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RE: LEE HARVEY OS JALD

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It is to be noted that the Thite House was in receipt of a paper entitled Possible Psychological Motivations in the Assassination of President KENNEDY" written by JOSE I. LASAGA of Miami, Florida. This speculative paper attempted to establish that the motivation of OSJALD in the assassination of President KENNEDY was FIDEL CASTRO or a CASTRO agent and that OSJALD was motivated during his trip to Mexico between September 27 and October 2, 1963. The paper alleged that OSJALD held an extended interview with the Cuban Ambassador in Mexico City whom he met in a restaurant on the outskirts of Mexico City, from which restaurant they both later left in the Ambassador's car for a talk without being overheard.

The source of this latter information was alleged to be SALVADOR DIAZ VERSON. This individual was interviewed at Miani. He stated that while in Mexico City November 20-29, 1953, attending the Congress of the International Federation of Frofessional Newspaper Organizations, he was at the offices of the newspaper "Excelsior" on the night of November 25, 1963. There he learned through the Mexican press that the Mexican Government had arrested one SILVIA DURAN; that DURAN

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allegedly had OSWALD as a guest in her house during his visit to Mexico; and that DURAN placed OSWALD in contact with officials of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

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DIAZ VERSON went on to claim that he was told by Dr. BORRELL NAVARROS, an exiled Cuban newspaperman employed by "Excelsior," that OSJALD and DURAN on the day following OSJALD's arrival in Mexico City went to a restaurant called the Caballo Blanco or possibly the Caballo Bayo where they met an official of the Cuban Embassy. DIAZ VERSON claimed that he knows nothing about OSJALD and the Cuban official leaving the restaurant together in a car.

It was ascertained that Dr. EDUARDO BORRELL NAVARRO, a former Cuban Cabinet Minister who on occasion writes feature articles for the Mexico City daily newspaper "Excelsior," currently resides at 1303 Homero Street, Apartment 301, Mexico City. BORRELL NAVARRO was interviewed by a confidential source abroad on January 11, 1964, at which time he furnished the following information:

SALVADOR DIAZ VERSON was in Mexico City as claimed and discussed LEE OS. ALD with BORRELL and other Cuban exiles. DIAZ VERSON also visited BORRELL in BORRELL's home.

BORRELL did not tell the story credited to him by DIAZ VERSON concerning the visit to a Mexico City restaurant by OS#ALD and SILVIA DURAN. BORRELL had never heard this story or any similar story before.

BORRELL knew of no meeting between OS#ALD and Cuban Embassy officials other than the meetings which allegedly occurred at the time OS#ALD visited the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City.

BORRELL knew nothing concerning any visit by OSWALD to the home of DURAN.

It is to be noted that DURAN, whose complete name is SILVIA TIRADO DE DURAN and who was an employee of the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City, was questioned by Mexican authorities on November 23, 1963. At that time she confirmed that OSTALD had visited the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City during the time

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he was in Mexico City from September 27 to October 2, 1963. She alleged that the purpose of his visits to the Cuban Embassy was to obtain a Cuban visa. She stated she had given him a telephone number to use in calling her concerning the visa, but denied that he had ever visited in her home.

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On January 17, 1964, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he had been unable to locate a Caballo Blanco Restaurant in Mexico City, but stated that there is a Caballo Bayo Restaurant located on the outskirts of Mexico City. The source said this is an extremely large, typical Mexican restaurant which does a very thriving business. He advised that on January 11, 1964, he exhibited photographs of former Cuban Consul EUSEBIO AZCUE LOFEZ, who was in charge of the Cuban Consulate at the time of OS:ALD's visit there, of Cuban Ambassador JOAQUIN HERNANDEZ ARMAS, of SILVIA DURAN, and of the subject to employees of the Caballo Bayo Restaurant and had conducted extensive interviews of these employees. The source said he was unable to find anyone among the employees who could recall any of the persons whose photographs were exhibited as having been at the restaurant.