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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555) FROM: LEGAT, MEXICO (105-3702) (P) SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA IS - R - CUBA

Re Mexico City airtel and letterhead memorandum C dated 2/27/64.

To date the mode or method of travel utilized by (-OSWALD on his journey from Mexico City to Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, on the United States border and subsequent departure from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 10/3/63 has not been established.

As has been reported, it appears that OSWALD departed Mexico sometime between 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on 10/3/63 at Nuevo Laredo inasmuch as the original of his tourist card (Mexican Government Form FM-8) was processed and turned in at Nuevo Laredo and was handled by Mexican Immigration Inspector ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA, who worked the 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. shift at Kilometer 26, the Mexican Immigration and Customs land route control point located approximately sixteen miles south of Nuevo Laredo, where it appears the tourist card was surrendered.

Since it is highly possible OSWALD may have traveled to the United States-Mexico border by automobile upon his

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departure from Mexico in October, 1963, the following list of names has been compiled. These represent a list of persons who departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo, 10/3/63, traveling in Mexico on either tourist forms FM-5 or FM-8 and are being . listed to point out that they represent all those persons (non-Mexican citizens) who surrendered their tourist cards at Nuevo Laredo on 10/3/63, which tourist cards carried a stamped or typed notation indicating that they had entered and departed Mexico in automobiles and were either the owners of the vehicle and/or those who were being held legally responsible by Mexican authorities for the presence of the vehicle in Mexico or traveling as passengers in the automobile. Since OSWALD's mode of travel has not been definitely established, it can be assumed that it is highly possible that OSWALD may have been a passenger in one of these automobiles upon his departure from Mexico. The number appearing before each name is the number which appeared before these names on the Mexican Government Form FM-11 and has been reported and appears on the below indicated page of referenced letterhead memorandum (LHM) along with background information appearing on the tourist cards of these persons.

The FM-11, as has been reported, is a compilation of separate lists of persons (non-Mexican citizens) entering Mexico and departing from the country which is submitted semimonthly by each Mexican port of entry and departure Immigration station and records basic data which appears on the tourist cards or travel documents of each traveler.

Persons Traveling By FM-5 Tourist Cards

79.	TEODORA HERRERA ALVAREZ		appears on pareferenced LH		3
80.	PABLO CALAMATEO	(as	appears on pa referenced LH	ge	3
81.	JUAN CANALES	(15	appears on pa referenced LH	ge	3
87.	TOMASA GARZA DE ESCAMILLA	(25	appears on pa referenced LH	ge	5
91.	ERNESTINA A, DE GARZA	(25	appears on pa referenced LH	ge	6
93,	VICTOR JOSEPH KIMM	(as	appears on pag referenced LH	9	6
94.	PATRICIA ANN KIMM	(as	appears on pa referenced LH	go	6
95.	MARIA LUISA CRUZ DE LOPEZ	las	appears on pa referenced LH	ge	7

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Persons Traveling on FM-8 Tourist Cards

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	79.	DOLORES BALDAZO ROMERO	(as of	appears on referenced	page LHM)	13
	80.	RALPH A. BANNIGAN	(as	appears on referenced	page	13
,	81.	DARLENE L. BANNIGAN	(as	appears on referenced	page	14
	83 . /	JOHN H. BENNETT .		appears on referenced		14
	84.	ELENA S. DE CORONADO		appears on referenced		15
	95.	ILDEFONSO MUNOZ		appears on referenced		17
÷	103.	BERTA ALICIA RAMOS		appears on referenced		19
	105.	ARNOLD RIOJAS		appears on referenced		20
	106.	RICARDO ROCHA	of	appears on referenced	LHM)	
	108.	CLEMENTE SAENZ	(as of	appears on referenced	page LHM)	20
	109.	CHARLES SCHMEDZ		appears on referenced		21

The tourist cards of all the above-listed persons reflect they were handled upon their departure from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo by various Immigration Inspectors other than ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA, with the exceptions of ELENA S. DE CORONADO and BERTA ALICIA RAMOS, who it appears may have been traveling together as their cards reflect they both entered Mexico at Ciudad Miguel Aleman, Tamaulipas, Mexico, at the same hour by automobile on 10/2/63 and departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 10/3/63. As has been reported, ALBERTO ARZAMENDI CHAPA worked the 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. shift at Kilometer 26 and records reflect he handled OSWALD's tourist card upon his departure from Mexico. This would seem to indicate that the other persons listed may have surrendered their tourist cards at Kilometer 26 at different times of the day during 10/3/63 than did OSWALD.

It should be pointed out that, although records reflect that the departure of the above-listed JOHN H. BENNETT reported resident of 10250 Haitian Drive, Miami, Florida, was not handled by ARZAMENDI CHAPA, it appears that in all

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probability BENNETT may have reached Kilometer 26 on his way to the border sometime during the period 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. on 10/3/63. Records reflect he was stopped by Immigration authorities at Kilometer 26 that date after he advised he had lost the FM-8 tourist card which had been issued to him upon his entry into Mexico, which according to records occurred at Nuevo Laredo on 9/8/63. He subsequently appeared before GILBERTO CAZARES GARZA, head of the Immigration Station at Nuevo Laredo, at 9:00 a.m., 10/3/63, at Mexican Immigration Headquarters in Nuevo Laredo. At this time a statement was taken from BENNETT in which details regarding the loss of his tourist card were set forth and, since it was found that BENNETT had been in the country for more than the fifteen-day period authorized by the FM-8 under which he was traveling, he was fined 200 pesos (\$16 U.S.) and a Mexican Government tourist card FM-17 was then prepared on which BENNETT's departure from the country was recorded. The abovementioned statement was signed by CAZARES and BENNETT and was also signed by two witnesses, SILVERIO VILLAREAL M. and ALEJANDRO ROCHA E,, in all probability employees of the Mexican Immigration office at Nuevo Laredo, .

It is felt that explanation of the loss of the tourist card at Kilometer 26 by BENNETT, the subsequent trip to Immigration Headquarters at Nuevo Laredo, and activity prior to the taking of the statement there at 9:00 a.m. on 10/3/63 in all probability consumed more than one hour's time, which would indicate that BENNETT may have reached Kilometer 26 sometime between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on 10/3/63, between which hours it appears OSWALD passed that point on his way to the border.

LEADS

ALL OFFICES RECEIVING LEADS

It is noted that the above-named individuals were among those listed in referenced LHM as having been among those who were reported as having departed Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on 10/3/63 and a request was made by referenced airtel to conduct investigation which included the leads set out below to locate and interview them. These leads are being set forth again at this time inasmuch as it is felt that particular attention and emphasis should be given to the interview of these persons in view of their reported travel



by automobile, keeping in mind that any one of them may have had OSWALD as a passenger in the vehicles in which they were traveling upon OSWALD's departure from Mexico and every effort should be made to explore that possibility.

The number of copies designated for the various domestic field offices listed herein varies inasmuch as the copies are being designated on the basis of the number of leads for each of those offices.

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Vill conduct investigation requested with respect to FM-5's numbered 79, 80, and 81 and FM-8 numbered 108 as set forth in this communication.

HOUSTON

Will conduct investigation with respect to FM-5 numbered 95.

KANSAS CITY

Jill conduct investigation with respect to FM-8's numbered 80 and 81.

MIAMI

.7ill conduct investigation with respect to FM-8 numbered 83.

NET YORK

Jill conduct investigation with respect to FM-5^ss numbered 93 and 94.

SAN ANTONIO

Will conduct investigation with respect to FM-5's numbered 87 and 91 and FM-8's numbered 79, 84, 95, 103, 105, 106, and 109.

MEXICO CITY

At Mexico, D. F., Mexico:

Vill continue to vigorously and immediately handle all investigation growing out of leads in this case and report results promptly.