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LEE HARVEY OSWALD, IS-R-CUBA.
REBUCAB 940, FEBRUARY 18 LAST.

IN INTEREST OF FULLY PROTECTING BUREAU'S POSITION AND IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT ALL MATTERS ARE INTENSIVELY INVESTIGATED AND BROUGHT TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION IN SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE, SEARCHING ANALYSIS HAS BEEN MADE OF SITUATION HERE AND FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED FOR BUREAU'S CONSIDERATION.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITIES OF SENDING THREE AGENTS HERE ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 50 TO 60 DAYS DURATION. WHILE ENTIRE AGENT PERSONNEL OF MEXICO CITY OFFICE HAVE BEEN DEVOTING A LARGE PART OF THEIR TIME TO HANDLING INVESTIGATION IN INSTANT CASE, THEY OF NECESSITY MUST BE UTILIZED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME ON EXPEDITE AND URGENT MATTERS, SUCH AS FUGITIVE CASES AND ESPIONAGE AND SECURITY MATTERS HAVING A DIRECT BEARING ON THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, BUREAU COMMITMENTS HAVE REQUIRED THAT VARIOUS AGENTS BE ABSENT ON ROAD TRIPS FROM TIME TO TIME, SUCH AS RECENT 10 DAY ROAD TRIP OF LEGAT TO SOUTH AMERICA TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL ACADEMY.

WHILE MEXICO CITY INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN FILLING IN BROAD GENERAL PICTURE OF OSWALD'S ACTIVITIES WHILE IN MEXICO CITY, IT IS NOTED THAT WARREN COMMISSION IS RAISING MORE AND MORE QUESTIONS CONCERNING MINOR DETAILS OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

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AND IT IS PRESUMED THAT MORE AND MORE OF THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE RAISED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE SEEN OR TO HAVE HAD SOME CONTACT WITH OSWALD WHILE IN MEXICO, AND EVEN THOUGH ALLEGATIONS OF THESE PERSONS IN SOME CASES APPEAR TO BE EXTREMELY REMOTE OR COMPLETELY UNTRUE, THEY MUST OF NECESSITY BE BROUGHT FULLY RESOLVED.

IT IS FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE FUTURE CRITICISM OF THE BUREAU ON THE PART OF THE WARREN COMMISSION OR OTHERS AND IN ORDER TO FULLY DISCHARGE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE THREE AGENTS SENT HERE ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO DEDICATE THEIR FULL TIME TO BRINGING THIS MATTER TO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

IN THE EVENT THE BUREAU APPROVES THIS SUGGESTION AND IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT SAs ROLF L. LARSON OF PHOENIX OFFICE AND HENRY J. PRATT OF NEW YORK OFFICE BE SENT HERE ON THIS SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT, ALONG WITH ONE OTHER AGENT. SA LARSON DEPARTED MEXICO CITY ON TRANSFER LESS THAN A YEAR AGO, AFTER 10 YEARS OF ASSIGNMENT HERE, AND IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH WORKINGS OF VARIOUS MEXICAN POLICE AGENCIES AND OF OUR OWN INFORMANTS. SA PRATT WHILE ON ASSIGNMENT HERE WORKED NOT ONLY IN HEADQUARTERS CITY BUT ALSO IN TERRITORIES OF ALL OUR RESIDENT AGENCIES AND IN CENTRAL AMERICA. HE IS COMPLETELY FLUENT IN SPANISH AND WOULD BE DECIDED ASSET IN RUNNING OUT LEADS AWAY FROM MEXICO CITY. FOR THIRD AGENT,

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IT IS SUGGESTED THAT SA FREDERICK E. RODERICK OF LOS ANGELES OFFICE OR SA WALLACE R. HEITMAN OF DALLAS OFFICE COULD WELL BE UTILIZED IN VIEW OF THEIR PAST ASSIGNMENTS IN MEXICO CITY OFFICE.

*Agents
Sullivan
Heitman*

NAMES OF ALL THESE AGENTS HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED BECAUSE OF THEIR PAST ASSIGNMENTS HERE AND THEIR FAMILIARITY WITH LANGUAGE, PEOPLE AND TERRITORY.

IN EVENT OF APPROVAL OF THIS SUGGESTION, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE BUT NOT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT AGENTS SENT HERE BE FURNISHED WITH OFFICIAL OR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. SHOULD TIME OR OTHER REASONS PREVENT OBTAINING OF SUCH PASSPORTS, AGENTS SHOULD OBTAIN MEXICAN TOURIST CARDS TO COVER PERIOD OF THEIR ASSIGNMENT.

BUREAU IS ASSURED THAT AGGRESSIVE, ENERGETIC ACTION IS BEING TAKEN ON ALL LEADS OUTSTANDING HERE, AND REQUEST FOR SENDING OF AGENTS HERE ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IS MOTIVATED ONLY BY DESIRE TO FULLY INSURE THAT BUREAU'S RESPONSIBILITIES ARE FULFILLED IN SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE AND ITS INTERESTS PROTECTED.

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