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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

Information has been received from a confidential source abroad to the effect that LEE HARVEY OSWALD registered at the Hotel Del Comercio, Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, on September 27, 1963, and continued to reside at that hotel until the morning of October 2, 1963.

According to source, continued investigation in Mexico has been conducted in an effort to identify, locate, and interview individuals who were guests at the Hotel Del Comercio during the same period as OSWALD, and, although additional persons have been located, none has been able to provide any information concerning OSWALD's contacts and activities in Mexico City.

At San Luis Potosi, San
Luis Potosi, Mexico:

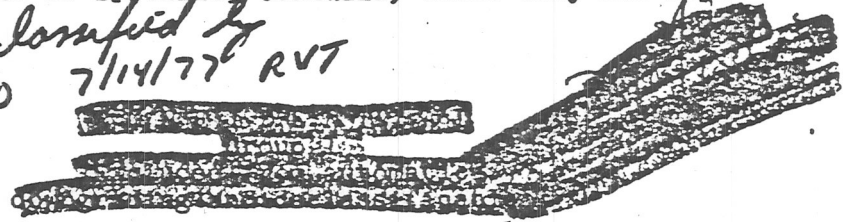
A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the following information on May 7, 1964:

Captain CARLOS DOMINGUEZ, President of the State Organization of Veterans of the Revolution, with offices at Alvaro Obregon No. 500, Room 20, advised that he and other colleagues in that organization had been in Mexico City in early October, 1963, and had stayed at the Hotel Del Comercio. He states that he had been accompanied by PEDRO ZAVALA RODRIGUEZ of Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes, JORGE LOPEZ and ANDRES FUENTES ESPINOSA, all retired Army Captains and the latter two being residents of Saltillo, Coahuila, where they are repre-

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representatives of the local textile and fiber workers. DOMINGUEZ explained that his colleagues had remained more time at the hotel than he and, upon viewing a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, advised that he did not recall seeing that person at the hotel and was unable to furnish any information concerning him.

At Aguascalientes,
Aguascalientes, Mexico:

POLO DUEÑAS HERNANDEZ, Calle Dr. Gonzalez Saracho No. 212, was interviewed and related that he is the director of an orchestra known as "The Polo Duenas Orchestra" and that on September 26, 1963, had been in Mexico City with his musical group, which he housed at the Hotel Del Comercio, although he stayed with a relative.

Upon viewing a photograph of OSWALD, DUEÑAS stated that he was unable to recall having seen OSWALD at the Hotel Del Comercio during his several visits to that hotel. Photographs of OSWALD were displayed to the following members of the orchestra who had been at the Hotel Del Comercio registered under the name of POLO DUEÑAS, and none of them was able to recognize the photographs or recall OSWALD in any way:

BENJAMIN MARIN
EDUARDO RENDON MACIAS
ANDRES GUTIERREZ
ANTONIO MORTIZ
ANGEL REGALADO PEREZ
ELOY VALADEZ
ROSENDO GONZALEZ
GUSTAVO LOPEZ
OCTAVIANO RANGEL

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On May 4, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had contacted HORACIO GARCIA, the manager of the "Estrella Blanca" (White Star) bus line terminal at Aguascalientes and had been advised that no record could be located of a driver for that line named JOSE GAMES or possibly JOSE GOMEZ. GARCIA explained that many of the drivers reside at localities along

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the route of the bus line, and information concerning them only would be available at the company headquarters in Mexico City. This source checked the Voters Registration Bureau without locating any information identifiable with JOSE GAMES or GOMEZ.

The second source advised on May 4, 1964, that he had located and interviewed ALICIA PLAZA TREJO, Calle J. ^{Mexico} Jesus Consuelo No. 410, Aguascalientes, who advised that she had been registered at the Hotel Del Comercio for the last few days of the month of September, 1963, and had been accompanied by her parents, JUAN and ENCARNACION PLAZA, and her sister, YOLANDA PLAZA. She explained that the family had been in Mexico City in order to contact the headquarters of the National Railways in connection with the retirement of her father and had spent very little time in the hotel. The four persons mentioned above viewed photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and stated that they could not remember him as a guest at the Hotel Del Comercio.

The first confidential source furnished the following information on May 7, 1964:

Retired Army Captain PEDRO ZAVALA RODRIGUEZ was located at Calle Hornedo No. 448, Aguascalientes, and upon viewing a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD affirmed that he was unable to recall OSWALD as a guest at the Hotel Del Comercio. ^{MEXICO}

At Guanajuato,
Guanajuato, Mexico:

Inquiry was made at the Central Post Office, the Municipal Police Department, and the National Voters Registration Bureau at Guanajuato without locating any information identifiable with LEONARDO BEZERRA. One MARIANO BECERRA, ^{MEXICO} Calle Hidalgo No. 36, was interviewed at his residence and advised that he is not acquainted with LEONARDO BEZERRA.

At Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico:

The first confidential source advised that he had

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checked the records of the Municipal Police Department, the National Voters Registration Bureau, and the Central Post Office at Leon without locating any information identifiable with the name SANTOS PEDROZA. MEXICO

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The second source advised that he had interviewed TRANQUILINO and MARIA HERMILIA PEDRAZA at Leon, Guanajuato, and they had stated that SANTOS PEDROZA is unknown to them. MEXICO

At Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico:

The first source advised as follows on May 7, 1964:

It was ascertained that TEOFILO VELAZQUEZ resides at Calle Vallarta No. 19, Irapuato, and that he is a musician and orchestra leader. His daughter, CARMEN VELAZQUEZ, advised that her father was in Manzanillo, Colima, fulfilling an engagement with his orchestra and would return to Irapuato within approximately ten days. She recalled that her father had been in Mexico City in the latter part of September, 1963, to attend a convention of musicians and that he had stayed at the Hotel Del Comercio. MEXICO

At San Luis de la Paz, Guanajuato, Mexico:

The first source advised that he had checked the Voters Registration Bureau, the Police files, the office of the Municipal Presidency, and the Federal Treasury Office at San Luis de la Paz without locating anyone who was acquainted with ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ. The source pointed out that San Luis de la Paz is a small town, and he had contacted several families with the surname of RODRIGUEZ without locating anyone who was acquainted with ARMANDO. Source expressed the opinion that the registration for RODRIGUEZ as being from "San Luis, Guanajuato," might be for some other locality in the State of Guanajuato. MEXICO

At Celaya, Guanajuato, Mexico:

Efforts were made to locate a person named ROSA or ROSAS RAMIREZ through inquiry at the Central Post Office, a check of the telephone company, and the Municipal Police files.

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without locating any information identifiable with ROSA or ROSAS RAMIREZ.

Source related that extensive inquiry was conducted in the State of Guanajuato in an effort to locate "Guadalupe, Guanajuato," as a municipality, but it was determined that there is no town of that name. It was determined, however, that there are several villages or ranches with the name of Guadalupe, and an effort was made to identify LEOPOLDO DIAZ through the state office of the National Voters Registration Bureau without obtaining any information which might assist in identifying and locating DIAZ. MEXICO

At Queretaro, Queretaro, Mexico:

Source reported that he had conducted extensive inquiry at Queretaro through inquiry in the telephone directory, the Central Post Office, and the Municipal Police Department without locating any information identifiable with TOMAS GALVAN, SILVINO MARTINEZ and GUILLERMO FLORES. Source advised that he had contacted numerous persons at Queretaro with the surnames MARTINEZ, GALVAN and FLORES without locating anyone who was acquainted with the individuals mentioned. MEXICO

At Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico:

On April 28, 1964, the second source advised that he had checked the local telephone directory, the files of the power and light company, and the Guadalajara Census Bureau, without locating information which would identify the ALFREDO GARCIA and the FERNANDO MARTINEZ who had been registered at the Hotel Del Comercio in late September, 1963. Source stated that both names are very common in the area and that he had interviewed numerous individuals whose names he had obtained from the above sources without locating anyone who had been a guest at the Hotel Del Comercio during the pertinent period. MEXICO

This source reported that one ALFREDO GARCIA AVALOS had been identified as a resident at Calle J. C. Orozco No. 90, Ciudad Guzman, Jalisco, but it had been determined that GARCIA was away from home; however, his wife advised source that GARCIA could have been in Mexico City during the latter

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part of September, 1963. Source was continuing efforts to interview GARCIA AVALOS.

At Durango, Durango, Mexico:

A third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 11, 1964, that he had conducted inquiry at the offices of the Federal Voters Registration Bureau at Durango without locating any information identifiable with the ISABEL SALAZAR, J. ASCENCION HERRERA, and JUAN FRANCISCO ROCHA, who had been guests at the Hotel Del Comercio during the latter part of September, 1963. A record was located for ISABEL ALMANZA DE SALAZAR, 21 years of age, and a resident at Privada de Santa Maria No. 500, who, upon interview, advised that she has never been in Mexico City and she was quite certain that her husband, JOSE SALAZAR, had never been to the Federal Capital. Source advised that, having failed to locate any record of J. ASCENCION HERRERA, he had interviewed the following persons with that surname without locating anyone who could identify him:

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RUDOLFO HERRERA, Pino Suarez West No. 402;

ROSARIO HERRERA, Avenida Juarez North No. 302;

ADOLFO HERRERA, Canelas No. 1115;

DANIEL HERRERA, Calle Bravo No. 324;

DURANGO,
QUERETERO,

OSCAR H. HERRERA, Voladores South No. 525;

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HILARIO HERRERA, Calle 20 de November East No. 106;

JOSE HERRERA LUGO, Abasolo No. 214.

In an effort to locate ISABEL SALAZAR, the following were interviewed without locating anyone who could identify her:

ANTONIO SALAZAR AVINA, Paloma West No. 135;

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JOSE EPITACIO SALAZAR, Zarco South No. 310; Durango

MANUEL SALAZAR, Pereyra West No. 116; Durango

JUAN FRANCISCO SALAZAR, Cinco de Febrero West No. 1112. MEXICO

Source stated that with respect to the name JUAN FRANCISCO ROCHA he had been advised by JOAQUIN QUINONES AMAYA, former Chief of the Secret Service at Durango, that he was acquainted with an individual by that name who also is known as "PANCHO" ROCHA, who travels to Mexico City with some frequency as an "administrative expediter" for the Durango teachers' organizations and that he can be located through a Colonel ENRIQUE CARROLA ANTUNA, an official of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in the Federal Capital. MEXICO

At Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico:

The third source advised on May 4, 1964, that he had been informed by ARMANDO GARCIA DANE, official of the Coahuila State Police organization, that one MARIO RESENDIZ had been located at Gomez Palacio, Durango, and had stated that he had not been in Mexico City at the Hotel Del Comercio in late September, 1963, and had no information whatsoever concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD. MEXICO

At Merida, Yucatan, Mexico:

According to the first source abroad, GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, owner and manager of the Hotel Del Comercio, had advised that hotel guests PEDRO QUIJANO and ANGELICA PEREYRA, both of whom were registered as being from Torreon, Coahuila, had been married while at the Hotel Del Comercio and had gone to Merida, Yucatan, to establish residence.

The following inquiry was conducted by a second confidential source abroad on May 5, 1964:

A check of the visa files of the U. S. Consulate by U. S. Consul PAUL S. DWYER failed to disclose any information identifiable with PEDRO QUIJANO or ANGELICA PEREYRA QUIJANO.

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ERNESTO ABREU GOMEZ, Chief of the Identification Department of the Yucatan State Judicial Police, advised that QUIJANO is a very common name in the State of Yucatan but that a check of the records of the State Judicial Police and the Merida Municipal Police had failed to develop information identifiable with the above QUIJANO. On the basis of information to the effect that QUIJANO might be employed by an airline, ABREU GOMEZ advised that he had checked the files of the Mexican Aviation Company in Merida without locating any information concerning him. ABREU GOMEZ stated that he had contacted and would continue to contact persons in the area with the surnames of QUIJANO and PEREYRA in an effort to identify and locate PEDRO QUIJANO and ANGELICA PEREYRA.

At Mexico, D. F., Mexico:

The first confidential source abroad furnished information to the effect that the Hotel Del Comercio owner, GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, had advised that hotel guest ANTONIO OLIVA, who was registered at the hotel with his "wife," had claimed to be from Veracruz, Veracruz, Mexico, and to be employed at a restaurant in Mexico City. He related that OLIVA had "broken relations" with the woman who was registered as his wife, actually sending her away from the hotel for a period of time, later to have her return, and he had some doubt as to whether or not she actually was his legal wife. He stated further that OLIVA had departed from the Hotel Del Comercio surreptitiously leaving a substantial hotel bill unpaid, and he had made considerable effort to locate him in Mexico City without success.

A fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 30, 1964, that he had checked the records of several restaurant workers' unions in the Federal District without locating any information identifiable with OLIVA. Source also stated that a check of the files of the Metropolitan Police of the Federal District, the Judicial Police of the Federal District and Territories had disclosed no information which might assist in locating and identifying OLIVA.

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HOTEL DEL COMERCIO GUESTS
INTERVIEWED TO DATE

The first confidential source abroad advised that the following persons who were guests at the Hotel Del Comercio between September 26 and October 2, 1963, have been identified, located, and interviewed, and, without exception, have been unable to identify photographs of OSWALD or furnish any information concerning his having been in Mexico City and at the Hotel Del Comercio during the above-mentioned period:

Captain CARLOS DOMINGUEZ, registered as being from Guadalajara but located at San Luis Potosi.

POLO DUENAS HERNANDEZ, Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes. Members of the Polo Duenas Orchestra, nine in number, who did not appear on the hotel registration records.

ALICIA PLAZA TREJO, Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes, and her parents, JUAN and ENCARNACION PLAZA, and her sister, YOLANDA PLAZA, who were not on the hotel register.

PEDRO ZAVALA RODRIGUEZ, who apparently occupied room with Captain DOMINGUEZ and was not registered.

MANUEL ~~SERRALDE~~, Monterrey and Mexico City.

URBANO ~~TORRES MENDOZA~~, Guanajuato.

MARTIN ~~GUERRERO~~, San Luis Potosi.

ALFONSO ~~PEREZ PLIEGO~~, San Luis Potosi.

JULIO ~~LINAN~~, San Luis Potosi.

Captain SALVADOR ~~ESQUIVEL SEGURA~~, Veracruz.

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