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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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INFORMATION RE FM-11

On 3/23/64, Mr. MACLOVIO HERRERA, Chief of the Travel Control Files of the Mexican Immigration Department, advised that the original and one carbon copy of the FM-11 Forms are received from all border Immigration Stations. With respect to the disposition and handling of these forms, Mr. HERRERA provided the following explanations:

Existing instructions and current procedures dictate that 20 names shall be placed on each page of the FM-11 Form, and upon receipt of these forms a clerk in the Travel Control Section is charged with reviewing them, comparing them with the originals of the Tourist Cards which are re-mitted with the FM-11 Forms and making any corrections in connection therewith. The clerk also would report to Mr. HERRERA any discrepancies or information which might require investigation to make certain that the requirements of the

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Mexican Government in connection with period of residence by tourists had been complied with in every instance. He pointed out that the clerk who reviews the FM-11 Forms usually draws a horizontal line on the FM-11 to delineate the different dates for persons entering or departing from Mexico, and also may draw a line to designate an individual concerning whom special research was done or a report rendered.

Mr. HERRERA explained that the original copy of the FM-11 Forms relating to OSWALD's entry and departure from Mexico did not contain any entries under Column 16 and he was certain that this information had been added in the office of the Subdirector of the Immigration Department, Lic. RAFAEL HERNANDEZ OCHOA, as of possible investigative assistance in connection with the OSWALD case.

On 3/23/64, Lic. HERNANDEZ OCHOA made available the carbon copies of the FM-11 which he had in his possession, and it was observed that in connection with the dates on which OSWALD entered and departed from Mexico, the Column 16 thereof was completed with information as to the date and agency where each Tourist Card had been issued. Lic. HERNANDEZ OCHOA explained that he had issued instructions to a typist in his office to complete that data from the Tourist Cards as of possible investigative assistance in the OSWALD case.

Lic. HERNANDEZ OCHOA stated very definitely that the "Sept. 16/63" notation with respect to the information concerning OSWALD had been a typographical error by the stenographer, who should have copied the information from OSWALD's Tourist Card as September 17.

Unless advised to the contrary, the afore-mentioned information is not being made the subject of a separate letterhead memorandum but is being included in the summary report which is in preparation by this office.

OSWALD'S MEANS OF TRAVEL,
MEXICO CITY - LAREDO

With respect to the problem of determining the method of travel utilized by OSWALD in departing from Mexico on 10/2,3/64, this office has made every effort on a continuing basis to explore and develop every possibility of obtaining this information. The following measures have been

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completed in this connection:

1. Personnel at the Transportes Frontera Bus Line Terminal, the drivers of the 1:00 PM, 10/3/63, bus of that line to Laredo, personnel and officials of the firm at Monterrey, and the one passenger who was thought to have been identified for that trip, JUANA LANDEROS GARCIA, have all been interviewed without definitely determining whether or not OSWALD traveled on that bus; however, it is the belief of the bus line officials and personnel that he did not travel by that means.

2. Leads have been set out through the Bureau for locating and interviewing all persons who are known to have exited from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on the same date as the subject.

3. In connection with the foregoing leads, special emphasis has been placed on efforts to locate and interview all individuals who departed from Mexico during the same eight-hour period as OSWALD is believed to have done so (12:00 midnight to 8:00 AM), and also to all persons who are on record as having left Mexico on that day with or in an automobile.

4. Checks and rechecks have been made of available passenger lists for bus lines which offer service between Mexico City and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas.

The following additional investigative steps have been initiated and presently are in progress in this matter:

1. Through a skillful and ingenious investigative informant of this office, a thorough neighborhood canvass is being conducted in the area of the Hotel del Comercio and the Transportes Frontera and Autobuses Blancos Flecha Roja Bus Terminals in Mexico City in an effort to identify any taxi drivers or other persons who might be handling transportation to the border on a wildcat basis.

2. A review is being made of the classified sections of the three English language newspapers which are published in Mexico City for the period from 9/27/63 to 10/2/63 to determine if any advertisements appeared in any of those media for transportation to Nuevo Laredo by automobile.

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3. With respect to persons traveling to Nuevo Laredo on the Transportes Frontera bus, additional efforts are being made through a check of the Embassy visa records to ascertain whether or not any of them can be identified through that means for subsequent interview.

4. Consideration is being given to planting a news article in connection with OSWALD's means of travel in several of the Mexico City newspapers which have nationwide circulation in Mexico, indicating therein that OSWALD's mode of travel from Mexico City to the border continues to be a mystery, although it is believed that he traveled by private automobile. It is felt that this device might encourage the person who provided him with transportation, if it was a Mexican National, to present himself and report information with respect thereto. Inquiry has been made of newspaper and police sources as to the feasibility of this procedure, and more complete details will be furnished to the Bureau before further action is taken in connection therewith.

Considerable thought also has been given to the possibility of making a concerted effort to check all gasoline stations and restaurants along the main and usual route between Mexico City and Nuevo Laredo in an effort to develop information concerning OSWALD's method of travel.

It is pointed out, however, that the distance is 745 miles and alternate routes are available over a considerable portion of the distance, and inquiry of this type, either by Agents of this office or informants, could become highly delicate and offensive to Mexican authorities, and it is not believed that this procedure should be undertaken unless regarded as highly important to the case, as the possibility of success in connection therewith does not appear great and does not seem to justify the risks involved to the security of Bureau operations in Mexico.

As the Bureau is aware, the volume of automobile traffic between Mexico City and Nuevo Laredo is considerable, and if OSWALD was able to arrange for transportation with a person or persons traveling in an automobile bearing Mexican license plates, there is little likelihood of ascertaining that fact through any investigative efforts which are available to this office. The Mexican Government does not maintain any control or check over automobile traffic between

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those two points, as automobiles with Mexican license plates are not stopped at the "Kilometer 26" Checking Station, and other than the fact that OSWALD is believed to have surrendered his FM-8 Tourist Card at "Kilometer 26," it has not been possible to locate any other record concerning his means of travel.

The Mexico City Office is continuing to follow this matter vigorously and will advise the Bureau of all developments in connection therewith.