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TITLE OF CASE JESUS TORRES MENDOZA, aka		REPORT MADE BY CHARLES E. LENNON	TYPED BY cbf
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950; IS-MEXICO	

REFERENCES: WFOlet 3/20/64;
 WFOairtel captioned, "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63," dated 2/18/64, (Bufile 62-109060, WFOfile 89-75);
 WFOlet dated 2/26/64, to Secret Service, Washington, D. C., advising of information set forth in above referenced airtel.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

WFO feels from interviews with the subject, that he is not engaged in Mexican revolutionary activities. Subject has admitted making the statement on one occasion that he is engaged in such activity but could recall making this statement on but one occasion and that he said it only as a "joke."

Subject has a limited educational background and is unable to hold any position other than of a menial nature. He is, on the other hand, an extrovert and is quite aggressive in

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his contacts with the public. It seems as if his ramblings concerning revolutionary matters and the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, is a means to gain attention and arouse the curiosity of anyone who will listen to him so that he can engage them in conversation.

It was vigorously pointed out to subject that conduct such as his might constitute a violation of the Neutrality Act or require him to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

WFO is closing instant case but will be alert for any information concerning subject of interest to the Bureau. Subject is not being considered for the Security Index as he does not appear to meet the criteria required.

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Original FD-302s for interview of subject on 2/14/64, and DHARLENE MOORE on 2/13/64, are located in WFO file 89-75.

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Report of: CHARLES E. LENNON

Office: Washington, D. C.

Date:

Jan 15 1964

Field Office File #: 100-26102

Bureau File #: 100-392289

Title: JESUS TORRES MENDOZA

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - MEXICO
SECURITY MATTER - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

Subject interviewed regarding statements he made that he is involved in Mexican revolutionary activities. Subject admitted making such a statement on one occasion but said it was only made for a "joke;" that he is not involved in Mexican or any other revolutionary activities; and considers the present Mexican government satisfactory as it appears to be doing a great deal for the Mexican people. Information concerning subject's membership in Communist Party, USA, and statements he made concerning assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY set forth.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On January 1, 1964, [redacted] a District of Columbia fireman stationed at 438 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] advised that an individual residing next door to the firehouse at 440 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., frequently uses the public phone at the firehouse, and on January 1, 1964, engaged in conversation with [redacted]

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[redacted] said that this individual, who is of Spanish or Mexican extraction, said there would be a revolution in Mexico in six months. He asked [redacted] what experience he had with machine guns and indicated he could get him a job as a machine gunner in the revolution. This individual told [redacted] under threat not to say anything to anyone of the offer.

[redacted] stated from this individual's general demeanor and braggardly attitude, he judged this individual might possibly be mentally unbalanced.

[redacted] described this individual as a white male in his late 40's, medium height, stocky build, brown eyes and medium complexion.

On February 5, 1961, [redacted] identified a photograph of JESUS TORRES MENDOZA as the individual referred to above. [redacted] could furnish no additional information regarding subject.

Date 5/6/64

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JESUS TORRES MENDOZA was advised he did not have to make a statement but any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. He was further advised by SA LENNON he was entitled to the services of an attorney before making a statement.

MENDOZA was born October 21, 1906, at Purunandiro, Michoacan, Mexico. He resides at 440 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., and operates the freight elevator at the Statler Hotel, 16th Street, N. W., and K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

MENDOZA was questioned concerning the allegation he was active in recruiting personnel for an alleged revolution in Mexico. MENDOZA said he remembered talking about a revolution in Mexico to a fireman stationed in the firehouse located next to his residence. He said he made these remarks as a "joke" to see what the fireman would say. MENDOZA claimed he has never returned to Mexico, even for a short visit, since coming to the United States in 1920. He has no regular contacts with Mexican nationals, which also applies to his family, who reside in Detroit, Michigan.

MENDOZA stated he is not involved in any activity for the purpose of overthrowing the Mexican Government or any other government, and, in fact, has great respect for the current government in Mexico. He said he feels the current Mexican Government is doing an excellent job in attempting to improve conditions for the Mexican people.

MENDOZA stated he does not belong to any organization connected with Mexican nationals or any other individuals who are interested in overthrowing the current Mexican Government or any other government. He said that when he lived in Detroit, Michigan, several years ago, he was interested and active in an organization named "Latin American Labor Council of America." MENDOZA said this organization was formed for the purpose of aiding Latin Americans in the Detroit area. This organization according to MENDOZA, did quite a bit of good work; however,

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by SAs CHARLES E. LENNON and MIKE G. ZINCK Date dictated 4/30/64

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the officers of the organization disappeared with all of the organization's funds and from that date the organization was ineffectual. He said this organization is not connected with Mexico or any Mexican nationals except insofar as it helped Mexican larorers in the Detroit area as Latin Americans.

MENDOZA said he has been in bad financial shape since separating from his wife and family a few years ago. He said he is unable to hold a job for very long and can't seem to refrain from arguing with his superiors.

MENDOZA reiterated he is not involved in any Mexican revolutionary activity and made statements about a Mexican revolution only as a "joke."

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On May 5, 1964, SE JOSEPH C. CREEDEN caused a search to be made of the records of the Metropolitan Police Department concerning subject. There was no record of an arrest of the subject.

At all times an indefinite number of records are out of file and are not available for review.

In a letter dated May 5, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Washington, D. C. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] named JESUS MENDOZA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Reportedly, MENDOZA had in his possession several papers and documents (possibly copies) from the Office of the President of the United States, and the Attorney General of the United States. [REDACTED] also said MENDOZA had in his possession some membership cards for the Latin American Labor Council of America. [REDACTED]

On February 21, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised an individual who identified himself as JESUS T. MENDOZA, who claimed himself a Mexican national, engaged him in conversation near Mt. Pleasant Street, N.W., and Irving Street, N. W. MENDOZA asked [REDACTED] to accompany him for a cup of coffee while he explained the contents of a pamphlet which he had in his possession. When [REDACTED] declined, MENDOZA asked him to read the pamphlet while they talked on the street. According to [REDACTED] the pamphlet related to an organization to be formed at a future date which would be called Organization de Trabajadores Latino Americanos (Latin American Labor Organization). MENDOZA said the purpose of the organization was to establish a cooperative to aid the poor classes such as Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Negroes and other minority groups. He said it is the responsibility of all Latin Americans to organize themselves in order to seek a social change in America.

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MENDOZA mentioned he was a member of a revolutionary group (not further identified) in Mexico. MENDOZA gave his address as 440 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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JESUS TORRES MENDOZA was advised he did not have to make a statement but any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. He was further advised by SA CHARLES E. LENNON, that he was entitled to the services of an attorney before making any statement.

MENDOZA was born October 21, 1906, at Purunandiro, Michoacan, Mexico. He resides at 440 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C., and operates a freight elevator at the Statler Hotel, 16th St., N.W., and K St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

MENDOZA was reminded that he had been interviewed a few weeks previously concerning an allegation that he had made a statement that he was involved in some sort of Mexican revolutionary activities, and that he, MENDOZA, recalled making such a statement but only said it as a joke.

MENDOZA was questioned regarding any other statements he might have made concerning his participation in Mexican revolutionary activities in addition to the statement mentioned above. MENDOZA stated he could recall making only one such statement and reiterated that he did this only as a "joke" and that he was not involved in any activity for the purpose of overthrowing the Mexican Government or any other government.

MENDOZA further reiterated that he considers the current Mexican Government to be a good one and that it seems to be doing everything it can to help the Mexican people.

On June 8, 1964, at Washington, D.C. File # 100-26102

by SAs MIKE G. ZINCK and CHARLES E. LENNON CEL/ctw Date dictated June 11, 1964

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MENDOZA said he came to Washington, D. C., since the Government of the United States is here, and he feels he can do more here towards trying to help in organizing what he would like to call the Latin American Labor Council of America and again have an organization in the United States, which could aid people from Mexico and other Latin American countries find jobs.

MENDOZA feels he, or anyone else, can have a workable organization if he can get at least fifty people together, study a book on "parliamentary law," obtain a grocery store, and advance this business into a restaurant and other forms of income to help the people in the organization.

MENDOZA recalled talking to a young girl a few days previously and said he told her she could start any sort of an organization she wanted simply by getting fifty girls together and reading a book on "parliamentary law." He said he offered to give her any help he could but it was not his intention for this girl to help him in his attempts to organize the Latin American Labor Council of America.

MENDOZA said he also recalled telling this young girl and other people that he knew President KENNEDY would be killed. He based this on the fact that he had been in Texas in 1961, and overheard numerous remarks in opposition to the racial policies being pursued by President KENNEDY's administration. He could not be specific regarding individuals or the remarks made but recalled a remark made because of the appointment of a Negro to a prominent position in the government.

MENDOZA denied being in Dallas, Texas, at or near the time President KENNEDY was assassinated and denied he had any knowledge whatsoever this assassination was to occur prior to its happening. At the time of the assassination, according to MENDOZA, he was in Detroit, Michigan, attempting to persuade his son, who was Absent Without Leave from the United States Army, to return to Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

MENDOZA denied being in Cuba or telling anyone that he has ever been in Cuba, and said he dislikes FIDEL CASTRO and the present government in Cuba.

The following is a description of the subject taken from observation and interview:

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Name: JESUS TORRES MENDOZA
Born: October 21, 1906, at
Puruandiro, Michoacan,
Mexico,
Sex: Male
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 190 - 200 pounds
Build: Muscular, heavy
Hair: Steel grey
Eyes: Brown-dark
Complexion: Medium-dark
Nationality: Mexican, Indian
Marital Status: Divorced in 1948, from
MANUELA MENDOZA
Employment: Freight elevator operator,
Statler Hotel, Washington,
D. C.,
Residence: 440 Massachusetts Avenue,
N.W., Washington, D.C.

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