

SUBJECT OSWALD VISIT(S) To
MEXICO (1962-63)

FOIPA # 226,115

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File No: 105-3702 SECT 14 Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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1205	7/13/61	DIC CHARGE TO MC	1	1	NONE
1206	7/19/64	MC CHARGE TO DIC	1	1	(b)(7)(D)
1207	7/14/64	AGENT MEMO TO LEANT	1	0	(b)(1)
1208		MEMO	1	0	(b)(1)
1209	7/11/64	AGENT MEMO TO LEANT	2	2	NONE
1209A		MEMO	1	0	(b)(1)
1209B		MEMO	1	0	(b)(1)
1209C		MEMO	1	0	(b)(1)
1209D		MEMO	1	0	(b)(1)
1210	7/20/61	AGENT MEMO TO LEANT	1	0	(b)(1)
1211	7/21/64	MC EXHM	5	0	NONE
1212	7/21/64	MC REC TO DIC	2	0	NONE

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1213	7/21/64	MC AIR TO DIR	1	1	NONE
1214	7/22/64	AGENCY MEMO TO LEAD	2	0	(b)(1)
1214a	7/23/64	MC LHM	2	0	NONE
1215	7/23/64	MC AIR TO DIR	1	1	NONE
1216	7/24/64	DIR CABLE TO MC	1	0	NONE
1217	7/19/64	SH LHM	4	3	(b)(1)
1218	7/14/64	SH AIR TO DIR	2	2	(b)(1)
N2.	7/20/64	ROUTING SLIP	1	1	NONE
1219	7/27/64	AGENCY MEMO TO LEAD	2	0	(b)(1)
1220	7/27/64	AGENCY MEMO TO LEAD	1	0	(b)(1)
1220a	7/16/64	MM REPORT	3	3	NONE
1220b	7/16/64	MM AIR TO DIR	3	3	NONE

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Re: LEE HARRY POWELL

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NR	7/20/64	ROUTINE SLIP	1	1	NONE
1221	7/21/64	AIRTEL TO LEGAT	2	0	(b)(1)
1222		EO-306	1	0	(b)(1)
1222-M	7/28/64	ROUTINE SLIP	1	1	NONE
1223	7/31/64	MC LHM	2	0	Presumably Released 105-3355-4582
1224	7/31/64	MC AIR TO DIR	2	0	Presumably Released 105-3355-4584
1225	7/31/64	MC LHM	2	0	Presumably Released 105-3355-4592
1226	7/31/64	MC AIR TO DIR	2	0	Presumably Released 105-3355-4594
1227	7/31/64	AIRTEL MEMO TO LEGAT	2	0	(b)(1)
1228	7/31/64	SHORT TELEGRAM	1	0	(b)(1) None
1229	7/29/64	NH REPORT	3	3	None Standard's Released 105-3355-4591
1230	7/29/64	ROUTINE SLIP	1	1	(b)(1)

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1230a	7/31/64	AGENT MURKIN TO LEAD	1	0	(b)(1)
1231	8/4/64	MC LHM	3	3	(b)(1)
1232	8/4/64	MC AIT TO DIC	1	0	(b)(7)(D)
1233	8/4/64	MC AIT TO DIC	3	3	(b)(1)
1234		MEMO	3	0	(b)(1)
1235	7/31/64	AGENT MURKIN TO LEAD	1	0	(b)(1)
1236	8/4/64	STATE MEMO	2	0	KENN. STATE
1237	8/3/64	STATE TELEGRAM	1	0	(b)(1) KENN. STATE
1238	8/7/64	MC AIT TO DIC	1	0	NONE
1239	8/7/64	MC LHM	4	4	NONE
1240	8/7/64	MC AIT TO DIC	2	2	NONE
1241	8/9/64	AGENT MEMO TO LEAD	2	0	(b)(1)

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1241	8/6/64	AGENT MEMO TO LEGAT	3	0	(b)(1)
1243	8/6/64	AGENT MEMO TO LEGAT	1	0	(b)(1)
1244	8/10/64	MC LHM	5	5	NONE
1245	8/10/64	MC AIR TO OIC	2	2	UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT FOR LES-3702-2682
1246	8/12/64	AGENT MEMO TO LEGAT	1	0	(b)(1)
1246a		FD-306	1	0	(b)(1)
1247	8/17/64	MC AIR TO DIR	10	10	NONE
1248	8/17/64	MC AIR TO OIC	10	0	NONE
1249	8/24/64	STATE MEMO	1	0	ALL STATE
1250	8/12/64	AGENT MEMO TO LEGAT	1	0	(b)(1)
1251	8/18/64	AGENT MEMO TO LEGAT	1	0	(b)(1)
1251a	8/17/64	NEWS CLIPPING	1	1	NONE

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1252	8/20/64	STATE MEMO	1	0	(b)(1) ALL-STATE
1253	8/25/64	MC LHM	2	2	NONE
1254	8/25/64	MC AIR TO DIR	3	3	Exemptly Released 125-2355-2285
			1	1	(b)(7)(C)
1254A	8/25/64	MC CABLE TO DIR	3	3	Exemptly Released 125-2355-2285
			1	1	NONE
1254B	8/26/64	AGENT MEMO TO DIR	3	0	(b)(7)(C)
			1	1	NONE
1254C	8/26/64	MC CABLE TO DIR	1	0	Exemptly Released 125-2355-2285
			1	1	NONE
1254D	8/26/64	AGENT MEMO TO DEBAT	1	0	(b)(7)(C)
			3	3	NONE
1255	8/27/64	MC LHM	3	0	Exemptly Released 125-2355-2285
			2	2	(b)(7)(C)
1256	8/26/64	MC AIR TO DIR	2	0	Exemptly Released 125-2355-2285
			1	0	(b)(7)(C)
1257	8/26/64	AGENT MEMO TO DEBAT	1	0	(b)(7)(C)
1258	8/31/64	AGENT MEMO TO DEBAT	1	0	(b)(7)(C)
1259	8/31/64	MC CABLE TO MC	2	2	NONE
			0	0	Exemptly Released 125-2355-2285

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1260	9/3/64	AIR CABLE TO MC	2	2	NONE
1261	9/2/64	AIR CABLE TO MC	2	2	NONE
1262	9/3/64	MC CABLE TO AIR	1	1	NONE
1263	9/3/64	MC CABLE TO AIR	2	2	NONE
1264	9/4/64	NIGHT MEMO TO LEFT	2	0	(b)(1)
1265		FD-306	1	0	(b)(1)
1266	9/27/64	FD-302 RADIO OSWALD	3	3	(b)(1)
1267	9/28/64	DL LHM	1	1	(b)(1)
1268	9/2/64	AIR AIT TO MC	1	1	NONE
1269	9/2/64	AIR AIT TO SA	2	2	NONE
1270	9/3/64	AIR AIT TO DL, SA & MC	1	1	NONE
1271		STATE REC.	2	0	REFER STATE

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1272		STATE DOC	1	0	ALL STATE
1273		STATE RETURN TO ROCKID	1	0	ALL STATE
NR	9/3/64	RENTURE SLIP	1	1	NONE
1274	9/11/64	MC LHM	10	10	NONE
1275	9/11/64	MC AIT TO DIE	2	0	NONE
1276	9/15/64	DIC CRACK TO MC	1	1	NONE
1277	9/17/64	MC CRACK TO DIE	1	0	NONE
1278	9/18/64	DIC AIT TO MC	2	2	NONE
1279	9/24/64	ALERT NAME TO SENT	1	0	NONE
1280	9/25/64	MC CABLE TO DIE	1	1	NONE
1281	9/27/64	DIC CRACK TO MC	1	0	NONE

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1282	9/10/64	OUR APT TO MC	1	1	NONE
1283	9/28/64	LEGAT MEMO TO STATE	1	0	(b)(1)
1284	9/26/64	MC CABLE TO DIR	2	0	(b)(1), (b)(7)(D)
1285	9/28/64	LEGAT MEMO TO FILE	1	1	(b)(1)
1286	9/29/64	MC APT TO DIR	1	0	(b)(7)(D)
1287	9/30/64	MC CABLE TO DIR	1	1	NONE
1288		FD-306	1	0	(b)(1)
1289		FD-306	1	0	(b)(1)
1290	"	FD-306	1	0	(b)(1)
1291	9/30/64	NEWS ARTICLE	2	2	NONE
1292		MEMO	1	0	(b)(1)
1293	10/4/64	OUR APT TO ALL SAC'S & LEGATS	2	0	NONE

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1294	10/27/64	DIR ALT TO MC	3	3	(b)(1), (b)(7)(D)
1295	10/19/64	AGENT MEMO TO LEAD	2	0	(b)(1)
1295A	10/14/64	AGENT MEMO TO MC	1	0	(b)(1)
1296	10/29/64	DIR ALT TO MC	1	0	(b)(1)
1297	9/14/64	LHM	1	1	NONE
1297a	9/14/64	LHM	1	1	NONE
1297b	10/18/64	LHM	1	1	NONE
1297c	10/30/64	DIR ALT TO MC	3	3	NONE
1298		TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH	7	7	NONE
NR	10/29/64	ROUTING SLIP	1	1	NONE
1299	11/2/64	ROUTING SLIP	1	1	NONE
1300	11/6/64	DIR LETTER TO CIP	1	0	NONE

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CABLEGRAM

TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-3702)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555)

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

RE ALBERT OSBORNE, AKA JOHN HOWARD BOWEN. ST. ANTHONY HOTEL, LARKDO, ON JUNE TEN LAST RECEIVED LETTER FROM BOWEN REQUESTING HOTEL TO MAINTAIN TWO BOXES BOWEN HAS AT HOTEL AND ADVISED THAT HE, BOWEN, WILL HAVE BOXES PICKED UP IN FEW DAYS. LETTER POSTMARKED MEXICO CITY, JULY SEVEN LAST WITH RETURN ADDRESS QUOTE NIZA TWO TWO, MEXICO, D. F. UNQUOTE. CONTACT AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY AT NIZA TWO TWO TO ASCERTAIN IF ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO OSBORNE-BOWEN'S PRESENT

WHEREABOUTS. SUCAB. DALLAS BEING ADVISED BY MAIL.

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

NOTE:

Osborne-Bowen is 76-year-old self-professed minister who is in constant travel status. He has spent much time in Mexico and we regard it likely that he is a con man. He rode next to Oswald on bus going to Mexico City 9/26-27/63, although on interview he denies this. Commission has expressed interest in possibly subpoenaing Oswald however, they have not been definite on this. They ask that we inform them should we learn his whereabouts.

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VIA CABLEGRAM

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URGENT 7-14-64
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 747

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BUFILE 105-82555.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

[REDACTED] AMERICAN EXPRESS - WELLS FARGO COMPANY,
 NIZA 22, MEXICO CITY, ADVISED TODAY THAT JOHN HOWARD BOWEN
 HAS NOT RETURNED THERE OR MADE CONTACT THERE FOR MONTHS.
 BULK OF MAIL AWAITING HIM IS SECOND CLASS. ONLY ONE FIRST
 CLASS LETTER, RETURN ADDRESS MRS. DAVID C. GURKIN, JR.,
 119 CURTISWOOD AVENUE, SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, HAS BEEN
 THERE SINCE APRIL 2 LAST.

CLARK D. ANDERSON

RECEIVED: 11:00 PM JR

[Handwritten signature]

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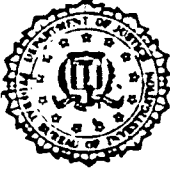
SHD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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MC 105-3702-1206



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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July 21, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

As has been previously reported, OSWALD was registered from September 27, 1963, through October 1, 1963, in Room No. 13 of the Hotel del Comercio, located at Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico, D.F., Mexico.

The records of the hotel reflect that ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ, Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico, was registered in Room No. 3 on September 26, 1963, and FRANCISCO MORALES, also of Reynosa, was registered in Room No. 3 from September 27, 1963, through October 1, 1963.

On interview in Reynosa on June 16, 1964, ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ, a masonry contractor, advised he was in Mexico, D.F., Mexico, where he stayed in Room No. 3, Hotel del Comercio, for a few days in the latter part of September, 1963, and possibly the first day or two in October, 1963. He was in Mexico, D.F., on business and was accompanied by FRANCISCO MORALES, whom he was attempting to aid in securing employment.

While at the hotel, LIMA JUAREZ noticed an American, whom he later recognized from news media photographs as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He did not associate with OSWALD, and as far as he knows, MORALES did not associate with OSWALD. He pointed out that at that time he had no reason to pay any particular attention to OSWALD.

LIMA JUAREZ also saw four Cubans at the hotel and saw OSWALD associating with these Cubans on one or two occasions, but these meetings appeared to be social in nature. He did not associate with the Cubans and did not learn their names or addresses; however, MORALES had some

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drinks with them on one or two occasions and might possibly have their names or other information pertaining to them.

INQUIRIES AT HOTEL DEL COMERCIO
CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS OF
ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ

A confidential source abroad obtained the following information on July 15, 1964:

GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, Owner and Manager, Hotel del Comercio, Sabagun No. 19, Mexico City, Mexico, and SEBASTIAN PEREZ HERNANDEZ, the desk clerk at this hotel, advised on July 15, 1964, that the records of this hotel disclosed that ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ and FRANCISCO MORALES occupied Room No. 3 at the Hotel del Comercio from September 15 to October 1, 1963.. Mr. GARCIA advised that neither name appears on the payment book after that date and the records disclose that they checked out on October 1, 1963, still owing the sum of 106 pesos (\$8.43 U.S.), which was later paid by LIMA's daughter.

Mr. GARCIA advised that the only Cuban in residence at that time was JULIAN HUERTA, who had checked out of the hotel on September 23, 1963.

Mr. GARCIA stated that Mr. HUERTA, during his period of residence in the hotel, spent a lot of time in the lobby where he became friendly with GABRIEL CONTRERAS, ERNESTO LIMA, MANUEL SANTOS and FERNANDO VALENZUELA, who were also guests at the hotel. Mr. GARCIA was of the opinion that HUERTA joined some of these individuals for coffee and they possibly may have taken him sightseeing.

Mr. GARCIA and Mr. PEREZ identified a photograph of JULIAN FRANCISCO-HUERTA-OLIVA, born January 23, 1902, in Havana, Cuba, as the JULIAN HUERTA who was a guest at the Hotel del Comercio.

Neither Mr. GARCIA nor Mr. PEREZ could recall any Negro guests of any nationality during this period with the

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exception of ANTONIO OLIVA, described as a tall, slender, male Negro about twenty-nine years old. Mr. GARCIA said that OLIVA has the dark skin and kinky hair of a Negro and for this reason was sometimes referred to as a Cuban; however, OLIVA claimed to be a Mexican from Veracruz, Mexico, according to Mr. GARCIA.

Mr. GARCIA stated that OLIVA claimed employment as a musician, but neither Mr. GARCIA nor Mr. PEREZ noted any music or musical instruments in his possession and believed that OLIVA worked as a waiter in some night club or cafe. Mr. GARCIA said that OLIVA worked nights and lived with a woman about his age who also had a dark complexion but who appeared to be a Mexican.

Mr. GARCIA advised that OLIVA and his companion occupied Room No. 4 on the top floor of the hotel. Other rooms on this floor are numbered 24 through 30. He explained that the space formerly occupied by Room No. 4 on the ground floor had been converted into an office with no room number. Thereafter, an additional room was constructed on the top floor and the number 4 was arbitrarily assigned this room, replacing the Room No. 4 on the ground floor which was converted into an office. This new Room No. 4 on the top floor is one floor above the floor where Room No. 18, occupied by OSWALD, is located.

Mr. GARCIA noted that HUERTA and LIMA were on the top floor and GABRIEL CONTRERAS was on the second floor in Room No. 14 during the pertinent period. Mr. GARCIA and Mr. PEREZ were not certain of the identities of all of the persons on the second floor for this period, but were certain that none of them were Negroes or Cubans.

Mr. GARCIA advised that OLIVA and his companion had no one else staying with them and occupied no other rooms at the hotel.

Mr. GARCIA and Mr. PEREZ checked the hotel records, recalling that two Cuban families had stayed at that hotel

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for some time in the past while awaiting visas from the United States Embassy to go to the United States; however, a check of the records by Mr. GARCIA disclosed that these individuals had all departed from the Hotel del Comercio prior to the end of August, 1963.

Mr. GARCIA pointed out that OLIVA departed owing the hotel approximately 200 pesos (\$16 U.S.), and Mr. GARCIA has not seen or heard anything concerning him since his departure. Mr. GARCIA and Mr. PEREZ believed that his "wife" was working as a waitress, but they had no information concerning the place of her employment.

MATILDE GARNICA, maid, Hotel del Comercio, Mexico City, Mexico, furnished the following information to the above-mentioned confidential source abroad on July 15, 1964:

Miss GARNICA could not recall that any Cubans had resided at that hotel during the pertinent period except Mr. HUERTA, an older man who lived in Room No. 23, and ANTONIO OLIVA. She could not recall that any Negroes had resided at the hotel during the pertinent period except OLIVA. She stated that OLIVA claimed to be a Mexican, but his "wife," IRMA, a Mexican of Indian appearance from Oaxaca, Mexico, told her that actually OLIVA is a Cuban.

IRMA stated that she had an aunt on Sadi Carnot Street in Mexico City, Mexico.

After OLIVA and his companion left the hotel, Miss GARNICA later saw them together on two occasions, once on Chopo Street near the Hotel Museo, and on another occasion at the Metropolitan Movie Theater. On both occasions they appeared to be avoiding her, presumably because of their outstanding bill at the hotel.

On one occasion Miss GARNICA noted that OLIVA had a letter which had been directed to him at Calle Sullivan 23, Mexico City, Mexico.

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Miss GARNICA did not recall that anyone had stayed with OLIVA and his companion, but recalled that OLIVA has a close friend who may be described as being a dark, slender young Negro who is taller than OLIVA. She believed that this individual was called "TONY."

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Date: 7/21/64

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
FROM : *WA* LEGAT, MEXICO (105-3702) (P)
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are fourteen (14) copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCES

Bureau cable 7/14/64 and Mexico City cable to Bureau 7/16/64.

ADMINISTRATIVE

As mentioned in referenced Mexico City cable, GABRIEL CONTRERAS UVINA did not keep 7/13/64 appointment with Bureau Agent and efforts continue to locate and interview him in accordance with Bureau instructions.

SOURCE

The confidential source abroad mentioned in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is SA RICHARD S. CLARK.

- 8 - Bureau (Encs 14) X
- (1 - Liaison Section) REC-56
- (2 - Dallas, 100-10461)
- (2 - San Antonio, 105-2909)
- 1 - Mexico City

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ENCLOSURE

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Special Agent in Charge

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LEADS:

MEXICO CITY:

AT CIUDAD CAMARGO, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO:

Will continue efforts to reinterview GABRIEL CONTRERAS UVINA and report results of this interview to the Bureau.

AT MEXICO, D.F., MEXICO:

Will continue to follow vigorously and report immediately all investigation conducted in this case.

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No local dissemination is being made of the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Four extra copies of this airtel are being furnished for forwarding by the Bureau, together with copies of the enclosed LHM, to the office of origin, Dallas, and to San Antonio, which is currently conducting investigation in this matter.

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Date: 7/21/64

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
FROM: *[Signature]* LEGAT, MEXICO (105-3702) (P)
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA
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Remycab #750 dated 7/16/64 and Bucab #174 dated 7/14/64.

As the Bureau was advised in referenced Mexico City cable, GABRIEL CONTRERAS UVINA, after accepting an appointment for an interview by a Bureau Agent on 7/13/64, departed on a trip into an isolated area of Chihuahua prior to the arrival of the Agent in Ciudad Camargo, Chihuahua, where CONTRERAS resides.

Continuing efforts have been made to locate CONTRERAS in order to resolve the allegations made by ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ of Reynosa. On 7/20/64 CONTRERAS telephonically contacted Monterrey Resident Agent ROBERT T. NISCHWITZ from an isolated area near the town of Nueva Casas Grandes, Chihuahua. CONTRERAS alleged that he had had to leave on emergency business for his employer, a cotton seed oil company, and that it would be impossible for him to make himself available for interview prior to 7/29/64. SA NISCHWITZ made arrangements to meet him in Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, on that date and, in the interest of economy and because of difficult travel conditions in reaching him at his present location, UACB he will not be interviewed until 7/29/64 in Chihuahua City.

Three extra copies of this airtel are attached for forwarding by the Bureau to Dallas, the office of origin, and to San Antonio, which is conducting investigation in connection with the allegations of LIMA JUAREZ.

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 - (1 - Liaison Section)
 - (2 - Dallas, 100-10461)
 - (1 - San Antonio, 105-2909)
- 1 - Mexico City

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July 23, 1964

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

As has been previously reported, investigation disclosed that one H. O. LEE, believed to be identical with OSWALD, departed Mexico City at 8:30 A.M. on October 2, 1963, on bus No. 332 of a bus line called "Autobuses Transportes del Norte" (hereinafter referred to as Transportes del Norte). A total of sixteen passengers, including LEE, boarded the bus in Mexico City with destinations of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico; Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; Laredo, Texas; and points beyond. Ten additional passengers boarded the same bus in San Luis Potosi, State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

INTERVIEW OF JOSE CRUZ CUELLAR

On July 3, 1964, JOSE CRUZ CUELLAR, who was located at the home of his sister, MARIA CRUZ CUELLAR, Calle Naranjo 1318 Norte, Colonia Moderna, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, furnished the following information to a confidential source:

CRUZ CUELLAR stated that he had been employed as a welder at Infiernillo, Michoacan, Mexico, in September, 1963. Late in September, he and nine other welders left their jobs and went to Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. From Guadalajara, he and three other welders, CECILIO CARDENAS MENDEZ, MAXIMINO ESQUIVEL LIMON, and PEDRO GONZALEZ YERENA, proceeded to San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, where they were to board a Transportes del Norte bus bound for Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

At San Luis Potosi, CRUZ CUELLAR and his friends purchased three liters of tequila and consumed a large portion of it before they boarded the bus for Monterrey. He

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said that he was very drunk during the trip from San Luis Potosi to Monterrey, but he did notice that there were two persons on the bus who appeared to be Americans. One was an elderly lady approximately sixty years of age and the other was a young man.

CRUZ CUELLAR could not recall the appearance of the young man well enough to describe him, and he was unable to identify the young man as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He was not able to state that the young man resembled a photograph of OSWALD that was displayed to him.

The confidential source mentioned above has furnished reliable information in the past.

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FROM: *PPA* LEGAT, MEXICO (105-3702) (P)
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are thirteen copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCE

Mexico City airtel 7/21/64.

SOURCE

The confidential source mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED]

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- (1 San Antonio, 105-2909, info)

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MEXICO CITY

At Mexico, D. F., Mexico

Will continue to follow vigorously and report promptly all investigation conducted in this case.

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY (105-3702)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (105-82555) 4541

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS - R - CUBA.

REURAI TEL JULY TWENTY-ONE LAST ENCLOSING LETTERHEAD SAME DATE. MEANING OF SECOND FULL PARAGRAPH, PAGE THREE, OF LETTERHEAD DEALING WITH NUMBERING OF FLOORS AND ROOM ARRANGEMENT AT HOTEL DEL COMERCIO IS NOT CLEAR. SUBMIT AMENDED PAGE CLARIFYING PARAGRAPH IN QUESTION. ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE ANTONIO OLIVA AT CALLE SULLIVAN TWO THREE, MEXICO CITY, AND AT HOTEL MUSEO. DALLAS ADVISED BY MAIL.

1 4 DALLAS (100-10461)

JCS:pah
(5) pah

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

NOTE:

Paragraph in question does not make sense and leads in airtel do not indicate any intention to attempt to locate Oliva at indicated points. This phase of investigation deals with allegation that Oswald was friendly with two Cubans at Hotel del Comercio during his residence there. We believe allegation is groundless, however, we are attempting to locate Oliva, who may be one of Cubans in question.

VIA CABLEGRAM
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- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- DeLoach
- Evans
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
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- Tele. Room
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- Gandy

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

San Antonio, Texas

July 14, 1964

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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As has been previously reported, on September 27, 1963, OSWALD registered at the Hotel del Comercio, Calle (Street) Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico City, under the name of LEE, HARVEY OSWALD. His name was continued in the guest records of the hotel through October 1, 1963. He occupied Room No. 18.

According to the guest records of the hotel, ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ and FRANCISCO MORALES occupied Room No. 8 during the pertinent period.

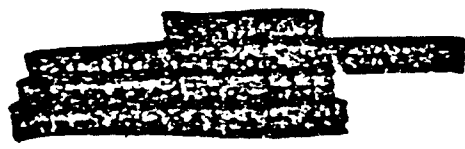
On July 10, 1964, ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ, Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico, advised as follows:

He is a masonry contractor by trade and is presently out of work. He resides several miles outside of Reynosa on the Monterrey Highway and is usually in downtown Reynosa during the daytime.

He, LIMA, and FRANCISCO MORALES, a close friend, went to Mexico City and registered at the Hotel del Comercio on about September 18, 1963. The purpose of the trip was to attempt to obtain employment for MORALES in the Comision Federal de Electricidad (Federal Electric Power Commission) in Mexico City. They were contacting officials and persons necessary for such purpose during the major portion of each day.

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When they returned to the hotel, LIMA, age 58, usually went up to the room and MORALES, a younger man, would stay in the hotel lobby. They were not acquainted with any hotel guests prior to registering at the hotel. MORALES became acquainted casually through friendly overtures with several of the hotel guests whom MORALES later introduced to LIMA. They thusly became acquainted with one GABRIEL CONTRERAS of Chihuahua, Mexico, and whom LIMA believes to be a retired railroad man. They also became acquainted casually soon after their arrival with three Cubans who were residing at the hotel on the second floor, room numbers unknown. They had drinks with the Cubans, names unrecalled, several times. LIMA believes the three Cubans they met at first were in the hotel when LIMA and MORALES registered. Two of the Cubans were Negro males whom he recalled only as young, tall and slender, and one of them resided with and was supported by a Cuban Negro woman in the hotel. The third Cuban was a male, age 44-46, five feet, ten inches to five feet, eleven inches tall, with dark hair and eyes, dark complexion, who appeared to be possibly part Negro. These three Cubans had no apparent occupation.

On about September 23, 1963, these three Cubans went to the airport at Mexico City and met a fourth Cuban who arrived by plane from Cuba. He was described as white male, age 54-58, five feet, seven inches to five feet, eight inches tall, graying brown hair, gray mustache, who claimed to have owned a large ranch near Havana, Cuba, which ranch was confiscated by CASTRO. The four Cubans were anti-CASTRO and denounced CASTRO for his actions, policies and political philosophy. The latter Cuban departed Mexico City via plane en route to Miami, Florida, to join his wife, having received money by check from Florida. His departure was on about October 8, 1963. Some time before this Cuban departed, a street photographer took a picture of LIMA, MORALES, CONTRERAS, and the two older Cuban men, which picture each signed on the back on the reverse of his respective photograph and this photograph was retained by CONTRERAS.

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Some time about the latter part of September, 1963, LIMA saw a young American man, about 26 years of age, with hair receding at each side of the forehead leaving a peak, whom LIMA believes, but is not positive, is identical with OSWALD who on two occasions was talking briefly in English to the two Cuban Negroes at the entrance of the hotel. LIMA believes these were merely friendly greetings between them, but he is not certain due to his understanding few English words. OSWALD and MORALES never met to LIMA's knowledge nor did LIMA meet OSWALD. MORALES does not speak English.

On about October 12, 1963, LIMA had run out of money and he sent MORALES back to Reynosa to get some money to bring or send LIMA. MORALES never returned or sent any money, and LIMA, on about November 18, 1963, arranged with the hotel and checked out to return to Reynosa, owing money to the hotel. He sent the money to the hotel later from Reynosa.

When there was later publicity about OSWALD, LIMA saw the photographs of OSWALD in news media, but these were not clear and, for that reason, LIMA at that time was not sure the man he saw was OSWALD. LIMA further stated that at this time due to the lapse of time and the poor photographs mentioned above, he could not be certain from photographs that the man at the hotel was identical with OSWALD.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

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FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (105-2808) (Filed by 2040)

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RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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- 3-SA
- (2-105-2909)
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Copy to:

Report of: JAMES J. O'CONNOR Office: MIAMI, FLORIDA
Date: JUL 16 1964
Field Office File #: 105-8342 Bureau File #: 105-82555
Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA - CUBA.

Synopsis:

JULIAN FRANCISCO HUERTA OLIVA, Cuban exile residing at Miami, Fla., stated he lived at Hotel Del Comercio, Mexico City, Mexico, from 8/19 to 9/23/63, departing for Miami on the latter date. He saw no other Cubans at the hotel during his stay, and did not see OSWALD.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is related to information which was developed from ERNESTO LIMA JUAREZ of Reynosa, Mexico, who had stayed at the Hotel Del Comercio in Mexico City, Mexico, from September 15 to October 1, 1963. He said he noticed an American at the hotel whom he later recognized from news photographs as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said he also saw four Cubans at the hotel, with whom OSWALD associated on one or two occasions in an apparently social manner.

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LIMA also advised that a retired railroad man named GABRIEL CONTRERAS, from Ciudad Camargo, Mexico, had also been staying at the Hotel Del Comercio, and might possess information concerning the Cubans, and might also have seen OSWALD at the hotel.

Information was also received through employees of the Hotel Del Comercio that while several Cubans had stayed at the hotel during part of the time that ERNESTO LIMA was there, all the Cubans had departed before the arrival of OSWALD at the hotel. These Cubans were reportedly seeking immigrant visas to the United States, and the last of them to depart was identified as JULIAN FRANCISCO HUERTA OLIVA, who reportedly left the hotel as of September 22, 1963, en route to Miami, Florida.

On July 9, 1964, JULIAN FRANCISCO HUERTA OLIVA, residing at 221 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Florida, displayed his immigrant registration card, #A13 332 144, reflecting his arrival in the United States at Miami, Florida, on September 23, 1963. The card reflected HUERTA's date of birth as January 28, 1902.

Mr. HUERTA related that he had arrived in Mexico from Cuba on August 19, 1963, on which date he took a room at the Hotel Del Comercio in Mexico City while awaiting the issuance of an immigrant visa by the U. S. Embassy in Mexico City. He stated he remained at the Hotel Del Comercio for the entire period of his stay in Mexico City, having departed from Mexico City by plane for Miami, Florida, on September 23, 1963. He said that during this entire period, he observed no other Cubans at the Hotel Del Comercio, and did not see

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anyone resembling LEE HARVEY OSWALD, whose photographs he saw in the newspapers subsequent to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

Mr. HUERTA stated that the Hotel Del Comercio has about thirty rooms, and to his knowledge, there were no Cubans staying at the hotel during the time he was there. He stated he befriended a retired Mexican railroad man named GABRIEL CONTRERAS who is from Ciudad Camargo, Mexico, and was in Mexico City for an eye operation. He stated that CONTRERAS was still at the hotel as of the date HUERTA departed from Mexico City and may have returned to the hotel following his operation. He said he believes CONTRERAS travels frequently from Ciudad Camargo to Mexico City because he possesses a railroad pass.

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Date: 7/18/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-8342) (P)
SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
IS - R - CUBA

Re Bureau airtel to Miami dated 7/15/64.

Enclosed to the New Haven Office is copy of referenced airtel with its three enclosures. Also enclosed to New Haven is copy of Miami report of SA JAMES J. O'CONNOR dated 7/16/64 reflecting original interview of JULIAN FRANCISCO HUERTA OLIVA.

For the information of all offices, HUERTA OLIVA who was interviewed at Miami is identical with HUERTA OLIVA whose photograph was obtained from the U. S. Embassy, Mexico City, and which photograph was forwarded to Miami by referenced airtel.

On 7/17/64, Mrs. ROSELIA ESCALONA DE HUERTA, wife of HUERTA OLIVA, was contacted at her residence, 221 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Florida. She advised that her husband is presently residing at 3L Avenue, Apartment 7, Norwalk, Conn., telephone 838-2593, in care of his nephew, JOSE RAMON HUERTA.

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Mrs. HUERTA made available her husband's Cuban passport number 99428 reflecting he had left Rancho Boyeros Airport, Cuba, on August 19, 1963, arriving at Mexico the same date. The passport further reflected he departed Mexico and arrived at Miami, Florida on September 23, 1963. Mrs. HUERTA related that her husband had not owned any large or even small farm property in Cuba. She said that he was met at the airport in Mexico City on his arrival from Cuba by a Mr. LUIS MORENZA, a Cuban newspaper man, residing in Mexico City. She said that to her knowledge, no other person met her husband and MORENZA did so at the request of Mr. NESTOR CARBONELL, a friend of the HUERTA family who knows MORENZA and requested the latter to assist HUERTA OLIVA in getting settled in Mexico City while awaiting issuance of visa for entrance to the United States.

Mrs. HUERTA stated that on two occasions, she sent money to her husband in Mexico City. On the first occasion, the money was delivered to MORENZA by NESTOR CARBONELL shortly before HUERTA arrived in Mexico City but at a time when Mrs. HUERTA knew that he would soon be there. Mrs. HUERTA said she sent her husband another \$100 by Pan American Bank of Miami wire transfer number OW13134 transferring the \$100 to the Banco Internacional Avenida Madera, Mexico City, for her husband whose address was then listed as Sahagun Number 19, Mexico City. This money transfer was dated August 26, 1963.

Mrs. HUERTA stated she had discussed her husband's stay in Mexico City during two or three telephone calls she made to him in Mexico City and also after his arrival in Miami. She said she specifically asked him if he saw or met any other Cubans while in Mexico City, and her husband stated he did not. She recalled he did tell her there was one Negro staying at the hotel Del Comercio where her husband stayed who claimed he was a Cuban; her husband said he was certain by this person's speech and manner that he was not a Cuban and was possibly a Puerto Rican.

Mrs. HUERTA exhibited a photograph taken with a Polaroid type camera showing her husband and four other individuals seated at a table apparently in a cafe serving

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beer since beer bottles were observed on the table. Mrs. HUERTA said the four individuals in the photograph, in addition to her husband, were all Mexicans whom her husband had met while staying at the hotel Del Comercio. It was noted that the rear of the photograph had four signatures which appeared to be FRANCISCO MORALES SOTO, ERNESTO L. JUAREZ, MANUEL (last name not legible, possibly SANTOS), & G. CONTRERAS U. A note below the signatures indicated that two individuals were missing from the photograph; the names of these two appear to be MARTIN P. (last name not legible except for the beginning letter "P"), and FERNANDO VALENZUELA.

The photograph was contained in a folder and on the inner cover of the folder opposite the polaroid photograph was written in Spanish, "My friend JULIAN, may this be a remembrance of your stay in the Mexican capital from your friends GABRIEL CONTRERAS, MANUEL, (possibly SOTO), PANCHO MORALES, ERNESTO L. JUAREZ. The date was shown as 9/20/63.

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At Norwalk, Connecticut:

The New Haven Office, at Norwalk, Conn., is requested to re-interview HUERTA OLIVA in accordance with referenced Bureau airtel with specific emphasis on whether he was correct when he stated in previous interview that he saw no other Cubans during the period of his stay in Mexico City.

It is to be noted that records of the hotel where he stayed bear him out on this point. It is further noted that his own passport and records of the hotel show that he left Mexico City before OSWALD had arrived there.

The Miami Office has requested Mrs. HUERTA, Miami Beach, to send the photograph of her husband and his four Mexican friends to the HUERTA OLIVA in Norwalk, Conn., so that he may identify the other men to an interviewing agent.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
July 31, 1964



LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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BASIS FOR INQUIRY

As has been previously reported, investigation disclosed that one H. O. LEE, believed to be identical with OSWALD, departed Mexico City at 8:30 AM on October 2, 1963, on bus No. 332 of a bus line called "Autobuses Transportes del Norte" (hereinafter referred to as Transportes del Norte). A total of sixteen passengers, including LEE, boarded the bus in Mexico City with destinations of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico; Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; Laredo, Texas; and points beyond. Ten additional passengers boarded the same bus in San Luis Potosi, State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Among the passengers who boarded the bus at San Luis Potosi were MAXIMINO ESQUIVEL, CECILIO CARDENAZ, PEDRO GONZALEZ, and JOSE CRUZ.

INTERVIEW OF PEDRO GONZALEZ YERENA

On July 10, 1964, PEDRO GONZALEZ YERENA, Carrizo Oil Camp, Municipal District of Cardenas, Tabasco, Mexico, furnished the following information to a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

PEDRO GONZALEZ YERENA advised that his permanent residence is located at Porfirio Diaz No. 716 Sur, Monterrey,



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Nuevo Leon, Mexico. The headquarters of the firm which employs him, the Compania Constructora de Gaseoductos y Oleoductos, is located on the Monterrey-Salttillo Highway at a place known as Santa Catarina.

GONZALEZ stated he, MAXIMINO ESQUIVEL, CECILIO CARDENAS, and JOSE CRUZ CUELLAR had been looking for work in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, in early October, 1963. They had also sought work in the State of Michoacan, Mexico, but had been unsuccessful and had decided to return to Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

On October 2, 1963, they boarded a bus of the company called "Camiones Azules" (Blue Buses) at Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and arrived at San Luis Potosi, State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, at about 2:00 or 3:00 PM.

They immediately boarded a Transportes del Norte bus bound for Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. This bus had come from Mexico, D. F., Mexico, and was destined for Monterrey and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

CECILIO CARDENAS and GONZALEZ occupied seats which were numbered somewhere between 20 and 24 on the same side of the bus occupied by the driver. An American occupied a seat almost opposite them. This American was wearing a blue coat and a sport shirt. GONZALEZ stated he is certain this American is the same individual whose photographs have appeared in the newspapers as being the alleged assassin of President KENNEDY. GONZALEZ claimed that when he saw the photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the newspapers he knew he had seen OSWALD before, but had been unable to recall exactly where.

GONZALEZ claimed to be certain that he now recalled very clearly that the American on the bus between San Luis Potosi and Monterrey was LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

GONZALEZ pointed out that he and his friends had purchased a wooden container of tequila in Guadalajara and had been steadily drinking tequila from the time they left Guadalajara. JOSE CRUZ CUELLAR invited the American, on several occasions, to have some tequila, but the American always refused by shaking his head. GONZALEZ recalled that the bus driver had finally requested GONZALEZ and his friends

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to stop drinking and to stop bothering the other passengers.

GONZALEZ stated that he had descended from the bus a few blocks before it reached the bus terminal at a location near his home. Therefore, GONZALEZ stated, he had no further information concerning the activities of OSWALD.

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Date: 7/31/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA
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REFERENCE

Re Mexico City airtel to Bureau 7/9/64.

SOURCE

The confidential source in enclosed LHM is [redacted]
(location [redacted])

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The enclosed LHM has been classified "Confidential" to protect a confidential source in the foreign field, the disclosure of whose identity could be inimical to the national defense interests of the United States.

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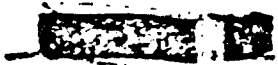
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July 31, 1964



LEE HARVEY OSWALD

BASIS FOR INQUIRY

As has been previously reported, on September 27, 1963, OSWALD registered at the Hotel del Comercio, Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico City, under the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. His name was contained in the guest records of the hotel through October 1, 1963. He occupied room No. 18.

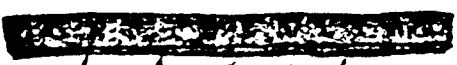
According to the guest records of the hotel, FERNANDO VALENZUELA, Chihuahua, State of Chihuahua, Mexico, occupied room No. 6 from September 26 through October 1, 1963.

INTERVIEW OF FERNANDO VALENZUELA

On July 10, 1964, FERNANDO VALENZUELA, Calle 33 No. 2213, Chihuahua, State of Chihuahua, Mexico, furnished the following information to a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

VALENZUELA stated he resided at the Hotel del Comercio during the last week of September, 1963, and the first part of October, 1963, but could not recall the exact dates.

VALENZUELA viewed a series of photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and stated he knew who this individual was as a result of the publicity concerning him following the



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assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. VALENZUELA said he did not recall ever having seen the subject.

VALENZUELA said he did recall that there were a few Americans, or at least persons who spoke English, at the hotel during the period of time he was there. VALENZUELA also recalled that a Cuban family and possibly one or two young Cuban men were also there, but he could not recall the names or descriptions of these individuals, other than the Cuban family.

VALENZUELA recalled that a political dispute arose between a tie salesman of unknown origin and the Cuban, who was awaiting passage for Miami, Florida, with his family. VALENZUELA recalled that this discussion led to some comments concerning communism and vaguely recalled that the tie salesman was trying to convince the Cuban concerning a point about communism. VALENZUELA did not recall any of the details of the discussion, but it was his impression that the Cuban who was planning to travel to Miami, Florida, apparently opposed any communist ideas.

VALENZUELA stated he could not furnish any additional identifying information regarding any of the other guests at the hotel or any of the activities at the hotel which may have concerned OSWALD, during the period of time that VALENZUELA was a guest at the hotel.

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ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCE

Mexico City airtel to Bureau 7/21/64.

SOURCE

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Field Office File No.: 100-18158

Bureau File No.: 105-82555

Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - R - CUBA

Synopsis:

HUERTA OLIVA, 3 Ely Avenue, South Norwalk, Connecticut, furnished a photograph of himself and four other individuals whom he identified taken on September 20th, 1963, at Mexico City. OLIVA stated all individuals were Mexican and he had met them while he was staying at the Del Comercio Hotel, Mexico City, Mexico, during the period 8/19 - 9/23/63. OLIVA stated that he knew of no Cubans staying at this hotel during this period, with the exception of one negro, who OLIVA was told was Cuban, but because of speech did not believe this individual to be Cuban.

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DETAILS:

Mr. HUERTA OLIVA, 3 Ely Avenue, South Norwalk, Connecticut, was contacted on July 21, 1964, and furnished a photograph which was taken in Mexico City on September 20, 1963. This photograph showed OLIVA seated at a table with four other individuals whom OLIVA advised were staying at the Hotel Del Comercio during the period he resided there from August 19, 1963, to September 23, 1963. OLIVA stated that these individuals were still at the hotel when he departed on September 23, 1963. OLIVA identified

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these individuals seated from right to left in the photograph as FRANCISCO MORALES, GRABREIL CONTRERAS, MANUEL SANTOS and ERNESTO L. JUAREZ. In the photograph OLIVA is seated in the middle with MORALES and CONTRERAS to his right and SANTOS and JUAREZ to his left. This photograph is stapled to a white folder, and on the inside of the folder to the left of the photograph appears writing in the Spanish language, which was translated by OLIVA to read: My friend Julian. This is a souvenir of your time in the Mexican Capital from your friends, GRABREIL CONTRERAS, MANUEL SANTOS, PANCHO MORALES (according to OLIVA, another name for FRANCISCO MORALES), ERNESTO L. JUAREZ, and dated September 20, 1963.

On the front of the folder are signatures which OLIVA stated are the signatures of FRANCISCO MORALES, ERNESTO L. JUAREZ (with printed name of JUAREZ below), MANUEL SANTOS and GRABRIEL CONTRERAS.

OLIVA stated that the note below these signatures refers to a FERNANDO VALERZUELA, who was called MARTIN PORRA as a joke, and could not be there at the time the photograph was taken. OLIVA stated the VALERZUELA was another individual staying at the hotel who he had become acquainted with. According to OLIVA, this photograph was taken by a vendor.

In regard to the above-mentioned individuals, OLIVA stated that they were all Mexicans and he was the only Cuban. He advised that to his knowledge there were no other Cubans staying at the hotel during the period of time he stayed there, nor were there any Americans. OLIVA had several conversations with the owner of the hotel whose name he did not know, but called him "MEMO" and he is sure had there been other Cubans staying at the hotel he would have known of this.

There was a negro, according to OLIVA, staying with a woman at the hotel, and OLIVA was told, by whom he did not

recall, that this person was a Cuban, but although OLIVA did not speak with him he heard his speech and from it did not believe that this person was Cuban but Puerto Rican. OLIVA stated that CONTRERAS had advised him that this person was an artist.

OLIVA stated that when he arrived in Mexico he was met at the airport by a NESTOR CARBONELL, a friend from Cuba who was in the newspaper business, that this was on August 19, 1963, and that he remained at the Hotel Del Comercio until he departed Mexico for Florida on September 23, 1963.