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REFERENCE: Houston airtel to Bureau dated 1/22/64

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NEW ORLEANS and SAN ANTONIO (INFORMATION):

Information copies of this report are being furnished for the information of New Orleans and San Antonio inasmuch as those offices have been attempting to trace subject's travel between New Orleans, Houston, and Austin, Texas, and this report contains information relating to that matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA EDWIN DALRYMPLE Office: Houston
Date: 2/20/64
Field Office File #: Houston 105-1291 Bureau File #: 105-82555
Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Synopsis: No record located at Houston of air travel by OSWALD from Houston to Austin, Texas, on 9/25/63. Pan American World Airways unable to locate any record that OSWALD inquired regarding flights from Houston to Mexico City. E. P. HAMMETT, Continental Trailways ticket agent at Houston, identified ticket stub of ticket sold on 9/25/63 at Houston for travel to Laredo, Texas, as ticket he sold. HAMMETT went on duty at 10:30 PM on 9/25/63. HAMMETT viewed photographs of OSWALD and stated he believes he recalled selling a ticket to OSWALD in approximately September, 1963. HAMMETT stated person in question inquired as to price of tickets to Mexico City and had difficulty making up mind regarding travel. Other employees of Continental Trailways Bus Terminal on duty at above period unable to recall seeing OSWALD. Mrs. LOLA E. HOLLIAN, operator of employment service at Houston, reportedly had conversation with OSWALD in approximately October, 1963, but upon interview unable to positively identify him.

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DETAILS: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

The following investigation was conducted concerning OSWALD's reported travel and movements between New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mexico City, Mexico, during the period September 25 - 26, 1963. Previous investigation

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established OSWALD cashed a check at New Orleans, Louisiana, after 8:00 AM on September 25, 1963. He was reported to have telephoned Mrs. HORACE TWIFORD at Houston on the evening of September 25, 1963, at a time she believed was between 7 and 9:00 PM. In the interim, an employee at Social Security Headquarters, Austin, Texas, reported she believed she was contacted by OSWALD at Austin on September 25, 1963, at approximately 1:00 PM. When OSWALD talked to Mrs. TWIFORD at Houston, he indicated he was considering flying to Mexico. Other witnesses have reported OSWALD boarded a Continental Trailways bus at Houston, Texas, at approximately 2:00 AM on September 26, 1963, on which bus he traveled to Laredo, Texas, and thereafter traveled to Mexico City. Investigation was conducted to determine if OSWALD might have flown from New Orleans to Houston and thence to Austin, Texas, on September 25, 1963.

On January 16, 1964, DON RODGERS, Continental Airlines, Inc., Houston International Airport, stated that in September, 1963, Continental had the only air schedules between Austin and Houston, although these routes were subsequently taken over by Trans-Texas Airways in November, 1963. RODGERS checked his records and schedules and reported that on September 25, 1963, Continental Airlines had no flights to Austin from Houston between 6:50 AM and 12:20 PM. A person could have left Houston on Continental Flight 215 at 12:20 PM and would have arrived at Austin at 1:10 PM on that date. RODGERS located the manifest for Flight 215 on September 25, 1963, and the passenger list was examined. Neither OSWALD's name nor any of his known aliases appeared on this manifest.

RODGERS reported that a passenger could have left Austin on Continental Flight 212 at approximately 2:30 PM on September 25, 1963, arriving at Houston at approximately 3:20 PM. There were no more scheduled flights from Austin to Houston from 2:30 PM until 10:00 AM on September 26, 1963. RODGERS pointed out the identities of passengers on flights from Austin to Houston would not be available in the records maintained at Houston, Texas.

In view of the possibility that OSWALD, after arriving at Houston from New Orleans, actually considered flying to Mexico City, JAMES D. GIBSON, Station Manager,

Don Rodgers
Houston, Texas

Pan American World Airways (PAA), Houston International Airport, was interviewed on January 16, 1964. GIBSON made available copies of PAA flight releases for September 24, 25, 26, 1963. These are lists of the persons who requested space on PAA Flight 501 from Houston to Mexico City on those dates. OSWALD's name was not on these lists nor was any of his known aliases. GIBSON pointed out that persons who fail to appear at flight time, who cancelled previous reservations, or who appeared at the last minute without reservations are also recorded on these lists, sometimes in ink by the employees on duty. These flight release lists are actually prepared by the PAA Central Reservations Department at Miami, Florida, and are furnished interested offices by teletype. GIBSON pointed out that the PAA Central Reservations Office at Miami had previously been carefully checked in connection with this investigation without locating OSWALD's name. GIBSON stated his office had no record of any request or inquiry on the part of OSWALD in connection with possible air travel to Mexico City.

On January 17, 1964, DAVID R. ~~TAYLOR~~ ^{Houston Texas}, District Sales Manager, PAA, 1210 South Main Street, checked all available records in an effort to find a file card or other data indicating that OSWALD may have made an exploratory inquiry concerning possible travel to Mexico City without actually making a reservation. Mr. TAYLOR stated he could find no such record and his records had been searched thoroughly at an earlier date without locating any record pertaining to OSWALD. Mr. TAYLOR pointed out that PAA has the only direct air travel to Mexico City from Houston.

On January 24, 1964, S. R. ~~COBB~~ ^{Houston Texas}, Station Manager, Continental Trailways Bus Terminal, 1114 McKinney, made a thorough review of personnel and payroll records to identify all employees of his company who were physically present at the Continental Trailways Bus Terminal on the evening of September 25, 1963, and up to 2:30 AM on September 26, 1963. It was determined that the following twelve employees, consisting of six ticket agents, one information clerk, three porters, and two snackbar attendants were on duty at that time and could conceivably have observed OSWALD. Each of the listed employees was interviewed on the dates indicated and photographs of OSWALD and of his baggage were

displayed to them. With the exception of E. P. HAMMETT, mentioned below, none of these employees could recall having seen OSWALD in the Continental Trailways Bus Terminal:

Employees

Ticket Agents

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Interviewed</u>
ROBERT STEPHENSON 10:30 PM - 6:30 AM	January 21, 1964
MORGAN LAIRD, JR. 12:15 PM - 9:15 PM	January 21, 1964 <i>Hollins</i>
RAY DYAL 2:15 PM - 11:00 PM	January 21, 1964 <i>Test</i>
J. D. MOSS 2:15 PM - 11:00 PM	January 27, 1964
THOMAS MARSHALL 4:00 PM - 1:00 AM	January 27, 1964

Information Clerk

MARTHA OATES 4:00 PM - 1:00 AM	January 27, 1964
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Porters

THEODORE GREEN 9:30 PM - 6:30 AM	January 28, 1964
JIMMY HOLLINS 11:15 PM - 8:15 AM	January 28, 1964
EDWARD ARCHIE 2:45 PM - 10:45 PM	January 27, 1964

Snackbar Attendants

LUCILLE LAUGHLIN 10:30 PM - 6:30 AM	January 28, 1964
VIRGINIA HUGHES 2:30 PM - 10:30 PM	February 4, 1964

On January 21, 1964, GEORGE PRATT, Manager, Continental Trailways Cafeteria, advised the cafeteria closes at 7:20 PM and between that time and 7:00 AM the only employees on duty in connection with his facility are the snackbar attendants who were identified and interviewed as set out above.

Previous investigation at the Continental Trailways Bus Terminal, Houston, Texas, revealed that for the period September 24, 1963, through September 26, 1963, only one ticket, bearing number 112230, was sold from Houston to Laredo, Texas, the price being \$10.60. It was indicated the stubs of all such tickets were permanently filed at Dallas, Texas.

On January 17, 1964, CONNIE WALTERS, Continental Trailways Bus Company, 2805 Logan, Dallas, Texas, made available a copy of auditor's stub for Continental Trailways bus ticket number 112230. A rubber stamp impression on this stub indicated the ticket was issued on September 25, 1963, at Houston, Texas, for travel from Houston, Texas, to Laredo, Texas, at a price of \$10.60. This rubber stamp impression carried "die number" 12, which Mr. WALTERS pointed out would identify the ticket agent at Houston who made this sale.

On January 21, 1964, E. P. HAMMETT, 8603 Detroit Street, Houston, Texas, employed as a ticket agent by Continental Trailways Bus Company, observed this copy of the above ticket stub and identified this as a ticket which he had sold on September 25, 1963. Photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and of a small zipper bag used by OSWALD were exhibited to HAMMETT. HAMMETT furnished the following information:

There are very few tickets sold for travel between Houston and Laredo, Texas, and HAMMETT sometimes will not sell more than one in a week. He stated for this reason any sales or inquiries about tickets to Laredo and/or Mexico are unusual and he usually remembers them. On September 25, 1963, HAMMETT went on duty at 10:30 PM and was the only ticket agent on duty from 10:30 PM until 6:30 AM on September 26, 1963.

HAMMETT stated he could recall a man strongly resembling the photograph of OSWALD coming to his counter at some time which would have been approximately in late September, 1963, and making inquiry concerning travel to Laredo and to Mexico City. HAMMETT believes this man came to his counter at approximately midnight. The man HAMMETT recalls was wearing a pull-over sweater which he believes was brown and white, white dungarees, and dirty white canvas shoes. This man inquired as to prices of tickets directly to Mexico City and also to Laredo. HAMMETT stated this man seemed to be very undecided and could not make up his mind and after considerable discussion he left the counter and was not observed for a short period. There was no discussion of visas or Mexican tourist cards, these matters normally being handled when passengers arrive at Laredo, Texas. This man did not give HAMMETT his name, and normally there is no occasion for ticket agents to learn passengers' names.

HAMMETT stated after leaving his counter for some time, the above man finally returned and stated he decided to buy a ticket to Laredo, which HAMMETT sold him. This man was alone at the time and HAMMETT did not observe how he arrived at the bus terminal. HAMMETT noted that he believes it was about 1:30 AM or possibly 2:00 AM before this man finally purchased a ticket for use on a Continental Trailways bus which left Houston at 2:35 AM on September 26, 1963, for Laredo.

HAMMETT stated that the date stamp which he uses at the ticket counter is not changed at exactly midnight but is normally changed at 2 or 3 AM. He stated the date September 25, 1963, appearing on the ticket in question would not establish that it was necessarily purchased prior to midnight but could have been purchased as late as 2:30 AM.

After further study of the photograph of OSWALD, HAMMETT stated this photograph was definitely familiar to him and he believes he can associate OSWALD with the person who discussed with him travel from Houston to Laredo and Mexico City several months ago.

HAMMETT stated that between midnight and 2:00 AM there is only one ticket agent at the counter, two porters work in the driveways, and normally one person is on duty in the snackbar operated in the lobby. The restaurant opening onto the lobby closes every night at 7:20 PM.

On January 29, 1964, Mrs. MARINA OSWALD, widow of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, was interviewed at Dallas, Texas, and advised that to the best of her knowledge LEE HARVEY OSWALD had not owned a brown and white pull-over sweater or white dungarees or white canvas shoes.

On January 25, 1964, JOHNNY W. JACKSON, 1111 West 26th Street, Houston, Texas, advised that he had recently applied for a job at the Spring Branch Employment Service on Long Point Road, which was operated by a woman approximately 55 years of age who conducted this business alone. JACKSON related that while talking with this woman she mentioned that she believed LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been in her agency to seek employment on or about October 24, 1963. This woman allegedly told JACKSON the man she believed to be OSWALD had told her his wife was in Dallas and was expecting a baby and that he was staying with friends while visiting in Houston. This woman also stated the man referred to remained in Houston for about four days before returning to Dallas. JACKSON stated this woman indicated she had not reported this matter to the FBI because she "did not want to become involved."

On January 28, 1964, Mrs. LOLA E. HOLIMAN, owner, Spring Branch Employment Service, 7511 Long Point Road, advised that she is the sole employee of her company and that she deals mainly in office and technical personnel. She stated occasionally a transient "wanderer" will come to her office from the Texas Employment Commission located directly across the street.

Mrs. HOLIMAN related she could recall that one afternoon in late October a young man came in who stated he was looking for a job and would take any kind of work. She recalled this man was wearing a white shirt and stated he had been selling books but was not making any money. This man had a slight accent, stated his wife was expecting a baby and that he needed a job badly. Mrs. HOLIMAN asked this man if he was a local man and he replied he had been working in New Orleans. Mrs. HOLIMAN commented that she had formerly lived in New Orleans and this caused a short conversation. This man commented that "things were rough" in New Orleans and he was trying to get back to Texas. He stated his mother resided at Fort Worth. Mrs. HOLIMAN asked this man if he was from Fort Worth and he said he

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had lived there a long time and went to school there. Mrs. HOLIMAN did not obtain this man's name and did not take an application from him, but suggested that he go across the street to the Texas Employment Commission.

Mrs. HOLIMAN stated when she later saw photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the newspapers she immediately thought that this man may have been OSWALD. At that time she recalled that the man mentioned above had visited her about one month before the assassination of President KENNEDY. She recalled that this man was about 25 years of age, approximately 5'7" in height, wore no hat and had a very soft voice with a definite accent. He was wearing some type of jacket rather than a suit.

Photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD were exhibited to Mrs. HOLIMAN, and she stated she now feels very uncertain as to whether the man she spoke to was OSWALD, although the photograph did look familiar. Mrs. HOLIMAN stated she had mentioned this matter to several of her customers but she denied having said to anyone that she knew this to be OSWALD or that the man in question had made any statements about staying with friends in Houston or how long he had been in Houston. Mrs. HOLIMAN stated she may have associated this man with OSWALD because of the published accounts that OSWALD was from Fort Worth and had been in New Orleans, although she believed she associated OSWALD with this man because of the similarity in appearance.

Houston, Texas
On January 27, 1964, BOYD A. LARSEN, Manager, Northwest Office, Texas Employment Commission, 1806 Woodvine, made a thorough check of all records maintained by his office and stated there was no record of LEE HARVEY OSWALD having applied for work through his agency at any time. Mr. LARSEN telephonically checked with the downtown offices of the Texas Employment Commission and was advised that records of those offices had previously been thoroughly checked and no information pertaining to OSWALD had been located.

It is noted the Northwest Office of the Texas Employment Commission is located directly across Long Point Road from the Spring Branch Employment Service.

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REPORTING OFFICE OKLAHOMA CITY	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 2-19-64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/14-19/64
TITLE OF CASE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA HARVEY B. MURPHY	TYPED BY TK
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - R - CUBA	

REFERENCE: Dallas teletype to Director, dated 2-14-64.

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LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION
At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Will continue to report any information received concerning Subject, in accordance with Bureau instructions.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is furnished the Houston Office for information as **SILAS JONES** who appears to be identical to **SILAS JONES, FBI # 95795D**, a known Dallas gambler and police character, allegedly is residing in Houston.

MARTHA ZANPES was able to describe **SILAS JONES** only as **WKA**, age approximately 28, height approximately 6', weight approximately 190 lbs., dark hair.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA HARVEY B. MURPHY
Date: 2-19-64

Office: Oklahoma City

Field Office File No.: 105-783

Bureau File No.: 105-82555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA

Synopsis: [MARTHA ZANFES] advised approximately 2 months ago [SEAS JONES] accompanied by 4 young men, attempted, unsuccessfully, to rent a building from her in Colbert, Oklahoma, to open a private club. She stated [JONES] and his wife were staying with [RUTH SHARPE] and the 4 young men were allegedly staying with [BERNARD DRIGES] and gambling at the "Bamboo Inn," Cartwright, Oklahoma, which is owned by [DEANES] [JONES] told [ZANFES] he had been in Houston, Texas, but she believed [JONES] and the men arrived in Colbert the afternoon President KENNEDY was shot. [ZANFES] advised she felt it strange these 5 men had remained in the Colbert area since the assassination of the President. [ZANFES] advised she had no information indicating these 5 persons had any connection with the assassination or were acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY. [RUTH SHARPE] mother of [JONES] advised he was not in Colbert in November, 1963, but did visit with her during Christmas, 1963, at which time he was accompanied by his wife and child. He again visited her from about 1-16-64 to 1-26-64, when her husband was killed, and again during the approximate period 2-11-64. She states the [JONES] are presently in Houston, and are in the process of moving to a new address in Houston. The Town Marshal at Colbert advised he has no knowledge of [JONES] being around Colbert 11-22-63.

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DETAILS: AT COLBERT, OKLAHOMA

On February 14, 1964, [MARTHA ZANFES] telephonically

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contacted the Dallas FBI Office, at which time she stated she possessed information concerning events which occurred on November 22, 1963, the day President KENNEDY was assassinated, which might pertain to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. ZANFES requested she be contacted personally by an FBI Agent for details concerning this matter.

Date 2/15/641.

~~MARTHA ZANFES~~ Colbert, Oklahoma, advised she first met ~~SILAS JONES~~ about three years ago when she leased him a building near Colbert in which to operate a private club. He promised there would be no gambling, but she subsequently found out there was gambling going on and she made him close the building.

About two months ago, she ran into ~~JONES~~ at Colbert, and he had four young men in their early twenties with him at the time. He asked her to lease him a building again in order that he could start up another private club, but she refused.

She stated ~~JONES~~ and his wife were staying at the home of ~~RUTH SHARPE~~ Colbert, and the other four young men, names unknown, are allegedly staying with ~~HERSHELL DRIGGS~~ and gambling at the ~~Bamboo Inn~~, at Cartwright, Oklahoma, which is owned by ~~DRIGGS~~.

She advised ~~JONES~~ told her they had been in Houston, Texas, but she thought they had arrived in Colbert the afternoon President Kennedy was shot. Although she has nothing on which to base her suspicion, she felt it strange that these five persons have remained in the Colbert area since the President's assassination. She advised she has no information indicating these five persons had any connection with the assassination or were acquainted with LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

On 2/14/64 at Colbert, Oklahoma File # OC 105-783

by SA POSCOE J. HATFIELD:ca Date dictated 2/15/64

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CLAUDE SHARPE Colbert, Oklahoma, identified herself as the mother of WILLAS JONES and furnished information concerning JONES as follows:

JONES at present, is residing in the city of Houston, Texas, his exact address is unknown to her as he is in the process of moving from one address to another in Houston.

Mrs. SHARPE recalls JONES did not visit her in Colbert, Oklahoma during November, 1963; however, he did visit her during the Christmas holidays in 1963. He was accompanied by his wife and child at that time. JONES again visited with his mother in Colbert on January 10, 1964, at the time her husband CLAUDE SHARPE was killed. JONES visit to Colbert, at this time, lasted for approximately ten days, after which time he returned to Houston, Texas.

JONES accompanied by his wife and child, again visited Mrs. SHARPE in Colbert during the approximate period from February 11 to 15, 1964, when they returned to Houston, Texas.

On 2-17-64 at Colbert, Oklahoma File # CC 105-783
 by SA ROSCOE J. HATFIELD TK Date dictated 2-19-64

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On February 17, 1964, Colbert, Oklahoma Town Marshal PAUL JENKINS advised SA ROSCOE J. HATFIELD he has no information of [SILAS JONES] being around Colbert on November 22, 1963. JENKINS stated he has no personal knowledge of [JONES] being a gambler. He advised he had observed two men, who are strangers to him, in Colbert to some extent recently. He did not know their identities but noticed they are using a 1963 Oldsmobile, which bears Arkansas license plates. JENKINS advised this group cannot be gambling actively at [HERSHELL DRIGGS] "Bamboo Inn" as that establishment has only one room which could be so utilized, and that room is currently being used as a public dining room.

AT DURANT, OKLAHOMA

On February 17, 1964, Deputy Sheriff JOHN NEWCOMB, Bryant County Sheriff's Office, advised SA ROSCOE J. HATFIELD their files disclosed no record identifiable with [SILAS JONES]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 2/19/64

FROM : *W.D.* LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed are 28 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, together with 28 copies of the letterhead memorandum evaluating the sources utilized.

REFERENCES:

Bureau cable 2/7/64 and Mexico City cable to Bureau 2/13/64.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is noted that although VICTOR COHEN several times during the interview reported in letterhead memorandum expressed a desire to cooperate in all ways possible, the interviewing Agent was not impressed by his sincerity in this regard. It is likely that he may have considered the interview a subterfuge designed to obtain information concerning his possible contraband activities.

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Instant letter-
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CLASSIFICATION:

The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified "Confidential" inasmuch as it contains information from Bureau informants operating in a foreign field, the disclosure of whose identities could be inimical to the national defense interests of the United States.

LEADS:

MEXICO CITY

At Mexico, D. F.

(1) Will continue efforts to identify ERNESTO FLORES LUNA.

(2) Will continue to follow and report investigation of all leads arising in instant case.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 19, 1964

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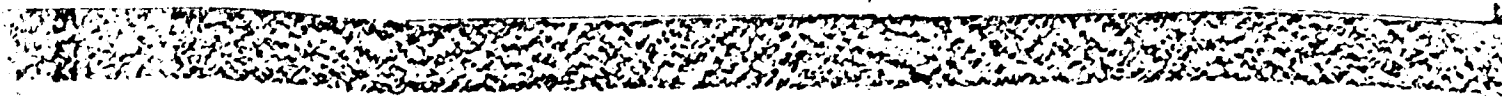
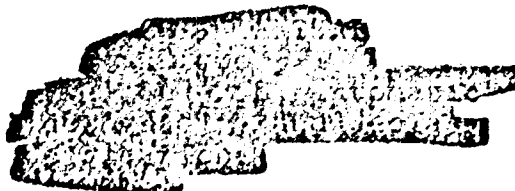
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band is widely practiced by many, if not most, of the residents of the area.

[REDACTED] ^{Mexico} of the Mexican Federal Highway Police stationed at Tapachula, on February 11, 1964, advised that he is acquainted with VICTOR COHEN, who has a store and other property in Tapachula. He said COHEN owns at least two large trucks and a motor launch, and is almost certainly engaged in contraband; although this has never been established. Reportedly in the past, COHEN has been involved in arms traffic, but [REDACTED] has never been able to confirm this rumor. It was his opinion that COHEN might engage in any type of activity which would gain him money, but that he would not involve himself personally in illegal activities for political reasons. He stated he knew of no pro-CASTRO groups or activities in the Tapachula area.

[REDACTED] of the Mexican Immigration Service at Tapachula, advised on February 11, 1964, that he was well-acquainted with VICTOR COHEN, a prosperous local merchant. He said he is quite certain that COHEN, for years, has been involved in contraband activities. He and his men have tried to follow COHEN's activities and establish a violation of Mexican laws, but so far without success. There have been rumors that COHEN has been involved in transporting arms, but this has never been established.

During the course of their investigations and surveillances, they have never noted any contacts between COHEN and any North Americans or other foreigners. [REDACTED] said it was ridiculous to consider that COHEN would ever do anything from political motivation, as he was certain COHEN was only interested in making money. He was certain that COHEN is not pro-CASTRO and advised that there are no pro-CASTRO groups or activities in that vicinity, to his knowledge.

It was determined through pretext neighborhood inquiry that COHEN resides with his family at 3a Calle Oriente #54, Tapachula. Neighbors have not noted any North Americans or other foreigners residing or visiting with the COHENS.

[REDACTED]

None of the above persons contacted at Tapachula was acquainted with an ERNESTO FLORES LUNA. [REDACTED] conducted inquiries concerning such a person with negative results.

VICTOR COHEN CHARAFF was contacted February 11, 1964, at his store, La Nacional, 3a Calle Poniente 35, Tapachula. He was advised briefly concerning the contents of the letter directed to the United States which indicated that he was pro-FIDEL CASTRO and had been in contact with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated he would be happy to cooperate in all possible respects to resolve this matter.

COHEN stated he is not at all interested in politics, neither the politics of the United States nor of Cuba nor of any other nation. He is not pro-CASTRO, he has never known CASTRO or any of his adherents, has never belonged to any CASTRO type organization, and would not belong to any such organization. He is a practicing capitalist with a prosperous business and extensive property in Tapachula, where he has 40 employees. His businesses in Tapachula take all his time. He is well regarded by the municipal authorities in Tapachula and suggested that, among others, the head of the local Immigration Office could be contacted concerning him.

Because he is prosperous and because he is Jewish, he has many enemies locally.

The name ERNESTO FLORES LUNA has no significance whatever for him.

He has no business or properties in Mexico City and has never lived in Mexico City, although he frequently visits his father in Mexico City. He stated this could be confirmed by his father, but added that his father is an elderly man and should not be disturbed.

He has not had contact with any North Americans or other foreigners in the past year and has never let rooms at his house or other property to North Americans or other foreigners. All his rental units are occupied by doctors.

[REDACTED]

As far as he knows, none of his employees is pro-CASTRO. He has one typewriter and none of his employees use it. He furnished samples from this machine. He is at his place of business all day every day, not even leaving the premises for lunch.

He is unfamiliar with OSWALD and was unable to identify a photograph of OSWALD from a group of representative photographs. He recalled reading that OSWALD had been in Mexico, but knew nothing further concerning this visit.



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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

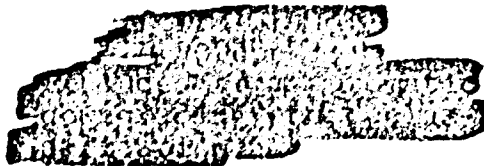
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A typewritten letter in Spanish, postmarked January 17, 1964, Mexico, D. F., was sent to Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY by one ERNESTO FLORES LUNA, not further identified.

The letter 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 to OSWALD and three other people who were to assassinate President LOPEZ MATEOS of Mexico. The letter states that COHEN indicated he was interested in the President of the United States. It is also indicated that more documents possibly exist in COHEN's residence.

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The sources utilized in referenced memorandum have
furnished reliable information in the past.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 2/20/64

FROM : *plb* LEGAT, MEXICO (105-3702) (P)

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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA
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all paragraphs unclassified unless otherwise marked.

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are 28 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES

Bureau cable #932, 2/14/64.
Mexico City cable 2/17/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

As outlined in attached letterhead memorandum, it has been impossible to resolve discrepancies growing out of the fact that the name OSWALD appears on the manifest of the Transportes Frontera Bus Company without an accompanying ticket number and the fact that, although the manifest lists 9 passengers for Laredo, there are 10 names, including that of OSWALD, on the list with indicated destination of Laredo. All persons connected with the bus company who have been intensively interviewed on this matter are unable to explain the discrepancies although it has been suggested that OSWALD may have purchased a ticket on a date prior to 10/2/63, when the bus trip on which he was listed actually departed Mexico City, that he arrived at the last minute, and that his name was entered on the manifest after the recapitulation of 9 passengers for Laredo and 7 for Monterrey had been entered on the manifest.

Consideration has been given to the possibility that the Mexican investigators who originally located the list may have entered the name on the list themselves in order to avoid further work. This matter has been discussed with [redacted]

- 5 - Bureau (Encs. 28)
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who originally made the list available to this office, and he is most emphatic in stating this could not have occurred.

It is noted that the Transportes Frontera bus manifest was submitted for Laboratory examination by Mexico City letter of 12/11/63. The Laboratory Report of 12/17/63 stated that due to the limited amount of comparable writing no conclusion was reached as to whether the name and destination of OSWALD were written by the writer of other entries on the manifest. The Laboratory transmittal letter of the same date stated that characteristics of the handwriting on the manifest indicated that at least two persons made entries on the manifest and that one of these persons may also have made the entries on line four, this being the OSWALD entry. It was also stated that similarity in several lines of writing on the manifest indicates that persons other than the passengers themselves may have entered the names and destinations on the manifest. The Laboratory Report also concluded that the name of the passenger (OSWALD) and the destination on line four of the manifest were not written by subject OSWALD.

SOURCES

The confidential source abroad mentioned in the letterhead memorandum was [REDACTED] information contained in instant file.

The two reliable sources mentioned are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] information contained in instant file.

[REDACTED]

Interview of GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, Manager of the Hotel Del Comercio, was conducted by SA ROLAND E. TRENT on 1/20/64.

Interview of ALFONSO PEREZ PLIEGO was conducted by Legat CLARK D. ANDERSON on 1/21/64.

Investigation at Veracruz to identify and interview Captain ESQUIVEL was conducted by SA MATTHEW D. CRAWFORD, JR.

CLASSIFICATION Confidential

Enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified "Confidential" to protect the Bureau's foreign operations and the informants who are furnishing information of continuing interest to the Bureau.

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One copy of the letterhead memorandum was disseminated locally to the CIA here.

Extra copies of this letter are attached for forwarding by the Bureau together with copies of the letterhead memorandum to Dallas, office of origin.

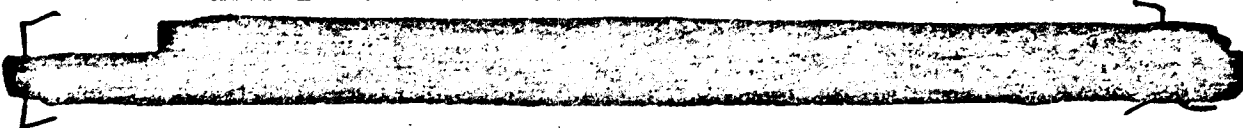
LEADS

MEXICO CITY

At Mexico, D. F., Mexico:

1. Will continue to follow and report investigation of leads arising in this case.
2. Through the office of the Army Attache will continue efforts to identify Captain ESQUIVEL.

At Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico:



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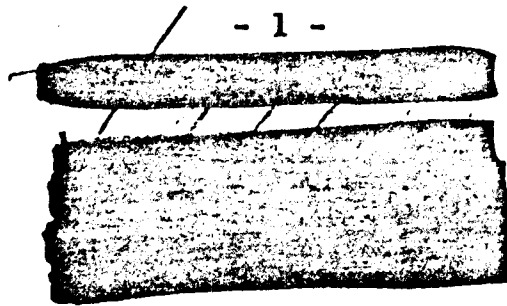
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

As has been previously reported, a confidential source abroad on November 28, 1963, made available a copy of the bus manifest of a company called Transportes Frontera. This manifest covered the trip of the bus of this company which departed Mexico City on October 2, 1963, for Nuevo Laredo. The bus had a scheduled departure time of 1:00 p.m. from Mexico City on October 2, 1963, and a scheduled arrival time at Nuevo Laredo of 6:00 a.m. on October 3, 1963. The passenger listed as occupying seat 4 on this manifest was "OSWLD," no first name given. The destination of this individual was given as "Laredo."

No ticket number was listed by the name "OSWLD" although ticket numbers appeared beside the names of the remaining passengers. It is to be noted that this passenger manifest was rather poorly prepared in longhand with the names of some of the passengers being incomplete and in some cases almost illegible. Toward the bottom of the manifest is a notation, "9 Laredo, 7 Monterrey"; however, including the name "OSWLD," 10 passengers appear on the list with a destination of Laredo.

FRANCISCO ALVARADO, ticket salesman and dispatcher at the Transportes Frontera terminal in Mexico City, was interviewed several times by two reliable sources, the last of these interviews being on December 17, 1963. ALVARADO had no personal recollection of OSWALD and could offer no explanation as to why no ticket number appeared beside the name "OSWLD" or as to the reason for the discrepancy in the number of passengers listed for Laredo.

*See also file
no. 100-442881*



*See report
10/2/63
at Laredo
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ALVARADO advised that no information concerning the identities of the passengers other than that appearing on the bus manifest is maintained by the bus company.

As has been previously reported, FRANCISCO SAUCEDO VILEZ and DIONISIO REYNA PAZ, chauffeurs on the trip on which the name "OSWLD" appeared as a passenger, were exhaustively interviewed on two different occasions. They had no personal recollection of OSWALD nor could they offer any explanation concerning the discrepancy in the number of passengers and the fact that no ticket number appeared beside the "OSWLD" entry.

In the course of the second interview SAUCEDO explained that tickets bearing a prefix of 39 covered travel from Mexico City to Monterrey and those with a prefix of 10 covered the travel from Mexico City to Nuevo Laredo. SAUCEDO also pointed out that tickets collected from the passengers on a given trip are forwarded to the offices of the bus company in Monterrey.

On 12/9/63 TELESFORO QUIROGA, ticket agent at the Transportes Frontera Office, Calle Zimapan 104, Monterrey, was interviewed. All tickets listed by number on the passenger manifest for the October 2-3, 1963, trip from Mexico City to Nuevo Laredo were located. QUIROGA could offer no explanation as to why no ticket number was listed for "OSWLD," and it was impossible for him to locate a ticket which might have been used by OSWALD.

It has been previously reported that OSWALD stayed at the Hotel Del Comercio, Calle Sahagun 19, Mexico City. On January 20, 1964, GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, manager of this hotel, advised as follows:

The hotel does not use a system of registration cards for guests arriving at the hotel, but rather uses a registry book. On the first day a guest arrives he, himself, makes the initial entry in the book, this including the name of the guest, the place from which he is arriving, his occupation, and his nationality. Thereafter on each day the guest continues at the hotel the same information is entered in the book on the page designated for that day, but the entry is made by a hotel employee. No exact home address is

obtained from the guest since he is required to pay in advance. As has been previously reported, OSWALD registered at the hotel on September 27, 1963, with the point from which he was arriving being shown as "USA (Texas)," his occupation was shown as "photo," and under the column for nationality was listed "U. S. citizen." The handwriting on this entry in the registry book has been identified with the known handwriting of OSWALD by the FBI Laboratory.

OSWALD was listed as staying in room 18 of the hotel during his entire stay there from September 27 through the night of October 1, 1963. Mr. GARCIA LUNA pointed out that rooms 18 through 23 occupy one floor of the hotel. He examined the registry book for the period OSWALD was at the hotel and was able to furnish information on three of the guests who occupied rooms on the same floor as OSWALD during a part or all of the time that OSWALD was at the hotel. He said he recalled these guests because they frequently stop at the hotel when in Mexico City. The guests he recalled were the following:

Mr. PEREZ PLIEGO, who registered from San Luis Potosi, is a railroad employee who visits the Hotel Del Comercio frequently. He occupied room 19 on September 26, 27, and 28, 1963. A Captain ESQUIVEL of Veracruz occupied room 19 on September 30, 1963. Mr. GARCIA LUNA described him as a Mexican Army Captain whom he believes to be well-known in Veracruz.

MARIO RESENDIZ, a merchant who registered from Saltillo, Coahuila, occupied room 21 from September 26, 1963, to October 3, 1963. This individual reportedly has a merchandising business involving the sale of flowers and miscellaneous items in Monclova, Coahuila. GARCIA LUNA claimed that he is well-known in Monclova.

Mr. GARCIA LUNA could furnish no information on other guests occupying rooms on the same floor as OSWALD which would assist in their location.

On January 21, 1964, ALFONSO PEREZ PLIEGO, home address Espana 304, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, office address Bolivar 8-401, Mexico City, was interviewed in

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Mexico City. He advised that he frequently stops at the Hotel Del Comercio and confirmed that he had resided at the hotel during the period September 26-28, 1963, in room 19. He said that unfortunately he had not noticed OSWALD's presence in the hotel during that time and could furnish no information concerning OSWALD's activities while in Mexico City.

The following investigation was conducted in Veracruz on January 23-24, 1964:

ERNEST HOLM, Vice Consul, American Consulate, contacted logical sources of his office. None of these sources was able to identify Captain ESQUIVEL.

Lt. Commander CHARLES EDSON, assigned to the Mexican Naval Academy as an instructor by the U. S. Navy, was unable to locate any information identifiable with Captain ESQUIVEL.

Inspector ALBERTO MORALES, Veracruz Police Department, contacted sources at the military establishments in the Veracruz area and was unable to obtain any information concerning Captain ESQUIVEL.

Investigation to locate ESQUIVEL is continuing.

Intensive investigation is continuing to locate and interview MARIO RESENDIZ of Monclova who has not been located to date.

Legat, Mexico City

March 6, 1964

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Director, FBI (105-82555)
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1 - Mr. Stokes

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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Re Legat, Mexico City, letter and letterhead dated 2/20/64 dealing with the manifest of the Transportes Frontera Company. The Bureau has rewritten the first two pages of Legat's 2/20/64 letterhead to delete the property stamp and to change the word "Oswald," when used to describe the entry on line 4 of the manifest, to read "Oswld" and to show the destination on line 4 to read "Lared." Copies of re Legat letter and the amended letterhead have previously been furnished to Dallas. Copy of amended letterhead enclosed herewith for Legat, Mexico City. In future in preparing letterheads for dissemination in Oswald case only do not include the property stamp or statement.

Dallas refer to your airtel and letterhead 2/15/64 concerning Exhibit D-106, the manifest. Bureau has rewritten page 1 of your 2/5/64 letterhead for same reason that Legat's 2/20/64 was revised. Enclosed is copy of revised 2/15/64 letterhead. In future, if necessary to refer in communication for dissemination to the entry on line 4 of the manifest, Bureau desires that the entry be described as "Oswld" with destination "Lared."

Enclosure

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UNITED STATE GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555) Date: 2/17/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-38431)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
(OO: DALLAS)

Re NY teletype to Bureau, 1/27/64.

Attached hereto is an FD-302 concerning the interview of FARRELL DOBBS, National Secretary of the SWP, on January 27, 1964.

THOMAS KERRY, who was present during the interview, was identified by [redacted] on 8/16/63 as an SWP National Committee member.

The location of the original FD-302 covering this interview is NY file 105-38431-377.

- 3-Bureau (105-82555) (RM)
- (1- 100-16) (SWP)
- 2-Dallas (RM)
- 1-New York (100-7388) (FARRELL DOBBS)
- 1-New York (100-59096) (THOMAS KERRY)
- 1-New York (100-0-108331) (ROWLAND WATTS)
- 1-New York (100-4013) (SWP)
- 1-New York (100-87878) (EDWARD SHAW)
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It should be noted that the Workers Defense League (WDL) has several offices at 112 East 19th Street, New York, NY. Mr. ROWLAND WATTS, President of the WDL, chose Room 706 at this location for the site of the interview. According to WATTS, Room 706 was actually the office of NORMAN THOMAS, well known leader of the Socialist Party. NORMAN THOMAS, according to WATTS, was out of town and his office provided the type of privacy necessary for such an interview.

The initial attempt to interview DOBBS was made on 1/24/64 by SA ALESIO SAVIOLA and SA ANTHONY D. LEONE, who visited the SWP National Headquarters, 116 University Place, New York, NY. On that occasion, it was determined from EDWARD SHAW, SWP National Organizational Secretary, that DOBBS was not available, but SHAW arranged with WATTS for DOBBS to be interviewed in the presence of WATTS at 4:00 p.m., January 27, 1964, at the offices of the WDL.

During the 1/24/64 visit to SWP Headquarters, the SAS determined from THOMAS KERRY that WATTS was not actually the SWP attorney, but WATTS was representing the SWP in the matter of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's connection with the SWP.

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Date 2/3/64

At 4:00 p.m., January 27, 1964, FARRELL DOBBS, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), was interviewed in the presence of his attorney, ROWLAND WATTS, at Room 706, 112 East 19th Street, New York, New York. Also present was THOMAS KERRY.

DOBBS was advised that Mr. J. LEE RANKIN, General Counsel for the Presidential Commission investigating the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, had specifically requested that the SWP turn over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) any data in the SWP's possession concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD, including any correspondence the SWP might have had with OSWALD.

WATTS stated that following the assassination of President KENNEDY, when a photograph of OSWALD carrying a copy of the "Militant" became known, DOBBS searched the SWP files to determine the extent of OSWALD's association with the SWP. DOBBS found that OSWALD had had a trial subscription to "The Militant," which had expired. OSWALD had also sent a letter to the SWP setting forth a change of address. In addition, OSWALD had written a letter to the SWP indicating a desire to join the organization. According to WATTS, this latter letter was answered in "a routine manner" to the effect that it took more than just filling out an application to become an SWP member. OSWALD was told that since there was no SWP branch in his locality, perhaps he would desire to distribute "The Militant" in his home area. WATTS believed that this request for membership had come from OSWALD while he lived in Texas, but WATTS could not be certain without reviewing the actual correspondence.

On 1/27/64 at New York, New York File # NY 105-38431-377
 by SAS ALESIO SAVIOLA & ANTHONY D. LEONE/ghc Date dictated 1/30/64

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In connection with the "routine" answer sent to OSWALD regarding membership in the SWP, DOBBS added that perhaps OSWALD might have been sent "a form letter," setting forth the information as explained by WATTS.

WATTS continued that after the above material was found in the SWP files, a public statement was released by WATTS to PETER KIHSS, "New York Times" Reporter, which statement disclosed that OSWALD had held a trial subscription to "The Militant." Thereafter, the material relating to OSWALD was removed from the SWP files by DOBBS and turned over to WATTS "for safekeeping."

WATTS stated he still has possession of this material and it was the desire of DOBBS to willingly turn it over to the Presidential Commission if Mr. J. LEE RANKIN would write a letter to WATTS requesting the data. WATTS stated that upon receipt of the request, he would forward the material directly to Mr. RANKIN.

WATTS stated that the letter requesting the data should be addressed to him as follows:

ROWLAND WATTS
President, Workers Defense League
112 East 19th Street
New York, New York 10003

WATTS pointed out that he and Mr. RANKIN knew each other.

WATTS was instructed that the Committee would prefer to have the original documents rather than copies. WATTS stated that he would have the

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records copied for his files prior to sending the originals to Mr. RANKIN.

DOBBS was advised that his desire to deal directly with the Presidential Commission would be conveyed to Mr. J. LEE RANKIN.

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Date: 2/17/64

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 9 copies of LHM prepared pursuant to Bureau instructions set forth in referenced teletype. Enclosed herewith for Dallas are 2 copies of LHM.

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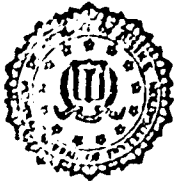
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Antonio, Texas
February 17, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

On February 14, 1964, HARVEY CASH, American Consul, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, advised Special Agent ROBERT L. CHAPMAN that the list furnished Special Agent CHAPMAN by CASH on December 2, 1963, of persons entering and departing Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26, 1963, and October 3, 1963, respectively, was furnished to him by Mexican Immigration and Customs officials as a complete list of entries and departures on those dates.

The name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD appeared on both of these lists.

The Mexican Immigration records of persons entering Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on September 26, 1963, is as follows concerning OSWALD:

Tourist Permit:	Number 24085
Name:	LEE HARVEY OSWALD
Sex:	Male
Age:	23
Marital status:	Married
Nationality:	North American
Occupation:	Photographer
From:	New Orleans, La.
Destination:	Mexico, D. F.
Method of travel:	"Sindatos" (translation - without records, meaning record was not available or out of file).

The Mexican Immigration records reflecting cancellation of Mexican tourist permits at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, on October 3, 1963, concerning OSWALD is as follows:

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It is noted that the "Method of Travel" contained on Mexican Immigration tourist cancellations or departure list of October 3, 1963, shows the abbreviation "Auto.". This could mean either automobile or autobus (bus). *also self pos*

GILBERTO CAZARES GARZA, Chief of Mexican Immigration, stated that the abbreviation of "auto," could mean either automobile or autobus (bus) and normally it is used for automobile as autobus is not normally abbreviated.

It is further noted ALBERTO ARCAMENDI CHAPA, Mexican Immigration official who cancelled Tourist Permit Number 24085 on October 3, 1963, was interviewed November 25, 1963, by Special Agent HAROLD H. CROSSETT of the San Antonio FBI office, and he could not recall anything concerning the departure of OSWALD.

The list of persons entering Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 26, 1963, as received from Mr. CASH, was set out in its entirety in the report of Special Agent JOHN M. KEMMY dated December 4, 1963, at San Antonio except for the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, while the October 3, 1963, departure list, as received from Mr. CASH, was limited to only those persons departing by bus or those persons for whom the method of transportation was unknown.

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