Protestant religious convention in Houston during early October, 1963, and if so determined, will make efforts to learn whether AUGUSTO AGUILAR was in attendance and thereafter obtain information which would aid in locating him for interview regarding this matter.

### MEXICO CITY OFFICE

### At Mexico, D. F., Mexico

Will continue efforts to identify other stillunidentified passengers on the afore-mentioned bus trip from Mexico City to Laredo.

#### COPIES

Two copies of this communication have been designated for the Dallas Office, which is the domestic office of origin in this matter.

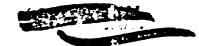
One copy is being furnished for the information of the San Antonio Office, which has conducted extensive investigation regarding the travel phase of this investigation.



File No.

In Reply, Please Refer to

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 28, 1964

### LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Recorded hereinafter are the identities of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who conducted key inquiries or received substantive information in Mexico with respect to the activities of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in that country, with a brief outline in connection with each Agent as to the nature of the inquiries conducted:

#### ROLAND E. TRENT

Conducted interview of DAVID ALKON, Mexico City architect, concerning the latter's knowledge of HORACIO DURAN and SILVIA TIRADO DE DURAN.

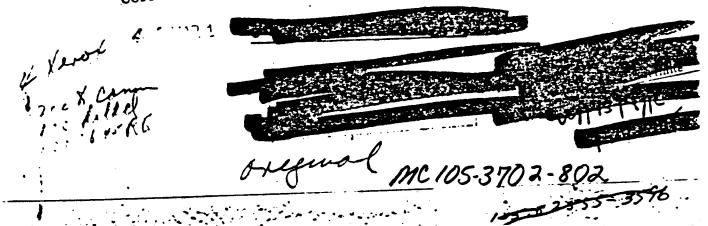
Interviewed Father RICHARD LAWRENCE PHILLION, who had obtained a tourist card at the Mexican Consulate in New Orleans, Louisiana, on the same date as OSWALD. This interview was negative.

Located and interviewed ALBERT OSBORNE, also known as JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, and through confidential sources obtained considerable information concerning this individual.

Conducted interview concerning the allegation that HOMOBONO ALCARAZ ARAGON might have known OSWALD in Mexico. Allegation was denied by ALCARAZ ARAGON.

Conducted numerous interviews concerning allegation by PEDRO GUTIERREZ VALENCIA that he had seen OSWALD in the Cuban Embassy, Mexico City, about October 1, 1963, and received considerable information from confidential sources concerning various ramifications of this allegation.

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### FREDERICK E. RODERICK

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Conducted inquiries at the Chihuahuense Travel Agency and obtained documents with respect to the travel by Transportes del Norte bus and subsequently Greyhound bus on October 3, 1963, of H. O. LEE.

Interviewed drivers of the Red Arrow bus line, ROBERTO MORALES and ERNESTO HERNANDEZ, and also conducted numerous interviews and a search of the records of the Red Arrow bus terminal in Mexico City in an effort to locate passenger lists for the bus on which OSWALD traveled from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City on September 26-27, 1963.

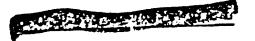
Conducted file review relating to information received from confidential sources with regard to comments and reactions of prominent associates of the American Communist Group in Mexico concerning OSWALD and his activities in Mexico.

> The American Communist Group in Mexico (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.

Interviewed HERBERT ROBERT VOORHEES at San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, and obtained from him considerable information concerning passengers on the Transportes del Norte bus on which OSWALD is believed to have departed from Mexico as H..O. LEE.

Prepared analysis with respect to the identities of aliens who entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26,1963.

Assisted in a check of the records of the Hotel Cuba in Mexico City and interviews of key personnel of that hotel.



Interviewed the Assistant Chief of the Bank of Mexico Police, ALFONSO FRIAS, regarding negative check by that agency of banks and financial institutions for a possible transaction involving OSWALD.

Compiled information concerning possible expenditures of OSWALD in Mexico.

Assisted in the analysis of FM-11 forms and related FM-5 and FM-8 forms with respect to aliens who departed from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963.

Assisted in conducting interviews at the Fronton Mexico Jai Alai Palace, the Fronton Metropolitano, and the Museum of Natural History, and submitted memorandum relating to the foregoing information, as well as that received from confidential sources with respect to OSWALD's possible purchase of a bracelet and post cards and his possibly visiting the Mexico City race track and the jai alai palaces.

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Assisted in the interview with respect to allegations of YLARIO ROJAS VALENZUELA.

Assisted with several interviews of PEDRO GUTIERREZ VALENCIA and other persons connected with the allegation made by him.

Participated in several interviews at the Chihuahuense Travel Agency, where information was developed concerning OSWALD's probable travel out of Mexico as H. O. LEE.

Assisted in the preparation of analysis of travel documents and Mexican Immigration data concerning persons who departed from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963.

Assisted in the search of the records of the Hotel Cuba and interviews of personnel of that hotel concerning whether or not OSWALD had ever been a guest at that establishment.

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Assisted with the interviews and the record searches at the Red Arrow bus terminal in Mexico City and participated in interviews of drivers of the Red Arrow bus on which OSWALD traveled from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico City on September 26-27, 1963.

Handled the interview with ANASTASIO RUIZ MEZA, who identified OSWALD as a passenger on the Transportes del Norte bus of October 2-3, 1963, on which RUIZ MEZA traveled to Laredo.

Participated in interviews of the manager, other personnel and bus drivers of Transportes Frontera bus line, Mexico City, with respect to the alleged travel by OSWALD on that line.

Assisted in the preparation of an analysis of Mexican FM-11 data relating to OSWALD and comparison of those forms with data appearing on originals of FM-5 and FM-8 (tourist cards).

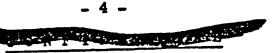
Assisted in conducting the interviews at the Fronton Mexico Jai Alai Palace and the Fronton Metropolitano.

#### ROLF L. LARSON

Conducted investigation at the Mexico City Terminal of Transportes del Norte bus line, including obtaining the passenger list of October 3, 1963, bus No. 332, to Laredo, interviewing ticket salesman, bus drivers, and the manager of the terminal.

Handled investigation at the Hotel del Comercio, i.e. interviews of hotel manager and other personnel, interview of owner of the restaurant next door to the hotel, and inquiries with respect to persons who were at the hotel during the same period as OSWALD.

Interviewed the manager and other personnel at the Transportes Frontera bus terminal in Mexico City which developed information that OSWALD probably did not travel on that line on October 2, 1963. Participated in subsequent interviews of bus drivers and personnel at the terminal.



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Interviewed ROLANDO BARRIOS RAMIREZ, former employee of the Chihuahuense Travel Agency, who had sold travel orders to H. O. LEE for transportation via Transportes del Norte and Greyhound bus lines beginning October 2, 1963. BARRIOS did not recall OSWALD.

Received from the Assistant Chief of the Mexican Federal Security Police, Captain FERNANDO GUTIERREZ BARRIOS, a copy of a signed statement made by SILVIA TIRADO DE DURAN and prepared the translation from Spanish thereof.

Conducted interviews of Mexican Immigration officials, Licenciado (Attorney) RAFAEL HERNANDEZ OCHOA, MACLOVIO HERRERA, and JOSE MARIO DEL VALLE, in connection with operations and procedures of the Mexican Immigration Service.

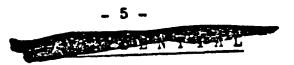
Participated in the analysis of information appearing on the Mexican Immigration FM-11 forms and related travel documents concerning persons who traveled into and departed from Mexico on the same dates as OSWALD.

Conducted interviews at the offices of the Red Arrow bus lines and at the Mexican Federal Security Police in an effort to locate a record of travel to Mexico on that line by OSWALD.

### JOSEPH S. LEO

Conducted interviews at the Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, offices of the Transportes del Norte bus line, obtaining the cancelled ticket sections for the October 2, 1963, passengers of bus No. 332, including two sections of ticket No. 13688, believed to have been utilized by OSWALD as H. O. LEE in traveling from Mexico City to Laredo.

Conducted additional interviews at the Transportes del Norte offices in an effort to clarify the number of passengers on the bus from Monterrey to Laredo and other questions relating to procedures and operations of the company.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-82555)

egat, Mexico (105-3702) (P) FROM

SUBJECT:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka IS - R - CUBA

### ENCLOSURES

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are twelve (12) copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

### REFERENCE

Bureau cable, 4/20/64.

### ADMINISTRATIVE

As the Bureau is aware, all investigative personnel of the Mexico City office have participated in various phases of the investigation in Mexico with respect to captioned case. In the interest of security of Bureau operations in Mexico, it has not been deemed advisable to list for the Presidential Commission the identities of all Agents of the Mexico City office, and for this reason only those Agents who conducted substantive investigation in which representatives of the Presidential Commission displayed a definite interest have been listed in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

For the information of the Bureau, the identities of all other Agents in the Mexico City office who have conducted investigation in connection with this case, together with a brief outline of inquiries carried out by them, are recorded hereinunder.

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### SA RICHARD S. CLARK

Conducted inquiries at Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico, regarding VICTOR COHEN, concerning whom one ERNESTO FLORES LUNA directed a letter to Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SA MATTHEW D. CRAWFORD, JR.

Interviewed Dr. EDUARDO BORRELL NAVARRO concerning allegations by one SALVADOR DIAZ VERSON regarding associations of OSWALD in Mexico City with SILVIA TIRADO DE DURAN and officials of the Cuban Embassy.

### SA NATHAN L. FERRIS

Received from informants and and several reports concerning reactions and speculation within the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM) concerning the assassination and OSWALD's visit to Mexico. Among ACGM associates mentioned by informants were CHARLES SMALL, KURT ODENHEIM, ELIZABETH CATLETT MORA and JOSEPH and REVA FRANK BERNSTEIN.

Received several reports from informant with respect to the background of PEDRO GUTIERREZ VALENCIA and inquiries relating to other aspects of investigation in Mexico.

### SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA

Handled liaison with the Mexican Ministry of Government, receiving copies of documents and data from Licenciado (Attorney) LUIS ECHEVERRIA, Acting Minister, and the Sub-Director of the Department of Immigration, Licenciado RAFAEL HERNANDEZ OCHOA. Also handled liaison with the Mexican Federal Security Police and arranged for delivery of a copy of the signed statement of SILVIA TIRADO DE DURAN by Captain FERNANDO GUTIERREZ BARRIOS.



Interviewed YLARIO ROJAS VALENZUELA in Guadalajara, Jalisco, and arranged for final interview of this individual by agents of the Federal Security Police.

SA JAMES R. GRIMES

Handled principal phases of the investigation in Mexico with respect to GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT and JEAN DE MOHRENSCHILDT, alleged friends of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

### SA HENRY C. JOHNSON

Received from a confidential source a written report recording the results of intensive neighborhood inquiry in the area of the Hotel del Comercio in an effort to develop information concerning utilization of transportation facilities by LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

### SA WADE E. KNAPP

Conducted investigation to locate and interview in Central America several individuals who had entered and departed from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on the same date as OSWALD. All interviews in this connection were negative.

### SA ELDON D. RUDD

Received information from a confidential source to the effect that OSWALD had stayed at the Hotel del Comercio in Mexico City.

Conducted interview and reported results thereof concerning ARTURO ALCOCER RUIZ, Mexico City attorney who claimed to have seen the sister of JACK RUBY in San Antonio, Texas, on the day prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY and on television from Dallas, Texas, on the actual day of the assassination.

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Conducted interview at San Salvador, El Salvador, of CHESTER STANLEY STEMP, teacher at the American High School in San Salvador, concerning his entry to Mexico on the same date as OSWALD. Interview was negative.

Received information from confidential sources concerning inquiries in an effort to locate the possible source in Mexico City of a bracelet which OSWALD reportedly presented to his wife, MARINA, following his trip to Mexico City.

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### SA EDWIN O. JOHNSON

Conducted initial interview of YLARIO ROJAS VALENZUELA at Guadalajara, Jalisco, and subsequent inquiries for the purpose of determining his availability for further interviews.

SA ROBERT T. NISCHWITZ

Conducted initial interviews at Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, of bus drivers and other personnel at the offices of the Transportes Frontera bus line in an effort to clarify possible travel by OSWALD on that line.

Participated in inquiries at the Transportes del Norte bus line offices in Monterrey to locate ticket sections relating to travel by H. O. LEE on October 2-3, 1963, and obtain details with respect to the bus changes, records, drivers and other information.

### SA HOWARD D. WESLEY

Was present at early interviews of drivers and other personnel of the Transportes Frontera bus line in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon.

In the event the Bureau desires to furnish to the Presidential Commission the identities of any or all of the Agents listed above, this office will prepare additional

pages for the enclosed letterhead memorandum, incorporating that material, upon receipt of Bureau instructions to that effect.

### 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 captioned case.

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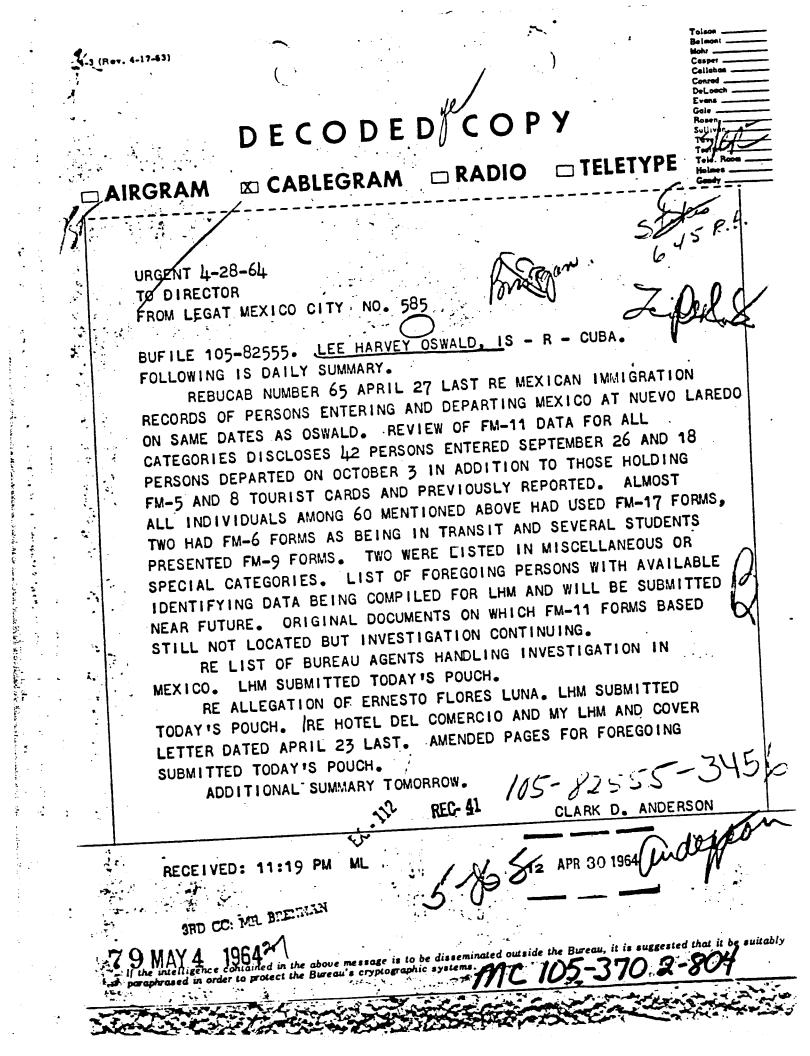
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### MEXICO CITY OFFICE

### At Mexico, D. F., Mexico

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



4-3 (Bev. 4-17-83) DECODEDCOPY XXCABLEGRAM RGRAM URGENT 4-29-64 TO DIRECTOR FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 586 LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA. FOLLOWIN BUFILE 105-82555. IS DAILY SUMMARY. RE OSWALD'S DEPARTURE FROM MEXICO. FURTHER INTERVIEW OF ANASTASIO RUIZ MEZA DISCLOSED TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE PASSENGER AUGUSTO AGUILAR POSSIELY FROTESTANT MISSIONARY WHO WAS TRAVELING TO HOUSTON TO ATTEND RELIGIOUS CONVENTION. MYAIRTEL APRIL 28 RECORDED LEAD FOR HOUSTON TO IDENTIFY. BIBLE SOCIETY RECORDS REVEAL ONE AUGUSTO AGUILAR RESIDES VILLAHERMOSA, MEXICO. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW. RE HOTEL DEL COMERCIO GUESTS. INFORMATION DEVELOPED HOTEL GUEST ANGELICA PEREYRA FORMERLY EMPLOYED MEXICAN ARMY AS NURSE. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN ADDRESS FOR HER THROUGH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE RECORDS. ADDITIONAL SUMMARY TUMORROW. CLARK D. AUDERSON RECEIVED: 11:00 PM EFH न्गर-४ने SHD CC: MR. B. Lining MC 105-3702-808

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12-13-56) FBI Date: 4/30/64 Transmit the following in (Type in plain text or cod+) AIRTEI (Priority or Method of Mailing) Via and the second of the second of the second DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555) **TO:** LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-3702) (P) LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka SUBJECT: IS - R - CUBA ReBuairtel to Albany dated 4/15/64, Bucab dated 4/24/64 and my cab dated 4/27/64. Agents assigned to this office have advised that immediately following the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, all informants and sources of this office were alerted to the requirement that all information which they might receive having any bearing on the assassination or suspect LEE HARVEY OSWALD should be reported without delay. Security and investigative informants have been contacted regularly since 11/22/63, and have been reminded of the necessity of being alert for and reporting all information coming to their attention with respect to these inquiries. As the Bureau is aware, information received from informants and and as to reactions and comments within the American Communist Group in Mexico concerning the assassination and OSWALD has been forwarded to the Bureau by cable, airtel and letterhead memorandum. REC 27. 105 X2 5 Bureau [1 - Liaison Section] (2 - Dallas, 100-10461) 18 MAY 5 1964 2 - Mexico City RLL:eim (8) AIRTEL C C . Wick Approved: Special Agent in Char 1064 MC 105-3702-811 Julian 6

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In addition to the foregoing, investigative informants have conducted considerable investigation in Mexico on the basis of specific leads relating to OSWALD's travel and activities in the country. All information from such informants has been reported by letterhead memorandum.

Subsequent to receipt of the Bureau airtel of reference, the following informants of this office have been recontacted and have reported they do not have any additional data in their possession with respect to captioned case:

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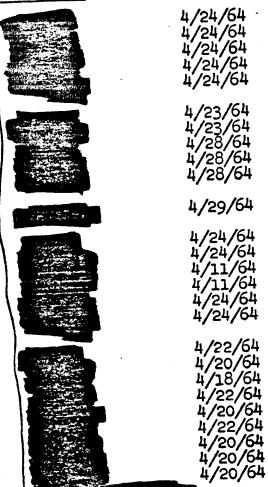
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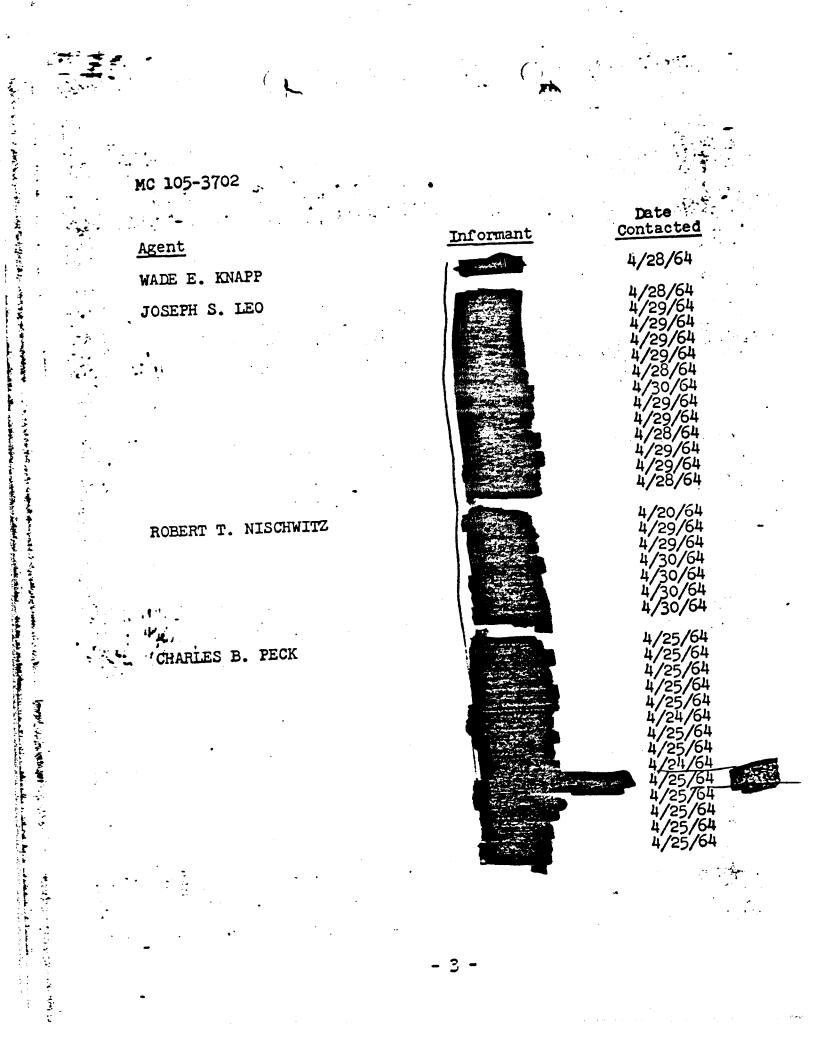
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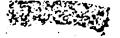
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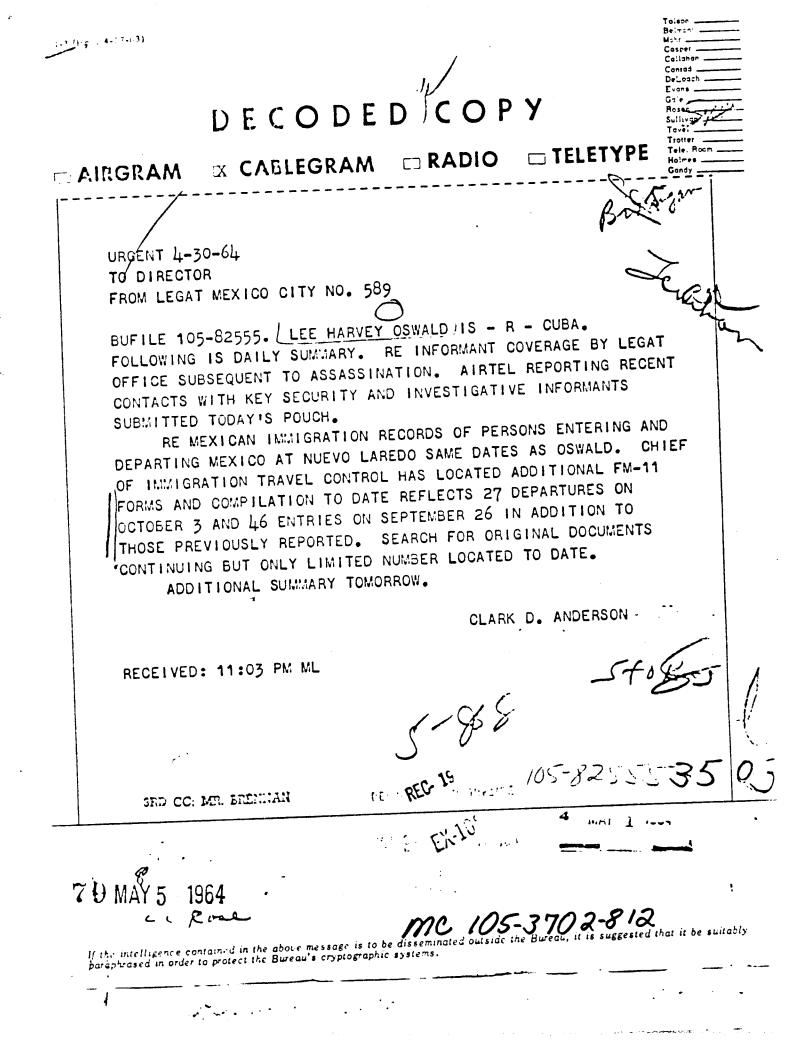
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With respect to informants and it was will be noted that they were contacted on 4/11/04. It was considered of interest to record that contact because on that occasion the assassination of President KENNEDY and the OSWALD case were discussed with them, and it has not been possible to recontact them in view of their being away from Mexico.

As has been done in the past, all Agents will continue to alert informants and report immediately any information which may be received with respect to captioned case.





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Los Anigos has been unable to locate Horobono Alcaraz Aragon; however, his whereabouts reportedly known to fignese, Barrie Willman, who recently departed Hexice City by bus and can be located at 1038 Citure, Los Angeles, California.

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Enclosed for information and assistance of Los Angeles is one copy such of San Francisco air tol and enclosed LHM, both dated 4-14-61, and legat, Mexico City, letter and enclosure(LHM), both dated 1-25-64, setting forth pertinent data concerning allegations of Arreld Legats Bensler and Epropence Alcarsz Aragon.

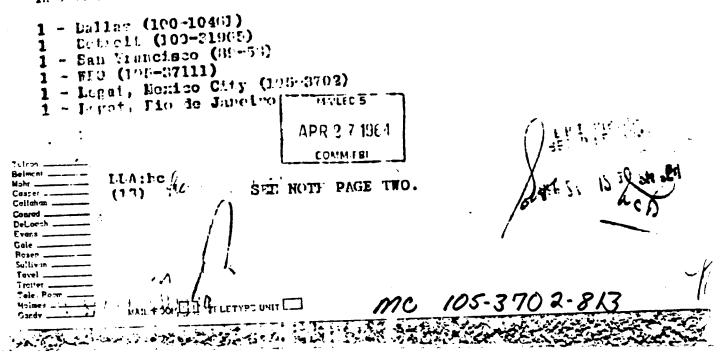
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#### PUREAU NOTE:

A confidential source in San Francisco advised that he met one "Arnold" in Mexico City 2-24/25, 1964, who told him he had dined with subject in Mexico City when subject was there in September/October, 1963. Investigation has determined "Arrold" is Arnold Messler, a former student at University of Californic at Berkeley, from Detroit, Michigan, who is presently in Brazil. We previously received allegation from student at University of California that a Mexican student, Alcaraz Aragon, met subject during subject's trip to Mexico. Aragon denied this but did admit meeting r Steve Keenan who fits description of Kessler and who Aragon subjected may have known subject. We are exploring possibility allegation re Arnold may tie in with Aragon's statements following which consideration will be given to having Keesler interviewed through Legat, Pio.

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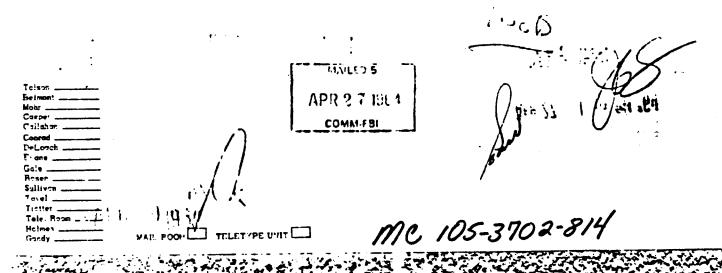
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The Wolif woman was aboard bus on which Oswald traveled from Menico City to Monterrey on 10/2/63. We desire to locate and interview her.

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TO LEGAT RIO DE JANEIRO

TROM DIRECTOR, FEI (105-82555)

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CAULEGRAM TO LEGAT, RIO DE JANEIRO FV: LEE HARVEY OSWALD 115-82555

OSWALD IN MEXICO FROM SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SIX THROUGH OCTOBER THREE O'E NINE SIX THREE. OSWALD ALSO MAY HAVE EATEN IN SANSBORN OR HOPE RESTAURANTS IN MEXICO CITY.

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FOLLOWING ABOVE, ALSO OFTAIN AND VERIFY KESSLER'S EXACT STATUS RE RESIDENCE, EMPLOYMENT AND STUDIES IN BRAZIL NOTING INFORMATION FURNISHED LOCAL BOARD NINETY-FOUR, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, AS SET FORTH IN RE BUCAB. EXPEDITE, SUCAB RESULTS FOLLOWED BY REPORT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION TO PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION.

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This relates to two traveling bags believed to have been the property of Lee. Harvey Oswald which have been designated Commission Exhibits Al and C254. These articles are described as follows: A-1 is a cloth zipper bag, blue in color, with black plastic edgings and two plastic handles. This bag has a zipper at the top and on one side. It measures approximately 211inches long, by 11 inches high, by 9 inches wide. There are no markings on this bag. Exhibit C254 is a cloth bag, green in color, known as a "Bee 4" It measures approximately 24 inches long, by 18 inches high, by 11 inches wide. A bag of this type is depicted in the current general catalog of the Montgomery Ward Company on page 587 and its color is described as Army green. Of particular interest in connection with C254 are markings in yellow on one side of the bag. These markings are the date "9/26" and an unreadable mark above the numeral "26" which may be an initial.

In this connection it is to be noted that Osvald entered Mexico at Muevo Laredo on the afternoon of 9/26/63 and it was in the marly morning hours of that date that he boarded the Continental Frailways bus at Houston en route to Laredo. On the top portion of C254 are two fragments of what appeared to be bus company stickers တ 2 and a small decal believed to be the trade mark of the bag. 2 printing on the fragments of the stickers is red in color and it is to be noted that the fragment located above the decal appears to be a form of the Continental Trailways Company. Attached to the handle of C254 is the top portion of a baggage check of the Continental Trailways, Dallas, Texas. Toisos Gelao = Foreign Lizison Unit (Route through for raview) Volt Jb Gic Min . Ki as وللعت MC 105-3702-816 ICS: pah (SEE NOTE PAGE 3) Gale

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Enclosed for recipient offices are two color photographs of both sides of C254, one color photograph of one side of Al and three black and white photographs of portions of the top of C254.

The President's Commission has expressed interest in determining if Oswald, during his trip to Mexico, utilized both bags described herein. Dallas question Marina Oswald and Mrs. Buth Paine concerning this. Ascertain if Mrs. Paine can recall packing Exhibit C254 in her station wagon when she and Marina left New Orleans for Irving, Texas. Endeavor to ascertain through Mrs. Paine and Marina Oswald whether or not C254 was left in the apartment in New Orleans with Oswald when they departed. Ascertain if they can throw any light on the "9/26" date appearing on one side of C254. Also question Robert Oswald about this. Concerning the fragments of stickers and the baggage.check affixed to C254, endeavor to identify the stickers and determine from the form numbers on the paggage check when and, if possible, where such check may have been affixed to the bag.

Houston display to personnel handling baggage at the Continental Trailways station the enclosed photographs to determine if they can throw any light on the significance of the "9/26" marking on the side of C254, and to develop whatever information is available concerning the fragments of the stickers and the portion of the baggage check affixed to C254.

San Antonio endeavor to ascertain through baggage handlers of the Red Arrow Bus Company and through Mexican immigration and customs services if the "9/26" marking on C254 was affixed to the bag at Muevo Laredo. If so detormined, ascertain its significance. Bear in mind the possibility that Oswald may have traveled to Nuevo Laredo with two bags and may have checked one at the bus terminal there, retrieving same on his return. Explore this.

Legat, Mexico City, display photographs of C254 to personnel at the Red Arrow and Transportes del Norte terminals to ascertain if they can shed any light on the "9/26" mark on the bag. Also display photographs of both bags to employees of the Del Comercio Hotel to determine if anyone can recall Oswald having these bags in his possession when at the hotel. Tolson If the taxi driver who reportedly took Oswald from the httel le mont DeL 🗋 w con a

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on the morning of 10/2/63 can be located, display the photographs to him. In addition, ascertain if the small triangular paper fragment on the top of C254 may be portion of a form of either the Red Arrow or the Del Norte lines.

Recipient offices handle this investigation immediately and submit letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Houston, San Antonio and Legat, Mexico City, return the enclosed photographs to the Bureau when investigation has been completed. Dallas may retain the enclosed photographs for completion of its file.

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Commission expressed interest in Oswald's luggage in 4/22/64 letter.

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BY APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST LETTER IN CONFIRMATION OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR OFFICE, THE COMMISSION REQUESTED FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION: PAREN ONE END PAREN CONTACT BE MAINTAINED WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO ASCERTAIN SY ALBERT OSBORNE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON REASONABLY SHORT NOTICE SHOULD COMMISSION DECIDE TO REQUEST HIS APPEARANCE FOR TESTINONY. IN THIS REGARD ADVISE WHETHER OSBORNE HAS BEEN PLACED ON A QUOTE THO-WEEK REPORTING SCHEDULE UNQUOTE BY THE RESPONSIBLE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES. PAREN TWO END PAREN THE ACTUAL DATE OF ARRIVAL OF FLECHA ROJA BUS IN MEXICO CITY ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN LAST. RATHER THAT ITS SCHEDULED TIME OF ARRIVAL. PAREN THREE END PAREN ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF OSWALD'S PROBABLE EXPENSES IN TRAVELING TO MEXICO CITY FROM NEW ORLEANS, IN STAYING IN MEXICO CITY AND IN TRAVELING TO DALLAS. THE SPECIFIC ITEMS SOUGHT HAVE BEEN COVERED IN YOUR APRIL TWENTY-TWO LAST LETTERHEAD, EXCEPT BUS FARE FROM NEW ORLEANS TO LAREDO. LATTER ITEM WILL BE HANDLED BY BUREAU.

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PAREN FOUR END PAREN LARGE CLEAR MAP OF MEXICO CITY WITH PLACES VISITED BY OSEALD IDENTIFIED. ALSO INDICATE ON MAP LOCATION OF HOTEL CUBA. PAREN FIVE END PAREN COPY OF THE QUOTE DOSSIER BY BUREAU UNQUOTE ON OSWALD FURNISHED TO AMBASSADOR THOMAS MANN/SHORTLY AFTER ASSASSINATION. PAREN SIX END PAREN CHECK OF THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES ON PAGE FORTY-SEVEN OF OSWALD'S ADDRESS BOOK WHICH WERE DISPLAYED TO BUREAU AGENT, MEXICO CITY, BY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE, TO ASCERTAIN IF NUMBERS ARE, IN FACT, THOSE OF CUBAN AND SOVIET CONSULATES AND/OR EMBASSIES AND, IF NOT, INQUIRE TO ASCERTAIN WHOSE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES PAREN SEVEN END PAREN CHECK AT MUSEUMS IN MEXICO THEY ARE. WHERE OSWALD MAY HAVE VISITED TO OBTAIN ANY AVAILABLE EVIDENCE OF SUCH VISITS AND ALL INFORMATION RELATIVE THERETO. REQUESTS IN COMMISSION'S APRIL TWENTY-FOUR LAST LETTER ARE, IN PART, AT VARIANCE WITH ORAL REQUESTS YOU DESCRIBED IN YOUR CABLE NUMBER FIVE FOUR FOUR. COMPLY WITH ABOVE REQUESTS AND REQUESTS IN YOUR CABLE FIVE FOUR FOUR, EXCEPT THE INQUIRY CONCERNING ANALYSIS OF WORKING HOURS OF CUBAN AND SOVIET CONSULATES AND OPERATING PROCEDURES IN OBTAINING CUBAN TRANSIT VISAS, IN WHICH REGARD COMMISSION HAS BEEN REFERRED TO CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. ADVISE SPECIFICALLY AS TO EXACTLY WHAT MATERIAL WAS GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR MANN AND FURNISH

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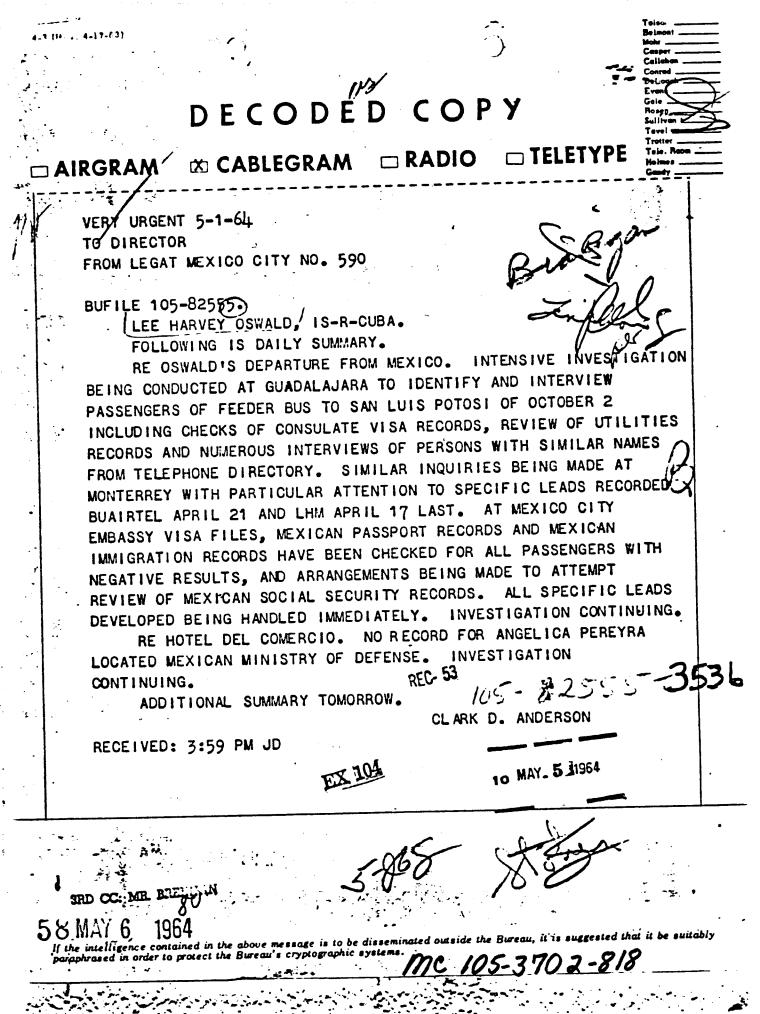
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COPY THEREOF. ALSO ADVISE AS TO EFFORTS TO LOCATE ALBERT OSBORNE AND WHETHER OR NOT HE HAS BEEN PLACED ON QUOTE TWO-WEEK REPORTING SCHEDULE UNQUOTE BY MEXICANS. DALLAS BEING ADVISED BY MAIL.

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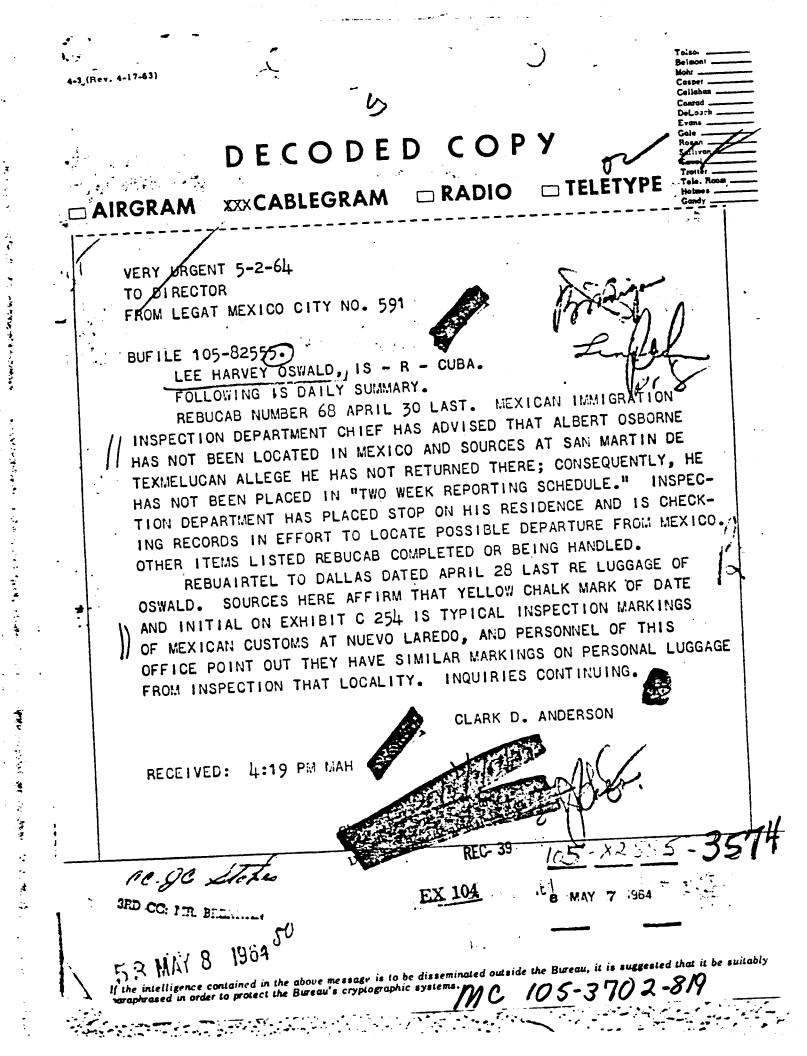
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DESPITE THE OBJECTIONS VOICED IN YOUR APRIL NINE AIRTEL TO INTERVIEW OF SMALL BY MENICAN OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT COMMISSION MAY DESIDE SMALL BE INTERVIEWED. CAREFULLY CONSIDER THIS AND SUBAIT YOUR OPINION AS TO BEST MANNER IN WHICH SUCH INTERVIEW COULD BE HANDLED CONSISTENT WITH PROTECTING YOUR SOURCES. IN VIEW OF COMMENTS OF YOUR SOURCES AS SET FORTH IN RE LETTERHEAD, IT IS DESIRED THAT YOU REVIEW YOUR FILE ON SMALL AND CHECK RECORDS MENICAN INDIGRATION SERVICE 62. TO DETERMINE SMALL'S ALLEN STATUS IN MENICO AND TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS TO DATE HE DEPARTED NEW YORK SEPTEMENT, SINTY THUEE, AND DATE HE RETURNED an Aller a galant word 4) NOTE PAGE 2 Foreign Liaison Unit (Route thru for review)

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Mr. J. Fdger Hoover Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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> While Messrs. William T. Coleman, Jr., Howard P. Willens and W. David Slavson of the Commission staff were in Mexico recently they discussed with your representatives additional investigation in Mexico which would be of assistance to the Commission. This letter is in confirmation of those discussions.

We requested further investigation along the following lines:

1. Contact is to be maintained with the Mexican authorities to ascertain whether Albert Alexander Qsborne, also / known as John Howard Bowen, will be available on reasonably short notice should the Commission decide to request his voluntary or involuntary appearance for the taking of testimony. We would like to be advised whether Mr. Osborne has been placed on a "two-week reporting schedule" by the responsible Mexican authorities.

2. If possible, the actual time of arrival of the Flecha Roja bus in Mexico City on September 27 upon which Lee Harvey Oswald was riding, rather than its scheduled time of arrival, should be ascertained.

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3. The Commission would like an itemized estimate of Lee Harvey Oswald's probable expenses in traveling to Mexico City from New Orleans, Louisians, in staying in Mexico City, and in traveling back from Mexico City to Dallas, Texas. This estimate would include at least the following items:

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- Bus fare, both southbound and northbound, in Mexico and in the United States.
- b. The additional fee paid to the travel agency, if any, for the northbound bus travel.
- c. The cost of Oswald's room at the Hotel del Comercio.
- d. The approximate cost of food, including food he ate while traveling by bus in Mexico.
- e. The cost of a ticket to the bull fight for the section in which Oswald probably sat.
- f. The cost, if any, of any visits to museums.
- g. Various transportation costs by bus and/or taxicab incurred on the trips he probably made in Mexico City. (Our information is that he probably went from his hotel to the neighborhood of the Cuban and Soviet Embassies on two days, Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28. In addition, he may have gone to the bull fight on Sunday, and we know that he was engaged in making travel arrangements at various bus stations and a travel agency on Monday, September 30.)
- h. The cost of a local telephone call.
- i. The cost of purchasing six picture postcards of the kind found in his possession after the assassination.

4. The Commission would like a large, clear map of Mexico City with the places visited by Oswald clearly identified thereon. In addition, if it is still convenient to do so, the Commission would like the location of the Hotel Cuba indicated on this map.

5. We would like a copy of the "dossier" on Lee Harvey Oswald furnished by the Bureau to Ambassador Thomas Mann shortly after the assassination.

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6. Certain telephone numbers and addresses pertaining to Mexico City which were listed on the 47th page of Lee Harvey Oswald's address book were shown to a representative of the Bureau in Mexico City by representatives of the Commission. The Bureau representatives were requested to check whether the telephone numbers and addresses are in fact those of the Cuban and Soviet Consulates and/or Embassies and, if they are not, ascertain whose telephone numbers or addresses they are.

7. After discussing the matter with the Commission representatives while they were in Mexico City, the agents of the Bureau determined that there were two or three museums in Mexico City which Lee Harvey Oswald may have visited. They are to inquire at these places and attempt to obtain evidence of his visits there and all available information about any such visits.

On behalf of the Commission I would like to thank you for the cooperation extended to Messrs. Coleman, Slawson, and Willens during their visit to Mexico City. Based on the reports of these representatives, I am confident that this phase of the Commission's work will be satisfactorily completed in the near future.

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Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin General Counsel



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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C. May 4, 1964

#### LEE HARVEY OSWALD

### BASIS FOR INQUIRY

A confidential source abroad has advised that the baggage manifest of bus No. 516 of the "Servicios Unidos Autobuses Blancos Flecha Roja, S. A. de C. V.," (The Unified Services of White Autobuses Red Arrow, Incorporated) commonly referred to as the Flecha Roja bus line, which departed from Nuevo Laredo, State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, on September 26, 1963, and arrived in Mexico, D. F., (D. F. refers to "Distrito Federal" - Federal District or the Mexican Federal Capital) the following day included as a passenger thereon the name of "LEE HARVEY OSWALJ."

According to source, several persons who traveled on that bus as passengers have definitely identified photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD as being of a young American who was a passenger thereon.

TIME OF ARRIVAL OF FLECHA ROJA BUS NO. 516 AT MEXICO. D. F., ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1963

A second confidential source abroad advised as follows:

On April 16, 1964, JULIO CASTRO, employee of the accounting department in the offices of the Flecha Roja bus line located at Heroes Ferrocarrileros No. 45, Mexico, D. F., made available the ledger of arrivals at Mexico, D. F., for the Flecha Roja bus line. This ledger contains separate entries for each day, recording the exact time of arrival of each bus in Mexico, D. F., at the terminal.

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These records disclosed that bus No. 516 of the Flecha Roja bus line, on which LEE HARVEY OSWALD reportedly traveled from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico, D. F., on September 26-27, 1963, arrived in Mexico, D. F., at the Flecha Roja bus terminal, Heroes Ferrocarrileros No. 45, at 10:00 AM on September 27, 1963.

JULIO CASTRO advised that Flecha Roja bus No. 516, which departed from Nuevo Laredo, State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, at 2:00 PM, September 26, 1963, had a scheduled arrival in Mexico, D. F., of 9:45 AM, September 27, 1963, but, according to the entry in the ledger book, this bus was late in arriving at Mexico, D. F. He mentioned that the buses from Nuevo Laredo often arrive well in advance of their official schedules.

CASTRO made available another record contained in the office files of the Flecha Roja bus line which is captioned "Control de Llegada" (Arrival Control) and which registers the mechanical condition of a bus upon arrival in Mexico, D. F. This record revealed that upon arrival in Mexico, D. F., on September 27, 1963, one of the operators of bus No. 516 in the portion of the form captioned "condition of the bus" had made the notation "arreglar suspension" (repair suspension). A blank space on this form for time of arrival had not been filled out. CASTRO stated that the notation made by one of the bus operators at the completion of the trip to Mexico, D. F., possibly would explain the reason that bus No. 516 was behind schedule.

CROSSING OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT NUEVO LAREDO, STATE OF TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO, BY FLECHA ROJA BUS LINE

On April 16, 1964, JULIO CASTRO furnished information concerning the crossing of the International Bridge between Nuevo Laredo, State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, and Laredo, Texas, by the Flecha Roja equipment as follows:

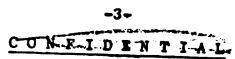
There are two trips daily by the Flecha Roja bus line which leave Mexico, D. F., for Nuevo Laredo, but with a final terminal point of Laredo, Texas. This schedule was in effect in September, 1963. On both of these trips the Flecha Roja

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buses cross the International Bridge over the "Rio Bravo del Norte" (Rio Grande River) between Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and Laredo, Texas, with the buses stopping in Laredo where they discharge passengers and also pick up new passengers in Laredo for the return trip into Mexico with Mexico, D. F., as the final terminal point.

CASTRO advised that on the return trip to Mexico, D. F., Flecha Roja bus No. 516 had a scheduled departure from Laredo, Texas, on September 26, 1963, of 1:30 PM, arriving in Nuevo Laredo a few minutes later, with departure from Nuevo Laredo for the trip to Mexico, D. F., scheduled for 2:00 PM.



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то	:	DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)	DATE:	5/4/64	_
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### ENCLOSURES

Enclosed herewith are twelve copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above. <u>REFERENCE</u> Mexico City cable No. 544 dated 4/13/64, which recorded data requested by Presidential Commission Representatives

### ADM IN ISTRATIVE

On 4/11/64, while at the Legat's Office, U. S. Embassy, Mexico, D. F., W. DAVID SLAWSON and other Representatives of the Presidential Commission inquired concerning the exact time of arrival, if available, of the Flecha Roja bus No. 516 on which OSWALD arrived in Mexico City on 9/27/63. In this connection inquiry also was made as to whether or not Flecha Roja buses cross the International Bridge at Nuevo Laredo, State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, in order to pick up passengers in Laredo, Texas, and deliver them thereto.

#### SOURCES

The first confidential source abroad mentioned in the enclosure is the file of the Legat's Office, MC 105-3702, in instant case.

The second confidential source abroad referred The second second the enclosure is REC- 54 5 - Bureau (Encs. 12) (1 - Liaison Section) (2 - Dallas, 100-10461) - Que Pat -1 - Mexico City, 18 MAY 8 1964 FER:plb X 2 5-14 icc CIA (6) 2 re Dallas r y my ENCLOSURE 5:8 MAY 1 8 1964 MC 105-370 2-830

### CLASS IFICATION

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

#### COPIES

Two copies of the enclosed letterhead memorandum are being submitted for the Dallas Office as the domestic office of origin.

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### MEXICO CITY

### At Mexico, D. F., Mexico:

Will continue to vigorously and immediately handle all investigation growing out of leads in this case and report the results promptly.