

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (105-82555)

FROM : *JAM* Legat, Mexico (105-3702) (P)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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Return to S.G. Key

April 28, 1964

[Redacted]

All FBI personnel used in H.C.

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are twelve (12) copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCE

Bureau cable, 4/20/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

As the Bureau is aware, all investigative personnel of the Mexico City office have participated in various phases of the investigation in Mexico with respect to captioned case. In the interest of security of Bureau operations in Mexico, it has not been deemed advisable to list for the Presidential Commission the identities of all Agents of the Mexico City office, and for this reason only those Agents who conducted substantive investigation in which representatives of the Presidential Commission displayed a definite interest have been listed in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

For the information of the Bureau, the identities of all other Agents in the Mexico City office who have conducted investigation in connection with this case, together with a brief outline of inquiries carried out by them, are recorded hereinunder.

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SA RICHARD S. CLARK

Conducted inquiries at Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico, regarding VICTOR COHEN, concerning whom one ERNESTO FLORES LUNA directed a letter to Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SA MATTHEW D. CRAWFORD, JR.

Interviewed Dr. EDUARDO BORRELL NAVARRO concerning allegations by one SALVADOR DIAZ VERNON regarding associations of OSWALD in Mexico City with SILVIA TIRADO DE DURAN and officials of the Cuban Embassy.

SA NATHAN L. FERRIS

Received from informants [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] several reports concerning reactions and speculation within the American Communist Group in Mexico (ACGM) concerning the assassination and OSWALD's visit to Mexico. Among ACGM associates mentioned by informants were CHARLES SMALL, KURT ODENHEIM, ELIZABETH CATLETT MORA and JOSEPH and REVA FRANK BERNSTEIN.

Received several reports from informant [REDACTED] with respect to the background of PEDRO GUTIERREZ VALENCIA and inquiries relating to other aspects of investigation in Mexico.

SA JOSEPH B. GARCIA

Handled liaison with the Mexican Ministry of Government, receiving copies of documents and data from Licenciado (Attorney) LUIS ECHEVERRIA, Acting Minister, and the Sub-Director of the Department of Immigration, Licenciado RAFAEL HERNANDEZ OCHOA. Also handled liaison with the Mexican Federal Security Police and arranged for delivery of a copy of the signed statement of SILVIA TIRADO DE DURAN by Captain FERNANDO GUTIERREZ BARRIOS.

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12 Interviewed YLARIO ROJAS VALENZUELA in Guadalajara, Jalisco, and arranged for final interview of this individual by agents of the Federal Security Police.

SA JAMES R. GRIMES

14 Handled principal phases of the investigation in Mexico with respect to GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT and JEAN DE MOHRENSCHILDT, alleged friends of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

SA HENRY C. JOHNSON

Received from a confidential source a written report recording the results of intensive neighborhood inquiry in the area of the Hotel del Comercio in an effort to develop information concerning utilization of transportation facilities by LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

SA WADE E. KNAPP

Conducted investigation to locate and interview in Central America several individuals who had entered and departed from Mexico at Nuevo Laredo on the same date as OSWALD. All interviews in this connection were negative.

SA ELDON D. RUDD

Received information from a confidential source to the effect that OSWALD had stayed at the Hotel del Comercio in Mexico City.

Conducted interview and reported results thereof concerning ARTURO ALCOCER RUIZ, Mexico City attorney who claimed to have seen the sister of JACK RUBY in San Antonio, Texas, on the day prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY and on television from Dallas, Texas, on the actual day of the assassination.

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Conducted interview at San Salvador, El Salvador, of CHESTER STANLEY STEMP, teacher at the American High School in San Salvador, concerning his entry to Mexico on the same date as OSWALD. Interview was negative.

Received information from confidential sources concerning inquiries in an effort to locate the possible source in Mexico City of a bracelet which OSWALD reportedly presented to his wife, MARINA, following his trip to Mexico City.

SA EDWIN O. JOHNSON

Conducted initial interview of YLARIO ROJAS VALENZUELA at Guadalajara, Jalisco, and subsequent inquiries for the purpose of determining his availability for further interviews.

SA ROBERT T. NISCHWITZ

Conducted initial interviews at Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, of bus drivers and other personnel at the offices of the Transportes Frontera bus line in an effort to clarify possible travel by OSWALD on that line.

Participated in inquiries at the Transportes del Norte bus line offices in Monterrey to locate ticket sections relating to travel by H. O. LEE on October 2-3, 1963, and obtain details with respect to the bus changes, records, drivers and other information.

SA HOWARD D. WESLEY

Was present at early interviews of drivers and other personnel of the Transportes Frontera bus line in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon.

In the event the Bureau desires to furnish to the Presidential Commission the identities of any or all of the Agents listed above, this office will prepare additional

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pages for the enclosed letterhead memorandum, incorporating that material, upon receipt of Bureau instructions to that effect.

CLASSIFICATION

The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified "CONFIDENTIAL" in order to protect the Bureau's foreign operations and investigative activity by Bureau personnel in connection with captioned case.

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MEXICO CITY OFFICE

At Mexico, D. F., Mexico

Will continue investigation of all leads currently outstanding and which may develop with respect to this case, reporting the results thereof promptly.