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REPUTATION OF HOTEL DEL COMERCIO

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<u>Name and Residence</u>	<u>Room No.</u>	<u>Dates of Occupancy</u>
Sr. MONTOYA Puebla, Puebla	23	October 1, 1963
FRANCISCO GUTIERREZ Puebla, Puebla (Chauffeur)	25	October 1, 1963
FELIPE ESCOBEDO	26	October 1, 1963
ALFONSO GARCIA Monterrey, Nuevo Leon	27	October 1, 1963

INTERVIEW OF MANAGER AND
OTHER PERSONNEL AT HOTEL

GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA advised on March 3, 1964, that he is the owner and manager of the Hotel del Comercio, which is located approximately five blocks north of the main east-west thoroughfare of Mexico, Paseo de la Reforma, and two blocks east of the principal north-south artery, Avenida Insurgentes. He explained that his hotel caters to commercial travelers, most of whom are Mexican citizens; that it has a total of thirty rooms, most of which are equipped with a private bath; that for a single room the minimum rate, without bath, is 13.00 pesos (\$1.03 U.S.) and the maximum, with bath, is 20.00 pesos (\$1.60 U.S.) He added that the hotel is in the heart of the area of many of the bus terminals in Mexico City and also is only a few blocks from the passenger railroad station.

GARCIA LUNA furnished the following observations concerning the stay of LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the Hotel del Comercio. He received OSWALD and caused him to sign the hotel registration book, which is utilized in place of registration cards. He believed OSWALD's arrival had occurred between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. The guest makes the initial entry in the registration book with data which includes his name, place of origin, occupation, and nationality; thereafter, so long as the guest remains at the hotel, his name and identifying data are transferred to the registration book page for the current date, after he has made payment in

Amended per Sgt. [Signature] 11/28/68
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GABRIEL CONTRERAS is the owner of a business in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, involving cotton seed oil or related activity, and resides at Ciudad Camargo, Chihuahua.

RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, also is a driver for an automobile agency, possibly the "Opel or General Motors agency" in Chihuahua.

MARTIN SUMAYA is a retired "Army man" who occasionally has stayed at the hotel and resides in Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas.

RAFAEL ROCHA is an automobile driver and drives new automobiles from Mexico City to some agency at Torreón.

GARCIA LUNA believes JOSE GAMES is a bus driver, and the fact that his home address is listed as Aguascalientes causes him to assume that he is employed by the "Estrella Blanca" ("White Star") bus line, which offers service to the area of Aguascalientes.

FIDENCIO GARCIA may be a businessman in San Luis Potosí, San Luis Potosí.

The full name of "Cap. DOMINGUEZ" is Captain CARLOS DOMINGUEZ, and a letter which he left behind at the hotel reflects him to be the President of the "Unificación Estatal de los Veteranos de la Revolución" ("State Federation of Veterans of the Revolution"), Calle Alvaro Obregon No. 500, room No. 20, San Luis Potosí, San Luis Potosí.

GARCIA LUNA advised that he would continue to be alert for the arrival at the hotel of or information concerning other guests who might have some information concerning OSWALD.

Hotel owner GARCIA LUNA advised that MARIO RESENDIZ stops at the Hotel del Comercio periodically and travels throughout Mexico as a salesman of religious artifacts.

A fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 28, 1964, that extensive investigation had been made at Monclova, Coahuila, without obtaining any information as to the permanent address or further identifying data concerning MARIO RESENDIZ.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
MEMORANDUM

To: Director, FBI (105-82555)

Date: 4/23/64

From: Legat, Mexico (105-3702) (P)

Subject: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS - R - CUBA

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are sixteen (16) copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES

Bureau cables dated 4/20/64 and 4/15/64, and Mexico City cable dated 4/21/64.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The enclosed letterhead memorandum records the results of investigation by this office concerning all phases of OSWALD's residence at the Hotel del Comercio in Mexico City. On the basis of information in the enclosure, leads are being set out or investigation already has been undertaken to locate and interview other guests at the Hotel del Comercio during the same period as OSWALD's residence.

SOURCES

[REDACTED]

- Bureau (Encs. 15) X
- (1 - Liaison Section)
- (2 - Dallas, 100-10461)
- (2 - El Paso)
- (2 - San Antonio, 105-2909) 12
- 5 - Mexico City

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ENCLOSURE

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Exempt from GDS, Category 42
Date of Declassification Indefinite
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The first confidential source abroad, mentioned in the enclosure, is [SA ROLF L. LARSON]

The second confidential source abroad is [Legat] [CLARK D. ANDERSON]

The third confidential source abroad is [SA ROLAND E. TRENT]

The fourth confidential source abroad is [SA JOSEPH S. LEO]

CLASSIFICATION

The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified "CONFIDENTIAL" in order to protect the Bureau's foreign operations and investigative activity by Bureau personnel in connection with this case.

COPIES

Two copies of this letter and of the enclosed letterhead memorandum have been designated for the domestic office of origin, Dallas, and two copies thereof for the San Antonio Office in view of the possibility that leads may arise from information therein for investigation at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas.

One copy of the enclosed letterhead memorandum has been disseminated to CIA, Mexico City.

LEADS

EL PASO OFFICE

At Ciudad Juarez and Ciudad Camargo,
Chihuahua, Mexico

Will endeavor to locate GABRIEL CONTRERAS, who was a guest at the Hotel del Comercio during the entire period

of OSWALD's residence and is reported to be engaged in the cotton seed oil business at Ciudad Juarez and to reside at Ciudad Camargo. If CONTRERAS is identified and located, he should be shown photographs of OSWALD and interviewed as to any recollection he may have of OSWALD at the Hotel del Comercio in Mexico City during the latter part of September and the early part of October, 1963.

MEXICO CITY OFFICE

At Mexico, D. F., Mexico

Will continue efforts to locate and interview ANTONIO OLIVA and his wife or paramour, with respect to their knowledge of OSWALD.

Will maintain contact with personnel at the Hotel del Comercio in an effort to further identify, locate and interview other guests at the Hotel del Comercio during the pertinent period.

At Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico

Will endeavor to locate and interview FERNANDO VALENZUELA and RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ, who are reported to be employed by automobile agencies in that city as drivers of new automobiles from Mexico City to Chihuahua.

At Merida, Yucatan, Mexico

Will endeavor to locate and interview PEDRO QUIJANO and ANGELICA PEREYRA DE QUIJANO.

At Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes, Mexico

Will endeavor to locate and interview JOSE GAMES, who is believed to be a bus driver and may be employed by the "Estrella Blanca" bus line.

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At San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi, Mexico

At Calle Alvaro Obregon 500, room No. 20, will interview Captain CARLOS DOMINGUEZ, who was at the Hotel del Comercio on October 1, 1963, concerning his knowledge of OSWALD.

Will also endeavor to locate and interview FIDENCIO GARCIA, who was at the Hotel del Comercio on September 28, 1963.

At Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico

Will endeavor to locate and interview RAFAEL ROCHA, who was at the Hotel del Comercio on September 27, 1963, and is reported to be a professional driver who transports new automobiles from Mexico City to Torreon for an unidentified automobile agency.

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AIRGRAM CABLEGRAM RADIO TELETYPE

URGENT 4-23-64
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 577

Braxton

BUFILE 105-82555 LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA. FOLLOWING IS DAILY SUMMARY:

RE ALLEGATIONS HOTEL DEL COMERCIO. COMPREHENSIVE LHM RECORDING INVESTIGATION THIS PHASE SUBMITTED TODAY'S POUCH.
 RE ANALYSIS OSWALD'S EXPENDITURES IN MEXICO. LHM SUBMITTED TODAY'S POUCH.

B Mexico

RE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING ARNOLD LOUIS KESSLER AND BUCAB 53 APRIL 21 LAST. CONTACT AT CASA DE LOS AMIGOS HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE HONORNOVA ALCARAZ ARAGON BUT ADVISED HIS WHEREABOUTS KNOWN TO FIANCEE, BARRIE MILLMAN, WHO RECENTLY DEPARTED MEXICO CITY BY BUS AND CAN BE CONTACTED AT 1038 CITRUS, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. REQUEST LA OFFICE CONTACT MILLMAN AND OBTAIN ADDRESS FOR ALCARAZ ARAGON.
 ADDITIONAL SUMMARY TOMORROW.

CLARK D. ANDERSON

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STED CO: MR. BELMONT
0.1 2 t. 1. ALCARAZ
re Dallas report, 5/1
re Mexico City, 4/23/64

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

April 10, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

It has previously been determined that HENRY OLIVER EMERSON and his wife, ADRIENNE M. J. EMERSON, both holders of British passports, departed from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico on October 3, 1963. *Henry Oliver Emerson*

On April 9, 1964, Mr. EMERSON and his wife, 16 Old Sneed Road, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, England, furnished information as follows:

Mr. EMERSON is a writer of school textbooks, a lecturer and author. The EMERSONS departed Southampton, England, by ship the latter part of August 1963. They arrived in the United States (U.S.), at New York, New York, and after spending a short period of time in New York City, travelled to Washington, D.C.

In Washington, D.C., the EMERSONS consulted with a Mr. BORDINMUM (phonetic), of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare concerning the possibilities of Mr. EMERSON'S lecturing at schools in the U.S. and Mexico. Mr. BORDINMUM prepared an itinerary for the EMERSONS, a portion of which included a lecture by Mr. EMERSON at the Monterrey Institute of Technology, Monterrey, Mexico, on October 2, 1963.

The EMERSONS travelled around Washington, D.C., and then by Greyhound bus with various stops en route to Los Angeles, California, from which city the latter part of September 1963, they travelled to San Antonio, Texas.

They departed from San Antonio, Texas, by Greyhound in the early morning of October 1, 1963, en route to Monterrey, Mexico. They arrived at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, about 12:00 noon, October 1, 1963, where they encountered some difficulty with an official of the Mexican Immigration Service, as they were not in possession of two photographs each of themselves. They were permitted to go to a small photographer's shop where they had photographs taken, which satisfied Mexican immigration requirements. They

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then boarded a Transportesdel Norte bus in the early afternoon, arriving in Monterrey about 7:00 P.M., October 1, 1963. In Monterrey they stayed at the Main Square Hotel.

On October 2, 1963, Mr. EMERSON lectured at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and then they went sight seeing.

On October 3, 1963, in the morning after 8:00 A.M., they boarded a Transportesdel Norte bus at Monterrey en route to Nuevo Laredo and San Antonio, Texas. When they boarded this bus at Monterrey, all passengers in it and those boarding it appeared to be of Latin-American extraction. Upon leaving Monterrey, the bus stopped at a small village where they had coffee. They had lunch on board the bus. The bus made other stops to discharge and pick up passengers and on these occasions all individuals appeared to be of Latin-American extraction. The bus was stopped twice at Mexican immigration check points and on each occasion, a Mexican official boarded the bus and checked the documents of the passengers. They could not recall the location of the first check point, but the second one was close to Nuevo Laredo opposite a cemetery.

The bus arrived at the Mexican - U.S. border about 2:00 or 3:00 P.M., October 3, 1963. It did not stop at Nuevo Laredo, but proceeded to the U.S., side where everyone disembarked for processing through U.S. Customs and Immigration. After processing they boarded a Greyhound bus for San Antonio, Texas, arriving there after dark approximately 7:00 or 8:00 P.M., October 3, 1963. They remained in San Antonio overnight, and on the morning of October 4, 1963, they boarded a Greyhound bus for New Orleans, from which city they travelled with various stops to New York City. They departed from the U.S., October 31, 1963, on the ship, "ILE DE FRANCE", which arrived in Southampton, England, November 5, 1963.

The EMERSONs displayed their British passports which were observed to contain therein inked control stamps as follows:

"ALEJANDRO ROCHA ESPINOSA
Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.
Oct - 1 - 63"

"JESUS GOVEA HERRA
Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.
Oct 3, 63"

"IMM. & NATZ SERVICE
Laredo, Tex 442
Admitted Oct 3"

They advised that ESPINOSA and HERREA are the names of the Mexican immigration officials who placed the stamps in their passports.

They could not recall any Americans on the Del Norte bus on October 3, 1963, nor could they recall any American-appearing male attracting their attention at any time during the trip into or out of Mexico.

The EMERSONs viewed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and advised they did not see OSWALD or anyone resembling him during all of their travels in the U.S. and Mexico.

The EMERSONs viewed a photograph of PHILLIPE PITER E. VAN DER VORM, a French National who has previously advised he travelled on a Transportesdel Norte bus from Mexico City en route Dallas on October 2 - 3, 1963. They advised they could not recall seeing VAN DER VORM or anyone resembling him during their travels in the U.S. and Mexico.

They reflected upon their travels in the U.S. and Mexico, advising they could not recall any situation, incident or encounter which would in any way assist in the matter at hand.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

April 8, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On April 6, 1964, PHILLIPE PITER E. VAN DER VORM advised that he does recall that when he was on a Transportes del Norte Company bus from Mexico City en route to Dallas, Texas, on October 2, 1963, there was a Mexican immigration check some few miles south of Nuevo Laredo. He departed on the bus from Mexico City at about 8:30 A.M. on October 2, and the immigration check occurred sometime around midnight October 2. At this point a Mexican official boarded the bus. He was described by VAN DER VORM as being very fat and wearing a uniform. The official checked passports and visas of all passengers. One individual, believed to be an American, had difficulty. This person was missing some document or it had expired. It was necessary for the individual to leave the bus for a short while. On returning, this person made some comment about not understanding why he had been bothered. VAN DER VORM described this individual as probably an American, about 25 years old, wearing a white shirt with a dark pull over sweater. VAN DER VORM had no conversation with this individual, does not recall where the person got on or off the bus, and has no further recollection of him.

VAN DER VORM stated that the stop for the immigration check described above, was the only Mexican border check made. When the bus arrived at Nuevo Laredo about 1:00 A.M., October 3, all passengers left the bus. They had something to eat while all luggage was being transferred to a Greyhound bus. VAN DER VORM recalls that about 3:00 A.M., on October 3, the Greyhound bus left and proceeded to the United States. He arrived on this bus in Dallas, Texas, about the middle of the afternoon of October 3.

VAN DER VORM stated the bus made a number of stops from Mexico City and people would get on and off the bus. He has no recollection of the transfer of passengers at Monterrey.

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VAN DER VORM, who is French by nationality, speaks excellent English. He stated he did recall two persons being on the bus, one of whom he described as a tall, slim Texan, about 45 years of age, who was travelling with his wife. He talked briefly with this person, who also spoke Spanish. The conversation concerned only idle chatter. He also advised that on the bus was a German woman who had been a school-teacher in the United States for the past 15 or 20 years. She had been in Yucatan on vacation and was returning to the United States. He described her as being about 50 years old. She spoke English and German.

VON DER VORM stated he could not recall anyone on the bus whom he could identify as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated he paid little attention to the passengers and spent a good deal of the time sleeping. He said there were approximately 15 passengers on the bus, including both Americans and Mexicans. He could offer no further information as to the identities of any of the passengers.

FBI

Date: April 8, 1964

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (62-359) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
IS - R - CUBA

Re Paris letter, February 10, 1964, Bucab to Paris, March 29, 1964, Paris cable to Bureau and London, 3/31/64 and mycab April 7, 1964.

In accordance with Bureau request, Legat BATES and Assistant Legat MINNICH interviewed PHILLIPE PITER E. VAN DER VORM at the American Embassy on April 6, 1964. VAN DER VORM at first did not recall the Mexican immigration checkpoint south of Nuevo Laredo until after his recollection was refreshed. He could still not identify subject as being on the bus on which he was travelling. VAN DER VORM's memory is not good of the events; however, he stated he wanted to be of any possible assistance and would do what he could.

The results of interview of VAN DER VORM is set forth in the enclosed original and seven copies of an LHM, one copy for Paris. VAN DER VORM recalled that he had taken a .35 mm. colored slide while on the bus somewhere between Mexico City and the border. This was during the afternoon of October 2. The picture showed a mountain in the background and included the bus and some of the passengers. He thought this might be helpful if it would be enlarged. The photograph is in Paris and VAN DER VORM agreed to furnish this to Legat, Paris upon his return there in ten days or two weeks. Paris was advised by telephone.

VAN DER VORM agreed to having his photograph taken and there are enclosed for the Bureau, five copies of the photograph and one negative.

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 14)
- 1 - Liaison Section (Sent Direct) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Legat, Paris (Enc. 1)
- 1 - London

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VAN DER VORM is described as follows from interview and observation:

Age: 24
Height: 5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight: 160 lbs.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: light brown.

While on the bus from Mexico City he was wearing a sport shirt, a dark green sweater with suede front, light colored Italian-style slacks and linen shoes with rope soles.

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Airtel

To: SAC, San Antonio (105-2909) (Enclosures - 10)
2 - Mexico City (105-3702) (Enclosures - 4)
From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

**LEE HARVEY OSWALD
IS - R - CUBA**

Enclosed for San Antonio are two copies of airtel from Legat, London, dated April 8 and two copies each of letterhead memorandum prepared by Legat, London, dated April 8 and April 10, last and two copies of photograph of Phillipe Van Der Vorm taken in London 4-6-64 and two copies of photograph of same person obtained from his Mexican tourist card - photograph probably taken September, 1963.

For Legat, Mexico City, there are enclosed one copy each of aforementioned communications and a copy of the picture of Van Der Vorm taken in London on 4-6-64.

San Antonio display photographs of Van Der Vorm to Agapito Del Rio to determine if photograph refreshes his recollection and to ascertain if Van Der Vorm may be the person described by Del Rio as the only person on the Del Norte line busses between Mexico City and Laredo on 10-2/3 last who did not appear to be of Latin-American extraction. Note that Van Der Vorm's description appears in enclosed Legat, London, 4-8-64 airtel. Ascertain if Mexican Immigration Inspector Chapa answers general description of the Immigration inspector furnished by Van Der Vorm. Also identify the other two Mexican Immigration inspectors on duty with Chapa during the midnight to 8:00 a.m. shift on 10-3 last. If Chapa does not answer description furnished by Van Der Vorm, determine if any of the inspectors on duty fit the description.

- 1 - Dallas (100-10461) (Enclosures - 5)
- 1 - London (62-359) (Enclosures - 4)

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Airtel to SAC, San Antonio
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Note that it has been established with reasonable certainty that the Del Norte bus trip from Mexico City to Laredo on 10-2/3 last involved a bus change at Monterrey. It appears that bus number 332 carried passengers from Mexico City to Monterrey and that passengers destined to Laredo had to board bus 373 from Monterrey on. Requestion Del Rio on this point.

Copies of above-described material furnished to Legat, Mexico City, for possible use in connection with interviews of people in Mexico who traveled on the Del Norte busses in question.

One copy each of aforementioned communications and the photographs are furnished to Dallas for information. It will not be necessary for Dallas to re-report the information in enclosed letterhead memoranda.

Returned herewith to Legat, London, is one copy each of your 4-8 and 4-10 letterhead memorandum bearing pencil markings showing amendments therein made by Bureau. Also enclosed is one copy each of amended letterhead memoranda.

Copies of enclosed letterhead memoranda have been furnished to the President's Commission and CIA.

NOTE:

Persons interviewed in letterhead memoranda were people who left Mexico at Nuevo Laredo 10-3 last, same date Oswald departed Mexico. Van Der Vorm was passenger on same bus with Oswald but could not recall him. Del Rio, a passenger on this bus, described a non-Latin male who basically fits description of Oswald and Van Der Vorm. He does not recall Oswald and it is now necessary to display Van Der Vorm's picture to him.

4/21/64

- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Goble

Airtel

To: SAC, Dallas (100-10461)
 From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
 IS - R - CUBA

ReBulet 4/21/64 to [Legat, Mexico City]

Enclosed for Dallas are two copies of a passport photograph of Mary Louise Patterson made in April, 1960.

There was enclosed with the copy of reBulet which went to Dallas one copy of a LHM dated 4/10/64 classified "Secret." This memorandum included information on page two that Mary Louise Camacho, nee Patterson, knew Oswald while he was in Russia.

Dallas reinterview Marina Oswald. Exhibit to her the photograph of Camacho. Ask her if she knew Camacho. Did Lee Harvey Oswald know her? Did he ever mention her either by name or by description? If Marina Oswald knows anything about Camacho, obtain full details from her. Submit results in report form.

Enclosures - 2

- 1 - [Mexico City] (105-3702)
- 1 - New York (105-38431)
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
- 1 - 100-430929 [Camacho]

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[Mexican] sources have advised that Elizabeth Catlett Mora said Camacho knew Oswald in Russia. Camacho is the daughter of William L. Patterson, chairman of the New York State CP. She is presently in Russia with her husband, Roberto Camacho. She is apparently accepted as a CP member. We have furnished Mora information to CIA and to the Commission.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

San Francisco, California
April 14, 1964

RE: HARVEY OSWALD

On March 20, 1964, an individual, who has requested his identity not be divulged but who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that while recently in Mexico City he met one Arnold (last name unknown) in the Casa de los Amigos operated by the American Friends Service Committee in Mexico City.

Arnold related on the occasion of the above-mentioned meeting that he had had dinner with Lee Harvey Oswald during the time that Oswald visited Mexico City prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. Arnold furnished no other details to this source regarding this dinner but source stated that Arnold claimed to be from Berkeley, California.

On April 14, 1964, a photograph of Arnold Louis Kessler dated September 10, 1963, which was obtained from the Passport Office of the United States Department of State by Investigative Clerk David L. De Weese on April 7, 1964, was exhibited to the above-mentioned source who immediately positively identified the photograph of Kessler as being a photograph of the individual named Arnold that he met at the Casa de los Amigos, Mexico City. Passport records of the United States Department of State reflect that Arnold Louis Kessler was born September 23, 1942, Detroit, Michigan, and was issued a passport at San Francisco, California, on September 10, 1963, at which time he indicated he intended to travel to Brazil, Peru and Argentina, staying abroad approximately six months.

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AIRMAIL

Via _____

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC SAN FRANCISCO (89-58)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
IS - R - CUBA
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RE: ARNOLD LOUIS KESLER

Re Washington Field airtel 4-10-64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth a contact with the original source regarding "ARNOLD" in Mexico City and showing that this source positively identified ARNOLD LOUIS KESSLER as the "ARNOLD" who allegedly had dinner with LEE HARVEY OSWALD while the latter was in Mexico City. (See San Francisco airtel 3-20-64.)

Enclosed for Dallas are 25 copies of an insert setting forth the full details and background regarding this incident as well as certain data regarding KESLER from the files of the Passport Office of the United States Department of State and from the records of the University of California at Berkeley, California. Instant insert is being furnished to Dallas for incorporation in an investigative report on OSWALD.

The source who furnished the data set forth in both the letterhead memorandum and the enclosed insert is _____

_____ who furnished the information on 3-28-64 and 4-14-64 to SA FRANK S. PERRONE.

ENCLOSURE

- 3-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM) EX-105
- 1-Dallas (Enc. 25) (100-10461) (RM)
- 1-Detroit (Info) (100-31965) (RM)
- 1-Washington Field (105-37111) (Info) (RM)
- 1-San Francisco

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 17, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

It will be recalled that Lee Harvey Oswald is believed to have travelled under the name of H. O. Lee on Transportes del Norte Bus No. 332 departing Mexico City 8:30 a.m., October 2, 1963. At Monterrey he transferred to del Norte Bus No. 373, which arrived at Laredo, Texas, approximately 2:00 a.m., October 3, 1963. Names of certain individuals believed to have been passengers appear on manifest contained among the records of this bus company.

On April 15, 1964, the following names were checked at Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), against master indices, as well as indices of nonimmigrant visitors (I-94's) and I-94 "overstays." These names are:

Augusto Aguilar (possibly Augusto Aquilos)
Eulacio Rodriguez
Paula Rusioni (or Rusconi)
Hilda Quezada
(Mr.) A. Martinez

On April 15, 1964, Mr. Abs Ertchejsky, Contact Representative, Central Office, INS, advised that with regard to the name Mr. A. Martinez, it would not be possible to search this name through INS indices for an identification without additional data including a given name and date of birth. In this regard it was pointed out that in the master index, there are approximately 35,000 card records filed in the area of the name A. Martinez, under the Sounder system.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

On the name Augusto Aguilar (possibly Aquilos), a search of records at Central Office, INS, was negative as to I-94 forms, I-94 "overstays" and master index.

On the name Eulalio Rodriguez, INS records were negative on I-94 forms and I-94 "overstays," but master index contained records of three border crossing cards as follows:

Border Crossing Card No. 507572 was issued at Laredo, Texas, November 26, 1958, to Eulalio Rodriguez-Perales, born May 12, 1934, at Linares N. L. Mexico, residence shown as 23 de Abril 1614 Nte, Monterrey, N. L.

Border Crossing Card No. 203316 was issued at Laredo, Texas, April 9, 1957, to Eulalio Rodriguez-Carrillo, born February 12, 1934, San Luis Potosi, SLP, Mexico, residence shown as Lago de Pasquero 101 Pte, Monterrey, N. L. Mexico.

Border Crossing Card No. 1339074 was issued July 9, 1963, at Laredo Mexico, to Eulalio Rodriguez-Galvan, born April 16, 1923, Rio Verde, SLP, Mexico, employed as a body mechanic, residence shown as Experto Martinez, Ote 956, Monterrey, N. L., Mexico.

On the name Paula Rusconi (Paula Rustoni), INS records did not contain any references in I-94 forms, I-94 "overstays" or master index.

On the name Hilda Quezada, no record was located among INS I-94 forms or I-94 "overstays." However, master index contained two references to persons of this name:

One Hilda Quezada-Quiroz, born September 4, 1944, at Mexico, D.F. Mexico, was admitted on a Class B-2 visa at Laredo on May 24, 1963, valid to June 15, 1963. She was holding Mexican Passport No. 31057

Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

and visa was issued at Mexico City May 15, 1963. Her permanent address was given as J. M. Correa #196 Mexico DF Mexico, and address in United States given as "San Antonio and Houston, Texas" Departure record shows she departed the United States at Laredo on May 30, 1963.

Also, one Hilda Mirthala Quezada-Alfaro, born May 18, 1957, Mexico, an immigrant, entered Laredo on March 5, 1962. The INS alien file, A-12455579, for this person was located at District Office, INS, Atlanta, Georgia, as of March 9, 1962.

On April 9, 1964, a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was advised that a search of the files of Central Office, INS, failed to disclose any I-94 forms, based on information furnished, for the following names:

H. O. Lee
Paula Rusconi
Miss Cosio
Eulalio Rodriguez
Margaret A. Wolff
Augusto Aguilar

4/21/64

1 - Stokes

Airtel

**To: Legat, Mexico City (105-3702) (Enclosures - 2)
2 - Atlanta (105-3193) (Enclosure)**

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

**LKE HARVEY OSWALD
IS - R - CUBA**

Enclosed for Legat, Mexico City, are two copies of letterhead memorandum dated 4/17/64 setting forth results of check of records of Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), concerning the passengers on the Del Norte line buses from Mexico City to Laredo 10/2-3/63. One copy of 4/17/64 letterhead is enclosed for Atlanta.

Legat handle leads in Mexico suggested by check of INS records. Note that according to your 4/17/64 letterhead memorandum there was total of 28 individuals, in addition to H. O. Lee, who traveled on buses in question during all or portion of the trip from Mexico City to Laredo. Bureau desires that efforts be made to locate and interview all of these individuals. Advise as to steps being taken in this regard.

For the information of Atlanta, Oswald is believed to have traveled under name H. O. Lee from Mexico City to Laredo via buses of the Transportes Del Norte Company. He left Mexico 8:30 a.m., 10/2/63 on board bus number 332 which required change at Monterrey to Del Norte bus number 373. He arrived at Laredo at approximately 2 a.m., morning of 10/3/63. He was assigned to seat 12, the window seat, fourth row from front on driver's side. Records of bus company show that a feeder bus departing Guadalajara 8 a.m., 10/2/63 made connections with bus 332 at San Luis Potosi. Passengers for points beyond Monterrey changed to bus 373 as did H. O. Lee. On the feeder bus three reservations, one a half fair ticket, were held by a Hilda Quetzada, who was destined to Nuevo Laredo. Note that enclosed

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Airtel to Mexico City
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
105-82555

letterhead memorandum refers to a Hilda Mirthala Quezada-Alfara, a Mexican immigrant child whose alien file was located as of 3/62 at Atlanta. Review her INS file in an effort to develop trace of the Hilda Quezada who traveled on 10/2-3/63 from Guadalajara to Nuevo Laredo. If that person and the other adult who accompanied her can be located, they are to be interviewed concerning details of bus trip in question and to ascertain if they can place Oswald on either bus 332 or 373.

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MARY LOUISE CAMACHO, nee PATTERSON, born March 15, 1943, Chicago, Illinois, is the daughter of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Chairman of the New York State Communist Party (CP), and she is presently residing in the Soviet Union with her husband ROBERTO CAMACHO. Although not known to have been formally made a CP member, CAMACHO is apparently accepted as such and is being groomed for Party leadership responsibilities in the future. Her participation in CP sponsored and endorsed Marxist Youth activities, her attendance at and participation in other CP celebrations and activities, her attendance at the PATRICE LUMUMBA University in Moscow, her unauthorized travel to Red China, and other participation in communist-type activities further this conclusion.

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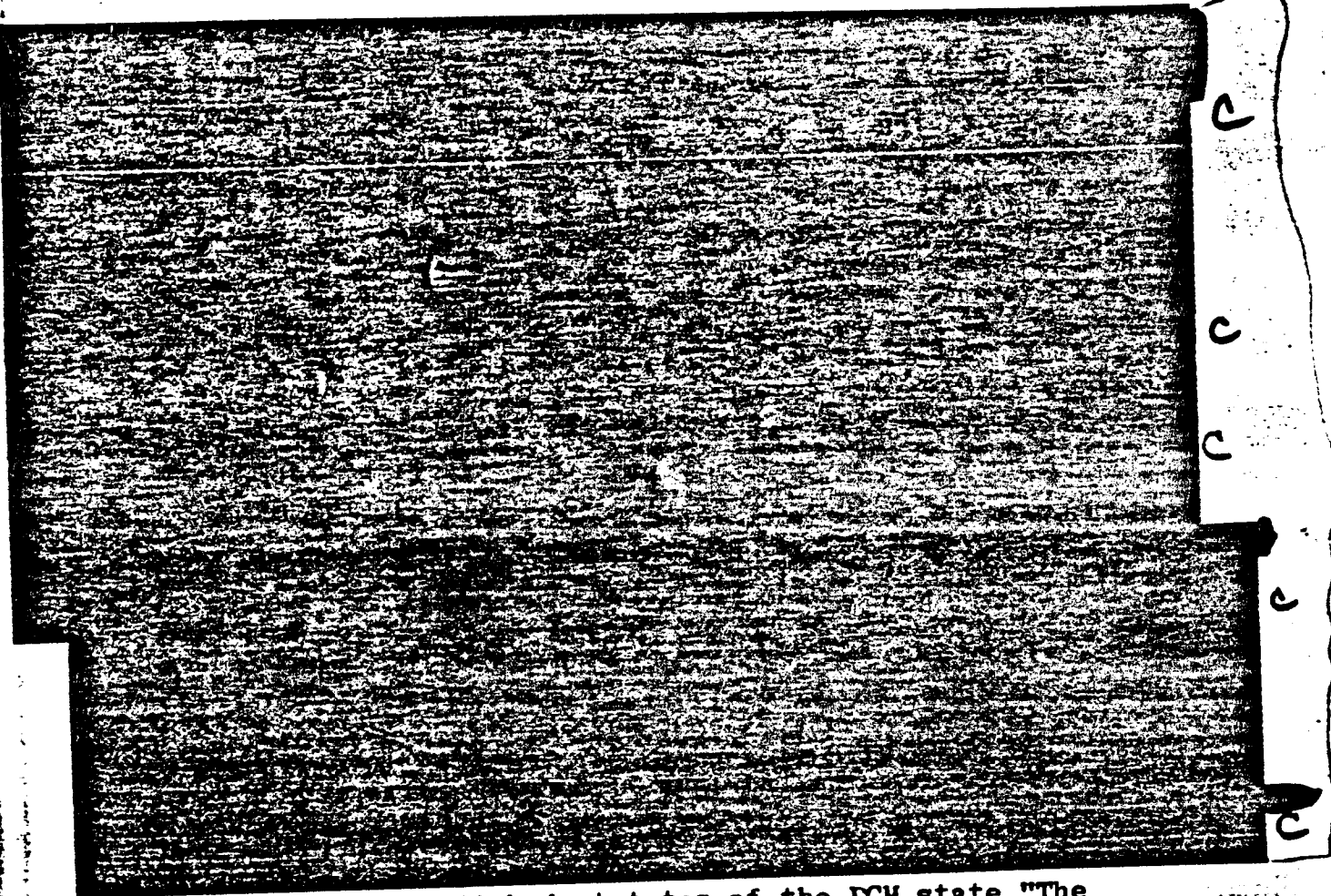
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The published statutes of the FCM state "The Communist Party of Mexico has as its final objectives to construct socialism and to build the Communist society in Mexico."

The ACGM is a loose association of a predominantly social nature of present and/or past members of the Communist Party, USA, and their friends and associates who share a common sympathy for Communism and the Soviet Union.

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Legat, Mexico (105-3702)

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Director, FBI (105-82508)

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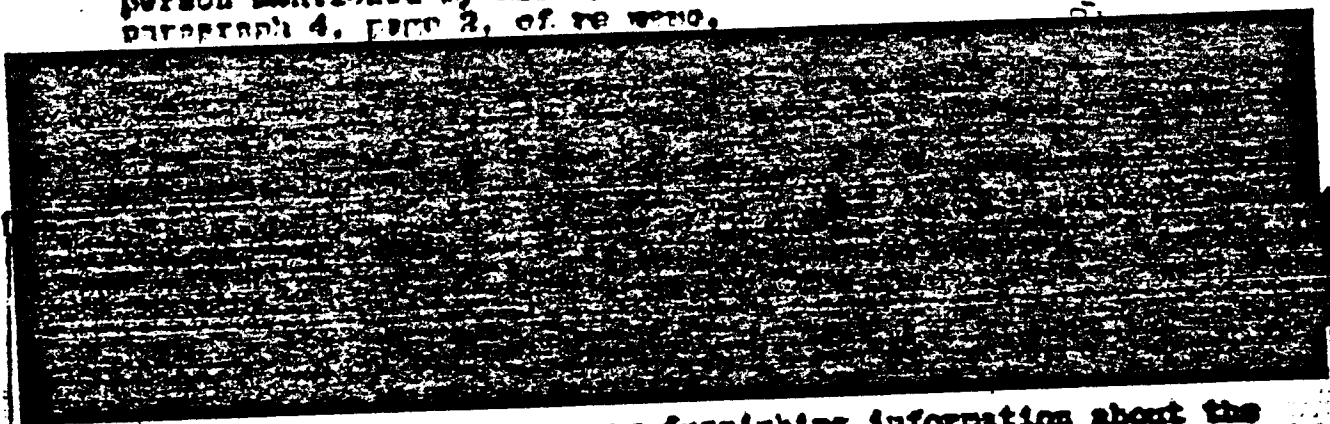
LEW HARRY OSWALD
 RF - R - CUBA

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Re Mexico City letter and letterhead memo both dated 2-16-64, concerning information furnished by Elizabeth Catlett Mora about subject.

One copy of relet and one copy of re memo are enclosed for the information of Dallas.

Enclosed for New York are 2 copies of relet and 2 copies of re memo. New York should furnish a brief descriptive characterization of Mary Louise Canacho who appears to be the person mentioned by Mora and referred to particularly in paragraph 4, page 2, of re memo.



From your sources furnishing information about the CP of Mexico, do you have confirmation of Mora's information set out in paragraph 2, page 1, of re memo that the CP of Mexico was interested in obtaining all information regarding subject's Mexican trip? Is there any indication steps have been taken by the CP of Mexico to obtain this information? Also, what other information have you received, if any, that the CP of Mexico was interested in obtaining information as to how much American authorities knew about subject's trip to Mexico?

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- 1 - New York (105-38431) (1-107-13548) (Enc. 4)
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Letter to Legat, Mexico
Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD)
IS - R - CUBA
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In paragraph 3, page 1, of re memo Nora reportedly spoke of subject's "activities before his trip to the Soviet Union." In paragraph 5, page 1, she spoke of his activities in New Orleans before he went to Russia. Subject left New Orleans in September, 1963, for Russia after spending a very short period of time there. No information has been developed that he engaged in any subversive activities while in New Orleans at that time. It is possible that although Nora spoke of Oswald's activities before he went to Russia, that what she meant was, before he went to Mexico. This point should be clarified. U

In paragraph 2, page 2, of re memo the question arises as to whether it was Nora, Nora's source or the Americans in Russia who believed that subject could not have undertaken singly to assassinate President Kennedy. U

Although Nora is a Mexican citizen, it is possible she will have to be interviewed eventually. Underlying all the information she furnished as set out in re memo, lies the question whether she met with subject while he was in Mexico. U



It is noted re memo is classified "Secret." When this memo is disseminated to the Commission questions may be asked about this classification and, therefore, you should in your next communication to the Bureau relating to Nora, fully detail your reasons for this classification. The Bureau is not questioning the correctness of the classification but merely asking that you set forth fully your reasons for it. U

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AIRGRAM CABLEGRAM RADIO TELETYPE

URGENT 4-24-64
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 578

ST/CS

BUFILE 105-82555. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA.
 FOLLOWING IS DAILY SUMMARY. RE OSWALD'S DEPARTURE FROM MEXICO. REVIEW OF TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE PASSENGER LIST OF OCTOBER 3 LAST IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION FROM SEVERAL PASSENGERS INDICATES GERMAN-AMERICAN SCHOOL TEACHER WHO VACATIONED IN YUCATAN MAY BE MARGARET A. WOLFF, CONCERNING WHOM NO RECORD LOCATED IN MEXICAN FM-11 FORMS OR U.S. IMMIGRATION RECORDS. FOREGOING SUGGESTS SHE MAY HAVE BEEN TRAVELING IN MEXICO WITH U.S. PASSPORT AND MEXICAN VISA. SUGGEST CHECK OF STATE DEPARTMENT PASSPORT RECORDS. THIS OFFICE WILL CHECK HOTELS AND TRAVEL AGENCIES AT MERIDA, YUCATAN.

RE ALLEGATION HOTEL DEL COMERCIO AND INLET AND LHM APRIL 25 LAST. LAST WORD OF SECOND LINE, SECOND PARAGRAPH, PAGE 8 OF REFERENCE LHM SHOULD BE "COMERCIO." PLEASE AMEND. IN ADDITION TO LEADS RECORDED IN REFERENCE COVER LETTER THIS OFFICE IS CHECKING PUBLIC RECORDS IN ALL CITIES FROM WHICH HOTEL GUESTS REGISTERED IN EFFORT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ADDITIONAL PERSONS. ADDITIONAL SUMMARY TOMORROW.

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3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO ALBANY AND ALL OFFICES WITH TWO COPIES TO
LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, APRIL ONE FIVE LAST INSTRUCTING INFORMANTS BE
CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY POSSESS INFORMATION REGARDING LEE HARVEY
OSWALD OR HIS ACTIVITIES. EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION. BUDED APRIL TWO SEVI
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URGENT 4-25-64
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 579

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.
 FOLLOWING IS DAILY SUMMARY.

LATE YESTERDAY ATTORNEY LUIS ECHEVERRIA, ACTING MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT, ADVISED HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM MEXICAN FOREIGN OFFICE COPY OF AMERICAN EMBASSY NOTE OF APRIL 10 LAST REQUESTING OFFICIAL MEXICAN GOVERNMENT REPORT OF ITS INVESTIGATION OF OSWALD'S ACTIVITIES HERE FOR PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION. HE SAID PREPARATION OF REPORT WOULD BE INITIATED IMMEDIATELY. WHILE THIS OFFICE HAD BEEN AWARE OF DELAY ON PART OF FOREIGN OFFICE IN FORWARDING NOTE AND HAD SO ADVISED EMBASSY, WE TOOK NO DIRECT ACTION TO EXPEDITE FORWARDING SINCE THIS WAS FELT TO BE STRICTLY A FUNCTION OF THE EMBASSY.

RE OSWALD'S DEPARTURE FROM MEXICO. CHIEF OF MEXICAN IMMIGRATION TRAVEL CONTROL SECTION HAS ADVISED HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE FM-17 FORMS DOCUMENTING MEXICAN NATIONALS WHO TRAVELED ON SAME DATES AS OSWALD, AND THESE MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PRACTICE FOR THOSE FORMS. HE IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO LOCATE THEM.

CLARK D. ANDERSON

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- 1 - Rosen

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BY COURIER SERVICE

- 1 - Sullivan
- 1 - Malley
- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Stokes

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 REC'D-READING ROOM
 FBI

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Prior to departing from Mexico City, Messrs. W. David Slawson and Howard P. Willens of your staff requested our representatives in Mexico to furnish information in several areas of interest to the Commission. Included among the material sought were an analysis of work hours of the Cuban and Soviet Consulates in Mexico and data concerning the operating procedures involved in obtaining Cuban transit visas.

It appears to us that the aforementioned areas of interest lie more properly within the province of the Central Intelligence Agency. Accordingly, you may desire to communicate with that Agency concerning your interest in the Cuban and Soviet Consulates in Mexico. The Central Intelligence Agency is being advised of your interest as aforesaid.

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Inquiry is being conducted into the other areas of the Commission's interest as defined by Messrs. Slawson and Willens and the results thereof will be promptly furnished to you.

BY COURIER SVC.
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Sincerely yours,
 D. Edgar Hoover

1 - Director, Central Intelligence Agency
 Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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4/22/64

Airtel

To: SAC, San Antonio (105-2909)

From: Director, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
IS - R - CUBA

Re Legat, Mexico City, letterhead memorandum 4/7/64 to which were attached seven photographs designated Exhibit D-202. Refer also to Bucab 4/17/64 to Legat, Mexico City, dealing with discrepancy between the 20 tickets in the trip envelope for 10/2-3/63 trip of bus 373 from Monterrey to Laredo and the figures on the face of the trip envelope which accounted for but 13 passengers. The photographs of the trip envelope and the two portions of Del Norte line ticket 13688 have been furnished to the Commission. These photographs have likewise been designated Exhibit D-202. The portions of ticket 13688 have been treated for latent fingerprints with negative results. Commission has been advised of this. REC-23 105-2225-3303

Legat, Mexico City, advises that officials of Del Norte Company at Monterrey are unable to explain discrepancy between number of tickets in trip envelope as compared to the entries on the face of the envelope. They explain that envelope is prepared by bus driver who may have erred. Further, that driver, Ibarra, regularly drives bus 373. Company officials state that number of bus as 396, which was entered on U. S. Customs form by baggage handler at Nuevo Laredo, was another error. It was possible bus 396 may have been at terminal in Nuevo Laredo ready to return to Monterrey at time of arrival of bus 373, as result of which wrong bus number may have been entered on Government form as result of confusion of the two buses in terminal at same time.

Enclosed for San Antonio is the original trip envelope of bus 373 for trip in question. Display same to driver, Ibarra, to ascertain if he filled out face of envelope and if he signed same

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Enclosure

1 - Dallas (100-10461) (Enclosures - 10)
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Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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on back. Ascertain if he can explain discrepancy between number of canceled tickets in envelope and the 13 individuals accounted for on face of envelope. Upon completion of inquiry return the original trip envelope to Bureau.

Enclosed for completion of Dallas' files are two copies each of the photographs of the trip envelope and ticket portions. Also enclosed for Dallas are two copies each of translations of the ticket portions and the trip envelope. Copies of photographs have been furnished to CIA. Commission has been informed of inability of Del Norte Company officials to explain discrepancy.

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URGENT 4-27-64
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 581

BUFILE 105-82550

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

REBU CAB NUMBER 63 APRIL 24 LAST AND BU AIRTEL TO ALBANY APRIL 15 RECEIVED HERE APRIL 20 LAST INSTRUCTING ALL INFORMANTS BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF POSSESS INFORMATION CONCERNING LEE HARVEY OSWALD. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT REBU AIRTEL ALL AGENTS INSTRUCTED TO RECONTACT INFORMANTS ALTHOUGH ON BASIS OF CONTINUOUS CONTACTS WITH ALL INFORMANTS OF OFFICE SUBSEQUENT TO ASSASSINATION, IT APPEARED CERTAIN THEY HAD FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THEIR POSSESSION. MYLET OF APRIL 6 LAST IN INSTANT CASE SET FORTH IDENTITIES OF 12 SECURITY INFORMANTS CONTACTED PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF OSWALD IN MEXICO. BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE TERRITORIES INVOLVED AND UNAVAILABILITY OF SOME INFORMANTS FOR IMMEDIATE, UNSCHEDULED CONTACT, SURVEY HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED BUT 33 KEY INFORMANTS CONTACTED HAVE REPORTED THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CONCERNING SUBJECT. INFORMATION ALREADY REPORTED RELATED TO COMMENTS AND REACTIONS TO ASSASSINATION WITHIN ACGM AS REPORTED BY ██████████ AND ██████████ AND CONSIDERABLE DATA OBTAINED BY INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANTS IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC LEADS.

AIRTEL COMPLETING PROJECT WILL BE SUBMITTED DIPLOMATIC POUCH APRIL 30.

CLARK D. ANDERSON

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 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 582

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BUFILE 105-82555
 RE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, LS - R - CUBA. FOLLOWING IS
 DAILY SUMMARY.

L. J. ...

RE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING ARNOLD LOUIS KESSLER. HONORABLE ALCAPAZ ARAGON INTERVIEWED AND STATES HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH KESSLER WHO HAS NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH STEVE KENNAN. HE RELATED WAS IN CONTACT WITH KESSLER FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION AND NEVER HEARD ANY COMMENTS FROM HIM THAT HE KNEW OR HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OSWALD. HE STATED KESSLER ADVISED HIM HE WAS TRYING TO LIVE DOWN STIGMA OF EARLIER LEFTIST ACTIVITIES AS HE HAD CHANGED OPINIONS IN THAT RESPECT. IF NOT ALREADY INTERVIEWED, LOS ANGELES DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE BARRIE MILLMAN.

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RE OSWALD'S DEPARTURE FROM MEXICO. LOCAL EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER ADVISED ON RETURN FROM BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, HAD INTERVIEWED LEIGHTON COLIN HINKSON AND LATTER'S FRIEND FRANK BLADES AND THEY ADVISED HAD DEPARTED MEXICO CITY BY BUS AT ABOUT 1 P.M. OCTOBER 2 LAST POSSIBLY ON TRANSPORTES FRONTERA. NEITHER COULD RECALL OSWALD. MEXICAN IMMIGRATION RECORDS DISCLOSE BLADES ENTERED AND DEPARTED MEXICO ON FM-6 FORM IN TRANSIT. HINKSON AND BLADES ARE NEGROES AND STATED HAD TRAVELED TO SAN ANTONIO TO PURCHASE AUTOMOBILE. SECURITY OFFICE SUBMITTING DETAILED REPORT OF INTERVIEWS.

ADDITIONAL SUMMARY TOMORROW

CLARK D. ANDERSON

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY (105-3702)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN LAST ENCLOSING MEXICAN IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT ENTITLED QUOTE DIRECTIONS FOR THE USE OF THE IMMIGRATION FORMS CURRENTLY IN FORCE UNQUOTE. REFER ALSO TO YOUR CABLE NUMBER FIVE SEVEN NINE DEALING IN PART WITH NEGATIVE EFFORTS TO LOCATE FM-ONE SEVEN FORMS. BUREAU DESIRES THAT YOU MAKE EFFORT TO REVIEW ALL OF THE VARIOUS MEXICAN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THE ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU'S MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN LAST AIRTEL. DO NOT LIMIT CHECK TO FM-FIVE, EIGHT AND ONE SEVEN FORMS. ADVISE AS TO STATUS OF THIS CHECK. NOTE THAT PURPOSE IS TO SET FORTH IDENTITIES OF ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO, ACCORDING TO ALL AVAILABLE MEXICAN IMMIGRATION RECORDS, ENTERED MEXICO AT NUEVO LAREDO ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SIX LAST AND WHO DEPARTED THEREFROM ON OCTOBER THREE LAST. ONLY BEING MAILED DALLAS.

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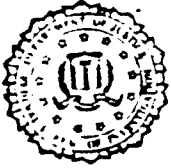
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CABLEGRAM TO MEXICO CITY
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
105-92555

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other types of travel documents issued to individuals traveling other than as tourists, such as students, government officials, etc. Legat's 4/25/64 cable talks only of efforts to locate an FM-17 form. Believed necessary to point out to Legat we desire check of all records of all classes of people entering and leaving on dates in question.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
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CONFIDENTIAL

April 28, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

A typewritten letter in Spanish, postmarked January 17, 1964, Mexico, D. F. (D. F. refers to "Distrito Federal" - Federal District or the Mexican Federal Capital), was sent to Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY by one ERNESTO FLORES LUNA, not further identified.

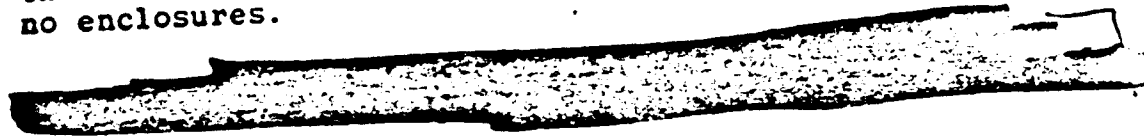
The letter (translated from Spanish) states in part: "We take the liberty of reproducing with care certain documents which arrived from Tapachula, State of Chiapas, addressed to OSWALD, assassin of your brother."

The letter continues that these documents "were addressed by a clerk in the shoe store of VICTOR COHEN, FIDEL CASTRO's intimate friend and the man who was delivering shipments from him (CASTRO?) to OSWALD and three other people who were to assassinate President LOPEZ MATEOS of Mexico."

The letter states that VICTOR COHEN was interested in the President of the United States and indicates that more documents possibly exist in COHEN's residence.

The writer of the letter claimed that COHEN was CASTRO's treasurer and that, prior to all this, COHEN was keeping various individuals of different nationalities in his house, including OSWALD, who was in Mexico looking for work and then went to Texas.

Although the letter, described above, indicated that enclosures were attached to it, the letter contained no enclosures.



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A confidential source abroad advised that on February 11, 1964, VICTOR COHEN CHARAFF, 3d Calle Oriente No. 54, Tapachula, State of Chiapas, Mexico, was contacted at his clothing and general merchandise store, "La Nacional," located at 3d Calle Poniente 35 in Tapachula. After being briefly informed concerning the contents of the above letter, which indicated he was pro-FIDEL CASTRO and had been in contact with LEE HARVEY OSWALD, COHEN stated he would be happy to cooperate in any way possible to resolve the allegation. He related that he was not interested in politics -- the politics of the United States, of Cuba, or of any other nation. He denied that he was pro-CASTRO, knew CASTRO or any of his adherents, and that he had ever belonged to any CASTRO organization. He stated he would not belong to any organization which was pro-CASTRO.

He advised that he is a "practicing capitalist" with a prosperous business and extensive property holdings in Tapachula, where he hires forty employees, and his businesses occupy all his time. Because he considers himself to be prosperous and since he is Jewish, he believes he has many enemies.

COHEN claimed he was not acquainted with the name

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ERNESTO FLORES LUNA and stated he could not assist in any way in establishing possible reasons why the letter was forwarded with the implications made therein. u

He stated he was unfamiliar with LEE HARVEY OSWALD and was unable to identify a photograph of OSWALD from a group of representative photographs. He stated he knew nothing about the visit of OSWALD to Mexico. u

He was cooperative in furnishing samples from his typewriter for determination as to whether this typewriter was used in preparing the letter forwarded to Attorney General KENNEDY. u

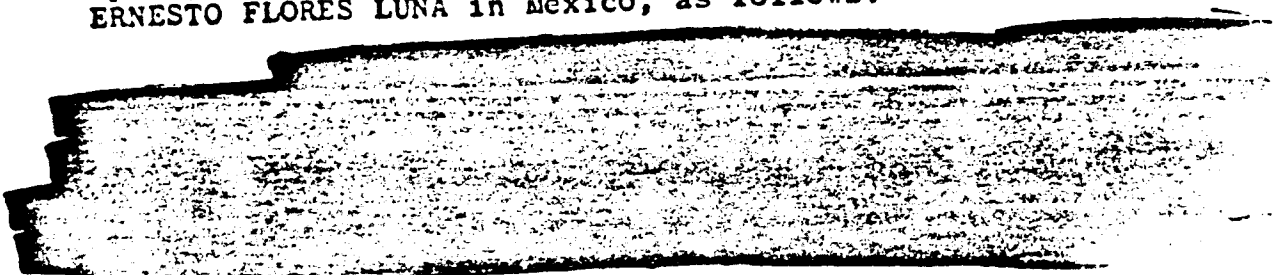
RESULT OF FBI LABORATORY
EXAMINATION OF TYPEWRITER SAMPLES

The confidential source abroad advised that on February 19, 1964, the original and carbon copy samples from the typewriter of VICTOR COHEN were submitted to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the typewritten letter directed to ROBERT F. KENNEDY by ERNESTO FLORES LUNA. u

The FBI Laboratory concluded in a report dated March 3, 1964, that the typewriter used to type the samples submitted from VICTOR COHEN's typewriter was not used to type the envelope and accompanying letter forwarded to "Sr. Robert Kennedy" from ERNESTO FLORES LUNA. u

ADDITIONAL EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY
ERNESTO FLORES LUNA IN MEXICO, D. F.

T-2 advised that throughout February, March and April, 1964, continued efforts were made to locate and identify ERNESTO FLORES LUNA in Mexico, as follows: u



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-82555)

FROM : *[Signature]* Legat, Mexico (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
IS - R - CUBA

DATE: 4/28/64

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to [unclear]
5-5-64

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are twelve (12) copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES

Mexico City letter and letterhead memorandum, 2/19/64, and Bureau letter to Dallas, including FBI Laboratory Report, 3/3/64.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The indices of the Mexico City office are negative for the name ERNESTO FLORES LUNA.

Referenced Bureau letter dated 3/3/64, instructed the Dallas office that two photographs of the typewriting samples taken from the typewriter of VICTOR COHEN should be attached to the two copies of the report designated for the Presidential Commission and one copy of this photograph to the copy "signed by the SAC," which will become the Bureau's file copy.

The above Bureau letter set out further that VICTOR COHEN's typewriter was not used to type the following specimens:

"Q350A and Q351, an envelope and accompanying letter to Voice of America from 'Miguel Galban Lopez'

"Qc352 and Qc353, an envelope and accompanying letter to 'Sr. Editor Diario...' from 'Miguel Galban Lopez'

- 5 Bureau (Encs. 12)
- (1 - Liaison Section)
- (2 - Dallas, 100-10461)
- 1 - Mexico City

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TO DALLAS 5-7-64
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AGENCY CIA, STATE

REQ. REC'D _____

DATE FOR. 5/14/64

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SOVIET SECTION

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ENCLOSURE

MC 105-3702

"Q232 and Q233, an envelope and accompanying letter to Oswald from 'Peter'"

"Q234 and Q235, an envelope and accompanying letter to Mr. Robert Kennedy from 'Mario del Rosario Molina'"

The above conclusion of the FBI Laboratory was not set out in the enclosure because the Mexico City office does not possess previous information in this matter and it is considered that the Dallas office will include this in a subsequent report.

Inasmuch as the allegations made by ERNESTO FLORES LUNA concerning VICTOR COHEN are considered to be fallacious and ERNESTO FLORES LUNA did not furnish an address or other identifying data regarding himself, UACB no further inquiries will be made to attempt to identify ERNESTO FLORES LUNA.

SOURCES

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>File Location</u>
T-1 is [REDACTED]	109-69-1600
T-2 is [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Confidential source
abroad is SA Richard
S. Clark

CLASSIFICATION

The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified "CONFIDENTIAL" in order to protect the Bureau's operations in a foreign country.

COPIES

Copies of this communication and the enclosure are being designated for Dallas, the office of origin.

MC 105-3702

LEAD

MEXICO CITY OFFICE

At Mexico, D. F., Mexico

Will continue investigation of all leads currently outstanding and which may develop with respect to this case, reporting results thereof promptly.

AIRTEL

To: Director, FBI (105-82555)

Date: 4/28/64

From: Legat, Mexico (105-3702) (P)

Subject: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
IS - R - CUBA

Handwritten signatures and initials, including "JCS" and "LH".

Re Mexico City letter to the Bureau and letter-head memorandum dated 4/7/64.

For the information of the Houston office, OSWALD is believed to have traveled under the name H. O. LEE from Mexico City to Laredo, Texas, via buses of the Transportes del Norte bus company. He left Mexico City at 8:30 a.m. on October 2, 1963, on board bus No. 332, which required a change at Monterrey to Transportes del Norte bus No. 373. He arrived at Laredo, Texas, at approximately 2:00 a.m. on the morning of October 3, 1963. He was assigned seat No. 12, a window seat located four rows from the front on the driver's side. It is believed he departed Laredo at 3:00 a.m. on October 3, 1963, on a Greyhound bus en route to Dallas, Texas, via San Antonio.

One of the passengers who boarded bus No. 332 at Mexico City and continued the trip to Laredo, also boarding the Greyhound bus which departed Laredo at 3:00 a.m. on October 3, 1963, for the trip north, has identified profile photographs of OSWALD as being of an American youth, whom he recalled for the first time as having boarded bus No. 373 in Monterrey. He also recalled the American youth boarding the bus at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, after the stop there and prior to its crossing the International Bridge into Laredo.

This passenger, ANASTASIO RUIZ MEZA, who is a resident of Mexico City and who was seated in seat No. 15

- 9 - Bureau
 - (1 - Liaison Section)
 - (2 - Dallas, 100-10461)
 - (2 - Houston, 105-1291)
 - (1 - San Antonio, 105-2909) (Info.)

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100 - Dallas, San Antonio (Info)
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on bus No. 332, upon interview on April 5, 1964, furnished some detail regarding other passengers he recalled being on the bus. He remembered that seated directly in front of him (seat No. 11) was an individual he believed to be a Mexican, who was traveling to Houston, Texas, and left the bus at San Antonio, Texas; however, he could furnish no information as to whether this person is a resident of Mexico or the United States. (The Transportes del Norte manifest for bus No. 332, which departed Mexico City on October 2, 1963, lists space for one AUGUSTO AGUILAR in seat No. 11, which is the seat located directly in front of seat No. 15. AGUILAR's destination is listed as Houston.)

Upon reinterview on April 27, 1964, RUIZ MEZA advised he recalled that the person who had been seated in front of him and who may be identical with AUGUSTO AGUILAR was going to a Protestant religious convention which was being held in Houston. He stated that on occasion during the trip this individual was reading a Bible. RUIZ MEZA described the person as being about 44 years of age, with black hair, balding at the crown, five feet six inches in height, weighing about 185 pounds, of stocky build and dark complexion. Upon further reflection, RUIZ MEZA stated that he believed this person resided in Mexico City but added that he was not certain.

Efforts to identify AUGUSTO AGUILAR and several other passengers on bus No. 332 have been unsuccessful to date. Efforts are continuing to identify other bus passengers who may be in a position to furnish information regarding OSWALD and to further confirm OSWALD's mode of travel upon departure from Mexico in October, 1963.

LEADS

HOUSTON OFFICE

At Houston, Texas

Through appropriate Mexican-American sources, will attempt to ascertain whether or not there may have been a