Mexico ~~SECRET~~ of the background information held in the Headquarters' file on OSWALD. An instruction was included for the Mexico ~~SECRET~~ Station to pass the substance of its 9 October report to the local 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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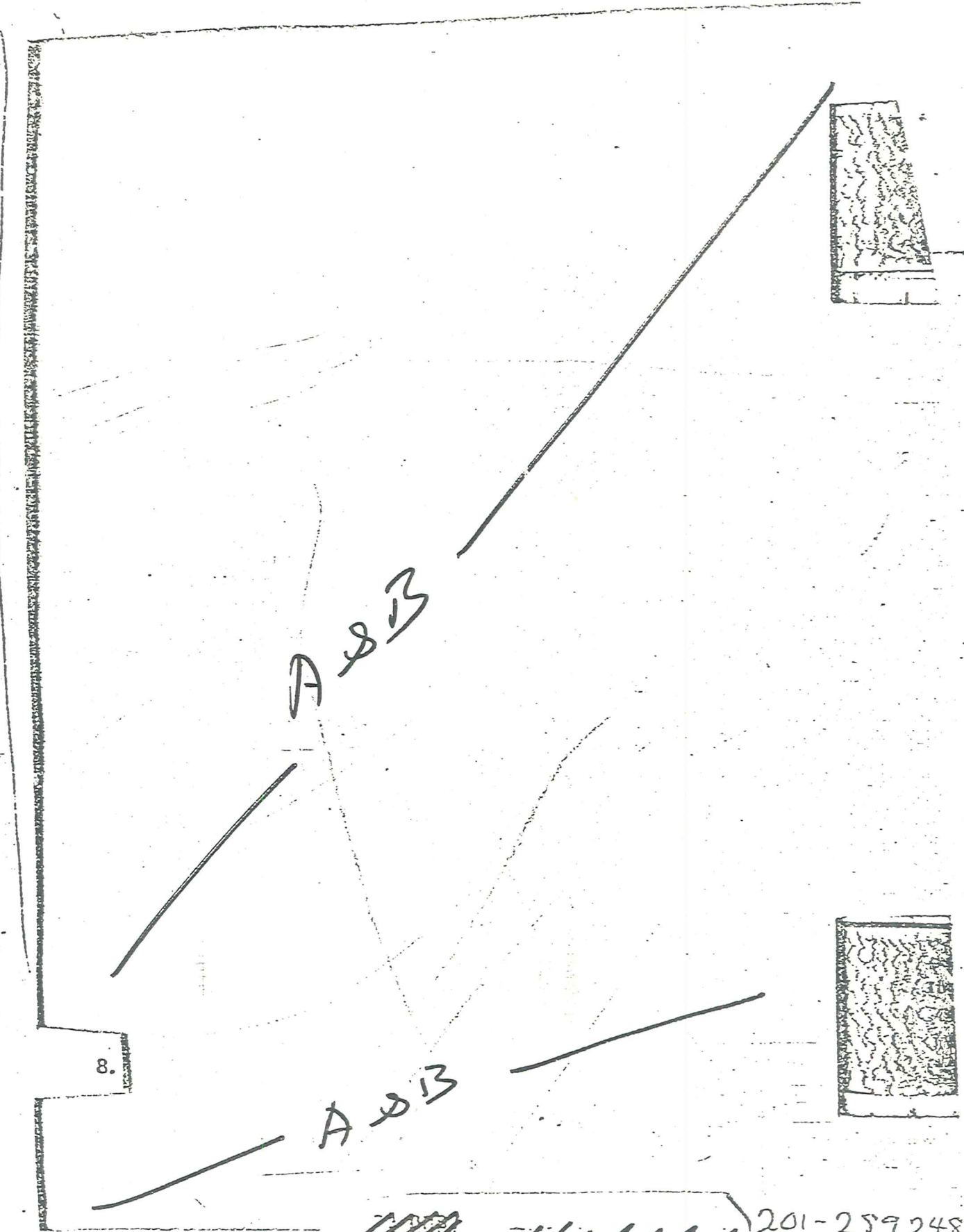
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5. After the assassination of President Kennedy and the arrest of Lee Harvey OSWALD, an intensive review of all available sources was undertaken in Mexico ~~B~~ to determine the purpose of OSWALD's visit.



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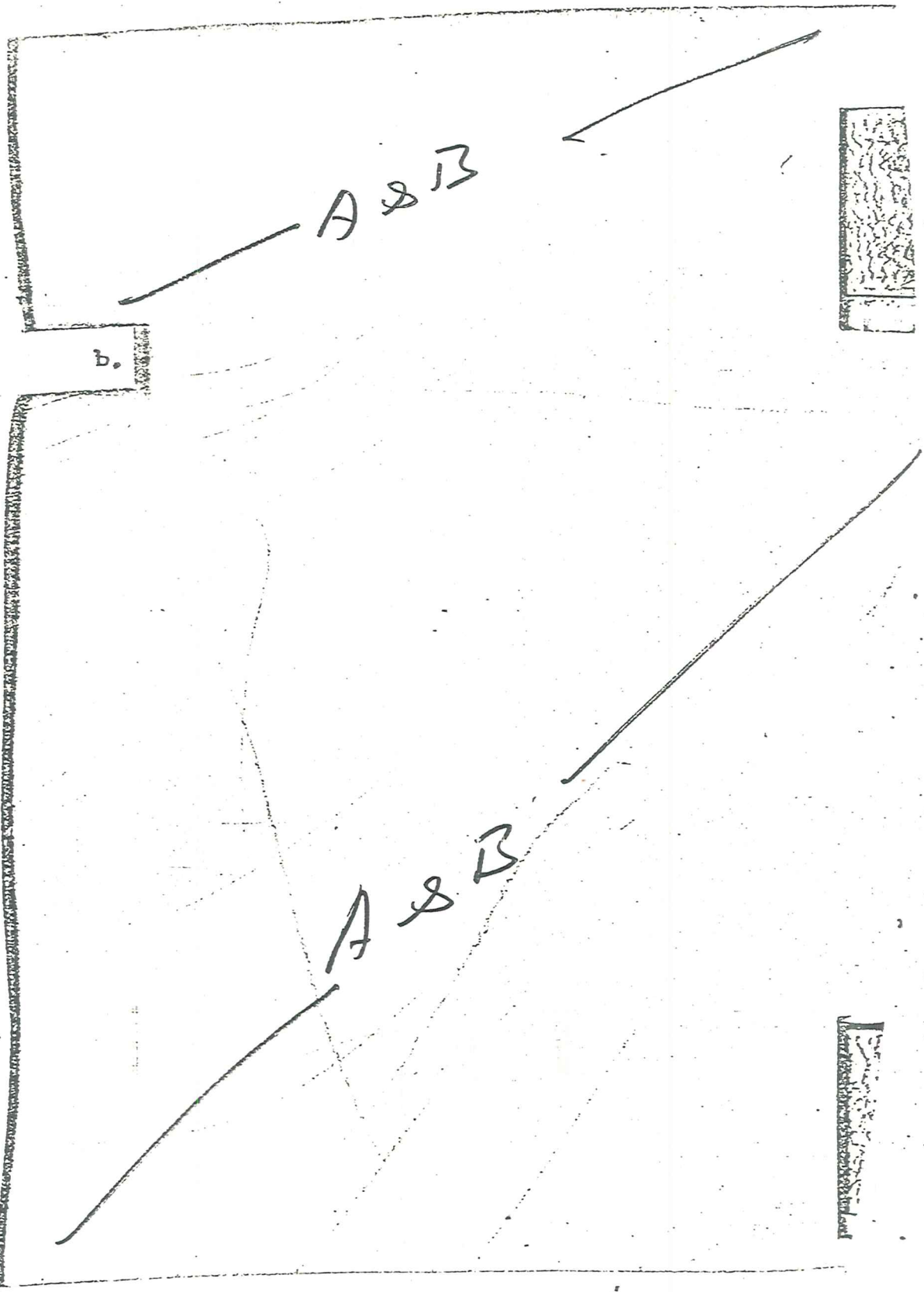
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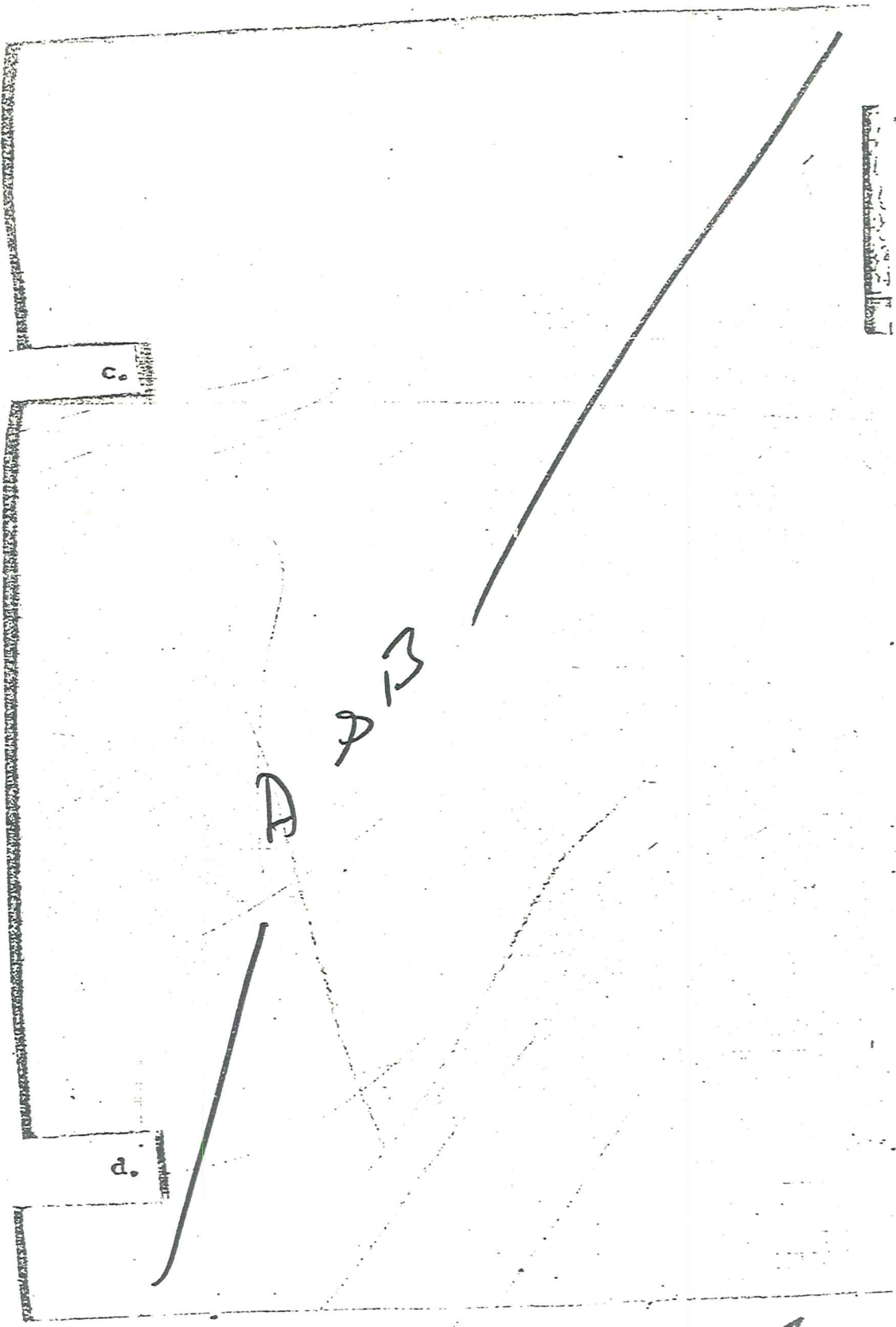


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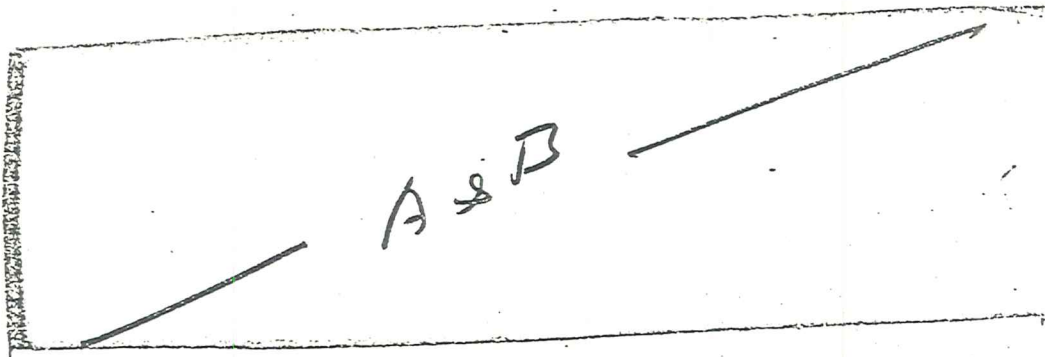
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These additional materials were promptly disseminated in Washington by the CIA to the White House, the Department of State, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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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. ^{13A-2} 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.

para 15 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.

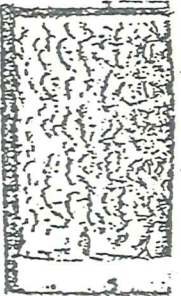
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18. An intensive review of the files of our Mexico City Station was undertaken immediately after the assassination to comb out any previously unreported information about KOSTIKOV's activity. No useful new information bearing on the assassination resulted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

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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 FBI 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

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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

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