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seat was a window seat located on the right side of the bus and several rows from the front. (The passenger manifest for Transportes del Norte bus No. 332, which departed Mexico City at 8:30 AM, October 2, 1963, discloses space was assigned in seat No. 11 for AUGUSTO AGUILAR whose final destination is listed as Houston. Seat No. 11 is a window seat on the right side of the bus opposite the driver's side and two rows from the front.)

He believed there were perhaps ten or twelve other passengers who boarded the bus at Mexico City; however, he cannot recall the identities of these fellow passengers or any details which would aid in identifying them. He did not recall any Americans having boarded the bus.

He related that he had made a bus trip on a Transportes del Norte bus from Mexico City to Mazatlan, State of Sinaloa, Mexico, to attend a religious conclave in Mazatlan, a short time prior to the trip of October 2, 1963, and it is difficult for him to distinguish clearly in his mind the trip to Mazatlan from the trip of October 2, 1963.

Mhen he boarded the Transportes del Norte bus at Mexico City on October 2, 1903, his final destination was Houston, Texas, and after arriving in Houston, he continued to the home of Reverend BILLY SANDERS of Humble, Texas, on whose invitation he had made the trip. While in the United States, he delivered several sermons in the Humble, Texas, area and at Houston and San Antonio, Texas. He was in the United States until about November 20, 1963, at which time he returned to Mexico. He was able to fix his departure from the United States for return to Mexico as November 20, 1963, by the fact that President KENNETY had been assassinated on November 22, 1963, and he was in Veracruz, Mexico, when he first Jearned of the assassination, having left the United States about two days previously.

He does not recall exactly where the bus stopped before reaching Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, although he assumed the bus stopped at San Luis Potosi as one of the principal cities on the route.

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He was not certain whether or not there was anyone seated by him on the bus nor could be furnish specific information concerning the passengers who had been seated in his immediate vicinity. He said the bus arrived in Monterrey around 11:00 FM, October 2, 1963, but considered this was only an estimate on his part, remembering it was late at night. He could not remember any details of a stop at Monterrey, changes of bus units, or other data related to that phase of his travel.

He remembered that just prior to arrival at Nuevo Isredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, the bus stopped and travel and identification documents of the passengers were inspected by Mexican Jumigration officials. The interior lights of the bus were turned on and one or two Mexican Immigration officials bearded the bus at this stopping point. It was his impression that one of the officials was a stout individual, but he could remember no further descriptive data concerning this person.

At this Immigration check point, an American youth left the bus with the Mexican Immigration official or officials, and he believed that some question had arisen concerning the youth's documents. He said he considered this person to be an American from his general appearance. He estimated that this person was away from the bus for about ten minutes. He did not recall this person's making any remarks after reboarding the bus, or that other passengers left the bus at this point.

Upon viewing a chart of the seating arrangment of the Transportes del Norte bus No. 332, which departed Mexico City on October 2, 1953, it was AGUILAR's opinion that the American youth was seated in either seat No. 8 or 9 or seat No. 12 or 13. AGUILAR stated he vaguely recalls this person was seated to his left and slightly to his rear.

AGUILAR vaguely recalled that the American youth rebearded the bus at the Immigration check point and took a seat in the area of the seats numbered 8, 9, 12 or 13. He described this person, whose facial features he cannot clearly remember, as follows:

Age: Neight: Under 30 years 5' 7" to 5' 8"

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Weight: Build: 121 to 132 pounds

Build: Hair:

Slender, thin Light brown

Complexion:

Light

He expressed his general impression that the American was dressed neatly in dark-colored clothing and believed he was wearing a dark suit coat. He did not recall further details regarding the youth's clothing or his luggage.

AGUILAR viewed several photographs of LEE HARVEY OSMALD and could not recognize the photographs as being identical with any of the passengers on the bus or the American youth. He agreed that the American youth could be identical with OSMALD, but affirmed that he could not be certain.

AGUILAR viewed the photograph of JUAN MATEO DE CUBA as it appears on Mexican Government tourist form FM-5 No. 3625296, and of his wife, ADA FRANCISCA BISLIP DE DE CUBA, as it appears on Mexican Government tourist form FM-5 No. 3625295. He also was shown a photograph of PHILLIPE PITER E. VAN DER VORM as it appears on Mexican Government tourist form FM-8 No. 624820. AGUILAR could not recognize the photographs of Mr. and Mrs. DE CUBA and VAN DER VORM as being identical with any of the passengers on the lus.

He could not recall whether the bus from Monterrey to Laredo stopped in Nuevo Laredo but does remember arriving at the offices of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service and United States Customs near the International Eridge in Laredo.

He recalled that upon arriving in Laredo, the passengers disembarked, obtained their luggage, and walked up a ramp into a large office containing a large counter, where the luggage of the passengers was then examined by United States officials whom he assumed to be United States Customs agents. He recalled going into another large office where the passengers' travel documents were checked by United States authorities.

He does not recall details of contact between the

various passengers and United States officials but believed that the American youth who left the bus earlier during the Mexican Immigration check had some discussion with a United States Immigration official during the examination of travel documents; however, he could not furnish further details concerning the discussion.

AGUILAR advised he was not vaccinated upon arrival in Laredo. He estimated that United States Immigration and Customs check lasted about forty minutes and when it was completed, the passengers again boarded the bus.

He could not remember whether he boarded another bus at the bus terminal in Laredo or San Antonio, Texas. He stated that either at Laredo or San Antonio he boarded an "American" bus but could not recall the bus company or any details regarding the number or other passengers on the bus. From San Antonio, he continued his journey to Houston.

The following is a physical description of AGUILAR as obtained from data appearing on his Mexican passport and through chrervation:

Name:

JOSE AUGUSTO AGUILAR PINTO, also known as AUGUSTO AGUILAR.

Date of Birth: Place of Birth: June 17, 1922 Ciudad del Carmen,

State of Campeche, Mexico.

Height: Weight:

5' 8" to 5' 9"

Build:

Approximately 185 pounds.

Stocky

Hair:

Black on the sides; top portion of head completely bald.

Eyes: Complexion:

Brown Medium

Occupation: Residence:

Evangelical minister Calle 2 de Abril No. 37, Villahermosa, State of

Tabasco, Mexico.

Marital Status:

Married

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#### OSMALD'S LUGGAGE

The following information was furnished by the fourth source abroad:

On April 4, 1954, JUAN PEREZ GONZALEZ advised that he is the chief of the baggage department at the terminal of the Flecha Roja bus line, Calle Heroes Ferrocarrileros No. 45, Mexico, P. F. PEREZ viewed photographs of an olive-colored, "F-4" tag with yellow chalk or crayon markings on one side which appeared to be "9/26" and possibly an initial, of fragments of stickers and tags thereon, and of a blue, zippered handbag and affirmed that he has no recollection of those pieces of luggage and did not recognize any of the markings, stickers or tags as being in any way connected with the Flecha Roja operations. He stated, however, that he recently entered Nexico at Nuevo Laredo with a small, zippered handbag of canvas material; and when he went through Mexican Customs, the Inspector placed a green chalk or crayon marking on the bag to indicate it had been inspected.

PEREZ displayed the various photographs to the baggage handlers on duty at the terminal, and they stated they were unable to recall the luggage in question or make any explanation of the tags, stickers and inscriptions on them.

On May 8, 1954, the manager of the Mexico City terminal of the Transportes del Norte bus line, Insurgentes Sur No. 137, viewed the photographs mentioned above and advised that he did not have any recollection with respect to the two pieces of luggage described above nor did he believe that any of the fragments of stickers and tags thereon were connected in any way with the Transportes del Norte baggage handling procedures. He expressed the belief that the yellow chalk markings on the olive-colored bag were typical of the method used by Mexican Customs Inspectors at Nuevo Laredo to mark luggage upon completing examination thereof in lieu of a sticker which they sometimes use.

The manager, RICARDO NEDINA/BELTRAN, displayed the photographs to the baggage handlers on duty and they affirmed that they were unable to recognize either piece of luggage in

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connection with any passenger but stated unanimously that they recognized the crayon or chalk markings on the olive bag as typical of the inspection precedure of Mexican Customs at Nuevo Laredo. MEDINA also displayed the photographs to several Transportes del Norte drivers, and they were of the opinion that the yellow inscriptions on the olive bag had been placed there by the Mexican Customs Inspector at Nuevo Laredo.

On May 4, 1964, SEBASTIAN FEREZ MERNANDEZ, assistant desk clerk at the Hotel del Comercio, Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico City, advised that he could not recognize the photographs of either the olive or the blue-colored luggage as having been in the possession of a guest at that hotel.

On May 8, 1954, GUILLENMO GARCIA LUNA, owner of the Hotel del Comercio, affirmed that he was unable to recognize the photographs of the two bags as having any connection with CSVALD or any other guest at the Hotel del Comercio.

MATILDE GARNICA, maid at the Hotel del Comercio, who claimed to remember OSWALD as a guest at the hotel in room No. 18, examined photographs of the luggage on May 8, 1964, and stated she recognized the small, blue, zippered handbag as the luggage which CCWALD had in his room at the hotel. She pointed out that she had been impressed by the fact that he had very few personal effects, had noticed he did some laundry each day and left the wet articles hanging in the bathroom, and she was quire certain she had not seen the larger, olive-colored bag.

on May 9, 1964, PEDRO RODRIGUEZ LEDESMA, night watchman at the Hotel del Comercio, examined the photographs referred to above and stated he was quite certain OSWALD had been carrying the blue handbag on the morning of his departure from the hotel. He claimed to be unable to definitely affirm that OSWALD had been carrying the clive bag, as he could not remember several of its characteristics, but he expressed the firm conviction that OSWALD had been carrying two pieces of luggage. He related that on the morning of his departure OSWALD carried his can luggage down the two flights of stairs and waited in the reception area while RODRIGUEZ went in search of a taxi.

When RODRIGUEZ returned with the taxi, he carried the luggage from the reception area to the taxicab, and still has the strong impression that he had a bag in each hand. RODRIGUEZ admitted that his recollection of the type and color of the luggage is very hazy, and he does not wish to state definitely that he recognizes the photograph of either piece of luggage in connection with OSWALD.

### INQUIRIES AT HOTEL CUBA

PATRICIA WINSTON and PAMELA MUNIFORD, who were passengers on the same bus with OSWALD from Monterrey, Nuevo Icon, Mexico, to Mexico, D. F., September 26-27, 1963, when interviewed December 17, 1963, related that during the bus trip OSWALD recommended that they stay at the Hotel Cuba in Mexico City. They related that OSWALD claimed he had stayed at that hotel several times before and pointed out that the hotel war inexpensive, mentioning, however, that he was not staying at the Hotel Cuba during his current trip.

Inquiry was conducted to establish whether OSWALD had, in fact, stayed at the Hotel Cuba during a period following his return to the United States from Russia in June, 1962, to Nevember, 1953.

On December 27, 1963, a second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that an exhaustive search of the records of the Hotel Cuba located at Calle Republica de Cuba No. 69, Mexico City, for the period June, 1962, to October, 1963, failed to disclose any registration for OSWALD under his name or known aliases.

A seventh confidential source abroad advised as follows:

On March 11, 1964, ANGEL CELORIO, manager, Hotel Cuba, made available records of the hotel, which were rechecked for the period June 9, 1962, to November 22, 1963, and no record could be located for the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or his known aliases, O. H. LEE and ALEK JAMES HIDELL. The records did contain a registration for one ROBERTO LEE, who registered

at the hotel on August 11, 1953, was assigned room No. 27, and checked out of the hotel on August 21, 1953. No further identifying data regarding this LEE was contained in the records. (OSWALD had been reported as being at New Orleans, Louisians, during that period.)

CELORIO advised he has been at the Hotel Cuba only since November 11, 1963, when he became manager, and, prior thereto, JOSE SANCHEZ, who is presently associated with another hetel in Mexico City, served as manager for about a four-month period and Mr. RAFAEL AVALOS, also now employed at another hotel in Mexico City, had served as manager for a number of years.

On March 12, 1964, both RAFAEL AVALOS, manager, Hotel Congreso, Calle de Allende No. 18, Mexico, D. F., and JOSE SANCHEZ, manager, Hotel Catedral, Calle Donceles No. 95, Mexico, D. F., viewed a photograph of OSWALD, and both advised they could not recognize the photograph as being of anyone who stayed at the Hotel Cuba during the time they were managing the hotel. Both were of the opinion that, if OSWALD had stayed at the Hotel Cuba during the time they were in charge those, they would have recalled him. Neither could furnish any further pertinent information regarding the possibility OSWALD may have stayed at the Hotel Cuba in the past.

AVALOS related he had served as manager at the Hotel Cube for a number of years until July, 1962, and SANCHEZ stated he had managed the Hotel Cuba from June 1, 1963, to November 11, 1963. SANCHEZ stated that during the period July, 1962, to June 1, 1963, when he became manager, the administration of the hotel had been disorganized and there was no remanent manager. He stated that JESUS HERNANDEZ SANCHEZ and his brother, HIGENIO HERNANDEZ SANCHEZ, both of whom he believed were still employed at the Hotel Cuba, would most logically be the persons in the best position to know whether or not OSWALD stayed at the Hotel Cuba during the period July, 1962, to June 1, 1963,

JESUS HERNANDEZ SANCHEZ, room clerk, Hotel Cuba, advised on March 13, 1954, that he has been employed as room clerk at that hotel for several years. He stated that during

the period from July, 1962, to June 1, 1963, when the hotel had no permanent manager, he and his brother, HIGINIO HERNANDEZ SANCHEZ, performed the administrative functions at the hotel and had most contact with the guests.

HERNANDEZ viewed a photograph of OSWALD and stated he could not recall ever seeing him. He further stated he could not recognize the photograph as being of any person who had been at the Hotel Cuba during the time he has been employed there. He advised that several months ago he and his brother, HIGINIO, had been shown a photograph of OSWALD by a local police official, and at that time both he and his brother were unable to recognize the photograph of OSWALD as being of any person who had stayed at the hotel during the period they had been working there. He added that, following the publicity arising from the assassination of President KENNEDY, seeing OSWALD's photograph in the newspapers, and after viewing a photograph of OSWALD exhibited by the police official mentioned above, he and his brother had discussed the matter and had agreed they could not recall OSWALD's ever having stayed at the Hotel Cuba.

### MISCELLANEOUS DATA RELATING TO OSWALD

On April 4, 1964, the following information was provided by the fourth source abroad:

English-linguage newspaper, "The News," related that on April 13, 1954, DANIEL NAVA RAMOS, reporter for the Mexico City daily, "Nevedades," had attempted to contact SILVIA DURAN and her husband, HORACIO DURAN, at their residence in an effort to obtain human interest material for a newspaper article he was writing with respect to the OSWALD case. NAVA had experienced considerable difficulty in seeing the DURANS and was allowed to enter their apartment with the understanding that he remain no longer than fifteen minutes. He was not permitted to speak directly to SILVIA DURAN and was advised by her husband that she had suffered a nervous breakdown following her interrogation by Hexican authorities and had been prohibited by her physician and DURAN, himself, from discussing the OSWALD matter further.

PASIS FOR INQUIRY; INTERVIEW OF MANUEL VICENTE PORRAS PIVERA

Information from the first confidential source reflects that LEE HARVEY OSWALD departed from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on October 3, 1963, and among the names of other persons who departed on the same date was that of MANUEL VICENTE FORRAS RIVERA. Mexican Immigration records reflect that on September 13, 1953, Mexican tourist card FW-5 No. 4377279 was issued to MANUEL VICENTE FORRAS RIVERA by the Mexican Embassy at San Jose, Costa Rica, and he entered Mexico at the International Aircort at Merida, Yucatan, on September 26, 1963, stating that his destination in Mexico was Monterrey, Nuevo Leon.

His Costa Rican Fassport was No. 6093-63 and included therein a Mexican Visa No. 1147, which he utilized when he departed from Mexico on October 3, 1963, at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas. Mexican Immigration records reflect no mode of travel, and his final destination was listed as Costa Rica, his departure from Mexico being handled by Mexican Immigration Service employee JESUS GOVEA HERRERA.

Inquiry at San Jose, Costa Rica to locate MANUEL VICENTE FORRAS RIVERA

An eighth confidential source abroad furnished the following information:

HARRY KUSHNER, Consul at the United States Embassy, San Jose, Costa Rica, advised that records of the Embassy reflect that MANUEL V. PORRAS RIVERA was issued a B-2 (visitor's) visa on September 13, 1963, valli for multiple entries to the United States until September 13, 1967; that he was in possession of Costa Rican Passport No. 6093-63; and that he was born on Harch 21, 1937, at San Jose, Costa Rica. PORRAS RIVERA was described as male, white, 5' 7" (tall), brown eyes, brown hair, single, and a Costa Rican citizen. His address was listed as "500 yards south of El Criente Grocery Store in Escazu, Costa Rica." He had requested the visa for the purpose of visiting Miami for fifteen days as a tourist and indicated that he expected to depart on September 15, 1963.

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Captain GONZALO ARAYA, Second in Command of the Security Agency at San Jose, Costa Rica, advised that PORRAS RIVERA is a Costa Rican citizen, the bearer of Costa Rican Identification Document No. 1-254-529, and was born March 21, 1937, son of VICENTE PORRAS and RUTH RIVERA.

ARAYA advised that about six months earlier PORRAS RIVERA had contacted him and stated that he was trying to go to Cuba. He inquired as to whether or not ARAYA was interested in his making the trip, as he proposed to provide information which he might obtain in Cuba.

ARAYA advised that the parents of PORRAS RIVERA own a bakery in Escazu, a small town located outside of San Jose. He considered PORRAS RIVERA to be a "vagabond," and he did not encourage him to make the trip to Cuba, and was not informed as to whether or not he had attempted to travel to Cuba.

GERMINAL MONGE LAZCARES, Section Chief of the Costa Rican Immigration Department at San Jose, advised that the Immigration records reflect that MANUEL V. PORRAS RIVERA left Costa Rica on September 15, 1963, for the United States and returned to Costa Rica on October 11, 1963.

### Interview of MANUEL VICENTE FORMAS RIVERA

On March 3, 1964, MANUEL VICENTE PORRAS RIVERA was interviewed and advised as follows:

His father owns the Forras Bakery in Escazu, Costa Rica, and he is in charge of the bakery during the night shift. The communist situation in Cuba has worried him, and he decided he would attempt to make a trip to Cuba in order to ascertain the true conditions in Cuba and make this information available to authorities in Costa Rica.

In furtherance of this idea, he left San Jose in mid-September, 1953, for Miami, Florida. In Miami, he contacted an anti-CASIEO Cuban, volunteered his services, and was placed in contact with other persons who advised him they did not believe he could be of any service to them; thereafter, he left Miami

for Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, where he contacted the Cuban Consul on several occasions and tried to obtain a visa to Cuba. When the Cuban Consul in Merida denied his visa application, he traveled to Mexico City where he stayed at a small hotel, name not recalled, which is located about three or four blocks from the Falace of Fine Arts.

On a Saturday, the exact date of which he could not recall but believed to be September 28, 1963, he called at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City where he was stopped by a guard outside the building and was told that the Cuban Embassy was not open. He was instructed to return the following Monday but he did not try to contact the Cuban Embassy again.

Several days later, he left Mexico City at about 8:00 or 9:00 FM by bus for Nuevo Laredo. He recalled arriving at Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, where he changed buses for Nuevo Laredo. He entered the United States at Laredo, Texas, but was unable to recall the exact time he arrived in the United States, believing, however, that it was about 3:00 or 4:00 PM on the day following his departure from Mexico City. On the same afternoon, he boarded a Greyhound bus at Laredo for Dallas, Texas, where he spent several days before traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he remained four or five days and from where he returned to San Jose, Costa Rica.

A photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was exhibited to him and he was positive that he had not seen OSWALD at any time while at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City or en route to the United States by bus through Muevo Laredo.

### INQUIRIES TO LOCATE EDWARD BASTIEN AT GUATEMALA CITY

The first confidential source abroad advised that, according to the files of the Mexican Immigration Service, EDUARD PASTIEN was issued Mexican tourist card FM-8 No. 36257 by the Nexican Consulate General, Guatemala City, Guatemala, on October 1, 1963, and his name was among those who departed from Mexico on October 3, 1963, at Nuevo Laredo. His entry to Mexico occurred on October 1, 1963, at the Central Airport, Mexico, P. F. He was described as a male, American citizen,

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56 years of age, a priest, single, and the bearer of "Identification Card" No. 470 as proof of citizenship. His departure was listed as by automobile and his final destination as Guatemala, Guatemala. His departure from Mexico was handled by Mexican Immigration Service employee TEOFILO SOTO ESCOBEDO.

The eighth confidential source abroad advised that extensive efforts were made at Guatemala City, Guatemala, to locate EDUARD BASTIEN, who also is known as EDWARD BASTIEN, with negative results. Source advised that it was determined that PASIJEN, who was from Elgin, Texas, had stayed at the Flaza Motel in Guatemala City, Guatemala, on the nights of September 27 and 29, 1963, but had not been registered for the night of September 20, 1963. He again was at the motel on October 1, 1963, and advised he was departing from Guatemala City, Guatemala, by airplane, destination not known.

### INTERVIEW OF ROBERTO GONZALO ROTRIGUEZ ESPINOSA AF TIBAS, COSTA RICA

The first confidential source abroad advised that the records of the Mexican Immigration Service reflect that ROPERTO GONZALO RODRIGUEZ ESFINOSA was issued Mexican tourist card Fi-0 No. 133156 by the Mexican Consulate at Laredo, Texas, on September 26, 1963, and was listed as having entered Mexico on the same date. His final destination at the time of entry was given as Mexico, D. F., but the mode of travel was not indicated. He was described as a male, Costa Rican, 25 years of age, and bearer of Costa Rican Passport No. 6057-63, as proof of his nationality. His entry was handled by Mexican Immigration Service employee RAUL LUEVANO TRUJILLO.

The source also adviced that JORGE ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ ESPINOSA was issued Mexican tourist card FM-8 No. 133157 by the Mexican Consulate at Laredo, Texas, on September 26, 1963. His destination at the time of entry to Mexico was listed as Mexico, D. F., but mode of travel was not indicated. He was described as male, Costa Rican, 21 years of age, single, and bearer of Costa Rican Passport No. 6075-63 as proof of nationality. His entry to Mexico was handled by Mexican Immigration Service employee RAUL LUEVANO TRUJILLO.

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The eighth source abroad advised as follows:

On April 6, 1964, ROBERTO GONZALO RODRIGUEZ ESPINOSA, who resides near the Police Headquarters, Tibas, Costa Rica, advised that he and his brother, JORGE ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ ESPINOSA, had entered the United States on September 17, 1963. He determined from his passport that they had left the United States on September 26, 1963, to Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas. He recalled that they had crossed the border at about 12:00 noon, driving an automobile which they had purchased in the United States. He recalled that they had spent the night of September 25, 1963, in a small town between San Antonio and Laredo, Texas, at rived at Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, at about 4:00 FM, September 26, 1963, and spent that night at San Luis Fotosi, State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Photographs of OSWALD were displayed to RODRIGUEZ and he stated positively that he had never seen OSWALD. He stated that his brother was with him during the entire day of September 25, 1963, and he was certain that his brother would not be able to furnish information regarding OSWALD.

### INTERVIEWS OF OTHER PERSONS AT SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, CENTRAL AMERICA

The first confidential source abroad advised that the reserds of Mexican Immigration reflect that the following six individuals entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on September 25, 1953, the date LEE HARVEY OSWALD entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo:

OSCAR ENRIQUE GALLARDO, who was issued Mexican Immigration tourist card FM-5 No. 4363772 on September 9 (possibly 19), 1963, by the Mexican Consulate General at New Cricans, louisiana, entered Mexico by autobus with his destination listed as Mexico, D. F. Mexican Immigration records reflected a notation that his departure from the Republic of Mexico would be at Ciudad Cuauhtemoc or Tapachula, Chiapas. He was described as a male, Guatemalan citizen, 44 years of age, married, horn in Guatemala City, Guatemala, and his residence was listed as Pasaje Espinola 317, San Salvador, El Salvador. He presented Guatemalan Passport No. 20926, bearing Visa No. 305, issued at the Mexican Consulate in San Antonio, Texas, on July 12, 1953, as proof of nationality. His entry into Mexica

was handled by Mexican Immigration Service employee RAUL LUEVANO TRUJILLO.

ANIBAL PLEITEZ obtained Mexican Immigration tourist card Fii-5 No. 4363773 on September 9 (possibly 19), 1963, at the Mexican Consulate General at New Orleans, Louisiana, and entered Mexico by autobus en route to Mexico, D. F., with place of departure from the Republic of Mexico indicated as Ciudad Cuauhtemoc or Tapachula, Chiapas. He was described as a male, Salvadoran citizen, 40 years of age, single, a motorman, form in San Salvador, El Salvador, and resident at 4 Calle Oriente No. 132, San Salvador. He presented Salvadoran Passport No. 66802, with Mexican Visa No. 709, issued by the Mexican Consulate General, New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 19, 1963, as proof of nationality. His entry to Mexico was handled by Mexican Immigration employee RAUL LUEVANO TRUJILLO.

JOSE HUMBERTO PLEITEZ was issued Mexican Immigration tourist card FM-5 No. 4363774 on September 19, 1963, by the Mexican Consulate General at New Orleans, Louisiana, and he entered Mexico by autobus en route to Mexico, D. F., with his point of departure from the Republic of Mexico indicated as Ciuded Cuauhtemoc or Tapachula, Chiapas. He was described as a male, Salvadoran citizen, 35 years of age, single, mechanic, born San Salvador, El Salvador. He presented Salvadoran Fassport No. 51852, with Mexican Visa No. 708, issued by the Mexican Consulate General at New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 19, 1963, as proof of nationality. His entry to Mexico was handled by Mexican Immigration employee RAUL LUEVANA TRUJILLO.

JOSE BENITO ESCOBAR presented Mexican Immigration tourist card FM-8 No. 133155 issued by the Mexican Consulate, laredo, Texas, September 26, 1963. Entry to Mexico was by autobus with a final destination of Mexico, D. F. He was described as a male, Salvadoran citizen, 51 years of age, married, occupation not indicated, proceeding from Laredo, Texas. He presented Salvadoran Passport No. 67375, with Mexican Visa No. 4014, issued September 10, 1963, at the Mexican Embassy in El Salvador, as proof of nationality. His entry was handled by Mexican Immigration employee HECTOR RAGA NOFEZ.

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OLIMPIA BENITEZ DE ESCOBAR was issued Mexican Immigration tourist card FM-8 No. 133154 by the Mexican Consulate, Laredo, Texas, September 26, 1963. She was described as a female, Salvadoran citizen, 49 years of age, married, occupation not indicated. She was proceeding from Laredo, Texas, and presented Salvadoran Passport No. 67373, bearing Mexican Visa No. 4015, issued September 10, 1963, at the Mexican Embassy in El Salvador, as proof of nationality. Her entry to Mexico was handled by Mexican Immigration employee HECTOR RAGA LOPEZ.

REINA ESCOBAR was issued Mexican Immigration tourist card FM-8 No. 133153 by the Mexican Consulate, Laredo, Texas, September 26, 1963. Her entry was by autobus with final destination listed as Mexico, D. F. She was described as a female, Salvadoran citizen, 19 years of age, single, occupation not indicated. She was proceeding from Laredo, Texas. She presented Salvadoran Passport No. 67374 bearing Mexican Visa No. 4016, issued September 10, 1963, by the Mexican Embassy in El Salvador, as proof of nationality. Her entry to Mexico was handled by Mexican Immigration employee HECTOR RAGA LOPEZ.

The eighth confidential source abroad advised as follows:

On April 10, 1964, at the El Salvador Travel Service, Edificio Falomo, San Salvador, El Salvador, OSCAR ENRIQUE GALLARDO advised that he is a representative of this travel agency and a Guatemalan citizen, although he has resided in San Salvador for several years. He recalled making a trip to the United States in September, 1963, to bring back three buses to San Salvador for the "Quinones Hermanos" (Quinones Brothers), also referred to by him as the International Harvester Company, as the latter is the company which Quinones Frothers represent in El Salvador. He advised that he had arranged for the services of ANIBAL and JOSE HUMBERTO PLEITEZ to assist in driving the buses supplied by the Superior Coach Corporation of Kosciusko, Mississippi, to El Salvador. He was unable to recall the exact date that they had crossed the United States-Mexican border but stated that September 26, 1963, appeared to be the correct date. He advised that they drove in convoy, crossing the border at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico,

between 9:00 and 10:00 AM. He related that they were prohibited from carrying passengers and did not have any passengers during the trip. He recalled that the three of them spent their first night in Mexico at Matehuala, San Luis Fotosi.

Photographs of OSWALD were exhibited to him, and he expressed his certainty that he had never seen him. He advised that ANIBAL and JOSE HUMBERTO PLEITEZ were with him during the entire trip, and he was positive that they would not have seen OSWALD.

He stated that JOSE HUMBERTO PLEITEZ is employed as chief mechanic at the Cotton Cooperative in San Salvador and is not related to ANTBAL PLEITEZ, who is employed as a truck driver by the Triunfo Sawmill, San Salvador.

Cn April 10, 1964, JOSE BENITO ESCOBAR, 11° Avenida Sur No. 424 (Eleventh Avenue Scuth No. 424), San Salvador, El Salvador, advised that together with his wife, OLIMPIA, and daughter, REINA, he had visited his daughter-in-law, OFELIA BARRERA DE ESCOBAR, in Monterrey, Mexico, in September, 1953. While he did not recall the exact date, he related that in late September, 1953, they traveled from Monterrey to Laredo, Texas, arriving in the latter city about 9:00 AM. They spent the entire day shopping in Laredo and departed from Laredo about 8:00 PM, traveling from Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, to Monterrey on a bus of the Transportes del Norte line, arriving in Monterrey at about 12:00 midnight.

Thotographs of OSWALD were displayed to ESCOBAR and to his wife, OLIMPIA, and both stated they felt quite certain they had not seen the individual pictured therein. These photographs also were displayed to OFELIA BARRERA DE ESCOBAR, who formerly resided in Monterrey and who made the trip described above with the ESCOBARS. She stated that she was unable to recognize the person in the photographs as anyone she had ever seen. The persons interviewed stated that NELSON ULISES ESCOBAR, who is attending the agricultural school at Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico, made the trip with them.

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TUPECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

DATE: 5/11/64

FROM

WILLIEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT:

LUU HARVEY OSWALD, ako

### ENCLOSURES:

Finaloged herewith are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned to above.

### REFERENCES:

President's Commission General Counsel J. LEE RANKIN to the Director dated 4/24/64.

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memorandum, all leads and inquivies which appear in the Frestdent's Commission letter of reference have been completed with the encoption of the review of records and interviews of percount at Mexico City museums for possible information concerning Office. The latter investigation is being handled by informant and will be completed and reported in the immediate frame.

The enclosed letterheed memorandum also records the results of other investigation and lucted by the Mexico City Office which previously had not been reported by letterhead memorandum.

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### SOURCES:

The confidential source abroad referred to in the enclosed letterhead memorandum which provided the information on which the investigation reported therein was predicated is Legat, Mexico City, file 105-3702.

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### CLASSIFICATION:

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

### LEAD:

### MEXICO CITY

### At Mexico, D. F.

Will continue to handle all leads developing in connection with this case and will complete and report the results of inquiries at various Mexico City museums.

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URGENT 5-11-64 TO DIRECTOR FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 614

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

RE MISCELLANEOUS ALLEGATIONS. LHM REPORTING INQUIRES REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION EXCEPT MUSEUM COVERAGE, AND RECENT BUREAU LEADS WILL BE SUBMITTED TOMORROW'S POUCH. MUSEUM INQUIRIES IN PROGRESS.

RE TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE PASSENGERS. CONTINUED INVESTIGATION HAS FAILED TO IDENTIFY CHAIN-SMOKING MEXICAN FROM TEXAS DESCRIBED BY PASSENGERS INTERVIEWED BUT FROM ANALYSIS OF AVAILABLE INFORM-ATION CONCERNING PASSENGERS IT IS SUGGESTED THIS INDIVIDUAL MUST BE HUSBAND OF HILDA QUEZADA. INQUIRIES CONTINUING. ADDITIONAL SUMMARY TOMORROW UACE.

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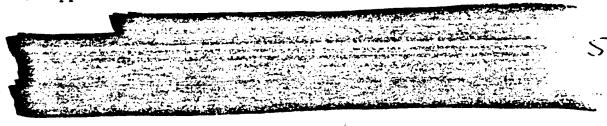
SMOLIKOFF had preceded her husband in traveling to New York, going by Eastern Airlines Flight #300 on 9/9/03, accompanied by son, ARBOTT (Bufile 100-441277). Checks of airline travel relating to SMALL for the period from 9/29-10/3/54 are not being made since information received from CIA, Mexico, "not to be disseminated outside the Bureau," as recorded in the report of SA NATHAN L. FERRIS dated 11/29/63, entitled "CHARLES N. SMOLIKOFF, aka, SM - C," indicated that SMOLIKOFF remained in Mexico City following his arrival on 9/29/63 and claimed to be ill.

In regard to Eureau request for opinion of this office concerning the best manner for interviewing SM/LL in case the Commission requests his interview, the following is submitted:

It is suggested that such an interview should not be requested from the Mexican authorities because of the difficulties previously cited of exercising control of Mexican officials.

If such interview proves necessary, it should be handled by an American official, preferably some official of the Embassy who is operational abroad and would be able to testify or give a deposition if needed, as is customarily done when official interviews are required abroad in Eureau cases. It is believed that this could be best arranged by request by the Bureau to the State Department in the customary manner. The Department of State would then issue instructions to the Embassy, which would select the proper official to handle the interview, and this office could cooperate closely with him.

It is suggested also that an Agent of this office sit in with the Embassy official during the interview to insure that the Bureau's interests are protected and pertinent points covered. It is believed that SMOLIKOFF, as an American citizen, would respond to a request from the Embassy to appear at the Embassy for an interview.



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URGENT 5-12-64
TO DIRECTOR
FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 619

BUFILE 105-8255. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA. FOLLOWING IS DAILY SUMMARY. RE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING ARNOLD LOUIS KESSLER AND BUAIRTEL TO DETROIT MAY 5 LAST. RECORDS CASA DE LOS AMIGOS, MEXICO CITY REFLECT ARNOLD KESSLER REGISTERED AS GUEST THEREIN FROM OCTOBER 25 TO NOVEMBER 11 LAST AND FOR SHORT PERIODS THEREAFTER ON THREE OCCASIONS UNTIL FEBRUARY 29. ON BASIS OF LEGAT, BRAZIL'S INTERVIEW OF KESSLER IT APPEARS LATTER, ROBERT KAFFKE AND HOMOBONO ALCARAZ ARÉTALKING AROUND ORIGINAL ALLEGATION MADE BY BARRIE MILLMAN AND SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED BY ALCARAZ. LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

RE COMMISSION REQUEST CONCERNING MUSEUMS. INFORMANT MEX'COMPLETED THOROUGH CHECK OF REGISTRATION RECORDS AND INTERVIEWS
OF PERSONNEL AT PRINCIPAL MUSEUMS WITHOUT DEVELOPING ANY
INFORMATION RE SUBJECT. LHM BEING SUBMITTED. ADDITIONAL
SUMMARY TOMORROW.

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URGENT 5-13-64 TO DIRECTOR FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 623

BUFILE 105-82555. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA. FOLLOWING IS DAILY SUMMARY. RE TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE BUS PASSENGERS. JOSE RODRIGUEZ PERALES, MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON ADVISED INFOR-MANT HIS BROTHER, EULALIO RODRIGUEZ PERALES, IS EMPLOYED BY JONES OFFICE SUPPLY, 1065 BROADWAY, MCALLEN TEXAS AND RESIDES UNKNOWN ADDRESS AT ALAMO, TEXAS WHERE RECEIVES MAIL THROUGH P.O. BOX 175 AND MIGHT HAVE BEEN PASSENGER ON TRANSPORTES BUS. SUGGEST SAN ANTONIO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

ADDITIONAL SUMMARY TOMORROW.

CLARK D. ANDERSON

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TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY (105-3702) FROM DIRECTOR FEI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

REURLET AND LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM DATED MAY FIVE LAST DEALING WITH EFFORTS TO ODTAIN PASSENGER LIST OF RED ARROW BUS LINE.

BUREAU IS NOT DISSEMINATING RE LETTERHEAD. NOTE FOLLOWING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. ALIAS OF OSVALD APPEARING LAST FULL PARAGRAPH, PAGE ONE, SHOULD BE QUOTE HIDELL.UNQUOTE. WORD QUOTE AUTOBUS UNQUOTE BEXT TO LAST LINE PAGE ONE SHOULD BE PLURAL. ATTRIBUTED TO CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE PAGES ONE AND TWO RE NEGATIVE CHECK OF RECORDS TRANSPORTES FRONTERA IS IN KRROR AS NAME QUOTE OSWLD UNQUOTE WAS MANIFESTED ON OCTOBER TWO LAST TRIP OF FRONTERA LINE FROM MEXICO CITY TO NUEVO LAREDO. HAS KNOWLEDGE OF CHECKS MADE OF PASSENGER MANI-PESTS OF RED ARROW LINE, IT IS LIKELY THAT HE KNOWS WHO MADE SUCH CHECKS AND WHO OBTAINED THE MANIFEST. QUESTION HIM IN THIS REGARD. PAGE FIVE INDICATES THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO OBTAINED PASSENGER MANIFEST OF RED ARROW LINE HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE CHECK AT TRANSPORTES FRONTERA LINE. YOUR APRIL EIGHT LAST LETTERHEAD IDENTIFIES POLICE 1 = DALIAS (100-10461) (EXCLOSURES - 6)

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CAPUPGRAM TO MEXICO CITY RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD 195-82555

OFFICIAL WHO CONDUCTED INQUIEY AT FRONTERA LINE TO BE LIEUTENANT ARTURO BOSCH OF PRESIDENTIAL STAFF. INTERVIEW BOSCH.

RE LETTERHEAD DOES NOT CLEARLY ESTABLISH KXACTLY WHAT PASSENGEE LISTS WERE PREPARED FOR BUS TRIP IN QUESTION. WHILE ONE SUCH LIST IS PREPARED AT POINT OF ORIGIN, NUEVO LAREDO, ORIGINAL OF WHICH FILED MEXICO CITY. LETTERHEAD MAKES REFERENCE TO ADDITIONAL RECORDS OF PASSENGERS WIN BOARD BUS OR PUBCHASE TICEETS AT MONTERREY AND SABINAS HIDALGO. CLARIFY THIS. STATEMENT OF DRIVER HORALES ON PAGE THREE THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THERE WERE RIGHTEEN PASSENGERS ON TRIP FROM NUEVO LAREDO TO MEXICO BECAUSE OF NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON BAGGAGE LIST IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH MORALES' STATEMENT THAT BAGGAGE LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE NAMES OF ALL THE PASSENGERS. FURTHER MORALES' COMMENTS IN LAST FULL PARAGRAPH, PAGE THREE, RE LINES DRAWN ON BAGGAGE LIST IS IN REPOR AS BAGGAGE LIST PERTAINS TO LUGGAGE CHECKED ON BUS BATHER THAN TO PASSENGERS. NOTE THAT NAME OF BOWEN WHO TRAVELED ALONE APPEARS ON BAGGAGE LIST WITH LINE DRAWN BENEATH HIS NAME. THIS LINE INDICATED ADDITIONAL LUGGAGE OF BOWEN RATHER THAN THAT HE WAS TRAVELING IN A PARTY OF TWO. ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE ALL PASSENGER LISTS THROUGH LEADS SUGGESTED HEREIN AND, THEREAFTER, REWRITE RE LETTERHTAD CLEARLY AND CONCISELY SETTING FORTH DESCRIPTION OF PASSENGER LIST OR LISTS FOR TRIP IN QUESTION.

CARIFGRAM TO MEXICO CITY FE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD 105-82555

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REURCAB MAY SEVEN LAST, NUMBER SIX ZERO ONE. BUREAU DOES NOT DESIRE TO INQUIRE OF COMMISSION AS TO NATURE OF COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES' ORAL REQUEST OF YOU. YOUR APRIL TWENTY-EIGHT LAST LETTERHEAD CONCERNING IDENTITIES OF AGENTS WHO CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION IN MEXICO HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO COMMISSION ON BASIS YOUR STATEMENT THAT COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES WERE INTERESTED ONLY IN IDENTITIES OF AGENTS WHO CONDUCTED INQUIRY OUTLINED IN YOUR MAY SEVEN LAST CAB. REURCAB MAY NIME LAST, NUMBER SIX ZERO EIGHT. YOU MAY DISCONTINUE DAILY SUMMARY, HOWEVER, KEEP BUREAU CURRENTLY INFORMED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. HANDLE FOREGOING REQUESTS IMMEDIATELY. DALLAS BEING ADVISED BY MAIL.

NOTE TO SAC, DALLAS:

Enclosed are two copies of re Legat airtel 5/7/64, and two copies re Legat letter and letterhead dated 5/5/64.

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Date: 5/4/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (105-1264) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Aka.

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Re Legat, Mexico letter to the Director dated 4/23/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two additional copies of this communication to be forwarded to Legat, Mexico.

On May 4, 1964, S of I REGINALD SANDERS, Manager, Juarez Mercantile Company, Calle Abraham Gonzalez, Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, advised that GABRIEL CONTRERAS is a retired railroad employee, who is employed as a railroad car expediter by the Fabrica de Aceite de Algodon in Juarez. He said CONTRERAS resides in Camargo, Chihuahua, Mexico, some 400 miles south of Juarez, where he also has a small electrical business. He said CONTRERAS is not in Juarez at the present time and comes to Juarez only on an infrequent basis. CONTRERAS spends considerable time in Mexico City, where he usually stays at the Hotel del Comercio. CONTRERAS spends most of his time in Camargo, where he is well known. His telephone number in Camargo is 391.

No further action will be taken by the El Paso
Office in an effort to locate and interview GABRIEL CONTRERAS.

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C. May 4, 1964

#### LEE HARVEY OSWALD

A confidential source abroad has advised as follows:

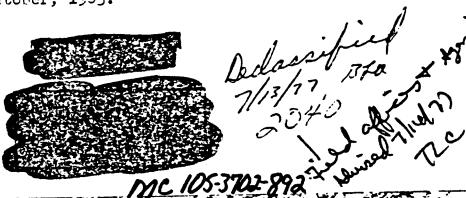
Arnold Louis Kessler, whose permanent residence is 18266 Pinehurst, Detroit 21, Michigan, on April 30, 1964, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, advised that he at no time, at any place, had been in contact with Lee Harvey Oswald and advised he had made no statement to anyone that he had had such a contact in Mexico, D. F. Kessler stated that he may have made the remark to someone that a friend of his, Homobono Alcaraz/Aragon, had once remarked that he had met Oswald in Mexico City. Kessler advised that approximately the middle of February, 1954, Aragon had told him, Kessler, that he had been contacted by representatives of the U. S. Embassy in Mexico City concerning his contact with Oswald and that he had told the Embassy representatives that he had, on one occasion, been introduced to Oswald. Kessler stated he had no details of the meeting between Aragon and Oswald but that his recollection is that Aragon had stated he had been introduced to Oswald sometime in the fall of 1963 and that it is his, Kessler's, recollection that Aragon had stated that Oswald and the person who introduced them had had coffee with him at that time at an unidentified place in Mexico City. Kessler stated he could recall no other details of Aragon's statements and that he has no other details concerning such a meeting between Aragon and Oswald. Kessler noted that he does not know whether Aragon actually met Oswald or not. He advised that Aragon had been worried in mid-February, 1964, during the reported conversation, as he was at that time attempting to obtain a temporary U. S. visa and feared that he would not obtain the visa as a result of his reported contact with Oswald.

Kessler stated he had gone to Detroit from California approximately September 17, 1903, and that he was in Detroit, Michigan, on September 28, 1963, his birthday. He stated he departed Detroit during the first week of October, 1953, spent one day in Chicago, two days in St. Louis, and approximately one week in Guanajuato, State of Guanajuato, Mexico, after which he had taken a bus to Mexico City. He advised that upon arriving in Mexico City he had checked into the Casa de Los Amigos and that as near as he could recollect this was approximately the middle of October, 1963.

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Kessler stated he saddworked for the "Mexico City Times," a Mexico City newspaper from Newember, 1963, to the first part of February, 1964, at which time he had gone to Veracruz, Mexico, for approximately one week during Carnival. He stated he returned to Mexico City about the middle of February, 1964, and it was at this time that Aragon had made the statements concerning his having met Oswald. Kessler stated he had made a hitchhiking and commercial travel trip through Central America, arriving in Sao Paulo, Brazil, approximately March 17, 1964. He further advised that since he has been instructed to report for his Selective Service physical examination in Detroit on May 22, 1964, he plans to depart Sao Paulo on May 5, 1964, for Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he will spend approximately one week, after which he will return to Detroit by air via Lima, Peru.

Kessler reiterated that he has at no time met Lee Harvey Oswald and knows of no other person who met Oswald, other than possibly Aragon. He stated he could furnish no information as to other persons who might have information concerning a possible contact between Aragon and Oswald.



### Memorandum

Director, FBI (105-82555)

DATE:

5/4/64

Legat, Rio de Janeiro (62-42) (RUC)

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD IS - R

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ENCLOSURES:

Enclosed to the Bureau are 39 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES:

Bureau cable to Rio 4/28/64 and Ric cable to Eurcau 5/1/54.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Interview of ARMOLD LOUIS KESSLER was conducted at São Paulo Brazil, 4/30/64 by Logal Attache EDWARD S. SANDERS.

CLASSIFICATION:

Enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified "Conf in order to protect the Bureau's operations.

### COPIES:

Two copies are designated for Dallas as the domestic office of origin. Two copies are designated for the San Francisco Office in the event further inquiries by that office are desired in connection with an interview of BARRIE MILLMAN from whom a prior allegation had been obtained that ARAGON had met subject OSWALD in Mexico City. Two copies are designated for the Mexico City Office in the event a reinterview of ARAGON is deemed feasible by the Bureau. Two copies are designated for the Detroit Office in view of that being KESSLER's legal address and point of his Selective Service Board.

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### STATUS:

The case is considued RUC at Rio de Janeiro.

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TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-3702)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

REURCAB MAY NINE LAST, NUMBER SIX ZERO EIGHT, AND BUCAB MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

IN ABSENCE OF SPECIFICS CONCERNING EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION MEXICO RE PASSENGEES ON DEL NORTE BUS FROM MEXICO CITY TO LAREDO OCTOBER TWO - THREE, DNE NINE SIX THREE AND AS TO EXTENT OF INQUIRY WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY TO LOCATE PASSENGERS ON RED ARROW BUS FROM CITY NUEVO LAREDO TO MEXICO SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SIX - TWENTY-SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX THREE IN THE EVENT MANIFEST FOR THAT BUS IS LOCATED, BUPLAU IS UNABLE TO ACCURATELY ASSESS PERSONNEL NEEDS OF YOUR OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION. NOTE THAT COMMISSION HAS INDICATED DESIRE TO MAKE ITS REPORT IN JUNE AND, THEREFORE, ADVISABLE THAT ALL REMAINING INQUIRY GIVES BE COMPLETED EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

REVIEW PENDING WORK THIS CASE INCLUDING LEADS TO LOCATE PASSENGERS ON BUSES IN QUESTION AND THEREAFTER ASSESS YOUR NEEDS AND SUBMIT YOUR RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SPECIAL SQUAD WORKING THIS

CASE BE DISCONTINUED. SUCAB. ONE COPY TO DALLAS EY MAIL.

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Cablegram to Legat, Mexico City Re: Lee Harvey Oswald 105-82555

#### BUREAU NOTE:

Legat has three SA's on special assignment handling phases of Oswald case. It was originally contemplated they would complete investigation by first of May. However, additional investigation requested by Commission and any leads which may develop if Legat finds manifest of Red Arrow Bus may necessitate holding men on special assignment in Mexico City for additional period. We cannot assess Legat's needs here.

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URGENT 5-15-64 TO DIRECTOR FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 631

BUFILE 105-82555. LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA. REBUCAB NUMBER 92 MAY 14 LAST.

IT IS ANTICIPATED SUMMAN REPORT AND LHMS COVERING OUTSTANDING COMMISSION AND BUREAU REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN MAY 21 NEXT.

WITH RESPECT TO TRANSPORTES DEL NORTE PASSENGERS, OF 21 PASSENGERS ORIGINATING MEXICO CITY AND GUADALAJARA FOR WHOM NAMES AVAILABLE, 10 PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND OR INTERVIEWED. REMAINING PASSENGERS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED OR LOCATED ALTHOUGH INVESTIGATION BEING VIGOROUSLY PURSUED AT GUADALAJARA, MONTERREY AND MEXICO CITY THIS COMMECTION. AT GUADALAJARA SOME 50 PERSONS WITH NAMES SIMILAR TO BUS PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY INFORMANTS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CONCERNING HOTEL DEL COMERCIO GUESTS OF POTENTIAL OF APPROXIMATELY 60 GUESTS, 14 PERSONS HAVE BEEN LOCATED AND INTER-VIEWED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANTS IN ALL AREAS OF MEXICO FROM WHERE GUESTS REGISTERED IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW.

WHILE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO LOCATE RED ARROW PASSENGER LISTS FOR SEPTEMBER 26 LAST, INVESTIGATORS OF PRESIDENTIAL STAFF HAVE CONTINUOUSLY AVOIDED EFFORTS BY LEGAT PERSONNEL AND AGENT

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OF GOBERNACION TO INTERVIEW THEM CONCERNING BUS LIST, AND IT APPEARS THEY MAY HAVE DESTROYED LIST ON PREMISE OSWALD'S NAME DID NOT APPEAR THEREON AND ARE AVOIDING SHOWDOWN. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THIS MATTER CAN BE PRESSED FURTHER THAN ONE MORE ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW ARTURO BOSCH THROUGH HIS SUPERIOR WHO HAS BEEN CONTACTED SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST AND HAS STATED HE WOULD HAVE TO REFER MATTER TO PRIVATE SECRETARY OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ MATEOS.

SHOULD LIST BE LOCATED INVESTIGATION OF THAT AND OTHER PHASES MENTIONED ABOVE OF NECESSITY WOULD BE A HANDLED BY INVESTIGATIVE INFORMANTS AND LIMITED REPORTING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH ASSUMED BY AGENTS HANDLING INFORMANTS.

WITH SUBMISSION OF DISSEMINABLE MATERIAL NEXT WEEK ALL

ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AND VOLUME REPORTING BY AGENTS WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AT THAT TIME UNLESS NEW CONSIDERATIONS ARISE TWO AGENTS OF SPECIAL SQUAD BE RELEASED AND ONE AGENT REMAIN IN MEXICO CITY FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD TO HANDLE POSSIBLE BUREAU INQUIRIES CONCERNING SUMMARY AND OTHER MATERIAL AND TO ASSIST IN COORDINATING AND REPORTING REMAINING INVESTIGATIVE PHASES UNTIL VOLUME DIMINISHES FURTHER.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

### \_CONFIDENTIAL—

May 18, 1964

### LEE HARVEY OSWALD

### BASIS FOR INQUIRY

The inquiries recorded hereinunder were conducted on the basis of information received from a confidential source abroad to the effect that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was alleged to have visited "some museums" during the time he was in Mexico City from September 27 to October 2, 1963.

### INQUIRIES AT PRINCIPAL AND MOST ACCESSIBLE MUSEUMS

The information which follows was provided by a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who explained that, while he had made a thorough survey of personnel at the various museums mentioned, all located in Nexico City, he had not always been able to obtain the names and in some instances the complete names of individuals interviewed, because of their sensitivity to questions concerning their identities and insistence upon receiving an explanation as to the manner in which their names would be utilized prior to furnishing same. He explained that he had desisted from inquiring further concerning their full names when he encountered resistance in connection therewith.

MUSEUM OF NATIONAL HISTORY (MUSEO NACIONAL DE HISTORIA)

Photographs of OSWALD were displayed to the following persons at the Museum of National History located near the Chapultepec Castle, Chapultepec Park, without locating anyone who could recall his having visited the museum at any time:

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AGUSTIN ZARATE, ticket salesman and collector mornings RAYMUNDO ESPINOSA, ticket salesman and collector afternoons LUIS BANDA, guide SALVADOR~BRAVO, guide JOSE BRITO, guide LUIS-ESTRADA, caretaker JESUS/BLANCAS, caretaker LUIS ARELLANO, caretaker JUAN MARTINEZ, caretaker NICOLAS JIMENEZ, caretaker RAMON AVILA, caretaker ALBINO TEPUJE, caretaker JOAQUIN N/OCAMPO, caretaker ANTONIO LIUNGUIA, caretaker ARTURO LANGLE, Assistant Director BERTOLDO TORRES ALDANA, caretaker of parking area BARTOLOME, CASTILLO, elevator operator Eight other individuals who have business concessions in the area of the museum and whose complete names were not obtained.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND HISTORY (MUSEO NACIONAL DE ANTROPOLOGIA Y HISTORIA)

The foregoing museum is located in the heart of Mexico City near the Government Square (Zocalo) at Calle de la Lioneda No. 13. Photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD were shown to the following personnel thereof without locating anyone who could recall his having been a visitor at that establishment:

Mr. FLORES, guide
Mr. AVILA, guide
Mr. GUZMAN, ticket seller
Mr. HAYDES, ticket seller
Mr. POMPA, librarian
JUAN BALTAZAR, caretaker and security
Mr. VARELA, caretaker
AGUSTIN MIJARES, caretaker
FRANCISCO CARDENAS, caretaker

MARCIAL ROJAS HERNANDEZ, caretaker
Miss SOFIA GOMEZ, director of Office of
Public Relations, sale of post cards,
booklets, official publications, etc.

Most of the persons interviewed were able to recognize the photographs of OSMALD from having seen them in the newspapers, but they were unable to remember his having visited the museum.

BENITO JUAREZ MUSEUM (MUSEO RECINTO DE JUAREZ)

This museum is at the National Palace (Government Offices). It was determined that there are few employees, as no charge is made for admission. A review of the museum registration book failed to develop any information identifiable with OSUALD. The following employees were shown photographs of OSUALD and stated that they did not remember his having visited the museum:

Mr. BETANCOURT, caretaker of the registration book
Mr. MUNOZ, librarian
Miss AURITA, assistant librarian
Mr. MANZANILLA, caretaker
ANDRES-ROMO, caretaker
ENRIQUE-ROMO, caretaker

THE INTERAMERICAN INDIGENOUS INSTITUTE (INSTITUTO INDIGENISTA INTERAMERICANO)

The foregoing establishment is at Calle Ninos Heroes 139. Photographs of OSWALD were displayed to the following persons connected therewith without locating anyone who could recall him as a visitor to the Institute:

Mr. SODI, office employee Mr. CANTU, office employee Mrs. HOLEY, office employee Mrs. DERBES, office employee Mrs. AGUILAR, office employee

Miss OBREGON, librarian
JULIAN RUIZ, caretaker
FELIPE RUIZ, policeman at entrance
ROGELIO CALERO, car watchman
BALDOMERO CASTRO, car watchman
NARCELINO NCGUEDA, car watchman
LINO HERNANDEZ, car watchman
Six or seven other persons who operate
concessions or commercial establishments
in the vicinity of the entrance to the
museum.

THE ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM
(MUSEO ETNOGRAFICO - Ruins of an Aztec Temple)

This museum is located at the corner of Guatemala and Seminario Streets.

It was determined that only two employees are present on a regular basis, IGNACIQ/SENDRERO, ticket vendor on duty at the entrance, and EDULIO\_JUAREZ, caretaker, both of whom viewed photographs of OSWALD without being able to remember him as anyone who had visited the establishment.

THE WAX MUSEUM (MUSEO DE CERA)

The foregoing is located at Calle Argentina (no number) and there are only two employees on duty who function as ticket vendors and caretakers. GUSTAVO HERNANDEZ and CONSUELO HERNANDEZ, after viewing photographs of OSWALD, advised they could not recall him as having been a visitor at the Wax Museum.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (MUSEO NACIONAL DE LA HISTORIA NATURAL)

The following information was obtained by a confidential source abroad:

The Museum of Natural History is located at Calle Dr. Enrique Gonzalez Martinez No. 10 and on April 16, 1964,

ALFONSO MANCILLA GOMEZ advised that he is the caretaker at that museum, a position which he has occupied for the past twenty-five years. He related that few American tourists visit the museum and that he follows the practice of spending some time assisting and explaining the interesting exhibits of the institution to those tourists who do appear there. He stated that he believed he would remember most American visitors, and upon viewing a photograph of OSWALD, advised that he could not recall him as a visitor at the museum and did not believe he had ever seen him at the Museum of Natural History.

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#### **ENCLOSURES**

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

### REFERENCES

Bureau cable dated 4/30/64, No. 68; letter to the Director from the President's Commission General Counsel, J. LEE RANKIN, dated 4/24/64. U

### ADMINISTRATIVE

On the basis of a specific request from the President's Commission, as recorded in referenced letter investigation was conducted in Mexico City in an effort to determine whether or not any verification could be obtained, with respect to the allegation that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had visited "some museums" in Mexico City.

#### SOURCES

the enclosure, is the Legal Attache, Mexico City file 105-3702, which furnished the basis for inquiry.

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The confidential source abroad who conducted inquiry at the National Museum of Natural History is SAs FREDERICK E. RODERICK and HENRY J. PRATT. U

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