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SUBJECT: TELECON BETWEEN CUBAN PRESIDENT DORTICOS AND JOAQUIN HERNANDEZ ARMAS.

- 1. FOLLOWING IS ACCOUNT OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CUBAN PRESIDENT OSVALDO DORTICOS IN HAVANA AND JOAQUIN HERNANDEZ ARMAS, CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO IN MEXICO CITY AT 0940 HOURS MEXICO CITY TIME ON 26 NOVEMBER 1963 AS REPORTED FROM SENSITIVE SOURCE .
- 2. DORTICOS REFERRED TO A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT (NO 125) RECEIVED FROM AMB HERNANDEZ CONCERNING THE ARREST AND INTERROGATION OF SYLVIA DURAN WHICH, IT IS APPARENT, HERNANDEZ HAD SENT HURRIEDLY AFTER A BRIEF QUESTIONING OF DURAN.
 - 3. DORTICOS PARTICULARLY WANTED TO KNOW IF DURAN HAD BEEN ASKED ANYTHING ABOUT "MONEY" BY THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES. HERNANDEZ REPORT! THAT DURAN TOLD HIM SHE WAS DETAINED ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON 23 NOVENE AND QUESTIONED WITH RESPECT TO THE VISIT AND THE REQUEST FOR A VISA (IT PRESUMED THIS REFERS TO OSWALD VISIT TO CUBAN EMB AND REQUEST FOR VISA.) HERNANDEZ SAID DURAN TOLD HIM SHE TOLD INTERROGATORS SHE REQUESTED VISA AND HAD FILLED OUT THE FORMS BUT REPLY OF "OUR" (CUBAN) GOVT WAS NEGATIVE. HERNANDEZ ALSO REPORTED THAT DURAN HAD BEEN ASKED IN INTERROGATION BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IF SHE KNEW TO "THIS INDIVIDUAL" (OSWALD) AND IF SHE HAD PERSONAL RELATIONS (AND

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THATE RELATIONS WITH HIM. DURAN DENIED. HERNANDEZ ALSO REPORTED DURAN HAD BRUSES ON ARMS RESULTING FROM BEING SQUEEZED AND SHAKEN DURING INTERROGATION AS MEANS IMPRESS HER NECESSITY REVEALING ALL SHE KNEW OF INCIDENT.

- 4. DORTICOS SAID IF ALL THIS TRUE IT BEST IT BE MADE KNOWN AND BEST HER DETENTION BE MADE KNOWN. HERNANDEZ MADE STATEMENT THIS WAS A CASE LIKE ANYONE OF HUNDREDS WHICH COME TO CONSULATE AND IF DURAN REMEMBERED THIS CASE IT WAS BECAUSE OF ALTERCATION WITH CONSUL AZCUE (ESEBIO AZCUE LOPEZ, CONSUL IN CUBAN EMB MEXICO) WHO HAD REBUKED HIN (OSWALD) AND PRACTICALLY THROWN HIM OUT OF THE
 - 5. DORTICOS ASKED IF ATTEMPT BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN CONSULATE. MADE GET STATEMENT FROM DURAN. HERNANDEZ SAID NO.
 - 6. IN CLOSING DORTICOS AGAIN ASKED IF DURAN HAD BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT "MONEY." HERNANDEZ SAID NO. THAT HE (HERNANDEZ) HAD ASKED DURAN IF THERE ANY OTHER POINTS INTEREST ON WHICH SHE HAD BEEN QUESTIONED AND DURAN SAID THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE.
 - 7. DORTICOS INSTRUCTED HERNANDEZ CONTINUE INTERROGATING DURAN AND CALL HIM.

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