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LEE HARVEY OSWALD

The following information is being set forth for the purpose of formulating an approximation of expenditures which LEE HARVEY OSWALD possibly made during his travel and stay in Mexico from September 26, 1963, to early morning hours of October 3, 1963:

1. MONEY EXCHANGE IN MEXICO
FOR COST COMPUTATIONS

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised that the present monetary exchange between the United States and Mexico is 12.49 Mexican pesos to one U. S. dollar. To simplify computations, the exchange rate of 12.50 pesos to one dollar is commonly used in Mexico and conversions at the 12.50 rate can be made by simply multiplying the number of Mexican pesos by eight; therefore, one Mexican peso amounts to eight cents in U. S. currency and ten Mexican pesos equal eighty cents U. S. currency.

Hereinafter the peso and centavo (meaning cent) amounts refer to Mexican currency, and the U. S. dollar equivalent set forth in parenthesis behind the peso amount was computed at the 12.50 exchange rate.

2. COST OF BUS FARES IN AND OUT OF MEXICO

A. Travel from Laredo,
Texas, to Mexico, D. F.

T-1 advised that ALEJANDRO SAUCEDO, Manager of the bus line, "Servicios Unidos Autobuses Blancos, Flecha Roja, S. A. de C. V.," (The Unified Services of White Autobuses Red Arrow, Incorporated) located at Heroes Ferrocarrileros No. 45, Mexico, D. F., (D. F. refers to "Distrito Federal" - Federal

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District of the Mexican Federal Capital) stated on April 15, 1964, that the bus line he manages is commonly referred to as the Flecha Roja bus line. In September, 1963, this bus line charged 71.40 pesos (\$5.71 U.S.) for the trip from Nuevo Laredo, State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, to Mexico, D. F. SAUCEDO said this did not include a 3.00-peso (\$.24 U.S.) charge for travel from Laredo, Texas, across the Rio Grande River (commonly referred to in Mexico as the Rio Bravo del Norte) to Nuevo Laredo.

The total cost from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico, D. F., via the Flecha Roja bus line in September, 1963, would have been 74.40 pesos (\$5.95 U.S.).

(LEE HARVEY OSWALD was reported as having traveled on a Flecha Roja bus from Nuevo Laredo to Mexico, D. F., on September 26 to 27, 1963.)

B. Travel from Mexico, D. F.,
to Laredo, Texas

T-1 advised that on April 1, 1964, TERESA SCHAEFFER BEQUERISSE, Manager of "Agencia de Viajes, Transportes Chihuahuenses, S. A. de C. V.," (Chihuahuenses Transportation Travel Agency, Inc.) located at Paseo de la Reforma No. 52, Room 5, Mexico, D. F., made available reservation and purchase order No. 14618 issued to "Autobuses Transportes del Norte" (Transportation Autobuses of the North), commonly referred to as the Transportes del Norte bus line, located at Avenida Insurgentes No. 137 Sur, Mexico, D. F., in the name of Mr. H. O. LEE for travel from Mexico, D. F., to Laredo, Texas, on October 2, 1963. This order No. 14618 reflects that H. O. LEE, who is considered identical with OSWALD, paid 93.75 pesos (\$7.50 U.S.) for travel from Mexico, D. F., to Laredo, Texas, on the Transportes del Norte bus line.

LEE HARVEY OSWALD is considered to have made both the above and the following travel under the name of H. O. LEE.

C. Travel from Laredo, Texas,
to Dallas, Texas

T-2, a confidential source abroad, advised that

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TERESA SCHAEFFER BEQUERISSE also made available on April 1, 1964, Greyhound International Exchange Order No. 43599 issued to Mr. H. O. LEE by the "Agencia de Viajes, Transportes Chihuahuenses, S. A. de C. V.," for travel by Greyhound bus from Laredo to Dallas, Texas. This order reflected that it was issued on October 1, 1963, for the amount of 160.00 pesos (\$12.80 U.S.). SCHAEFFER BEQUERISSE stated Mr. H. O. LEE paid 253.75 pesos (\$20.30 U.S.) in cash to the "Agencia de Viajes, Transportes Chihuahuenses, S. A. de C. V.," for travel from Mexico, D. F., to Dallas, Texas.

3. COST OF LODGING AT HOTEL DEL COMERCIO, MEXICO, D. F.

T-3, a confidential source abroad, advised that GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, owner and manager of the Hotel Del Comercio, located at Calle (Street) Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19, Mexico, D. F., stated OSWALD registered at the Hotel Del Comercio on September 27, 1963, and was assigned Room No. 18 (with bath) on the third floor at a daily rate of 16.00 pesos (\$1.28 U.S.). OSWALD paid for his room on October 1, 1963, which, according to GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, was an indication that OSWALD was entitled to and probably slept at this hotel on the night of October 1-2, 1963, and departed therefrom during the morning of October 2, 1963.

OSWALD stayed at the hotel from September 27, 1963, to October 2, 1963, for five nights' lodging at 16.00 pesos (\$1.28 U.S.), which amounts to 80.00 pesos (\$6.40 U.S.).

On April 18, 1964, GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA commented that the room prices at the Hotel Del Comercio had been raised due to the local publicity which this hotel had received since OSWALD stayed there and that the price for Room No. 18 is now 19.00 pesos (\$1.52 U.S.).

4. APPROXIMATION FOOD COSTS WHILE IN MEXICO

A. Food Costs While Traveling to Mexico, D. F.

T-1 advised that ALEJANDRO SAUCEDO, Manager of

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of the Flecha Roja bus line, stated on April 15, 1964, that meals are available for passengers at bus stops en route from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico, D. F. ALEJANDRO SAUCEDO advised that the Flecha Roja bus No. 516 which departed from Nuevo Laredo, State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, at 2:00 PM on September 26, 1963, would have stopped at Monterrey, State of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, at 6:00 PM on the same date for thirty minutes and passengers could have eaten at that time. This same bus, while en route to Mexico, D. F., would have stopped at Saltillo, State of Coahuila, Mexico, for thirty minutes at 8:00 PM on the same date when passengers could have eaten a second time. ALEJANDRO SAUCEDO added that there is only a ten-minute stop for this bus at San Luis Potosi, State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, from 3:20 AM to 3:30 AM and that passengers generally are sleeping at this time and do not normally eat again until after their arrival at Mexico, D. F., usually at 9:30 AM.

He stated that the price of meals available to passengers en route to Mexico, D. F., varies from 8.00 to 12.00 pesos (\$.64 to \$.96 U.S.) or more, depending on individual eating habits.

T-2 related that on April 21, 1964, ERNESTO HERNANDEZ, co-driver with bus driver ROBERTO MORALES on Flecha Roja bus No. 516 on September 26 to 27, 1963, from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico, D. F., advised as follows with regard to bus stops and meals eaten by passengers en route:

Bus No. 516 makes stops at Sabinas Hidalgo, State of Nuevo Leon; Monterrey, State of Nuevo Leon; Saltillo, State of Coahuila; San Luis Potosi, State of San Luis Potosi; Matehuala, State of San Luis Potosi; and San Juan del Rio, State of Queretaro, before arrival at Mexico, D. F., and food is available for purchase by passengers at each of these stops. The stops are for five to ten-minute periods, except for the stops at Monterrey and Saltillo where the bus stops for thirty minutes. Passengers generally can obtain a meal at any of these stops for 10.00 pesos (\$.80 U.S.) depending on the individual. He advised that bus No. 516 skirts the main downtown area of San Luis Potosi even though it does stop there briefly.

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B. Food Costs While in Mexico, D. F.

T-3 advised that, from information developed at the Hotel Del Comercio and neighboring restaurants, a breakfast generally costs 3.00 to 4.00 pesos (\$.24 to \$.32 U.S.), mid-afternoon meals, 5.00 to 6.00 pesos (\$.40 to \$.48 U.S.), and any light meal in the evening, 2.00 to 3.00 pesos (\$.15 to \$.24 U.S.). The price of a meal in the neighborhood of the Hotel Del Comercio would vary dependent on the person's eating habits.

T-3 related that in a more fashionable area located close to the travel agency "Agencia de Viajes, Transportes Chihuahuenses, S. A. de C. V.," at Paseo de la Reforma No. 52, Room 5, Mexico, D. F., food at neighboring restaurants would cost 8.00 to 10.00 pesos (\$.64 to \$.80 U.S.) for breakfast, 10.00 to 15.00 pesos (\$.80 to \$1.20 U.S.) for lunch, and 15.00 to 20.00 pesos (\$1.20 to \$1.60 U.S.) for dinner.

T-3 advised that Mrs. DOLORES RAMIREZ VDA. (meaning widow) DE BARREIRO, owner and manager of the small restaurant, "Fonda La Esperanza," immediately adjacent to the Hotel Del Comercio, clearly recalled on March 4, 1964, that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had appeared at this restaurant. OSWALD generally arrived at the restaurant after 2:00 in the afternoon when the noon rush was over and always ate sparingly.

She remembered that OSWALD ordered with care and apparent consideration for the cost, having soup, meat or eggs, and rice, but declining either a drink or coffee and dessert. OSWALD usually spent from 5.00 to 6.00 pesos (\$.40 to \$.48 U.S.) for each meal. OSWALD was alone always and never made any contacts or ate with anyone else.

C. Food Costs While Traveling to Laredo, Texas, from Mexico, D. F.

T-3 advised that RICARDO MEDINA BELTRAN, Manager of the Mexico City terminal of the Transportes del Norte bus line, stated on April 17, 1964, that meals are available for passengers en route from Mexico, D. F., to Laredo, Texas, at bus stops when there is time to eat and the meals generally cost

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10.00 pesos (\$30 U.S.).

MEDINA BELTRAN indicated there is a daily bus departure at 8:30 AM from the Transportes del Norte terminal in Mexico City en route to Laredo, Texas. A twenty-minute stop is scheduled at 2:00 PM on the same date at San Luis Potosi, State of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, where passengers can eat. Subsequently this bus stops for about five minutes at 7:55 PM at Saltillo, State of Coahuila, Mexico, and later stops for thirty minutes at Monterrey, State of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, at 9:30 PM where passengers may have a meal. This bus arrives at Laredo, Texas, at about 2:00 AM the following morning where passengers may again have time to eat.

(Investigation discloses that LEE HARVEY OSWALD, in all probability, utilized the afore-mentioned itinerary upon departure from Mexico City to the United States-Mexican border in October, 1963.)

5. BULLFIGHT ADMISSION PRICES

T-4, a confidential source abroad, advised that bullfight cartels have been held regularly at the Plaza Mexico and El Toreo arenas in Mexico, D. F., but during September and October, 1963, only the cartel of the "Novilladas" (literal meaning - baitings of young bulls) was held at the Plaza Mexico, reportedly the largest bullfight arena in the world with a seating capacity of 50,000. The El Toreo arena, which is located just outside of Mexico, D. F., was closed during September and October, 1963. The Plaza Mexico is in the Federal District of Mexico and located at a center bounded by streets named Avila Camacho, Rodin, Balderas, and Carolina, next to the Ciudad de los Deportes (Sporting Events City) on Avenida Insurgentes Sur, in Mexico, D. F.

Source explained that the "Novilladas" season is that portion of the bullfight season in which apprentice bullfighters perform and that younger and smaller bulls are utilized; consequently, the admission prices are not as high as admission prices for cartels featuring professional bullfighters.

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T-1 advised that on April 17, 1964, MARCELO L. RODRIGUEZ, Secretary at the Departamento de Turismo de Mexico (Tourist Bureau of Mexico), Paseo de la Reforma No. 89, Mexico, D. F., made available the following price list for admission to the Plaza Mexico bullfight arena during the "Novilladas" season:

Entrance Prices

<u>Barrera (Barricade):</u>	<u>Shade</u>	<u>Sun</u>
First Row	30.00 pesos (\$2.40 U.S.)	14.00 pesos (\$1.12 U.S.)
Second Row	29.00 pesos (\$2.32 U.S.)	13.00 pesos (\$1.04 U.S.)
Third Row	27.00 pesos (\$2.15 U.S.)	12.00 pesos (\$.96 U.S.)
Fourth Row	25.00 pesos (\$2.00 U.S.)	11.00 pesos (\$.88 U.S.)
Fifth Row	23.00 pesos (\$1.84 U.S.)	10.00 pesos (\$.80 U.S.)
Sixth Row	21.00 pesos (\$1.68 U.S.)	9.00 pesos (\$.72 U.S.)
Seventh Row	20.00 pesos (\$1.60 U.S.)	8.00 pesos (\$.64 U.S.)
<u>Primer Tendido (First Rows or Tiers):</u>		
First to Third Rows	19.00 pesos (\$1.52 U.S.)	7.00 pesos (\$.56 U.S.)
Fourth to Sixth Rows	18.00 pesos (\$1.44 U.S.)	6.50 pesos (\$.52 U.S.)
Seventh to Ninth Rows	17.00 pesos (\$1.36 U.S.)	5.50 pesos (\$.44 U.S.)

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<u>Segundo Tendido (Second Rows or Tiers):</u>	<u>Shade</u>	<u>Sun</u>
First to Fourth Rows	15.00 pesos (\$1.20 U.S.)	5.00 pesos (\$.40 U.S.)
Fifth to Seventh Rows	14.00 pesos (\$1.12 U.S.)	5.00 pesos (\$.40 U.S.)
Eighth to Ninth Rows	12.00 pesos (\$.96 U.S.)	5.00 pesos (\$.40 U.S.)
Tenth to Eleventh Rows	10.00 pesos (\$.80 U.S.)	5.00 pesos (\$.40 U.S.)
Twelfth to Thirteenth Rows	9.00 pesos (\$.72 U.S.)	5.00 pesos (\$.40 U.S.)
Fourteenth to Fifteenth Rows	8.00 pesos (\$.64 U.S.)	5.00 pesos (\$.40 U.S.)
Sixteenth to Seventeenth Rows	7.00 pesos (\$.56 U.S.)	4.50 pesos (\$.36 U.S.)
Eighteenth to Nineteenth Rows	6.00 pesos (\$.48 U.S.)	4.50 pesos (\$.36 U.S.)
Twentieth to Twenty-first Rows	5.00 pesos (\$.40 U.S.)	4.50 pesos (\$.36 U.S.)
Twenty-second to Twenty-third Rows	4.00 pesos (\$.32 U.S.)	3.50 pesos (\$.28 U.S.)
Balcones (Balconies)	19.00 pesos (\$1.52 U.S.)	6.00 pesos (\$.48 U.S.)
Lumbreras (Luminaries- skylights)	(None)	5.00 pesos (\$.40 U.S.)
Asiento de Palco (Box-Seats)	20.00 pesos (\$1.60 U.S.)	(None)
General (General Admission)	3.00 pesos (\$.24 U.S.)	2.00 pesos (\$.15 U.S.)

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T-4 advised that the Plaza Mexico is an encircled arena and the price of tickets is divided primarily according to the shady and the sunny side of the arena, as listed above. T-4 noted that the prices on the sunny side of the arena always are more nominal. The choice seats are those which are in the "Barrera" close to the arena and, accordingly, the "Primer Tendido" is followed by the "Segundo Tendido" to the General admission section, which are the sections higher up and farther away from the arena, with the prices respectively cheaper as an individual sits further away from the arena.

It was the opinion of T-4 that American tourists in Mexico, D. F., generally pay the price of 15.00 pesos (\$1.20 U.S.) to attend a "Novillada" at the Plaza Mexico and OSWALD may have paid this price for admission to the "Novillada."

6. LIKELY MUSEUMS ATTENDED IN MEXICO, D. F.

T-1 advised that the March 14-20, 1964, issue of "Esta Semana-Que Ver, Que Hacer, Donde y Como" (meaning This Week-What to Do, What to See, Where and How) magazine printed in Mexico set out on pages eleven and twelve the names of the following Museums in Mexico, D. F.:

- (1) Instituto Indigenista Interamericano, Located at Ninos Heroes No. 19. This is a permanent exposition of Inter-American art and industries. Visiting hours are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, except Sundays. Free admission.
- (2) Juarez Museum-National Palace, located at the Zocalo Plaza (meaning Principal Square) in Mexico, D. F. This is an exposition of historical documents and articles connected with the life and death of Benito Juarez, revolutionist, former President of Mexico and restorer of independence to Mexico from the French imposed empire and includes the reconstruction of the Juarez bedroom, office, and receiving room. Visiting hours are

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10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Mondays through Saturdays, and 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Sundays. Free admission.

- (3) Museum of Natural History, located at Dr. Enrique Gonzalez Martinez No. 10. This museum includes the specimens and studies of all types of animals from the prediluvian era to present times. This museum advertises its special collection of "dressed fleas." Visiting hours are from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM daily. Free admission.
- (4) National Museum of Anthropology, located at Moneda No. 18. This museum includes interesting monoliths, manuscripts, and pre-Hispanic objects. Visiting hours are 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Mondays through Saturdays, and 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Sundays and holidays. Admission is 2.00 pesos (\$.16 U.S.).
- (5) National Historical Museum, located at the annex of the Castillo de Chapultepec (meaning the Chapultepec Castle). This museum maintains historical objects from the time of the Conquest of Mexico to the present time. Visiting hours are 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Mondays through Saturdays, and 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Sundays. Admission is 2.00 pesos (\$.16 U.S.), except for Fridays when admission is free.
- (6) Pre-Hispanic Zone of Old Aztec Temple, located at the corner of Seminario and Guatemala Streets, annexed to the Cathedral at the Zocalo. This includes the remains of old Aztec buildings and artifacts which were recovered when buildings were destroyed to build the present Cathedral. Admission is 1.00 peso (\$.08 U.S.).

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T-1 advised that on April 17, 1964, MARCELO L. RODRIGUEZ of the Tourist Bureau of Mexico stated the above-quoted prices were the ones existent during September and October, 1963.

7. TRANSPORTATION COSTS WHILE IN MEXICO, D. F.

T-3 advised that, inasmuch as taxi cabs are numerous and their fares are nominal in Mexico, D. F., OSWALD might have engaged the services of a taxi cab for transportation to the following points with the designated taxi cab fares furnished by this confidential source abroad:

A. Transportation to the Point Designated in Mexico, D. F., from the Hotel Del Comercio, Calle Bernardino de Sahagun No. 19

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| 1. To United States Embassy, Lafragua No. 18, (Sanborn's Building) - | 2.50 pesos
(\$.20 U.S.) |
| 2. To travel agency "Agencia de Viajes, Transportes Chihuahuenses, S. A. de C. V.," Paseo de la Reforma No. 52, Room 5 - | 2.50 pesos
(\$.20 U.S.) |
| 3. To bus terminal of "Transportes del Norte, S. A. de C. V.," Avenida Insurgents Sur No. 137 - | 2.60 pesos
(\$.21 U.S.) |
| 4. To "Consulado de Cuba" (Cuban Consulate), Zamora and F. Marquez streets - | 3.30 pesos
(\$.26 U.S.) |
| 5. To "Embajada de la Union de las Republicas Sovieticas Socialistas en Mexico (Soviet Consulate and Embassy), Calzada Tacubaya No. 204 - | 3.60 pesos
(\$.29 U.S.) |

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6. To Plaza Mexico (bullfight arena) located next to the Ciudad de los Deportes (Sporting Events City), Avenida Insurgentes Sur -

5.50 pesos
(\$.44 U.S.)

B. Transportation from and to Points Designated

1. From office of "Agencias de Viajes, Transportes Chihuahuenses, S. A. de C. V.," to bus terminal of "Transportes del Norte, S. A. de C. V." -

1.75 pesos
(\$.14 U.S.)

2. The distance from the Hotel Del Comercio to the bus terminal "Transportes Frontera, S. A. de C. V.," Calle Buenavista No. 7, is about one block, which OSWALD could have walked.

3. From the Hotel Del Comercio to the bus terminal "Flecha Roja, S. A. de C. V." is about four blocks, which OSWALD could have walked..

1.65 pesos
(\$.13 U.S.)

8. COST FOR TELEPHONE CALLS IN MEXICO, D. F.

T-1 advised that the cost of a telephone call made at a public telephone in Mexico, D. F., is .20 centavos (\$.02 U.S.).

T-3 related that GUILLERMO GARCIA LUNA, owner and Manager of the Hotel Del Comercio stated there are no telephones in the rooms at this hotel and OSWALD was not known to have used the hotel telephone maintained at the front desk.

The amount of money expended by OSWALD through the use of public telephones, which are available throughout most of Mexico, D. F., is dependent upon the number of calls he made, each of which would have cost him .20 centavos (\$.02 U.S.).

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9. COST FOR SIX POST CARDS
PURCHASED IN MEXICO, D. F.

T-2 advised that colored post cards depicting scenes in Mexico, D. F., printed in Mexico by MARCOLOR and created by E. FISCHGRUND, which are similar to those post cards reportedly among OSWALD's possessions, can be purchased at F. W. Woolworth Company, S. A. de C. V., Paseo de la Reforma No. 99, and at Sanborn's Reforma (restaurant, department store, and tourist center), Paseo de la Reforma No. 45. Source advised that the price of these post cards at these two stores is 50 centavos (\$.04 U.S.) and the price for six post cards would be 3.00 pesos (\$.24 U.S.).

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say anything to his wife about attending a jai alai game, it was not believed that he attended such a game and it was not considered necessary to include the cost of admission to a jai alai game in the enclosure.

Mr. SLAWSON specifically noted that the information he furnished concerning the admission made by OSWALD's wife that she knew OSWALD was going to Mexico and regarding what OSWALD told her he saw in Mexico was CONFIDENTIAL and not to be disseminated.

Mr. SLAWSON advised that the Presidential Commission was desirous of knowing the cost of a telephone call made from a public telephone in Mexico City in order that the Presidential Commission could determine the number of telephone calls OSWALD might have made while in Mexico City and, therefore, the cost of same.

In keeping with Mr. SLAWSON's request, no figure was estimated in the enclosed letterhead memorandum with regard to the exact amount of money which might have been spent by OSWALD while in Mexico and the individual costs are set out in order that the Presidential Commission may make its own conclusions.

SOURCES:

The confidential sources abroad referred to in the enclosure by "T" symbols are as follows:

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At Mexico, D. F., Mexico:

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