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VERY URGENT 2-18-64  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 384

*Brasiger*

BUFILE 105-82555. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA. REBUCAB THIS DATE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED THEREIN THE FOLLOWING DAILY SUMMARY SUBMITTED:

BUAIRTEL FEBRUARY 13 FURNISHED PHOTOGRAPHS OF SILVER COLORED BRACELET GIVEN BY SUBJECT TO HIS WIFE UPON HIS RETURN TO DALLAS FROM MEXICO AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF SIX COLORED POSTCARDS. [REDACTED] RELIABLE, ADVISED TODAY CHARLES SMALL DOES NOT SELL POSTCARDS IN HIS TOURIST-TYPE STORE HERE. SOURCE THIS AFTERNOON WAS GOING TO VISIT SMALL'S STORE UNDER PRETEXT AND EXAMINE ALL BRACELETS FOR SALE THERE. NOTED THAT BRACELET BOUGHT BY SUBJECT IS STAMPED "JAPAN" ON INNER SIDE. SOURCE DOUBTFUL SMALL HANDLES JAPANESE JEWELRY DUE TO HEAVY IMPORT DUTIES INVOLVED. IF INVESTIGATION SMALL'S STORE NEGATIVE, SOURCE WILL CONDUCT CANVASS OF ALL JEWELRY OUTLETS HERE HANDLING JAPANESE MERCHANDISE.

*mexico*

RE PERSONS DEPARTING NUEVO LAREDO OCTOBER 3 LAST DURING SHIFT FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF OSWALD. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY APPROXIMATELY 68 PERSONS DEPARTED DURING THIS SHIFT AND HE IS IN PROCESS OF DIGGING OUT ORIGINAL TOURIST CARDS FROM POORLY-KEPT MEXICAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE FILES. HE WILL MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO THIS OFFICE IN ORDER

*[Handwritten mark]*

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NO. 384

THAT ALL INFORMATION APPEARING ON TOURIST CARD CAN BE UTILIZED  
 IN SETTING FORTH LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS.  
 ADDITIONAL DAILY SUMMARY WILL BE SUBMITTED TOMORROW.

CLARK D. ANDERSON

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*CC - Mr. Anderson P.B.*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 2/19/64

FROM : *[Signature]* LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: - LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

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ReBucab #922 of 2/7/64, concerning letter sent by ERNESTO FLORES LUNA from Mexico City to Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY, which contained allegations against VICTOR COHEN. Reference also my cable of 2/13/64 and my letterhead memorandum and letter of 2/19/64 concerning this same matter.

COPY AND SPECIMENS  
RETAINED IN LAB.

Enclosed herewith are original and carbon of the samples of the typewriting from the typewriter of VICTOR COHEN, of Tapachula, Mexico. It is noted that a typewritten letter in Spanish was received by Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY from an ERNESTO FLORES LUNA, not further identified, accusing VICTOR COHEN of pro-CASTRO activities and of having been in contact with subject.

It is requested that enclosed samples be checked against the letter directed to the Attorney General to determine if they were produced by the same machine.

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- 1 Mexico City

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 19, 1964

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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.

The writer claims COHEN was CASTRO's treasurer and that it was noted prior to all this that he was keeping various individuals of different nationalities in his house, including OSWALD, who was in Mexico looking for work and then went to Texas. There were no enclosures to this letter.

T-1, on June 27, 1961, furnished the results of various inquiries and investigations made in the vicinity of Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico.

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

[REDACTED] 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.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 19, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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captioned as above.

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

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)      DATE: 2/19/64

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

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA

*OK 2/19/64*  
*[Signature]*

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.

Typewriting samples are being forwarded separately directly to the Laboratory.

The pretext utilized in neighborhood investigation in Tapachula was that of seeking a room to rent.

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by [Signature] AIRTEL  
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date 4-20-65  
by [Signature]

SOURCES:

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*2/17/64 by [redacted] [redacted]*  
*WML:jst*

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- (2 - Dallas, 100-10461) *CTA*
- 1 - Mexico City

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Instant letter-  
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Confidential source  
abroad is RICHARD  
CLARK

Instant letter-  
head memorandum.

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.

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URGENT 2-19-64  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO NO. 385

BUFILE 105-82555  
 LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA.  
 REBUCAB 940, FEBRUARY 18 LAST.

IN INTEREST OF FULLY PROTECTING BUREAU'S POSITION AND IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT ALL MATTERS ARE INTENSIVELY INVESTIGATED AND BROUGHT TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION IN SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE, SEARCHING ANALYSIS HAS BEEN MADE OF SITUATION HERE AND FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED FOR BUREAU'S CONSIDERATION.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITIES OF SENDING THREE AGENTS HERE ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 50 TO 60 DAYS DURATION. WHILE ENTIRE AGENT PERSONNEL OF MEXICO CITY OFFICE HAVE BEEN DEVOTING A LARGE PART OF THEIR TIME TO HANDLING INVESTIGATION IN INSTANT CASE, THEY OF NECESSITY MUST BE UTILIZED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME ON EXPEDITE AND URGENT MATTERS, SUCH AS FUGITIVE CASES AND ESPIONAGE AND SECURITY MATTERS HAVING A DIRECT BEARING ON THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, BUREAU COMMITMENTS HAVE REQUIRED THAT VARIOUS AGENTS BE ABSENT ON ROAD TRIPS FROM TIME TO TIME, SUCH AS RECENT 10 DAY ROAD TRIP OF LEGAT TO SOUTH AMERICA TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL ACADEMY.

WHILE MEXICO CITY INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN FILLING IN BROAD GENERAL PICTURE OF OSWALD'S ACTIVITIES WHILE IN MEXICO CITY, IT IS NOTED THAT WARREN COMMISSION IS RAISING MORE AND MORE QUESTIONS CONCERNING MINOR DETAILS OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

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AND IT IS PRESUMED THAT MORE AND MORE OF THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE RAISED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE SEEN OR TO HAVE HAD SOME CONTACT WITH OSWALD WHILE IN MEXICO, AND EVEN THOUGH ALLEGATIONS OF THESE PERSONS IN SOME CASES APPEAR TO BE EXTREMELY REMOTE OR COMPLETELY UNTRUE, THEY MUST OF NECESSITY BE BROUGHT TO FULLY RESOLVED.

IT IS FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE FUTURE CRITICISM OF THE BUREAU ON THE PART OF THE WARREN COMMISSION OR OTHERS AND IN ORDER TO FULLY DISCHARGE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE THREE AGENTS SENT HERE ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO DEDICATE THEIR FULL TIME TO BRINGING THIS MATTER TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

IN THE EVENT THE BUREAU APPROVES THIS SUGGESTION AND IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT SAs ROSE L. LARSON OF PHOENIX OFFICE AND HENRY J. PRATT OF NEW YORK OFFICE BE SENT HERE ON THIS SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT, ALONG WITH ONE OTHER AGENT. SA LARSON DEPARTED MEXICO CITY ON TRANSFER LESS THAN A YEAR AGO, AFTER 10 YEARS OF ASSIGNMENT HERE, AND IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH WORKINGS OF VARIOUS MEXICAN POLICE AGENCIES AND OF OUR OWN INFORMANTS. SA PRATT WHILE ON ASSIGNMENT HERE WORKED NOT ONLY IN HEADQUARTERS CITY BUT ALSO IN TERRITORIES OF ALL OUR RESIDENT AGENCIES AND IN CENTRAL AMERICA. HE IS COMPLETELY FLUENT IN SPANISH AND WOULD BE DECIDED ASSET IN RUNNING OUT LEADS AWAY FROM MEXICO CITY. FOR THIRD AGENT,

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IT IS SUGGESTED THAT SA FREDERICK E. RODERICK OF LOS ANGELES OFFICE OR SA WALLACE R. HEITMAN OF DALLAS OFFICE COULD WELL BE UTILIZED IN VIEW OF THEIR PAST ASSIGNMENTS IN MEXICO CITY OFFICE.

NAMES OF ALL THESE AGENTS HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED BECAUSE OF THEIR PAST ASSIGNMENTS HERE AND THEIR FAMILIARITY WITH LANGUAGE, PEOPLE AND TERRITORY.

IN EVENT OF APPROVAL OF THIS SUGGESTION, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE BUT NOT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT AGENTS SENT HERE BE FURNISHED WITH OFFICIAL OR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. SHOULD TIME OR OTHER REASONS PREVENT OBTAINING OF SUCH PASSPORTS, AGENTS SHOULD OBTAIN MEXICAN TOURIST CARDS TO COVER PERIOD OF THEIR ASSIGNMENT.

BUREAU IS ASSURED THAT AGGRESSIVE, ENERGETIC ACTION IS BEING TAKEN ON ALL LEADS OUTSTANDING HERE, AND REASON FOR SENDING OF AGENTS HERE ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IS MOTIVATED ONLY BY DESIRE TO FULLY INSURE THAT BUREAU'S RESPONSIBILITIES ARE FULFILLED IN SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE AND ITS INTERESTS PROTECTED.

CLARK D. ...

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3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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VERY URGENT    2-20-64  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM LEGAT, MEXICO CITY    NO. 391

BUFILE 105-82555

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA.

REBUCAB 943 FEBRUARY 19 LAST.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 39% OF AGENT TIME PRESENTLY BEING UTILIZED IN THIS INVESTIGATION.

AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO BUREAU APPROXIMATELY 4000 AGENT MILES HAVE BEEN TRAVELED IN CONNECTION WITH RUNNING OUT LEADS IN THIS CASE AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT CONSIDERABLE ROAD TRAVEL WILL BE NECESSARY IN NEAR FUTURE.

CLARK D. ANDERSON

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

February 20, 1964

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.

[REDACTED]

*See original  
attached  
J.E.*

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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 VELEZ 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

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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.

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 2/20/64

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

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA  
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### 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]

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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.

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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.

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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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 2/20/64

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

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA  
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Attached are three copies each of the following Mexican Forms FM-11:

Entries at Nuevo Laredo on 9/26/63 for persons traveling on tourist card described as FM-8. Name of subject OSWALD is included on this form.

Entries on same date and at same place for persons traveling on tourist card known as FM-5.

Departures at Nuevo Laredo on 10/3/63 of persons traveling on FM-8 tourist cards. Name of subject OSWALD appears on this list.

Departures at same place on same date of persons traveling on FM-5 tourist cards.

As has been previously pointed out to the Bureau, the Mexican Form FM-11 is a recapitulation submitted at 15-day intervals by each Mexican port of entry. The information contained on the FM-11 is taken almost entirely from the tourist card in the possession of the traveler. In some cases the tourist card will contain more detailed information than that appearing on the FM-11. It will be noted that the names are listed on the FM-11 first in chronological order and thereafter within each date the names are listed alphabetically.

The initials appearing at the beginning of column 16 and in some cases in column 14 of the entries are those of the

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Mexican Immigration Service employees handling the individual travelers. The same is true of the initials appearing in column 5 of the departures.

Lic. RAFAEL HERNANDEZ OCHOA of the Ministry of Gobernacion (Interior) has promised to make available no later than 2/20/64 the original tourist cards of the persons departing Mexico on 10/3/63 at Nuevo Laredo during the shift following that in which subject OSWALD departed. As soon as these cards are obtained, a detailed letterhead memorandum will be submitted.

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*B. B. [Signature]*

FBI DALLAS

615 PM CST URGENT 2-14-64 FLL

TO DIRECTOR (105-82555) AND SAN ANTONIO (105-2909)

FROM DALLAS (100-10461) 1P

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. IS DASH R DASH CUBA. OO - DALLAS.

RE BUTEL TO DALLAS AND SAN ANTONIO TODAY REQUESTING  
DALLAS ADVISE BASIS OF COMMENTS IN PARAGRAPH ONE PAGE  
THREE SIXTEEN, REPORT OF SA WARREN C. DE BRUEYS, DECEMBER  
EIGHTEEN LAST WITH REFERENCE TO OSWALD-S DESTINATION OF  
NEW ORLEANS AND USE OF CAR.

PAGE THREE EIGHTEEN OF THIS REPORT REFLECTS SUCH  
BASIS WHICH WAS INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HARVEY CASH, AMERICAN  
COUNS<sup>E</sup>L, NUEVO LAREDO, FROM MEXICAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE RECORDS.  
PARAGRAPH THREE OF PAGE THREE EIGHTEEN REFLECTS THAT MEXICAN  
IMMIGRATION INSPECTOR ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA INDICATED OSWALD-S  
METHOD OF TRAVEL WAS BY AUTOMOBILE AND HIS DESTINATION NEW  
ORLEANS.

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Phillip Carrigan & Co  
Telegraphers, Inc.  
MEXICO.

Central Y.M.C.A.  
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir-

If you have any mail for me,  
will you kindly forward the same to-  
General Delivery,  
Detroit, Mich. U.S.A.

As I am going to Alberta,  
instead of coming to Montreal as  
anticipated.

Yours sincerely  
*Albert Suberme*  
Albert Suberme

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MC 105-3702-310

Date: 2-11-64

To: Director, FBI

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(Bufile : 105-82555 )

Attention :

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

( 163-364 )

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Title <b>LEE HARVEY OSWALD</b>	Character IS - R  Reference Mycab 1-28-64.
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URGENT    2-13-64  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM LEGAT LONDON    NO. 32

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA  
 REBUAIRTEL FEBRUARY 6, 1964

*Bayprox 1881*

DR AND MRS JOHN MC FARLAND INTERVIEWED FEBRUARY 12 LAST AND IDENT POSITIVELY PHOTO OF ALBERT OSBORNE TAKEN OCTOBER 1963 AS MAN THEY WERE WITH ON BUS TO MEXICO CITY. THEY COULD NOT BE AS POSITIVE WITH OTHER PHOTOS *Texas*. MAN DID NOT STATE HIS NAME BUT TALKED A LOT ABOUT MEXICO AUTHORITATIVELY. SPOKE WITH ENGLISH ACCENT BUT INDICATED HE LIVED IN TENNESSEE AT LEAST PART OF EACH YEAR. HE TOLD MRS MC FARLAND HE WAS 82 BUT SHE STATED HE LOOKED 20 YEARS YOUNGER. HE WAS CARRYING HAVERSACK TYPE BAG WITH CANNED FOOD IN IT. MC FARLANDS HAD NO INDICATION OSWALD HAD MADE PREVIOUS TRIP TO MEXICO AND COULD NOT RECALL ANY REFERENCE TO HOTEL CUBA EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF ALBERT OSBORNE AND TO HAVE WALTER OSBORNE INTERVIEWED. AS ALBERT IS CANADIAN CITIZEN HE WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH BRITISH IMMIGRATION BUT INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE HIM.

CHARLES W. BATES

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Date: 2/11/64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: Director, FBI (105-82555)  
FROM: SAC, Birmingham (105-908) (P)  
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R

Re Bureau airtel, 1/27/64; and Little Rock airtel, 2/4/64.

Enclosed herewith to San Antonio are two copies each of the following items:

Indianapolis airtel to Bureau, 1/28/64;

Bureau airtel to Indianapolis, 1/27/64;

Legat, Mexico City, cablegram to Bureau, 1/23/63;

Legat, Mexico City, cablegram to Bureau, 1/21/64;

Photograph of bareheaded man standing in front of castle-like building (allegedly photograph of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN); and

Photograph of man in zippered jacket and helmet (allegedly photograph of JOHN HOWARD BOWEN).

- (6) Bureau - RM
- (1) Legat, Mexico City (Info)
- 2-Dallas (100-10461) - RM
- 2-San Antonio (Enc. 12) - RM
- 2-Birmingham (105-908)
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Texas

JOHN HOWARD BOWEN was interviewed at Florence, Alabama, February 8, 1964. He claims to be itinerant missionary Baptist preacher, who has traveled extensively as such in the United States for about fifty years, and has also traveled in Mexico during the past twenty years. BOWEN claims he has never been a school teacher or traveled in any other foreign country, other than Bermuda.

He recalls making a bus trip from Nuevo, Laredo, to Mexico City, Mexico, September 26-27, 1963, and sat next to a young man described as 29 years of age, 5'8", 150 pounds, thin blond hair, dark complexion, who appeared to be Mexican or Puerto Rican. This person went to sleep soon after boarding the bus and after lunch stop at Sabinas Hidalgo, Mexico, above person moved to back of bus where he reclined on seat and went to sleep. BOWEN claims did not talk to above person, and not able to identify him as LEE HARVEY OSWALD through press photographs.

BOWEN states he is acquainted with ALBERT OSBORNE, who is also a Baptist preacher or missionary from Canada and while in Oaxaco, Mexico, in 1958, BOWEN misplaced identification papers, and during a census there borrowed OSBORNE's identification papers. BOWEN claims he never before or since used name of OSBORNE. BOWEN observed photographs furnished by referenced airtel from Little Rock, and identified man in front of castle-like building as ALBERT OSBORNE, and man in zippered jacket and helmet as photograph of himself, taken about twenty years ago.

BOWEN last saw OSBORNE at Railway Express Office in Mexico City during Spring of 1961 or 1962. He has heard that OSBORNE was in Mexico during December, 1963, and January, 1964, and OSBORNE reportedly returning to Canada, where he may take up residence near Vancouver. BOWEN described OSBORNE as being about his same size and age, but OSBORNE has noticeable English or Scottish accent.



BH 105-908

BOWEN considers his residence at St. Anthony Hotel, Laredo, Texas, and expects to be there about February 15 through 17, 1964. BOWEN may have in Laredo bus ticket receipt reflecting date above bus trip, and may have correspondence from OSBORNE.

Photograph and fingerprints of BOWEN were taken on above occasion.

Setting out of leads other than those below being left to discretion of the Dallas Division. Report follows.

LEADS:

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

At Laredo, Texas:

Arrange to contact JOHN HOWARD BOWEN at St. Anthony Hotel about February 15-17, 1964, and exhibit to him photographs of subject LEE HARVEY OSWALD to determine if he is identical to person riding with him on above bus trip.

Obtain from BOWEN any available bus ticket receipt which would establish date and time of above bus trip.

Obtain from BOWEN any available correspondence he may have from ALBERT OSBORNE, and attempt to determine present whereabouts of OSBORNE.

Check bus company records at Laredo, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, of all bus companies furnishing transportation to Mexico City for roster of passengers on trip to Mexico City on or about September 26, 1963, noting that BOWEN claims he signed such a roster at Nuevo Laredo.

1 - Mr. Stokes

2-14-64

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URGENT

TO SAC SAN ANTONIO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI REC 5

105-3702-1929

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

RE BH AIRTEL FEBRUARY ELEVEN LAST RE INTERVIEW OF JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

DR. AND MRS. JOHN MC FARLAND, ON FEBRUARY TWELVE LAST POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF ALBERT OSBORNE TAKEN OCTOBER, SIXTY THREE IN CONNECTION WITH PASSPORT APPLICATION AS MAN WHO WAS ON BUS TO MEXICO CITY SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIX SIXTY THREE. NOTE THAT OSBORNE WAS MANIFESTED ON QUOTE RED ARROW UNQUOTE BUS AS BOWEN.

SA IMMEDIATELY REINTERVIEW BOWEN AND PRESS HIM FOR FULL DETAILS OF PERSONAL BACKGROUND. NOTE THAT OSBORNE OBTAINED CANADIAN PASSPORT NUMBER FIVE DASH SIX ZERO FIVE THREE SEVEN SEVEN AT CANADIAN CONSULATE, NO. HE CLAIMED RESIDENCE YMCA, MONTREAL, AND SAID HE WAS EN ROUTE FROM CANADA TO MEXICO CITY ON VACATION. NOTE THAT BOWEN, AFTER ENTERING MEXICO AT NUEVO LAREDO SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIX SIXTY THREE, LEFT MEXICO AT SAME POINT UNDER NAME BOWEN OCTOBER TWO SIXTY THREE, ONE DAY PRIOR TO OSWALD.

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- Mohr
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- Callahan
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- DeLoach
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MC 105-3702-315

TELETYPE TO SAN ANTONIO  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

HE APPARENTLY PROCEEDED ON TO NO WHERE HE OBTAINED PASSPORT  
UNDER OSBORNE IDENTITY, OCTOBER TEN SIXTY THREE.

DEVELOP FULL FACTS RE BOWEN'S TRAVELS FROM SEPTEMBER ONE SIXTY  
THREE TO DATE AND QUESTION HIM RE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT  
DURING SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIX DASH TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY THREE BUS  
TRIP TO MEXICO CITY, BEARING IN MIND COMMENTS OF DR. AND MRS.  
MC FARLAND AND PATRICIA WINSTON AND PAJELA MUMFORD. PRESS HIM FOR  
REASON FOR HIS USE OF DUAL IDENTITY AND HIS MISREPRESENTATION  
TO LEGAT JANUARY SEVEN LAST. ASCERTAIN WHEN HE RETURNED TO  
TEXMELUCAN AFTER ARRIVAL MEXICO CITY SEPTEMBER TWENTY SEVEN SIXTY  
THREE AND IF HE REMAINED MEXICO CITY PRIOR TO RETURNING TO RESIDENCE,  
DEVELOP FACTS AS TO PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND ACTIVITIES, MEXICO CITY.  
FINGERPRINTS AND PHOTO NOT RECEIVED TO DATE FROM BH.

COPIES OF TEL WITH PHOTOS ALBERT OSBORNE TAKEN OCTOBER SIXTY  
THREE TO BH, DL AND LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, BY MAIL.

NOTE FOR SAC, BH:

Enclosed is photo Albert Osborne taken October, 1963.  
Is this the John Howard Bowen interviewed by your office 2-8-64?  
Sutel Bureau and SA including advice as to date, when and how  
Bowen's fingerprints and photo dispatched to Bureau.

NOTE FOR LEGAL ATTACHE, MEXICO CITY:

Enclosed is photo Albert Osborne taken in 1963. Is this  
the man interviewed 1-7-64 by your office?

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 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 393

BUFILE 105-82555  
 REFERENCE <sup>INTERNAL-SECURITY</sup> LEE HARVEY OSWALD, <sup>USSIA</sup> IS-R-CUBA  
 REBUCAB FEBRUARY 18 AND MYCAB FEBRUARY 20 LAST.

FOLLOWING IS DAILY SUMMARY.  
 BUCAB TO SAN ANTONIO FEBRUARY 14 LAST CONCERNING  
 INTERVIEW <sup>ALSO KNOWN AS</sup> JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, AKA ALBERT OSBORNE RECEIVED  
 TODAY'S POUCH ENCLOSED PHOTO OF ALBERT OSBORNE TAKEN  
 OCTOBER 1963. THIS PHOTO IDENTIFIED TODAY BY MAIL DESK  
 EMPLOYEE AND SENIOR CASHIER AT WELLS FARGO OFFICE HERE AS  
 PERSON KNOWN THERE AS AMERICAN MISSIONARY JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.  
 AGENT WHO INTERVIEWED OSBORNE AT TEXMELUCAN, MEXICO, ON  
 JANUARY 7 LAST ALSO IDENTIFIED THIS PHOTO AS IDENTICAL  
 WITH PERSON INTERVIEWED.

WELLS FARGO HERE TODAY RECEIVED POSTCARD ADDRESSED TO  
 C. A. BOWEN FROM DONALD A. LAWSON, 2724 GRAND SOUTH,  
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, WHICH REVEALS LAWSON HAD RECENTLY  
 HEARD FROM THIS INDIVIDUAL, WHOM LAWSON ADDRESSES AS  
 "WHITEY." NOT KNOWN IF C. A. BOWEN IDENTICAL WITH JOHN  
 HOWARD BOWEN.  
 UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU  
 UACB NEXT DAILY SUMMARY WILL FOLLOW FEBRUARY 24 NEXT.

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CLARK D. ANDERSON

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3RD CC: MR. BENTLEY  
 CC: MR. SULLIVAN

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VERY URGENT                      2-22-64  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY                      NO. 394

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BUFILE 105-82555.

*ALSO IN MEXICO AS, INTERNAL SECURITY -*  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS - R - CUBA - RUSSIA - CURA

REMYCAB FEBRUARY 21 LAST. FOLLOWING IS TODAY'S DAILY SUMMARY.

WELLS FARGO - AMERICAN EXPRESS, MEXICO CITY, TODAY RECEIVED LETTER FROM JOHN HOWARD BOWEN POSTMARKED FEBRUARY 19 LAST AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, WITH RETURN ADDRESS CARE OF CENTRAL YMCA, 226-7 AVENUE, NASHVILLE IN WHICH BOWEN REQUESTED ALL FIRST CLASS MAIL RECEIVED HERE BE FORWARDED. BOWEN INDICATED PLANS RETURN TO MEXICO IN APRIL 1964. SOURCE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE IS WITHHOLDING MAILING OF BOWEN'S LETTERS UNTIL FEBRUARY 26 NEXT IN EFFORT KEEP BOWEN AT NASHVILLE UNTIL CAN BE INTERVIEWED.

BUREAU REQUESTED INSURE MEMPHIS FURNISHED WITH FULL BACKGROUND ON ALBERT OSBORNE - JOHN HOWARD BOWEN MATTER NOTING MISREPRESENTATIONS TO LEGAT ON JANUARY 7 LAST AND ADDITIONAL FALSE DATA FURNISHED DURING INTERVIEW BY BIRMINGHAM AGENT ON FEBRUARY 8 LAST. MYCAB YESTERDAY POINTED OUT 1963 PHOTO OF OSBORNE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY WELLS FARGO EMPLOYEES HERE AS PERSON WHO HAS BEEN RECEIVING MAIL THERE UNDER NAME OF JOHN HOWARD BOWEN.

BUREAU MAY DESIRE INSTRUCT MEMPHIS HAVE US IMMIGRATION AGENT PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW TO ESTABLISH POSSIBLE FALSE CLAIM TO US CITIZENSHIP AND TO POSSIBLY DETAIN FOR DEPORTATION SINCE APPEARS

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OSBORNE IS CANADIAN CITIZEN POSING AS AMERICAN CITIZEN.

SA JOSEPH I. GARCIA DEPARTED MEXICO CITY LAST NIGHT ENROUTE MERIDA AND COZUMEL TO INTERVIEW DANIEL SOLIS RE ALLEGATIONS YLARIO ROJAS VILLANUEVA.

UACB-NEXT DAILY SUMMARY FOLLOWS FEBRUARY 24 NEXT.

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REURCAB THREE NINE TWO. DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS RE INVESTIGATION

OF ALBERT OSBORNE AKA JOHN HOWARD BOWEN FOLLOW. UNTIL RECEIPT OF  
SAME HOLD INQUIRY IN THIS REGARD IN ABEYANCE. DALLAS IS BEING  
ADVISED BY MAIL.

1 - DALLAS (100-10461)

NOTE FOR SAC, DALLAS:

When 302 forms received from San Antonio and Los Angeles and information is in from Legat, London, desired that you prepare report under Oswald caption incorporating all known facts re Osborne-Bowen and in which are set forth all logical leads to resolve questions of identity of Osborne-Bowen, nature of his activity since June, 1962, extent of his relationship with Oswald, reasons for his use of dual identity and for being untruthful during Bureau interviews. Report is to contain lead that he be reinterviewed when located to resolve above points. Furnish at least one copy of report to each continental office for information and enclose copies of October, 1963, and February 8, 1963, photographs.

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

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NOTE:

Osborne-Bowen was fellow passenger with Oswald on bus trip to Mexico City 9/26-27, last. Witnesses say he conversed with Oswald and commented that Oswald seemed to have been to Mexico before. He uses dual identity and has been untruthful with us during three interviews. In view of this it will be necessary to check into his activities further to establish if he knew Oswald or had any connection with subject's trip to Mexico. Probability is that he is [redacted] and, if so, we should fix this to be the case.

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