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4/21/64

CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY (105-3702)  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555) — 299

- 1 - Branigan
- 1 - Lenihan
- 1 - Stokes
- 1 - Anderson

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA

REBUAIRTEL APRIL SIX LAST AND LEGAT, MEXICO, CABLEGRAM APRIL SIXTEEN LAST. BY AIRTEL WITH ENCLOSED LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM, BOTH DATED APRIL FOURTEEN LAST, COPY SEPARATELY FURNISHED LEGAT, MEXICO, SAN FRANCISCO ADVISED PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARNOLD LOUIS KESSLER POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH "ARNOLD" REFERRED TO BY [REDACTED] BY AIRTEL APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, COPY ALSO FURNISHED LEGAT, MEXICO, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DETROIT INDICATING KESSLER SENT LETTER TO LOCAL BOARD NINE FOUR, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, POSTMARKED IN CARE OF RIMBALSKY, RUA RIBEIRO DE LIMA TWO THREE SIX, APARTMENT THIRTY-FOUR BOM RITIRO, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL. KESSLER REQUESTED CHANGE IN DRAFT STATUS AS HE IS PRESENTLY STUDYING PORTUGUESE AT ACCREDITED LANGUAGE INSTITUTE, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, WHERE HE IS ALSO TEACHING ENGLISH. HE IS STAYING WITH RELATIVES AND WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN IN

- 1 - DALLAS
- 1 - DETROIT
- 1 - SAN FRANCISCO
- 1 - WFO
- 1 - RIO DE JANEIRO (ENCLOSURES 12)

LLA:MJH:PA

VIA CABLEGRAM

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Foreign Liaison Unit (route thru for review)

3:28PM WS

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MC 105-3702-718

CABLEGRAM TO MEXICO CITY  
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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BRAZIL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. LOCAL BOARD NINE FOUR ADVISED KESSLER THAT UPON RECEIPT OF PROPER CERTIFICATION CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN HIS REQUEST.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, LEGAT, MEXICO, EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN BUREAU AIRTEL APRIL SIX LAST RELATING TO STATEMENTS OF ALCARAZ ARAGON SO THAT APPROPRIATE INTERVIEW WITH KESSLER MAY BE ARRANGED BY LEGAT, RIO, TO BRING THIS MATTER TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION. COPY MAILED LEGAT, RIO, FOR INFORMATION AND FUTURE HANDLING WITH TWELVE OTHER COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING PERTINENT BACKGROUND CONCERNING THIS MATTER. COPIES ALSO MAILED DALLAS, DETROIT, SAN FRANCISCO AND WFO.

NOTE:

A confidential source in San Francisco advised that [REDACTED] told him that [REDACTED] Investigation has determined "Arnold" is Arnold Kessler, a former student at University of California at Berkeley, from Detroit, Michigan. Kessler reportedly dropped out of University of California, traveled in Mexico, and is presently in Brazil. We previously received allegation from a student at University of California that a Mexican student, Alcaraz Aragon, met subject during subject's trip to Mexico. Aragon denied this but did admit meeting a Steve Kennan, who fits description of Kessler, who Aragon suspected may have known subject. Legat, Mexico, is exploring possibility allegation re "Arnold" may tie-in with Aragon's statements. Kessler should be interviewed as soon as this angle resolved.

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**NOTE CONTINUED:**

Enclosed for Legat, Rio, are Detroit airtel 4/16/64;  
Legat, Mexico City, cablegram 4/15/64; WFO letter 4/10/64;  
San Francisco teletype 4/3/64; Detroit teletype 4/3/64; Legat,  
Mexico City letter and letterhead memorandum both dated 1/23/64;  
San Francisco airtel 3/30/64; and San Francisco airtel and  
letterhead memorandum both dated 3/20/64; and San Francisco  
airtel and letterhead memorandum both dated 4/14/64.

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