

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

11-29-63

- 1 - Mr. Moore
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Gilberto Alvarado, a young Nicaraguan, has alleged that on 9-18-63 he observed Oswald receive \$6,500 in the Cuban Embassy, Mexico City, as part payment to assassinate the President.

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On 11-27-63 Ambassador Mann told our Legal Attache that he had been advised by Alexis Johnson, Department of State, that State and CIA consider Bureau to be in full charge of investigation and expect us to call the shots.

On 11-28-63 our Legal Attache, pursuant to instructions issued by Assistant Director Sullivan, unequivocally advised the Ambassador that the Bureau was not directing the investigation in Mexico and that we considered ourselves to be in full charge of the investigation conducted within the U.S. In discussing this matter with Assistant Director Sullivan, Legal Attache Anderson recommended that the best course of action would be to turn Alvarado over to the Mexicans and request thorough investigation of his charges, including polygraph examination. This course was adopted and the Bureau Liaison representative so recommended to CIA on the afternoon of 11-28-63.

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On the morning of 11-29-63 Assistant Director C. A. Evans briefed Under Secretary of State Alexis Johnson concerning the action taken. He said this was exactly what he had in mind and that he realized it was up to him to issue the necessary instructions to the Ambassador. He pointed out that the specific recommendation made by the Bureau as to the handling of this matter was exactly what he had in mind and he felt it fortunate that the Ambassador was getting our professional help.

Oswald's wife, during interview early this morning, definitely places Oswald in New Orleans on 9-18-63 at time Alvarado stated he was in the Cuban Embassy. She maintains that her husband did not leave New Orleans between time of their arrival there in May, 1963, and her departure from there on 9-24 or 25-63.

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[We now find per Legal Attache's 11-28-63 (S)  
cable that Alvarado, prior to his release to Mexicans and on reinterrogation has changed his story, claiming that the 9-18-63 date of the incident may be in error and that it may have occurred on 9-28-63. The fact that Oswald was known to be in Mexico in late September and early October, 1963, has been publicized on 11-23-63 in Mexico City papers in connection with Mexican interrogation of Silvia Duran. This fact is undoubtedly known to Alvarado. As Alvarado, in his first account, said that he again saw two of the witnesses to the incident on a repeated visit to the Cuban Embassy 9-26-63, and as his claimed calls to the American Embassy warning of a killing of a prominent person have not been substantiated and finally as his initially stated reason for being in Mexico in September, 1963] (u)

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Attached for approval is cablegram to Legal Attache, Mexico City, also briefing him on recent developments touching on this situation.

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