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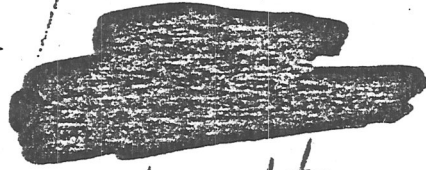
A confidential source abroad advised that on March 26, 1964, HERBERT ROBERT VOORHEES, who was issued Mexican Tourist Card FM-5 #4325846 by the Mexican Immigration Service at Nuevo Laredo, State of Tamaulipas, on June 5, 1963, and entered Mexico at the same place on the same date by train, made the following statement at his present residence, 19 Calle Masones, Apartment 10, San Miguel de Allende, State of Guanajuato, Mexico:

He advised that his true name is HERBERT FRANCIS VOORHEES, but that in some manner or other his name was listed incorrectly as HERBERT ROBERT VOORHEES on his birth certificate. He uses his true name as a commercial cartoonist.

He has lived a greater part of his life, until six years ago in Chicago, Illinois. He lived last in Chicago for twelve years at the Lake Lane Apartment, 6214 Winthrop Street, Chicago, Illinois. He is a widower and for the last six years he has traveled primarily by train to Mexico, where he has located in San Miguel de Allende several friendly Americans and artists.

He explained that he obtains a Mexican Tourist Visa which is good for 180 days stay in Mexico and this causes him to return to the United States about every six months to have his re-entry into Mexico re-established for 180-day periods as a tourist.

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He explained, the train from Nuevo Laredo, State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, does not go to San Miguel de Allende and in his travels he has gotten off of the train at San Luis Potosi, State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and traveled to San Miguel de Allende by bus.

He advised that the last time he departed from Mexico was by "Greyhound bus" in the early part of October 1963. He recalled that he had entered Mexico by train some months previous to October 6, 1963, because by this date he had to leave Mexico to renew his tourist visa.

He could not recall the exact date he entered Mexico at Nuevo Laredo by train from San Antonio, Texas, where he had proceeded to previously from Kansas City, Kansas, via the "Katy Railroad Line," but he was certain that it was several months previous to October 6, 1963, when his Mexican Tourist Visa would have expired.

He recalled that on or about October 2, 1963, he left San Miguel de Allende at 7:30 AM by a "second class yellow bus" to San Luis Potosi, where he arrived just before noon the same day.

He recalled purchasing a "through ticket" to San Antonio, Texas, via the "Greyhound bus," which he clarified as being the Transportes del Norte bus line at San Luis Potosi.

He remembered that after the purchase of his ticket he had lunch and left San Luis Potosi on the Transportes del Norte bus at about 2:40 PM on October 2, 1963.

He could not recall his ticket number; could not recall if his name was registered on a passenger list, and he did not know if the bus he boarded had proceeded from Mexico, D. F., to San Luis Potosi. He saw the bus drive into the bus station at San Luis Potosi, but he did not recall if passengers were in it.

He remembered that he and other passengers boarded the bus at the Transportes del Norte bus station in San Luis

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Potosi and he assumed that the bus was made up at this city because "it smelled clean" when he boarded it, but he was not certain of this.

He did not recall seeing any other American passengers aboard and he could not recall the number of passengers on the bus. He stated that he did not count the passengers and that there were at least four and certainly several more.

He stated that on this trip he went straight to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and to Laredo, Texas, arriving there at about 2:00 AM on October 3, 1963. He alone left the bus at Laredo, Texas, and stayed at the Southland Hotel in Laredo to rest and subsequently on the same day took a Greyhound bus, using the same ticket, to San Antonio, Texas.

He responded that the bus did stop at about 1:00 AM on October 3, 1963, at the "Mexican Immigration check station twelve miles from the Mexican-American border" and that the lights in the bus were turned on and the Mexican Immigration Official came aboard to check each passenger's documents.

He recalled clearly that the Mexican Immigration Official took off of the bus a young American man described only as about 20 years of age, 5' 9" tall, not heavy, medium build, bare headed, wore no coat, and carried one small bag and no suitcase.

He could not recall details about the American's description and repeatedly stated that the American was clean-shaven, cleanly dressed, wearing a shirt, slacks and shoes, and that he was "not a beatnik." With regard to the young American's dress, he recalled that he had considered that the American was lightly dressed because he was not wearing a coat during the cool night.

He recalled having sat on the right side of the bus, because he always rides a bus sitting on the right side looking forward. He remembered that he did not sit toward the front or the back and sat somewhere in the middle of the bus.

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During the trip he talked with a Mexican-American who spoke English and Spanish well and sat across the aisle from him. The Mexican-American, whom he remembered only as middle-aged and thin faced, advised VOORHEES that he was going to the United States, but he could not recall this destination nor the name of the Mexican-American.

He remembered that the Mexican-American was traveling with his wife on the bus and that he was apparently returning to "his business" in the United States. The Mexican-American was a chain smoker and he appeared to be very nervous, for he smoked one cigarette after another.

During the trip he discussed with the Mexican-American the fact that he was a commercial artist. He did not know if the Mexican-American is a Mexican citizen.

He remembered that when the American was taken off the bus that he was taken from the back of the bus to the front and that the Mexican-American remarked to VOORHEES that the American was having trouble "over his papers."

He recalled that when the American returned to the bus and walked to the back, he mumbled in good English in a grumbling manner something like, "My papers were in order before and I don't know why they bother me now, they took my pass before."

He recalled that when the American was taken off the bus this was the first time that he saw and noticed him. He was certain that the American could not speak Spanish and VOORHEES presumed that the American was taken off the bus to the "check station office" where someone must have spoke to him in English.

He remembered seeing the American again at the United States Customs checking station in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, at about 1:30 AM on October 3, 1963, when a Mexican woman's luggage was being examined and the young American was standing by. He recalled that the American, who was trying to dispose of a banana by eating it, was told by a United States Customs

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Officer then that it was all right that he could bring the banana into the United States.

He did not speak to or was near the young American at any time.

He recalled leaving the bus alone at Laredo, Texas, at about 2:00 AM on October 3, 1963, and he considered that the American, as well as the other passengers, stayed on the bus to proceed on to San Antonio, Texas, or other points.

He remembered having arrived at Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, at about 11:00 PM on October 2, 1963, and that he and the other passengers had to change to a smaller bus to proceed to Nuevo Laredo. He did not remember seeing the young American when this bus change was made and he does not know if this American got on the bus at Monterrey or at some other point.

He considered that other passengers aside from those who traveled from San Luis Potosi boarded the bus at Monterrey, but he was not certain of this.

He stated that he took the bus on this occasion to make for proper train connections in Kansas City, Kansas, and he took a train from San Antonio, Texas, to Kansas City and then proceeded on to visit his daughter, Mrs. NANCY M. TOUHY, 886 West Army Trail Road, Addison, Illinois, 60101, U.S.A.

He always visits his daughter upon his return to the United States and stated that, if necessary, he can be located always through her.

He recalled that the young American did not have a suitcase and had either a small zipper bag or a small duffel bag. He was not certain about the latter.

He did not know whether the young American got off of the bus at Laredo, Texas, and felt certain that he had stayed on the bus.

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When shown a photograph of OSWALD among other photographs, he immediately recognized the photograph and exclaimed that this was a photograph of OSWALD.

When asked how he knew this to be so, he stated that he has been a commercial artist all his life; that he is a member of the Academy of Fine Arts in Chicago, Illinois, and that he can recognize a face.

He did not state definitely that the young American on the bus was identical with OSWALD because he was not positive, but he remarked repeatedly that he was "the same general type."

When shown a standup photograph of OSWALD, he immediately exclaimed that the young American was "about the same size, the same type, and it seems to be," but he did not state positively that the young American was OSWALD.

He advised he wished he had been more observant about the young American on the bus.

He could not identify photographs of JOHN BOWEN, also known as ALBERT OSBORNE.

He stated that when he returned to Mexico following his departure by bus on October 2-3, 1963, he traveled by train to San Luis Potosi on or about November 30, 1963, and from San Luis Potosi traveled to San Miguel de Allende by bus.

He could not identify the photographs of JUAN MATEO DE CUBA and ADA FRANCISCA BISLIP DE CUBA.

He stated that the Mexican-American he talked to aboard the bus has a thinner face than that of JUAN MATEO DE CUBA and he repeated that the Mexican-American was a very nervous person.

He recalled that when the young American was taken off the bus, most passengers on the bus were sleeping.

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He recalled that at the beginning of the trip at San Luis Potosi, there was some sort of discussion between a Mexican woman and the driver of the bus with regard to a seat number. He could not describe the Mexican woman nor the bus driver.

He was certain that no one he knows from San Miguel de Allende was aboard this bus.

He advised that he can be reached by telephone during the day only through RODOLFO PEREZ R., owner of the Auto Mercado Super Market, telephone number 33, located next door to 19 Calle Masones, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and he utilizes Post Office Box #200, San Miguel de Allende for receipt of mail.

He did not know the name of "the Mexican Immigration Inspector" who boarded the bus and took the young American temporarily off the bus, nor the identity of the United States Customs Officer who spoke to the young American at Nuevo Laredo.

VOORHEES advised that he would continue to search his mind for any other possible details with regard to the above and if he was able to recall anything, he would contact the confidential source abroad.

The names of the following passengers on the passenger list of bus #340, October 2, 1963, of the Transportes Frontera, S.A. de C.V. bus line, as follows, were exhibited to VOORHEES and he was unable to recognize any of these names as persons he might know:

FCO. SAUCEDO
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OSWLD
SRA. LANDEROS
ADRIAN HERNANDEZ
JUANA
ANGEL GALLEGOS
SRA. MORALES

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He stated that he would be unable to recall the Mexican-American's name and wondered now if he actually heard the name.

He could not recall if the Mexican-American is or is not a Mexican citizen, but stated that he could definitely recognize him again.

He described him as being in his late 50's, tall and slim, who was very well dressed, and his wife was very well dressed. One definite characteristic of the Mexican-American is that he was very nervous and smoked one cigarette after another.

He could not recall any further details and was apologetic for not being able to do so. He stated that if the incident regarding the young American had happened during the day, he would have been more observant.