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ON JANUARY 23 LAST EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY, MADE AVAILABLE A SPANISH TEXT LETTER DATED DECEMBER 2, 1963, WHICH HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO PRESIDENT LYNDON B, JOHNSON BY PEDRO GUTIERREZ VALENCIA, A CREDIT INVESTIGATION FOR A MEXICO CITY DEPARTMENT STORE. THIS LETTER HAD APPARENTLY BEEN IN POSSESSION OF THE WHITE HOUSE OR STATE DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AND FORWARDED TO EMBASSY HERE FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

LETTER FROM GUTIERREZ ALLEGES THAT HE WAS AT CUBAN EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY, ON SEPTEMBER 30 OR OCTOBER 1, 1963, ON CREDIT INVESTIGATION OF EMPLOYEE THERE AND UPON LEAVING OBSERVED A CUBAN IN COMPANY OF AMERICAN CITIZEN. THEY WERE ENGAGED IN HEATED DISCUSSION IN ENGLISH INVOLVING "CASTRO, CUBA, AND KENNEDY." HE ADVISED IN LETTER THAT CUBAN WAS COUNTING AMERICAN DOLLARS, THAT BOTH PERSONS DEPARTED AREA IN AN AUTOMOBILE.

GUTIERREZ, A FORMER ASSISTANT PRISON DIRECTOR IN MEXICO CLARIAND SELF-AVOWED ANTI-COMMUNIST OF LONG STANDING, FANALLY LOCATED TODAY AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

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CREDIT APPLICATION. SHE WAS FOUND NOT TO HAVE BEEN ACCREDITED TO MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND APPLICATION WAS LATER REJECTED. HE COULD NOT RECALL NAME OF THIS FEMALE EMPLOYEE OF CUBAN EMBASSY BUT FEELS MAY BE ABLE TO LOCATE OLD APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH HER IDENTITY AND DATE OF VISIT TO CUBAN EMBASSY IF APPLICATION NOT DESTROYED IN VIEW OF REJECTION FOR CREDIT.

GUTIERREZ CLAIMED THAT UPON LEAVING CUBAN EMBASSY AND WHILE STILL IN COURTYARD A CUBAN WHO SEEMED TO BE IN A HURRY BUMPED INTO HIM IN PASSING. HE THEN NOTED THAT THE CUBAN WAS ENGAGED IN A HEATED DISCUSSION IN ENGLISH WITH A SECOND INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS APPARENTLY AN AMERICAN CITIZEN; THAT THE CUBAN WAS COUNTING SOME AMERICAN CURRENCY OF UNKNOWN DENOMINA-TIONS, AND HE HEARD THE WORDS "MISTER CASTRO AND KENNEDY" MENTIONED DURING THEIR DISCUSSION IN THE COURTYARD AND WHILE THEY WERE STILL WALKING TOWARD THE WALL GATE OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY.

ALTHOUGH GUTIERREZ ADMITTEDLY CAN UNDERSTAND VERY LITTLE ENGLISH HE CLAIMED HE BECAME INTERESTED AND WALKED ABOUT TWO YARDS BEHIND THESE PERSONS TO A POINT ON THE SIDEWALK OUTSIDE THE WALL OF THE EMBASSY WHERE HE SAID HE OBSERVED THE CUBAN HAND THE AMERICAN THE MONEY HE HAD BEEN COUNTING.

GUTIERREZ STATED THAT HE NOTED THE AMERICAN PLACED THE MONEY IN HIS LEFT HAND TROUSERS POCKET USING HIS LEFT HAND TO DO SO.

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HE RELATED THAT HE CONTINUED TO FOLLOW THESE TWO PERSONS TO THE CORNER ADJACENT TO THE CUBAN EMBASSY AND NOTED THAT THEY ENTERED A "DINA RENAULT" AUTOMOBILE SOLID BEIGE IN COLOR BEARING MEXICAN LICENSE PLATES AND DROVE AWAY.

GUTIERREZ STATED THAT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINA-TION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, HE OBSERVED PHOTOGRAPHS OF OSWALD IN VARIOUS MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPERS AND IMMEDIATELY CAME TO THE FIRM CONCLUSION THAT THE AMERICAN HE HAD SEEN WITH THE CUBAN AS INDICATED ABOVE WAS IDENTICAL WITH THE PERSON DEPICTED IN THESE NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHS.

GUTIERREZ FURTHER ADVISED THAT ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 4, 1963, HE RETURNED TO THE CUBAN EMBASSY AND LOOKED AROUND TO SEE IF HE COULD OBSERVE THE CUBAN HE HAD SEEN WITH THE AMERICAN AND POSSIBLY IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL AS A CUBAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE BUT DID NOT OBSERVE THIS INDIVIDUAL AMONG THE CUBAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES.

GUTIERREZ ALSO CLAIMED THAT TWO DAYS FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY HE AGAIN RETURNED TO THE CUBAN EMBASSY FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO IDENTIFY THIS UNKNOWN CUBAN BUT WAS AGAIN UNSUCCESSFUL.

GUTIERREZ TODAY EXAMINED 22 PHOTOGRAPHS OF CURRENT, AND RECENT EMPLOYEES OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY AT MEXICO CITY AND STATED THAT NONE OF THE PERSONS DEPICTED ARE IDENTICAL WITH THE CUBAN HE OBSERVED IN THE COMPANY OF THE AMERICAN IDENTIFIED BY HIM AS

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GUTIERREZ ALSO EXAMINED PHOTOGRAPH OF OSWALD WHICH HAS APPEARED IN MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPERS AND A FRONT, SIDE, AND FULL LENGTH PHOTOGRAPH OF OSWALD TAKEN ON AUGUSI 9, 1963, BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AND STATED THAT THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE IN HIS OPINION IDENTICAL WITH THE AMERICAN SEEN BY HIM AT THE CUBAN EMBASSY AS MENTIONED ABOVE.

A PHOTOGRAPH OF OSWALD WHICH HAD APPEARED IN LIFE MAGAZINE AND DEPICTS THE SUBJECT PASSING OUT PRO-CUBA LITERATURE ON A STREET IN NEW ORLEANS WAS MIXED IN WITH 16 MISCELLANEOUS PHOTO-GRAPHS OF OTHER PERSONS AND DEMONSTRATED TO GUTIERREZ AND HE INDICATED NO RECOGNITION OF THIS PARTICULAR PHOTOGRAPH OF OSWALD.

GUTIERREZ APPEARS TO BE INTELLIGENT AND MATURE INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEMS SINCERELY CONVINCED HE SAW OSWALD AT CUBAN EMBASSY ON ONE OF DATES MENTIONED AND TODAY INDICATED ONLY DESIRE IS TO ASSIST U. S. IN STRUGGLE AGAINST COMMUNISM. HE MADE NO MENTION OF POSSIBLE COMPENSATION, HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN NOTED HE RESIDES IN OLD RUN DOWN APARTMENT BUILDING IN POOR SECTION OF CITY. THE DESCRIPTION PROVIDED OF AMERICAN SEEN BY GUTIERREZ AT CUBAN EMBASSY GENERALLY FITS THAT OF OSWALD EXCEPT THAT HE ESTIMATED AGE AT 27 TO 30 YEARS OF AGE, WITH DARK BROWN HAIR AND VERY LIGHT COMPLEXION WHICH IS AT SLIGHT VARIANCE WITH AVAILABLE DESCRIPTION OF OSWALD.

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